

LITTLE HELPERS.

"I will be a little helper."
Lisps the brook;
On its silvery way it goes,
Never stopping to repose,
Till it turns the busy mill,
In some nook.

"I will be a little helper,"
Smiles the flower;
By the wayside in the field,
All its beauty is revealed,
Unto sad and weary hearts,
Though skies lower.

"I will be a little helper,"
Sings the bird;
And it carols forth a song,
Though the cheerless day be long,
Bringing to some helpless one
Some sweet word.

You can be a little helper,
Child so fair!
And your kindly deeds can make,
For the heavenly Father's sake,
Sunshine, love and happiness
Everywhere.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

SIX MONTHS WITH THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS.

LESSON IV.—APRIL 24.

THE MISSION OF THE SEVENTY.

Luke 10. 1-16. Memorize verses 1, 2.
GOLDEN TEXT.

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.—Luke 10. 2.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

How many disciples were called at first? What were their names? What did Jesus do when there were twelve who had left all to follow him? What power did he give them? How many did he send forth later? Were they apostles also? What power did he give them? What did he say they would be like? How did he talk to them? What three cities did he speak about? What did he say about them? What did he say of those who would listen to the seventy? What of those who despised them? How did the seventy return? What did they say? Does Jesus' name have power over disease and evil spirits now? Yes, it is a work within the soul.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read about the call of the four. Mark 1. 16-20.
Tues. Read how the twelve were sent forth. Luke 9. 1-6.
Wed. Read the lesson verses. Luke 10. 1-16.

Thur. Find why Jesus' name has power. Luke 1. 21.

Fri. Learn the Golden Text.

Sat. Read Jesus' prayer for his disciples. John 17. 6-10.

Sun. Find who became an apostle later. Acts 26. 15-18.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—

1. If one cannot preach he may serve Jesus.
2. Jesus gives the power of his Spirit to such.
3. To use his name we must have his Spirit.

LESSON V.—MAY 1.

PRAYER AND PROMISE.

Luke 11. 1-13. Memorize verses 11-13.
GOLDEN TEXT.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find.—Luke 11. 9.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Where did Jesus often pray? Where did the Jews pray? In the temple and on the housetop. Did Jesus pray their prayers? No. What did a disciple ask him one day? Who had taught his disciples to pray? Was Jesus ready to teach them? What is the prayer he taught them commonly called? What is it really? Why may it be called the "child's prayer" also? What does it hold? Can you tell the little story, or parable, in this lesson? What does it teach? What plain words about prayer did Jesus give us? May we ask for anything and receive it? Yes, if we ask it in his name. What does that mean? That we must have his Spirit.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Learn the beautiful Golden Text.
Tues. Read the lesson verses. Luke 11. 1-13.
Wed. Find the Lord's Prayer in the Sermon on the Mount. Matt. 6. 9-13.
Thur. Learn a great encouragement to prayer. Verse 10.
Fri. Learn why we may expect the Holy Spirit when we ask. Verse 13.
Sat. Learn how we should ask of God. Eph. 6. 18.
Sun. Learn the Lord's Prayer in verse. Hymn 716 in Methodist Hymnal.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—

1. We are all children of one heavenly Father.
2. He wants to give us all good gifts.
3. And most of all his Holy Spirit.

"I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do much, but I can do something; and all I can do I ought to do, and by God's grace will do."

ARE WE PLEASING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

There was once a little girl, we are told, who was very fond of making up stories for her younger brother. One day she was overheard telling him of a boy who was so naughty that he grew worse and worse, until one day he became so terribly wicked that he struck God.

That was only a little girl's story, but do you know that every sinful act we do is like striking God. Every evil thought which we cherish in our minds, every bad word we say with our lips, every naughty deed grieves our Heavenly Father just as if we actually reached out our hand to strike at him.

And on the other hand, it is a beautiful thought to remember that we can actually please God. Of many men in the Bible it is written that they pleased God, and so, if we have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and try to do his will, we too may please our Father which is in heaven.—*Apples of Gold*.

THE PEAR TREE.

Old Rupert sat at the close of the day, in the shade of a beautiful pear tree, which stood before the house, while his grandson ate of the pears, and could not cease praising the sweet fruit.

Then said the grandfather:

"I must tell you how this tree came here. One evening, more than fifty years ago, I stood here when there was an empty space, but where now this pear tree stands, and complained to a rich neighbour of my poverty. 'Oh,' said I, 'how perfectly contented should I be if I could only possess one hundred dollars!'"

"The neighbor, who was a wise man, said:

"That you can easily do, if you only set about it. See," said he, "there in the soil where you stand are more than a hundred dollars, if you can only get them."

"At that time I was only a foolish young man, and so in the following night I dug in the ground on the spot, and to my great mortification I found not a single dollar. In the morning the neighbour saw where I had been digging, and laughed heartily at my simplicity.

"I see," said he, "that you did not understand me. I will send you a young pear tree; set that in the hole you have dug, and after a year the dollars will begin to appear."

"I set out the young tree. It grew and became what you now see it. The fruit which it has borne, year after year, has brought more than a hundred dollars, and yet it is a capital which yearly brings a good interest."

"Open your eyes,

And open your mind,

Work with your hands,

And wishes you'll find."