

MORNING SONG FOR BABY.

While darkness and dangers
Around you were spread,
The holy white angels
Watched over your bed.

No sickness has touched you,
No pain marred your sleep;
No trouble, no terror,
Has caused you to weep.

In mother-arms folded
Sleep stole you away;
By mother-smile greeted
Comes in the new day.

O dear little baby,
We pray God to keep
Your life from all harm
When you wake, when you sleep—

These soft hands from evil,
These pink feet from slips,
Ears dull to vile stories,
And clean these sweet lips.

And when in the last sleep
Your life slips away,
May God's smile upon you
Bring in the new day.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B.C. 1451.] **LESSON IV.** [Oct. 28
THE FALL OF JERICHO.

Josh. 6. 1-16. *Commit to memory vs. 15, 16.*

GOLDEN TEXT.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down,
after they were compassed about seven days.
Heb. 11. 30.

OUTLINE.

1. The Besieged City.
1. The Lord's Host.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What city was near the camp of the Israelites? Jericho.

What had the people of Jericho done? Shut up their city.

Why did they do this? To keep the Israelites out.

What did the Lord tell Joshua? That he had given him the city.

What did the Lord give Joshua? Directions how to take the city.

What did Joshua then tell the people to do? To surround the city.

Who were the first in the procession? The soldiers.

Who followed? Seven priests, bearing seven trumpets.

What followed them? The ark of the Lord.

How many times did they march around the city? Once a day during six days.

How many times on the seventh day? Seven times.

What did the priests do the seventh time? They blew the trumpets.

What did Joshua then tell the people to do? To shout.

What followed? The wall fell down flat.

Who caused the wall to fall down? The Lord.

What part had the Israelites to do? Their part was to obey the Lord.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

What is the name of your walled city?

Pride? Self-will?

Ill-temper? Selfishness?

God can make the wall fall down. Ask him how to "take the city," and do just as he bids you.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Triumphs of faith.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego? Three young Israelites who, because they would not worship an image, were cast into a fiery furnace, but yet were not burned.

Who was the Virgin Mary? The mother of Jesus.

B.C. 1451.] **LESSON V.** [Nov. 4

DEFEAT AT AI.

Josh. 7. 1-12. *Commit to mem. vs 1-12.*

GOLDEN TEXT.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to covetousness. Psa. 119. 36.

OUTLINE.

1. The Defeated Army.
2. The Despairing Cry.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What warning was given to the Israelites when they took Jericho? Not to take the silver and gold for themselves.

Did all obey? One man disobeyed.

What was his name? Achan.

Did Joshua know Achan's sin? Not at first.

What small city was near Jericho? Ai.

What did the Israelites think? That they could easily take it.

How many men went to take it? Three thousand.

What happened? They were defeated.

Why did this trouble Joshua? He knew that God must be angry with them.

What did the Lord show Joshua? That there was sin in the camp.

What had this caused? Lack of faith and fear.

When do our enemies always defeat us? When God is not on our side.

What did the Lord tell Joshua to do? To search out the sin and destroy it.

What is the penalty of sin? Death.

What is the gift of God? Eternal life.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Answer to yourself—

Is it true that sin is the accursed thing? Do I love it?

Am I in danger of being destroyed?

Do I really believe God's word about this?

"The soul that sinneth it shall die."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The consequences of sin.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who were the Jews? The children of Israel, whom God chose for his own people.

Who were the Gentiles? All nations besides the Jews.

ACQUAINTED.

It is a very simple process for children to become acquainted with each other, if they are left to their own devices. This is the way it comes to pass:

"Why, I did not know that you and that little girl had got acquainted yet," said a Roxbury father to his six-year-old son, who came in from a walk on the adjoining lawn with the tiny daughter of the next door neighbour.

"Yes, Clara and I have been 'quainted lots of days," said the very small boy.

"What did you say to her first?" asked the father.

"O! Clara spoke to me first. She came down by the chicken-house, and asked me how many prayers I say nights, and I told her; and then I asked her how many prayers she says, and she told me; and then we were 'quainted."

SETTLING A DISPUTE.

Two kittens had a dispute over two pieces of money. One piece was yellow and the other was white. The money was a prize for catching a large rat. "I want the white piece," said one. "I am going to have it," said the other. Soon they grew angry, and called each other hard names, and slapped each other's faces. Then the third kitten said, "I will take the pieces in my closed hands. Then I will shut my eyes, and hand one piece to one, and the other piece to the other." To this they agreed. So the money was divided, the dispute settled, and the kittens were friends again.