

## A BEDTIME RIDE.

My horse is such a little horse,  
But he can trot and run;  
And when it's 'bout my bedtime,  
We has the mostest fun.

I put him in his harness,  
An' drive him off to town;  
While mamma puts my clothes straight  
And gets the bed turned down.

We go 'long jes' like the wind,  
'U makes the tree tops hum,  
An' mamma has to say three times,  
"Come, now! Sonny! Come!"

## LESSON NOTES.

## SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE WRITINGS OF JOHN.

## LESSON XI.—JUNE 11.

THE MESSAGE OF THE RISEN CHRIST.

Rev. 1. 10-20. Memorize verses 17, 18.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore.—Rev. 1. 18.

## THE LESSON STORY.

Do you remember that it was John who ran with Peter to the tomb of Christ on that first Easter morning? John was a loving and beloved disciple, but his eyes were not then clear enough to be the first to see his Lord. It was the loving Mary who saw him first. But John lived to be an old man. All the other apostles had died martyrs to their faith, but he still lived, and had grown so clear-sighted through love that the Lord gave him the vision of the Church of the latter days, as it is given in the Revelation of St. John. He was a prisoner on the rocky island of Patmos, in the Egean Sea, as he says, "for the word of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ."

On one Lord's day he was in the Spirit, and he heard behind him a great voice like a trumpet, and when he turned he saw a vision. The voice said, "I am Alpha and Omega" (A and Z), "the first and the last." And then he was told to write in a book all that was shown to him, and send it to the seven churches of Asia. By this he meant the many kinds of Christians that would live in the ages to come.

John saw seven golden candlesticks, and in the midst of them "one like unto the Son of man." He was clothed down to the feet with a garment that was bound about the breast with a golden girdle. His hair shone white as snow and his eyes like flames of fire, while his feet shone like fine brass. John fell at his feet as dead, but the Lord said, "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was

lead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Then the Lord told him to write the things that he saw, which are, and shall be hereafter.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. What disciple lived to a great age? John.
2. What was he called? The beloved disciple.
3. Where was he on a Lord's day? On the Isle of Patmos.
4. What did he hear? A voice like a trumpet.
5. What followed it? A vision of the Lord.
6. What was he told to do? To write what he saw and heard.
7. What did he see? Seven golden candlesticks.
8. Who stood in the midst of them? The Lord.
9. What was he to John? A glorious vision.
10. What did John do? He fell down at the sight.
11. What did the Lord then do? He spoke kindly to John.
12. What did he say? Golden Text.

## LESSON XII.—JUNE 18.

THE HEAVENLY HOME.

Rev. 22. 1-11. Memorize verses 3-5.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne.—Rev. 3. 21.

## THE LESSON STORY.

When the Lord speaks to us in his Word about life he means his own Spirit. Without him we should have no life at all, for it is he who is the Life of life. He has many ways of telling us about life. Sometimes he speaks of it as a flowing river, as he does in our lesson to-day. The last two chapters of Revelation are full of pictures of that holy city into which we are coming, when wars and all evil shall have an end, and the land shall come down to earth to make all things new. It is a parable, for only in that way could God give us any idea of spiritual things, but we shall some day know that heavenly truths, when they become clear to us, are the very life of our souls and are like a drink of pure water when we are thirsty.

Our lesson tells of the trees of life that grow beside the river, bearing fruit every month of the year, and even the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations. These are the food and medicine of the soul, and by them we live. In this beautiful kingdom of God on earth there will be no more suffering for sin, but the Lord himself will be there, and we shall see his face as John saw it. There will be no night there and no need of the sun, for "the Lord God giveth them light."

An angel had been showing all these wonderful things in the New Jerusalem

to John, and when he had heard and seen he fell down at the angel's feet to worship him, but the angel said, "See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God."

Would you be afraid if you should see an angel? You are always guarded by God's angels, and they are your loving friends, but they would say to you, as the angel said to John, "Worship God."

## QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. What is life? The Spirit of God.
2. How does the Word speak of it? In parables.
3. What two parables are in our lesson? The river of life and trees of life.
4. What is the holy city? This world, when it is saved from sin.
5. What book in the Bible tells us about it? Revelation.
6. To whom was the Revelation given? To John.
7. Who is the light of the holy city? The Lord.
8. Who will live in that light? All who are saved from sin.
9. Is there any night there? No.
10. Who showed John the holy city? An angel.
11. What did John do? He worshipped the angel.
12. What did the angel say? "See thou do it not: worship God."

## WORDS AND DEEDS.

Kind words are wonderful little seeds  
Kind deeds shine brighter than any star  
That blossom into beautiful seeds.  
That pierces the heavenly blue so far.  
Both are more precious, little boy and girl,  
Than any diamond, ruby, or pearl.  
So with such seeds fill your garden fair,  
That lovely flowers may blossom there.

## EARLY IN THE MORNING.

When Professor Moses Coit Tyler, of Cornell, was an instructor in the University of Michigan, relates Current Literature, he called one morning the roll of an eight-o'clock class in English. "Mr. Robbins," said he. There was no answer. "Mr. Robbins," in a slightly louder voice. Still no reply. "Ah," said the instructor, with a quiet smile, "come to think of it, it is rather early for Robbins."

A most ingenious system is employed by which the director of the Suez Canal can tell, at a glance, the exact position of all vessels passing through it. According to The Boy's Lantern, a model is placed in the office at Port Said, and the whole canal is worked from headquarters by means of the telegraph, the position of each ship being marked by a position on the model. It is thus quite easy to arrange for vessels to pass each other.