

THE ANXIOUS MOTHER.

I lent my dear Dolly, and what do you think?  
 They gave her no victuals; they gave her no drink;  
 They left her uncovered all night in the cold,  
 My dear little Dolly, not quite a year old!  
 Her color, how faded! It rained where she lay;  
 She had for her pillow a wisp of wet hay;  
 To have her so treated, say who would not scold?  
 My own little Dolly, not quite a year old!  
 Now, swallow it, Dolly—this little white pill;  
 'Twill cure you, my darling, I know that it will;  
 We'll no more be parted, for love or for gold,  
 My dear little Dolly, not quite a year old!

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, FROM SOLOMON TO ELLIAH.

LESSON IX.—AUGUST 28.

ELIJAH DISCOURAGED.

1 Kings 19. 1-8. Memorize verses 3, 4.  
 GOLDEN TEXT.

In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me.—Psa. 120. 1.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Who told Jezebel that her prophets had been destroyed? Ahab. What did she do? What did Elijah do when he heard it? Which way did he go? Where did he leave his servant? How far into the wilderness did he go? Where did he sit? How did he feel? What did he say? How was he rested? Who touched him? What did he see beside him? What did he do after eating and drinking? What happened the second time? What journey did he take? Did the angels' food give him strength for that journey? What was done near Horeb long before? What other miracles were performed there? The smitten rock and the burning bush. Where did Elijah lodge?

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses from your Bible. 1 Kings 19. 1-8.  
 Tues. Find a better way than Elijah took. Psa. 37. 1-7.  
 Wed. Think of some reasons for Elijah's discouragement.  
 Thur. Read the story of Moses on Mount Horeb. Exod. 3. 1-12.  
 Fri. Read the story of the smitten rock. Exod. 17. 1-7.

Sat. Learn the Golden Text.  
 Sun. Learn how God pities and cares for us. Psa. 103. 3, 11.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—

1. The strongest body may tire.
2. The strongest faith may weaken.
3. But God is always near to give new strength.

LESSON X.—SEPTEMBER 4.

ELIJAH ENCOURAGED.

1 Kings 19. 9-18. Memorize verses 15-18.  
 GOLDEN TEXT.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee.—Isa. 41. 10.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

How long was Elijah's journey into the desert? By what mountain did he live? In what kind of a house did he live? How did he feel? What did the Lord say? Can you tell any part of Elijah's answer? What did the Lord tell him to do? What happened then? What did it do to the rocks and the mountain? What followed the wind? What came after the earthquake? Was the Lord in any of these? What did Elijah then hear? What did Elijah do when he heard that? Did the Lord speak again? How did Elijah answer? As he did before? Where did the Lord tell him to go? What three things did he tell him to do? What was Elijah then ready to do? To go to work again.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses. 1 Kings 19. 9-18.  
 Tues. Read the call of Elisha. 1 Kings 19. 19-21.  
 Wed. Read about Ahab's covetousness. 1 Kings 21. 1-29.  
 Thur. Tell the wonderful lesson story to some one in your own words.  
 Fri. Learn the Golden Text.  
 Sat. Ask some one to tell you the meaning of the "still small voice."  
 Sun. Listen to a "still small voice" in the gospels. Matt. 11. 28-30.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—

1. To listen to self is to be discouraged.
2. To listen to God is to be encouraged.
3. If we are still we may hear God's voice.

THE FOX AND THE CRABS.

One day a fox seated himself on a stone by a stream and wept aloud. The crabs in the holes around came up to him and said, "Friend, why are you wailing so loud?"

"Alas!" said the fox, "I have been turned out by my kindred from the wood, and do not know what to do."

"Why were you turned out?" said the crabs, in a tone of pity.

"Because," said the fox, sobbing, "they said they should go out to-night hunting crabs by the stream, and I said it would be a pity to kill such pretty little creatures."

"Where will you go hereafter?" said the crabs.

"Where I can get work," said the fox, "for I would not go to my kindred again, come what would."

Then the crabs held a meeting, and came to the conclusion that, as the fox had been thrown out by his kindred on their account, they could do nothing better than engage his services to defend them. So they told the fox of their intention. He readily consented, and spent the whole day in amusing the crabs with all kinds of tricks. Night came. The moon rose in full splendor. The fox said, "Have you ever been out for a walk in the moonlight?"

"Never, friend," said the crabs; "we are such little creatures that we are afraid of going far from our holes."

"Oh, never mind," said the fox; "follow me. I can defend you against any foe."

So the crabs followed him with pleasure. In the way the fox told them all sorts of pleasant things and cheered them on most heartily. After thus going over some distance they reached a plain, where the fox came to a stand and made a low moan in the direction of an adjacent wood. Instantly a number of foxes came out of the wood and joined their kinsman, and all of them at once set about hunting the poor crabs, that fled, on all sides, for their lives, but were soon caught and devoured. When the banquet was over the foxes said to their friend, "How great thy skill and cunning!"

The heartless villain replied, with a wink, "My friends, there is a cunning in cunning."

ALWAYS GLAD.

When he opened his eyes each morning

He was glad to be awake;

He was glad when called to breakfast,

And ready his place to take.

He was glad to hear the school-bell,

And glad when called to his class,

For he always had his lessons,

Whatever might come to pass.

He was glad at recess and noontime,

And always on hand for play;

And glad to be going homeward,

When school was closed for the day.

He was glad to help his mother,

And frolic with little Fred;

And when he was tired and sleepy,

He was glad to go to bed.