

THOUGHTS OF GOD.

God is in heaven. Can he hear  
A little prayer like mine?  
Yes, that he can; I need not fear;  
He'll listen unto mine.

God is in heaven. Can he see  
When I am doing wrong?  
Yes, that he can; he looks at me  
All day and all night long.

God is in heaven. Would he know  
If I should tell a lie?  
Yes, though I said it very low,  
He'd hear it in the sky.

God is in heaven. Does he care  
Or is he good to me?  
Yes, all I have to eat or wear  
'Tis God that gives it me.

God is in heaven. May I go  
To thank him for his care?  
Not yet; but love him here below,  
And he will see it there.  
—Ann Taylor.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF THE ACTS.

LESSON X. [June 8.

THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM.

Acts 15. 22-23. Memorize verses 30-32.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty  
wherewith Christ hath made us free.—  
Gal. 5. 1.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What were the Gentile Christians troubled about? Keeping the law of Moses. What did some Jewish Christians think? That they should all be circumcised. What took the place of this in the Christian Church? Baptism. What did they do? They sent Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem. What was done there? They talked with the apostles there about their troubles. How did they settle them? They wrote a letter to the Antioch Christians. Who carried it to them? Judas Barsabas and Silas. Did Paul and Barnabas also go back? Yes. What did the letter ask them to do? Two or three necessary things only. What law is above the law of Moses? The law of love. Where is this law written? In the Word of God, and on true and loving hearts. What does Jesus say about this great law of love? (Read Matt. 22. 37-40.)

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses. Acts 15. 22-33.

Tues. Read Peter's speech. Acts. 15. 7-11.

Wed. Find what James said. Acts 15. 13-21.

Thur. Learn the only way of salvation. Golden Text.

Fri. Learn who is the end of the law. Rom. 10. 4.

Sat. Find the difference between law and faith. Gal. 2. 16.

Sun. Find the law of love. Luke 10. 27.

LESSON XI. [June 15.

PAUL CROSSES TO EUROPE.

Acts 16. 6-15. Memorize verses 9, 10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou shalt be his witness unto all men.—Acts 22. 15.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Who travelled with Paul through Asia? Silas and Timothy. Which Asia was it? Asia Minor (Little Asia). Who was Timothy? A young man from Lystra. What did Paul call him? His son. Where did the Lord lead them? Through Asia to Troas. Where was Troas? On the shore of the Aegean Sea. What country lay across this little sea? Macedonia, in Greece. Who joined them at Troas? Luke. Whom did Paul see in a vision? A man of that country. What did he want Paul to do? To come over and help them. Did Paul go? Yes. How? By ship to Neapolis, and then by land to Philippi. Who was their first convert in Philippi? Lydia. Who opened Lydia's heart? The Lord. Who wrote the story of the Acts? Luke.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses. Acts 16. 6-15.

Tues. Trace Paul's journey on the map.

Wed. Read of another man who saw a vision. Acts 10. 30.

Thur. Learn how God sometimes speaks. Job 33. 15-16.

Fri. Read what Paul said about this journey. 1 Cor. 2. 12-16.

Sat. Learn the Golden Text.

Sun. Find a proof of Lydia's wisdom. Heb. 13. 2.

WHAT MARY GAVE.

She gave an hour of patient care to her little baby sister, who was cutting teeth. She gave a string and a crooked pin and a great deal of good advice to the three-year-old brother, who wanted to play at fishing. She gave Ellen, the maid, a precious hour to go home and visit her sick baby; for Ellen was a widow, and left her child at its grandmother's while she worked to get bread for both. She could not have seen them very often if Mary had not offered to attend the door while she went away. But this is not all that Mary gave. She dressed herself so neatly and looked so bright and kind and obliging, that she gave her mother a thrill of

pleasure whenever she caught sight of the young, pleasant face. She wrote a letter to her father, who was absent on business. She gave patient attention to a long story by her grandmother, and, when it was ended, made the old lady happy by a good-night kiss. Thus she had given valuable presents to six people in one day, and yet she had not a cent in the world. She was as good as gold, and she gave something of herself to all those who were so happy as to meet her.—*Christian Observer.*

GINGERBREAD LAND.

BY E. E. HEWITT.

Did you ever go to Gingerbread Land?  
A wonderful country, I understand!  
A spicy fragrance is in the air,  
And children are glad to visit there.  
There are gingerbread houses on Gingerbread Street,  
And all of them look as if good to eat;  
And gingerbread men, in this queer little town,  
And gingerbread horses, all yellow-brown.

But, hark! every Christmas a hungry band  
Devour all the houses in Gingerbread Land,  
And all of the horses, and all of the men;  
And wish it would soon be Christmas again!

THE RIGHT KIND OF A BOY.

What makes a boy popular? Manliness. The boy who respects his mother has leadership in him; the boy who is careful of his sister is a knight; the boy who will never violate his word, and who will pledge his honour to his own hurt and change not, will have the confidence of his fellows; the boy who defends the weak will one day become a hero among the strong; and the boy who will never hurt the feelings of any one will one day find himself loved by others.—*Selected.*

TELL MAMMA.

What was the matter with little Molly, the sunshine of the kindergarten?

"I want to run home and tell mamma I'm sorry," she sobbed. "I can't be happy, because I ran away from her with Effie Gray while she was getting ready to bring me to kindergarten."

So Miss Alice tied on Molly's little white bonnet, and sent the maid home with her.

"I saw you with Effie, dear, so I didn't worry," said Molly's mamma; "but you did wrong, and I'm glad you came to tell mamma about it."

When Molly came back she was the dear little sunshine of the kindergarten again. It's always best to tell mamma, isn't it?—*Sunbeam.*