

JIMMIEBOY'S LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS.

Dear Santa Claus, if you could bring
A patent doll to dance and sing,
A five-pound box of caramels,
A set of reins with silver bells;

An elephant that roars and walks,
A Brownie doll that laughs and talks,
A humming-top that I can spin,
A desk to keep my treasures in;

A boat or two that I can sail,
A dog to bark and wag his tail,
A pair of little bantam chicks,
A chest of tools, a box of tricks;

A scarlet suit of soldier togs,
A spear and net for catching frogs,
A bicycle and silver watch,
A pound or two of butterscotch;

A small toy farm with lots of trees,
A gun to load with beans and peas,
An organ and a music box,
A double set of building-blocks;

If you will bring me these, I say,
Before the coming Christmas Day,
I sort of think, perhaps, that I'd
Be pretty nearly satisfied.

—*Harper's Young People.*



CHRISTMAS MORNING.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.—Acts 16. 31.

THE LESSON STORY.

Let us take up the story of the apostles where we left it last June. Do you remember that Paul and some of his friends had been making long missionary journeys? They did not have railroads and steamboats in those days. They often suffered from hunger and thirst and shipwreck, but they were joyful and full of courage, for the Lord was with them.

Paul and Silas had gone to Macedonia, and there Paul had cast an evil spirit out of a poor girl who told fortunes, and so brought money to her masters. They caught Paul and Silas and brought them before the city judge, who had them beaten and put in prison. Though they were in the inner prison, and their feet fast in the stocks, they sang hymns of praise to God. Then an earthquake came. Did it harm or frighten them? No. Nothing can harm a child of God, not even death. It only set them free, for all doors were shaken open and all chains broken. They did not run away, though, for the Lord meant them to lead the jailer and his family to Christ. They were baptized that same night, and all the trouble was turned to joy.

If we trust in God in a time of trouble we shall soon praise him in a time of joy.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What trouble fell upon Paul and Silas? They were brought to the rulers.

By whom? By the masters of a fortune teller.

Why? They had cast an evil spirit out of her.

What had she done? Made money for her masters.

What did the judge do? Put Paul and Silas in jail.

What did they do? Sang songs of praise. At what time? At midnight.

What then came? An earthquake. What did it do? Set them all free.

Did they run away? No. What did the jailer say? "What must I do to be saved?"

What did Paul answer? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

CHRISTMAS.

BY ISAAC WATTS.

Soft and easy in thy cradle,
Coarse and hard thy Saviour lay,
When his birthplace was a stable
And his softest bed was hay.

Was there nothing but a manger
Wretched sinners could afford,
To receive the heavenly stranger?
Did they thus affront their Lord?

See the joyful shepherds round him,
Telling wonders from the sky;
Where they sought him, there they found him,
With his virgin mother by.

Little Pauline had been reproved for some misconduct, and was sitting by the window looking very disconsolate. "Hello!" said papa, chancing to come in just as two big tears were about to fall; "look at Pauline. Why, what is going to happen?" "It has happened already, papa," said Pauline quize solemnly.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON XIII. [Dec. 28.]

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.—Psa. 90. 1.

Titles and Golden Texts should be thoroughly studied.

1. J. E. Be strong and—
2. C. the J. When thou passest—
3. The F. of J. By faith the—
4. J. and C. He wholly—
5. C. of R. God is our—
6. J. P. A. Choose you this—
7. The T. of the J. They cry unto—
8. W. T. L. They also have—
9. G. and the T.H. It is better to—
10. R. and N. Be kindly—
11. The B. S. Speak, Lord; for—
12. S. the J. Prepare your—
12. C. L. For unto you—

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

LESSON I. [Jan. 4.]

PAUL AND SILAS AT PHILIPPI.

Acts 16. 22-34. Memorize verses 29-32.