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## THE ANNUNCIATION.

AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? Luke 1. 26-34.



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## THE LITTLE GIRL AND HER KING.

A GOOD king of Prussia once visited a village in that country. A number of the school children were to meet him, and bid him welcome. The teacher of the children made a little speech

for them. The king then thanked the children for their kind welcome, and spoke a few kind words to them. He also questioned them that he might see what they had learned at school. Taking up an orange he

asked to what kingdom it belonged. The children were too much abashed to answer. But one little girl said at last; "To the vegetable kingdom." He then held up a gold coin and asked to what kingdom it

belonged. The little girl quickly replied, "To the mineral kingdom." "And to what kingdom do I belong?" was the next question. The little girl hesitated and then said, "To the animal kingdom." But this caused her to blush as she thought that it might offend the king. Then another thought came into her mind, and with a sweet smile she said, "You belong to God's kingdom, please your majesty." This so touched the ruler's heart, that for a while he could say nothing. Then going up to the little girl he said; "God grant, my dear child, that you and I may both be counted worthy, through the merits of Christ, to share the greatness of that kingdom!"

## GOOD INSIDE OF ME.

A LITTLE girl once said to her mother: "Papa calls me good, auntie calls me good, and everybody calls me good; but I am not good." "I am very sorry," said her mother. "And so am I," said the child; "but I have got a very naughty think." "A naughty what?" "My think is naughty inside of me." And on her mother inquiring what she meant, she said: "Why, when I could not ride yesterday I did not cry nor anything; but when you was gone I wished the carriage would

turn over and the horses would run away and every thing bad. Nobody knew it; but God knew it, and he cannot call me good. Tell me, mamma, how can I be good inside of me?"