

NO.

"No" is a very little word;
Not long it takes to say it.
Sometimes 'tis wrong, but often right;
So let us justly weigh it.

"No," I must say when asked to swear,
And "No," when asked to gamble;
"No," when the beer I'm urged to share,
"No," to a Sunday's ramble.

"No," though I'm tempted sore to lie,
Or steal, and then conceal it;
And "No," to sin when darkness hides,
And I alone should feel it.

Whenever sinners would entice
My feet from paths of duty,
"No," I'll unhesitating cry—
"No, not for price nor booty."

God watches how this little word
By every one is spoken,
And marks those children as his own
Who give this simple token.

The child who utters "No," to wrong,
Says "Yes," to right as surely;
That child has entered wisdom's ways,
And treads her paths securely.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL BY JOHN.

LESSON X. [June 4.]

CHRIST CRUCIFIED.

John 19. 17-30. Memory verses, 28-30.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me.—Gal. 2. 20.

A LESSON TALK.

This is a sad story, and we should try to read it thoughtfully and reverently. The death on the cross was thought to be a very shameful death, because only the very worst people were put to death in this way. Think of our Lord allowing his enemies to crucify him when he might have prevented it if he had chosen to do so! Notice the tender thought of Jesus for his mother, even in this hour of awful suffering! Does it make you think that we should be thoughtful of others and plan how we can help them? This is one of the sweet things John tells us which the others do not. Do not forget in studying this lesson that all this suffering for our sakes can do us no good unless we accept Jesus as our personal Saviour.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where did Jesus die? On Mount Calvary.

Where was this? Near Jerusalem.

How did he die? On the cross.

Why did he die such a sad death? To save sinners.

Who were crucified with him? Two thieves.

What did one of these men do on the cross? He believed in Jesus.

What did Jesus promise him? That he should be with him in paradise.

What did Jesus ask John to do? To take care of his mother.

What were the last words of Jesus? "It is finished."

What was finished? His redeeming work for sinful men.

What ought all sinners to do? Love and obey Jesus.

What still makes his heart sad? When they will not do this.

LESSON XI. [June 11.]

CHRIST RISEN.

John 20. 11-20. Memory verses, 11-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Now is Christ risen from the dead.—1 Cor. 15. 20.

A LESSON TALK.

There are some beautiful stories in the gospels of the visits which Jesus made to the disciples after his resurrection. You will learn in the lesson chapter, first and second verses, who first went to the sepulchre, and in the lesson verses you will see to whom Jesus first appeared. Read the stories of his walk with disciples to Emmaus, and the words to Thomas and to Peter. Perhaps you may think that if you had been one of the disciples you would not have been so slow to believe that it was really Jesus who spoke and ate food, and even prepared a meal for them when they were tired and hungry. But do not be too sure! It is not always easy to believe even now, is it? Have you thought that Jesus had to call Mary by name before she knew that it was really her Lord? How good it is to know that he can call each one of us by name! John 10. 3-14 will tell you who know the voice of Jesus. Mary knew his voice, and was ready at once to do what he said. Are we like Mary, quick to hear and to obey?

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who were very sad when Jesus died? All his disciples.

What did they seem to forget? That he said he would rise again.

When was he crucified? On Friday.

When did he rise from the dead? On Sunday morning.

When did some women go to the tomb? Early on Sunday.

Why did they wait until then? Saturday was the Jewish Sabbath.

What did they carry with them? Sweet spices.

What did they find? That the tomb was empty.

Whom did Mary hurry to tell? The disciples.

To whom did Jesus first appear? To Mary Magdalene.

Did she know him? Not till he called her by name.

When did the other disciples see him? That same evening.

HER WISE IDEA.

One of Boston's bright school-teachers had a boy come into her class from the next lower grade who had the worst reputation of any boy in school. His behaviour, says the Boston "Herald," was so tricky and disobedient that he had always been put into a seat directly in front of the teacher's desk, where he could conveniently be watched. His reputation had preceded him, but the new teacher had her own ideas as to how recalcitrant boys should be treated. On the very first day she said: "Now, Thomas, they tell me you are a bad boy and need to be watched. I don't believe it. I like your looks, and I am going to trust you. Your seat will be at the back of the room, end seat, the fourth row from the wall."

That was all she said. Thomas went to his seat dumbfounded. He had never in his life been put upon his honour before, and the new experience overcame him. From the very first he proved one of the best and most industrious pupils in the school, and not long ago his teacher gave him a good-conduct prize of a jackknife.

One day she was going down one of the streets not far from the school, when suddenly she noticed Thomas among a small crowd of street gamins. He saw her, too, and immediately took off his hat and called out, his face beaming with a glad grin: "Halloo, Miss E——! Nice day."

The other boys laughed at him, but he silenced them by saying: "Well, she's the best friend I ever had, and I'm going to take my hat off every time I see her."

ROBBIE AND THE BUBBLES.

"You must not throw your ball, Robby," said mother.

"Why not, mother?"

"Because baby is asleep and you will disturb him. He is not well, you know."

Robby went and looked at the dear little fellow asleep in his crib.

"I love him," he said. "I'll not wake him."

He took his picture-book and sat down. But he had seen all the pictures very often before.

Mother went to the kitchen and brought back a bowl and a pipe.

"Here, dear," she said, "you can blow some bubbles."

It was great fun. The bubbles were streaked with green, and gold, and red, and purple. They sailed high in the air.

When he was done he said, "Mothers are always doing nice things for little boys."

And mother said, "Little boys can be very sweet to their mothers when they try."