

Now how many little girls who read this would be so troubled if they were to disobey their mothers? I think Ellen must have been quite a good girl usually, because when children do wrong very often, the little voice gets tired calling, and is fainter and fainter, till it is scarcely heard.

I have seen little girls who took their mamma's things out of their drawers very often, and no little voice seemed to disturb them at all. God puts just such a voice in every little boy's and girl's bosom, and if they only listened always they would hear it, and if they never did wrong whilst it was still calling, and went on disobeying when they knew it was wrong, the voice would always be the best friend they could have, and save them a great deal of sorrow and many bitter tears.

Some little girls would never think of taking things that did not belong to them, to keep, and call their own. This would be stealing, and they would not perhaps yield to any temptation to steal. This sounds so very wicked. But if you go to boxes and drawers that do not belong to you, thinking you would just like to look at pretty things, you may, after a while, think you will take them. It is not right to open trunks and boxes that belong to other people, no matter if they are only your mother's or sister's.

It is mean and dishonorable to pry into other people's affairs. It is thought so wrong to open letters that are written to others, that there is a law to put those in prison, who do it. If you indulge in the curiosity of looking at things which are kept out of sight you may be tempted to open letters or examine papers, and thus commit a crime which would make you despised all your life.

I knew a lady who began when she was a little girl to look at every body's closets, and open all their drawers and boxes, just because she liked to see pretty things; and when she grew up to be a woman, and went to visit her friends, she could not sleep till she had

examined every article in the room. If any place was locked, it must be unlocked, and she must see all the dresses, and look over all the linen and flannel. You may be sure she was not very welcome at any body's house. It made her seem rude and impolite. I think she might have overcome such a habit if she had tried very hard, but it is better not to form bad habits.

Little girls and boys who go home with their playmates, like to ask questions about what is done in the family, and make remarks about it when they go home. Those who do this become disagreeable, and nobody is glad to see them. I know a lady who will not permit her children to invite some little girls who live very near, to come and play with them a single hour, because they are so curious, and ask so many questions, and meddle so much with things which they see.

They have done this so much that the little voice does not call to them at all, or else they do not mind it, or perhaps have heard so much without paying attention, that they do not hear it. Oh! this is very sad, because when they are away where their mothers cannot see them, if there is no little voice to reprove them, or bid them stop when they begin to do wrong, they may become very wicked, and do something for which the law will have to punish them.

God, too, will be very angry. He gave them the little voice to guide them and tell them what is right and wrong; and if they neglect it, and treat it in such a manner that it will not speak, then it is also disobeying him, and saying they would not listen to him if he should speak to them.

You think if you should see the Saviour and he should speak to you, that you would certainly do as he said. But if you do not mind what he says to you in the Bible, and by the voice which he has given, that it may be always with you, when you wake and when you sleep, when you play and