

THE ANXIOUS MOTHER.

I am only a cat;  
 But mothers, you see,  
 Are fond of their children,  
 Whatever they be.  
 And I really must say,  
 Though only a cat,  
 My anxiety sends  
 My heart pit-a-pat.

Those dear little kitties,  
 So fluffy and round,  
 Are all I possess, for  
 The others were drowned.  
 Alas! who can wonder  
 I tremble with fright,  
 Whenever my babies  
 Are out of my sight?

Oh! it's simply absurd  
 Of people to say  
 That poor pussy mothers  
 Don't suffer that way;  
 For I firmly declare  
 Most solemnly that  
 A mother's a mother,  
 If queen or a cat!

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF THE ACTS.

LESSON II. [April 13.]

PETER, AENEAS, AND DORCAS.

Acts 9. 32-43. Memorize verses 40-42.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Jesus Christ maketh thee whole.—Acts 9. 34.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Who was Peter? One of the apostles. Where did he once go to preach? To Lydda. Whom did he find there? A sick man named Aeneas. What was his disease? Palsy. How long had he been sick? Eight years. What did Peter tell him? That Jesus Christ made him well. What did he tell him to do? To rise and make his bed. What did that mean? To roll up the rug on which he lay. What followed? Aeneas rose up and was well. What did Peter do at Joppa? He raised Tabitha from death. Who was Tabitha or Dorcas? A good woman who helped the poor. Who asked Peter to go to Tabitha? Some disciples of Jesus. Where did they take him? Into the upper room where the body was lying. Who were in the room weeping? Many poor people whom she had helped. What came from this miracle? Many believed in Jesus.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Find what followed Saul's conversion. Acts 9. 31.  
 Tues. Read the lesson verses. Acts 9. 32-43.  
 Wed. Learn Golden Text.

Thur. Find how Peter could heal Aeneas. Acts 3. 16.  
 Fri. Find Lydda and Joppa on the map.  
 Sat. Learn a verse about helping others. Prov. 3. 27.  
 Sun. Learn about the power of Jesus. Matt. 28. 18.

LESSON III. [April 20.]

PETER AND CORNELIUS.

Acts 10. 34-44. Memorize verses 42-44.

GOLDEN TEXT.

God is no respecter of persons.—Acts 10. 34.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Who were Gentiles? All who were not Jews. What did the Jews think of themselves? That they were God's chosen people. What did God teach Peter? That he loved all alike. How did he teach him? By a vision. What Gentile also had a vision? Cornelius. Who was he? A captain in the Roman army. What was he told to do? To send for Peter. Who went to Caesarea with Peter? Six friends. What did Peter do? He taught the Gospel of Jesus to Cornelius and his friends. What followed? Cornelius and all his friends were baptized with water and with the Holy Spirit. What is the Gospel Peter taught the Gentiles? The good news that God loves everybody. Is this true to-day? Yes, for it is God's truth, and cannot change. What does this lesson teach us is our duty to the heathen? To send them the Gospel.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the story of Cornelius' vision. Acts 10. 1-6.  
 Tues. Read the story of Peter's vision. Acts 10. 9-16.  
 Wed. What lesson did Peter learn from this? Verse 28.  
 Thur. Learn that God hears all true prayer. Dan. 10. 12.  
 Fri. Find how we should listen and speak for God. Deut. 5. 27.  
 Sat. Read the lesson again. Acts 10. 34-44.  
 Sun. Learn the Golden Text.

TRUTHFULNESS.

A gentleman once asked a boy who was deaf and dumb the question, "What is truth?" The boy replied by taking a piece of chalk and drawing a straight line. The man then wrote, "What is a lie?" The boy then answered by drawing a crooked line.

Lies are always crooked. One lie opens the way for another, for often a dozen lies must be told to conceal one. Telling an untruth is like leaving the highway and going into a tangled forest; you know not how long it will take you to get back, or how much you will suffer from the thorns and briars in the wild-wood.

"A lie is an intention to deceive," and

may be told without speaking a word. A gentleman once asked a boy if a certain road led to a city. The boy nodded his head, and then laughed as the man took the wrong road. That boy lied with his head. Lies may be told with the fingers, and many other ways. Young people often amuse themselves by seeing who can tell the biggest lie. This is a bad habit.

The only safe plan is to form the habit of always telling the truth. This will give a feeling of self-respect that will scorn whatever is low and mean. It will also give a purity of character that will tend to elevate and ennoble the life.

WHICH WAS WHICH?

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Do you know two little sisters who each have brown eyes, brown hair and red cheeks, who are just the same height and the same weight, and have a birthday together? And do you have very hard work to tell them apart?

If so, you will know just how I felt when I went, not long ago, to visit a friend. Her two little girls came in fresh from school, in their red gowns and red reefers, and on each little brown head a red Tam O'Shanter cap with a black quill sticking up in the side.

Their mamma said, "Here are my little girlies, Bertha and Bessie."

But I hadn't the slightest idea which was Bertha and which Bessie. And the longer I stayed the worse I grew.

I would say, "Good morning, Bertha," when my answer would be, "Good morning, but I'm Bessie."

After a few days I began to notice that if their mamma should say, "Bertha, please come and stay with baby a little while," the answer would be, "O mamma! I don't want to."

But almost immediately the other little girl would speak up, "I'll do it, mamma."

And when mamma said, "Will one of my girlies please run downstairs and get me that magazine I left on the end of the library table?" only one little girl made a start.

And it was, "Thank you, Bessie," instead of "Thank you, Bertha."

So when one of them brought me my letters, a glass of water, or flowers, I, too, learned to say, "Thank you, Bessie," and I found I was not mistaken.

One day Bertha said, "Auntie, how do you tell Bessie and me apart?"

"Because Bessie is always thinking of some one beside herself; and is so kind and obliging," I answered.

The little face grew very sober. Then Bertha said, "Maybe next time you come I'll be ready to wait on folks, too. Then what will you do?"

And would you believe it? At my next visit both little girls were anxious to run all the errands. Now, what shall I do to tell Bessie from Bertha?