

## A BRAVE LITTLE GIRL.

Just one more kiss for good-night, mamma,  
 Just one more kiss for good-night,  
 And then you may go, my dear mamma,  
 And—yes—you may put out the light;  
 For I'll promise you truly I won't be  
 afraid  
 As I was last night, you'll see,  
 'Cause I'm going to be papa's brave little  
 maid,  
 As he told me I ought to be.

But the shadows won't seem so dark,  
 mamma,  
 If you'll kiss me a little bit more;  
 And, you know, I can listen and hear  
 where you are  
 If you only won't shut the door.  
 For if I can hear you talking, I think  
 It will make me so sleepy, maybe,  
 That I'll go to sleep just as quick as a  
 wink,  
 And forget to—cry like a baby.

You needn't be laughing, my mamma  
 dear,  
 While you are hugging me up so tight;  
 You think I am trying to keep you here,  
 You, and—I guess—the light.  
 Please kiss me good-night once more, mam-  
 ma;  
 I could surely my promise keep,  
 If you'd only stay with me just as you  
 are,  
 And kiss me till—I go to sleep.

## LESSON NOTES.

## SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF THE ACTS.

## LESSON IX. [June 1.]

PAUL AT LYSTRA.

Acts 14. 8-19. Memorize verses 8-10.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a  
 good soldier of Jesus Christ.—2 Tim.  
 2. 3.

## THE LESSON STORY.

When Paul and Barnabas left Antioch  
 they went to Iconium, sixty miles away.  
 There, too, the Jews persecuted them,  
 and they went away to a town called  
 Lystra. The people of this town wor-  
 shipped Jupiter, and an ivory image of  
 him stood in a beautiful temple they had  
 built.

There was a lame man in Lystra whom  
 Paul healed, and the people thought it so  
 wonderful that they cried out that the  
 gods had come down among men. They  
 called Barnabas Jupiter, because he was  
 large and noble-looking, and Paul Mer-  
 curius, because he was the chief speaker.  
 The apostles did not understand this at  
 first, but when the priest of Jupiter be-  
 gan to offer sacrifices to them they ran to

the people, saying, "Sirs, why do ye these  
 things?" and trying to tell them about  
 the true God; yet they could hardly keep  
 the people from offering them worship.

But soon Jews came from Antioch and  
 Iconium and set the people against the  
 apostles, so that they stoned Paul and  
 left him dead, as they supposed; but the  
 Lord raised him up, and he went away  
 to Derbe with Barnabas.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

How were the missionaries treated at  
 Iconium? Very badly.

Where did they go then? To Lystra.  
 Whom did Paul heal there? A lame  
 man.

What did the people think? That  
 these men were gods.

What did they want to do? To offer  
 sacrifices to them.

Did this please the missionaries? No,  
 it made them sad.

What did they want the people to do?  
 To worship God.

What did they tell them? About  
 Jesus our Saviour.

Who came to Lystra? Some wicked  
 Jews.

What did they say? That these were  
 bad men.

What did the people do then? Stoned  
 Paul.

Who cured his wounds and sent him  
 on? God.

## LESSON X. [June 8.]

THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM.

Acts 15. 22-23. Memorize verses 30-32.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty  
 wherewith Christ hath made us free.—  
 Gal. 5. 1.

## THE LESSON STORY.

The Jews could not understand at first  
 why people who were Gentiles and be-  
 lieved in Christ should not obey the law  
 of Moses like the Jews. They could not  
 at first know that the Lord was making all  
 things new, and they had much talk about  
 it among themselves. Then they thought  
 it best for Paul and Barnabas to go up  
 to Jerusalem and talk it over with the  
 apostles and elders. So they went,  
 preaching as they went, in Phenice and  
 Samaria, and telling the Jewish Chris-  
 tians that the Gentiles were coming to  
 Christ.

When they had a meeting with the  
 Church in Jerusalem there were some  
 who opposed, but at last they sent two  
 good men—Judas Barsabas, and Silas—  
 to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, and  
 a beautiful letter was written to be read  
 to the Corinthians here, in which they  
 said there should be only two or three  
 things required of them, and that they  
 need not be troubled about keeping the  
 law of Moses. So they carried the letter  
 back with great joy, and read it to the

church in Antioch. After they had talked  
 much together about the new way, Judas  
 went back, but Silas stayed with them.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What were all Jews taught? The law  
 of Moses.

Who belonged to the Christian churches  
 now? Both Jews and Gentiles.

What did the Jewish Christians think?  
 That all must obey the law.

What did they not know? That Jesus  
 made all things new.

Who were sent to Jerusalem? Paul  
 and Barnabas.

What for? To ask the apostles what  
 to do.

What did the apostles say? That Gen-  
 tile Christians need not keep the law.

What is the law we all must keep?  
 The law of love.

Who gave this law? Christ.

What did the apostles send to the  
 church at Antioch? A loving letter.

What did this cause? Great joy.

Who stayed with the church in An-  
 tioch? Silas, a loving disciple.

## BESSIE'S MISHAP.

"There, have a nice time, dear," said  
 mother, tying Bessie's pink sunbonnet  
 strings. "Remember not to go in the  
 back yard; stay round in front. I think  
 Polly Dolly wants to go too."

So Bessie tied Polly Dolly's pink sun-  
 bonnet under her chin, and trotted out  
 the front door with her.

Mother was sitting by the window, sew-  
 ing lace on some ruffles, where she could  
 look out now and then at her little girl.  
 All of a sudden she jumped up. "Why,  
 Bessie's not in the front yard," she said.

Just at that moment a sound of loud  
 crying came up the stairs. "O dear!"  
 sighed mother, and "O dear!" she sighed  
 again when Bessie came in at the door.  
 The pink bonnet was hanging down her  
 back, her yellow curls were all tumbled,  
 and her blue eyes were running over with  
 big tears. "The bushes—the bushes  
 hurt me," she wailed, holding out a pair  
 of chubby hands with dreadful scratches  
 on them.

"Yes, and they tore your white dress,  
 it was too bad. Poor Bessie!" and  
 mother took her and Polly Dolly in her  
 arms and rocked them in the big, com-  
 fortable chair. "But what made you go  
 into the back yard after mother said not  
 to?" asked mother.

"Polly Dolly wanted to see the little  
 green gooseberries," sobbed Bessie, "and  
 we looked at them, and then we fell."

"Next time you must tell Polly Dolly  
 that you have to mind mother. Will  
 you?"

"Yes," whispered Bessie.

Mother says that Polly Dolly has never  
 got Bessie into trouble since.