

AWFUL.

There is a little maiden
Who has an awful time;
She has to hurry awfully
To get to school at nine.

She has an awful teacher,
Her tasks are awful hard;
Her playmates all are awful rough
When playing in the yard.

She has an awful kitty,
Who often shows her claws;
A dog who jumps upon her dress
With awful muddy paws.

She has a baby sister
With an awful little nose,
With awful cunning dimples,
And such awful little toes.

She has two little brothers,
And they are awful boys;
With their awful drums and trumpets
They make an awful noise.

Do come, I pray thee, common-sense,
Come, and this maid defend,
Or else I fear her awful life
Will have an awful end.

—*Toronto Globe.*

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS.

LESSON V. [Nov. 3.]

DEATH OF JOSEPH.

Gen. 50. 15-26. Memory verses, 18-21.

GOLDEN TEXT.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.—Psa. 90. 12.

THE LESSON STORY.

Notice how Joseph honoured his father, according to the Lord's command. Because he honoured the good old patriarch, the king of Egypt did also, and the last days of Jacob were pleasant and peaceful. Read about it in Monday's Steps. It is easy to see that Joseph's brothers did not feel at rest in their hearts about the brother who had showed such love and forgiveness to them. Read in lesson verses of their fear and of Joseph's forgiveness. It made Joseph sad to see that they were afraid of him, for this showed that they did not believe he loved them. Do you know what puts fear out of the heart?

Joseph lived to be an old man, and as long as he lived he was loved and trusted. When he was a boy he loved the right and followed it, and so he built up a strong, beautiful character, which made him able to live a pure and useful life. "The Lord was with him," shows why he was

so good and true; but could the Lord have been with him if he had always been trying to get away from the Lord? We try to get away from the Lord when we wilfully do wrong.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. Where did Jacob die? In Egypt.
2. Where was he buried? In Canaan.
3. Who showed honour to Jacob? The Egyptians.
4. For whose sake? For Joseph's sake.
5. Who were afraid of Joseph now? His brothers.
6. What did they fear? That he would punish them.
7. What did they not know? That he loved them.
8. What did he tell them? "Fear not."
9. Who tells us not to fear? Our Brother, Jesus.
10. Who will forgive yet love us? Jesus.
11. What is our part? To love and follow him.
12. Where did Joseph die? In Egypt.

LESSON VI. [Nov. 10.]

ISRAEL OPPRESSED IN EGYPT.

Ex. 1. 1-14. Memory verses, 8, 9, 13, 14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant.—Exodus 2. 24.

THE LESSON STORY.

Do you not think Joseph was kind to take care of all Jacob's large family in Egypt? There were seventy in all, Jacob and eleven sons with their families. Ten of Joseph's brothers were older than he, but we do not hear that any died before him. But they died, one after another, and their children lived on in Egypt and grew to be a great number. They were not Egyptians, but Israelites, and when, after a long time, a new king, named Pharaoh, came, he was afraid of this strange host of people who lived in his land. He did not know Joseph, and he was not a kind king. He did not want to send them away, for he wanted them to be his servants, but he thought if they were harshly treated they would not multiply so fast, and so he set masters over them to make them work very hard and to treat them cruelly. Pharaoh did not know that God had said he would increase his people to a great nation in Egypt, and very likely he wondered why, in spite of all he did, they grew stronger and stronger all the time. Even mighty kings cannot overthrow God's wise plans.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. How many sons had Jacob? Eleven besides Joseph.
2. Where did they all go to live? To Egypt.
3. How many were there, with their families? Seventy.
4. What came from them? A great and mighty people.
5. What were they? Israelites.

6. With whom did they live? With Egyptians.
7. What did a new king think? That they were too strong.
8. What did he make them? His slaves.
9. What did he make them do? Work very hard.
10. How were they treated? Cruelly.
11. Did this make them weak? No; they grew stronger.
12. Who was taking care of them? God.

THE LOVE OF JESUS.

"Do you think Jesus loves you, Daisy?" "Oh, yes'm," she replied; "he loves me when I'm naughty and when I'm good. He loves me better when I do right, just as mammas do. They always love their little children, but of course they love them better when they're good. They are really sorry when the little ones are naughty." Daisy understood. Yes, Jesus always loves us, but he cannot take joy and pleasure in us unless we obey him. If we do wrong, his love becomes grief and pity for us.—*Sunbeam.*

A WISE LITTLE MOUSE.

A wise little mouse
Came out of his house
Through a small round hole for a door.
His little eyes blinked,
And he winked and winked,
And he winked and he blinked some more.
"There's milk and there's bread,"
He to himself said,
"And honey that's made by the bees;
There's coffee and tea,
But better for me,
There's plenty of crackers and cheese.
I'll nibble at both";
And then, nothing loath,
To nibble at both he began,
When he cried, "What's that?
My stars, 'tis a cat!"
And away like a flash he ran.
And this little mouse
Ran into his house
Through the wee small hole for a door;
Then said to the cat:
"I know where you're at,
And I shan't come out any more."
—*Exchange.*

Boys, it would be to your good to remember that a shirk cannot get along well in this world. You must be reliable and industrious. Do not try to see how much time you can kill; for if you do time will be killing you some day. A boy of character will not be a shirk; he will not neglect his work, and try to throw it off on some one else's shoulders. A lazy boy will make a lazy man, and a lazy man is on the downward road. Satan's workshop is in the idle brain.

See how good you can be all this week.