

CLEAN FACE AND HANDS.

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A little boy once loved the dirt
So much that he felt really hurt
To bid it a good-bye.
His nurse used coaxing and commands
Each time she washed his face and hands,
And each time he would cry!

At length one day his mother said,
"Nurse, let him play outside instead,
And when the lunch bell rings,
I'll send him some dry bread to eat.
A little boy who is not neat
Must go without nice things!"

He begged, but begged in vain, to stay;
But after that unhappy day
Matters were altered quite—
And with clean hands and smiling face
Each mealtime found him in his place
At morning, noon, or night.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS.

LESSON I. [October 6.]

JOSEPH SOLD INTO EGYPT.

Gen. 37. 23-33. Memory verses, 26-28.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt; but God was with him.—Acts 7. 9.

LESSON STORY.

You have not forgotten Jacob, who had the wonderful dream of the ladder. He lived in Canaan now, and had twelve sons; Joseph was next to the youngest, and was seventeen years old. You may learn by Gen. 37. 1-4 why his brothers were jealous of him. Gen. 37. 5-11 will show you what made them still more angry with their young brother, and yet you will see that Joseph was not at all to blame for their ill-will. In reading the lesson verses begin back with the twelfth verse. Find out all you can about the "Ishmeelites" and the "Midianites." Is it not hard to believe that the spirit of envy could grow into a hatred that was willing to kill a brother? This should be a warning not to let any evil thought stay in the heart, for we can never tell to what it may grow. Reuben did not want Joseph to be killed. Perhaps he thought if he were thrown into a pit he might be able to come back and save him. We know that he did go back, and was in great trouble when he found Joseph was gone. How hard-hearted were these men who were willing to bring such grief to their poor father! This shows what the spirit of envy can do.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who was Joseph? The son of Jacob.
How many sons had Jacob? Twelve.

Where did they live? In Canaan.
How old was Joseph now? Seventeen.
How many older brothers had Joseph? Ten.
Why did they hate him? They were jealous.
Why were they jealous of Joseph? He was Jacob's favourite.
What did they want to do? Get rid of him.
Where did they throw him? Into a pit.
Who wanted to save him? Reuben.
What did they finally do? Sold him as a slave.
Who mourned for Joseph? Jacob.

LESSON II. [October 13.]

JOSEPH IN PRISON.

Gen. 39. 20—40. 8. Mem. verses, 21-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.

But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy.—Gen. 39. 21.

THE LESSON STORY.

The story of Joseph's life in the house of Potiphar is one of great interest. Read it in Gen. 39. 1-6. We learn here the secret of Joseph's success in pleasing his master—"the Lord was with him." But will the Lord be with Joseph when he is in the prison? This is where we find him next. It was through no fault of his own, but a wicked woman told falsehoods about him, and he had to suffer for her sin. Read the lesson verses and see how he took his good heart and helpful hands with him into the prison, and soon he had plenty to do in helping and blessing others. Try to notice how one thing led to another in all this story of Joseph. It is like a chain, and God's own hand is making the links. Joseph had to go to the prison to find his way to power. "God had his plan for every man," says the old rhyme, and those who believe this and go along cheerfully, no matter what trials may come to them are the ones whom the Lord can help and bless. If you will read on through Gen. 40, you will see how Joseph was getting ready to interpret the king's dream, and so find his way to a high place in the land.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who bought Joseph in Egypt? Potiphar.
How did Joseph serve his master? Faithfully.
How did Potiphar treat him? Very kindly.
What did he give him? The care of all he had.
Who became angry with Joseph? Potiphar's wife.
What did she tell about him? Wicked lies.
Where did Potiphar send him? To prison.
Who was with Joseph there? The Lord.
What did he help him do. Good deeds.
Who always helps in trouble? God.

When will he help us? When we help others.
What did Joseph find? God "a present help."

ONE, TWO, THREE.

BY H. C. RUNNER.

It was an old, old, old, old lady,
And a boy who was half-past three;
And the way that they played together
Was beautiful to see.

She couldn't go running and jumping,
And the boy, no more could he,
For he was a thin little fellow,
With a thin little twisted knee.

They sat in the yellow sunlight,
Out under a maple tree;
And the game that they played I'll tell you,
Just as it was told to me.

It was Hide and Go Seek they were playing,
Though you'd never have known it to be—
With an old, old, old, old lady,
And a boy with a twisted knee.

The boy would bend his face down
On his one little sound right knee,
And he'd guess where she was hiding
In guesses One, Two, Three!

"You are in the china closet!"
He would cry, and laugh with glee—
It wasn't the china closet;
But he still had Two and Three.

"You are up in papa's big bedroom,
In the chest with the queer old key!"
And she said: "You are warm and warmer;
But you're not quite right," said she.

"It can't be the little cupboard
Where mamma's things used to be—
So it must be the clothes-press, gran'ma!"
And he found her with his Three.

Then she covered her face with her fingers
That were wrinkled and white and wee,
And she guessed where the boy was hiding
With a One and a Two and a Three.

And they never had stirred from their places,
Right under the maple tree—
This old, old, old, old lady,
And the boy with the lame little knee—
This dear, dear, dear, old lady,
And the boy who was half-past three.

"If boys are to develop into good men, they must be wisely trained for nobility and worth in our churches and homes. They must have the right kind of culture—heart, mind, and body—to make out of them the right kind of men."