

GUARD THE TONGUE.

Guard, my child, thy tongue,
That't speak no wrong;
Let no evil word pass o'er it;
Set the watch of truth before it,
That it speaks no wrong.
Guard, my child, thy tongue.

Guard, my child, thy eyes;
Prying is not wise;
Let them look on what is right;
From all evil turn their sight;
Prying is not wise.
Guard, my child, thine eyes.

Guard, my child, thine ear;
Wicked words will sear,
Let no evil words come in
That may cause the soul to sin;
Wicked words will sear.
Guard, my child, thine ear.

Ear and eye and tongue
Guard while thou art young;
For, alas! these busy three
Can unruly members be.
Guard, while thou art young,
Ear and eye and tongue.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

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JACOB'S NEW NAME.

Gen. 32, 26-29. Commit to memory vs. 26, 29.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. Gen. 32:26.

OUTLINE.

1. Jacob.
2. Israel.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

When did Jacob start to return to the land of Canaan? After twenty-one years.

What news reached him by the brook Jabbok? That Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred men.

Of what was Jacob afraid? That Esau would kill him.

To whom did he go in his trouble? To the Lord.

Whom did he send to meet Esau? His family and servants, with costly presents for Esau.

Where did he return? To the brook, to pray.

Who wrestled with him there? God, in the form of a man.

What did God say to him? "Let me go, for the day breaketh."

How did Jacob answer? Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What did God give him? His blessing and a new name.

What does this teach us? The power of prayer.

What was Jacob's new name? "Israel, the prince of God."

What did God tell him? "Thou hast power with God and with men."

What did Jacob name the place where he wrestled with God? Peniel.

Why did he so name it? Because there he met God face to face.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Never be afraid to go to God with all your troubles.

He loves to have you talk with him about them.

He loves to help you and bless you.

He has power to do all things for you.

"Watch ye and pray always."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Conversion.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Where is God? God is everywhere.

What can God do? God can do whatever he will.

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TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Gen. 9, 15-22.

Commit to memory vs. 21, 22.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Wee unto them that are mighty to drink wine. Isa. 5:22.

OUTLINE.

1. A Father's Shame.
2. A Father's Curse.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What was Noah after the flood? A husbandman or farmer.

What did he plant? A vineyard.

What happened when the grapes were gathered and made into wine? Noah took of the wine and became drunken.

Who saw Noah lying drunk in his tent? Canaan, Noah's son.

What did he do? He went out and mocked him before Shem and Japheth.

What did Shem and Japheth do? They cared for their father with love and respect.

What was given to Noah when he came to himself? Knowledge of all that had taken place.

Who gave him this knowledge? God.

What did Noah, inspired by God, pronounce upon Canaan and his descendants? The curse of slavery.

What upon Shem and Japheth? Honour and prosperity.

What does this prove to us? That Noah

drank of the wine, not knowing it would make him drunk.

Why does it prove this? God would not have stood by Noah, and punished Canaan if he had purposely drank to excess.

What proof has Noah himself given us? We never again hear of his drinking wine, either little or much.

What did wine bring upon Noah, even when taken innocently? Shame and disgrace.

What will it bring to every one who drinks it? Sorrow, shame, ruin, death.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

"Wine is a mocker."

It will make you the sport of the wicked and the shame of the good.

It will drag you down to the lowest depths of sin and disgrace.

Watch, lest you be tempted to taste it.

Take heed that you never touch a drop of it.

This is the only way to escape: its awful power.

"Lox not upon the wine when it is red; at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Does God know all things? Yes, God knows all things; every thought in man's heart, every word, and every action.

WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

SOME little children were in the school room, talking.

Said Sue Langdon, "I wish I had a dress all silk and velvet, like Amy John's. It's lovely!"

"I wish I had a bag full of money," said her brother Tom, "and I'd buy it for you and lots of things for myself too."

"Books, and sleds, and tools, and everything," put in little Johnny. So all were telling what they wanted most. One little girl in the group said nothing, till the question was put right to her. Then she answered softly, "I'd rather have a clean heart. Mamma says that's worth more than silver and gold and diamonds; and we can get it by just asking for it."

The little girl was right in her choice and right in her thought as to how it could be obtained. Of all the blessed things Jesus said we could have, none is more precious than this: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

PATIENCE under persecution for Christ's sake is the greatest work of true discipleship—greater even than miracles.