

FOR A LITTLE BIRD TELLS.

It's strange how little boys' mothers
Can find it all out as they do
If a fellow does anything naughty,
Or says anything that's not true!
They'll look at you just a moment,
Till your heart in your bosom swells,
And then they know all about it—
For a little bird tells!

Now, where the little bird comes from,
Or where the little bird goes,
If he's covered with beautiful plumage,
Or black as the king of crows,
If his voice is as hoarse as a raven,
Or clear as the ringing bells,
I know not! but this I am sure of—
A little bird tells!

The moment you think a thing wicked,
The moment you do a thing bad,
Are angry, or sullen, or hateful,
Get ugly, or stupid, or mad,
Or tease a dear brother or sister—
That instant your sentence he knells,
And the whole to mamma in a minute
That little bird tells!

You may be in the depths of the closet
Where nobody sees but a mouse;
You may be all alone in a cellar,
You may be on the top of a house,
You may be in the dark and silence,
Or out in the woods and the dells—
No matter! Wherever it happens,
The little bird tells!

And the only contrivance to stop him
Is just to be sure what to say—
Sure of your facts and your fancies,
Sure of your work and your play;
Be honest, be brave, and be kindly,
Be gentle and loving as well,
And then you can laugh at the stories
The little bird tells!

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B.C. 1040] **LESSON II.** [April 10.

THE KING IN ZION.

Psa. 2. 1-12. **Memory verses, 10-12.**

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."—Psa. 2. 12.

What is this Psalm about? It is the prophecy of Christ and his kingdom.
What made David write it? God had

just promised him that his family should reign forever.

How was this promise kept? Christ our King was born from the house of David.

What are the first three verses of the Psalm? A picture of the nations and kings of the earth rebelling against Christ.

What made David think of this? The nations around him had just been fighting to overthrow his kingdom.

Do people now fight against Christ's kingdom? Yes, all wrongdoers are fighting against God.

Does it do any good to fight against God? No, all the powers of earth can do nothing against him.

What does God call Christ? His only begotten Son.

What does he promise him for his inheritance? The heathen and the uttermost parts of the earth.

What does the Psalmist tell the kings and rulers of the earth? To be wise and serve the Lord.

Is this the only true way to be wise?

With what beautiful words does the Psalm end? "Blessed are they that put their trust in him."

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Moses? The deliverer and lawgiver of the children of Israel who led them through the wilderness.

Who was Aaron? The brother of Moses and the first high priest of Israel.

B.C. 1035.] **LESSON III.** [April 17.

GOD'S WORKS AND WORD.

Psa. 19. 1-14. **Memory verses, 7-11.**

GOLDEN TEXT.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul."—Psa. 19. 7.

Of what do the first six verses of this Psalm tell? Of God's work.

What is the first verse? "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork."

How do the heavens declare God's glory? By telling us that God must be very great to create such wonderful works.

What else speaks of God? "Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge."

How far do God's works proclaim him? Through all the earth, and to the end of the world, as far as the sun goes in his circuit.

Would a bad man understand this language? No, only those who love God read his goodness in his works.

Do the flowers and trees and sky make you think of God when you look at them?

What else do we need to tell us about God? His word; without that we could not be sure that he loves us, nor know the way to heaven.

What does the Psalm say of God's word? "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul."

What does "converting the soul" mean? Turning our hearts toward God; helping us to be good.

What are we told about God's commandments? "The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

How dear should God's word be to us? More precious than gold, and "sweeter than honey."

Against what does God's word warn us? Against sin and its punishment.

What brings a great reward? Keeping God's words.

What should we all, like David, ask God to do? To take away all our sins.

With what prayer does the Psalm end? "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who were the Priests? Those who were set apart to offer sacrifices to God, and who taught his laws to men.

Who was Joshua? The leader of the children of Israel, who brought them into the Promised Land after the death of Moses.

BETTER WHISTLE THAN WHINE.

As I was taking a walk early in September I noticed two little boys on their way to school. The small one tumbled and fell; and though not very much hurt, he began to whine in a babyish way.

The older boy took his hand in a kind and fatherly way, and said:

"Oh, never mind, Jimmy, don't whine; it is a great deal better to whistle."

And he began, in the merriest way, a cheerful boy whistle.

Jimmy tried to join in the whistle.

"I can't whistle as nice as you, Charlie," said he, "my lips won't pucker up good."

"Oh, that is because you have not got all the whine out yet," said Charlie; "but you try a minute, and the whistle will drive the whine away."

So he did; and the last I saw or heard of the little fellows, they were whistling away as earnestly as though that was the chief end of life.—Ez.