

THE CHILD'S HEART.

The heart of a child,
Like the heart of a flower,
Has a smile for the sun
And a tear for the shower;
Oh, innocent hours
With wonder beguiled—
Oh, heart like a flower's
Is the heart of a child!

The heart of a child,
Like the heart of a bird,
With raptures of music
Is flooded and stirred;
Oh, songs without words,
Oh, melodies wild—
Oh, heart like a bird's
Is the heart of a child!

The heart of a child,
Like the heart of a spring,
Is full of the hope
Of what summer shall bring;
Oh, glory of things
In a world undefiled—
Oh, heart like the spring's
Is the heart of a child!

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF JESUS.

LESSON I. [April 7.]

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

Luke 24. 1-12. Memory verses, 4-7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Now is Christ risen from the dead.—
1 Cor. 15. 20.

THE LESSON STORY.

The Jewish Sabbath, which was on Saturday, ended at sunset. Early on Sunday morning some women came to anoint the body of Jesus with sweet spices. Read who Mark says they found there in the place of Jesus. Mark 16. 1-8. John tells us what Mary said to the angels. John 20. 13. Learn from Matt. 28. 1-4, why there was a stone at the door of the sepulchre. Because Jesus rose from the dead on that Sunday, we call this day the Lord's day. Every Sunday morning ought to remind us of the glad day when Jesus broke the chains of death. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we may also. Do you know who said "Because I live, ye shall live also"?

Notice how unbelieving the disciples were when the women came to them with their strange story. They could not believe that Jesus was really alive. Jesus, the Life, could not stay in the power of death! Did you ever see a tree to which the old leaves, brown and dead, clung all through the winter and until the soft spring days sent the sap stirring all along its branches? You have seen how the strong, new life pushed the dead leaves off. Always remember that Life is stronger than Death.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

When was Jesus buried? Late Friday afternoon.

Where was he buried? In a new tomb.

What had he said? That he should rise again.

Who seemed to have forgotten this? The disciples.

Who went to the tomb Saturday morning? Some women.

What did they take? Sweet spices.

What did they find? An empty tomb.

Who spoke to them there? Angels.

What did they say? That Jesus had risen.

What did the women do? They ran to tell the news.

Who came back to see? Peter.

What does the resurrection mean? Life from the dead.



THE RESURRECTION.

LESSON II. [April 14.]

JESUS APPEARS TO MARY.

John 20. 11-18. Memory verses, 16-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Behold, I am alive for evermore.—
Rev. 1. 18.

THE LESSON STORY.

Do you know the story of a sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus with precious ointment? No wonder this Mary wept at the empty tomb of the One who had spoken such good words to her! Read in the lesson verses what she said to the angels who asked why she wept. Then she turned around and saw standing near a man whom she thought must be the gardener. She begged him to tell her where she could find the body of Jesus, and he looked at her and said "Mary." She knew his voice then (Now, you know Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice"), and she cried, "Rabboni," which means "Dear Master." How kind it was of Jesus to make himself known first to this

woman! And notice, too, that he gave her something to do for him. It was given her to go and tell the blessed news that Jesus was alive again to the other mourning disciples.

She said that she had seen him and that he had spoken to her. When Jesus speaks to us in his word and by his Spirit, we, too, may know his voice. Shall we be ready, as Mary was, to do as he tells us to do?

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who loved Jesus very much? Mary Magdalene.

What had he done for her? Forgiveness of her sins.

What made her very sad? His going away.

What did she do? She wept at his tomb.

Who came and spoke to her? Jesus.

Did she know him? Not at first.

What did he call her? "Mary."

What did she know? His voice.

What did she say? "Dear Master."

What did he give her to do? An errand for him.

Who are Jesus' sheep? Those who know his voice.

What can Jesus' lambs do? Love and follow him.

A LITTLE BAND-OF-MERCY BOY.

One hot day the drovers were urging a flock of sheep toward the stock cars as fast as they could. They were anxious to get them into the cars by the time the train left. One of the poor creatures became faint from heat, and fell down in the street near the public school-house. "It'll die, I guess," said one of the men, "and we might as well leave it there and hurry on with the rest, or we won't get them shipped." Harry saw and heard it all. He felt so sorry for the poor sheep, that lay panting with its tongue thrust out of its mouth, that he wanted to do something for it. In the public square, in front of the school building, was a drinking fountain. Harry looked around, but could not see anything in which he could carry water to the thirsty, fainting sheep, and so, moved by a quick impulse of pity, he took his hat, filled it at the fountain, and hastened with it to the suffering animal. Some of it leaked out, but there was enough to revive and save the poor sheep.

The whole world is preserved in being for the sake of the righteous men in it. One good Christian may save a whole neighbourhood, and ten may redeem a city.