

PERMISSION TO GO HOME.

BESS went to church one sultry day
She kept awake, I'm glad to say,
Till "fourthly" started on its way.

Then the moments into hours grew;
Oh dear! oh dear! what should she do?
Unseen, she glided from the pew.

And up the aisle demurely went,
On some absorbing mission bent,
Her eyes filled with a look intent.

She stopped and said, in plaintive tone,
With hand uplifted towards the dome,
"Please, preacher-man, can I go home?"

The treble voice, bell-like in sound,
Disturbed a sermon most profound;
A titter swelled as it went round.

A smile the pastor's face o'erspread—
He paused, and bent his stately head:
"Yes, little dear," he gently said.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF OUR LORD.

A.D. 26.] LESSON VII. [Aug. 12.

TEMPTATION OF JESUS.

Matt. 4. 1-11. Memory verses, 1-4.

GOLDEN TEXT.

In all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.—Heb. 4. 15.

OUTLINE.

1. The Tempter, v. 1-4.
2. The Temptation, v. 5-9.
3. The Triumph, v. 10, 11.

EVERYDAY HELPS.

Mon. Read about the temptation. Matt. 4. 1-11.

Tues. Read about the first temptation. Gen. 3. 1-6.

Wed. Learn what the tempter is like. 1 Peter 5. 8.

Thur. Learn the Golden Text.

Fri. Find who can help us when tempted. Heb. 2. 17, 18.

Sat. Think, why should we learn Bible verses?

Sun. Learn what we may all do. Heb. 4. 16.

DO YOU KNOW—

Where did Jesus go after the baptism? Who led him there? What for? How long did he stay? Who came then to tempt him? What did Satan want to do? How many times did he tempt Jesus? What was the first temptation? What did Jesus tell Satan? (Verse 4.) What did he try to get Jesus to do next? How did Jesus answer? (Verse 7.) What was the third temptation? What Bible verse did Jesus use in reply? (Verse 10.) Who

came to Jesus when Satan went away? What will you say when you are tempted?

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That the word of God can help me. Heb. 4. 24.

That I need Bible verses to help me in time of need. Psalm 119. 11.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Did they keep this command? No: they did eat of the tree.

What evil did they bring upon themselves thereby? They lost the favour of God, were condemned to pain and death, and were driven out of the garden.

A.D. 27.] LESSON VIII [Aug. 19.

FIRST DISCIPLES OF JESUS.

John 1. 35-49. Memory verses, 40-42.

GOLDEN TEXT.

We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.—John 1. 41.

OUTLINE.

1. Looking upon Jesus, v. 35, 36.
2. Following Jesus, v. 37-40.
3. Leading to Jesus, v. 41-49

EVERYDAY HELPS.

Mon. Read what John the Baptist said. John 1. 29-34.

Tues. Read lesson verses from your Bible. John 1. 35-49.

Wed. Learn the glad cry of the first disciples. Golden Text.

Thur. Find another call of two brothers. Matt. 4. 21.

Fri. Learn the right way to obey. Matt. 4. 20.

Sat. Learn the good of following Jesus. Hosea 6. 3.

Sun. Try to make a certain scribe's words your own. Matt. 8. 19.

DO YOU KNOW—

Where did Jesus go after the temptation? What is a disciple? One who learns. Who stood with John the Baptist one day? Whom did they see? What did John say? Who were the disciples? What did they do?

What did they ask Jesus? What did he reply? How long did they stay with him? Whom did Andrew bring to Jesus? What name did Jesus give Simon?

Whom did Jesus call the next day? Whom did Philip find? How many disciples were there now? Four.

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That I may show some one the way to Jesus. Verse 41

That Jesus knows all about me. Verse 47.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Did their sin hurt any besides themselves? Yes; their sin hurt all mankind.

How did it hurt them? By causing them to be born in sin, so that they also suffer pain and death.

BERTIE AND HIS PLAYMATES

THIS is the real name of a little boy whose home is away off in Africa. He may never see this, for he is on his way home, in a great ship, with nothing but water all around him.

Missionaries get tired and sick, and have to come home to America to rest. Bertie has crossed the Atlantic ocean four times. He is a brave little sailor, and thinks it rather disgusting when people get seasick.

Do you think you would like Africa better than America? Bertie does, although everything here seems new and nice. The shops are beautiful, and the electric cars are wonderful, yet he is homesick for Africa and his ten little playmates.

Can you guess what they are? Bertie has no little brothers and sisters and no little children to play with, so he plays with monkeys. They are so cunning and sharp, and chatter just as if they were scolding; but they never say anything naughty. Bertie claps his hands, and they all run up the trees and hang down by their tails. When he claps his hands again they jump down and get in a line and play tag. Is it strange that Bertie wants to get back to such funny friends?

When Bertie went to Washington and shook hands with the President, he thought he would like to be President himself when he grew up.

But then, mamma, you see I couldn't be a missionary like papa, and I think it would be very much better to be a missionary, and that is what I will be."

SAY "THANK YOU."

I do hope that all of our little ones say "Thank you" to mamma and papa, sister and brother, and to everyone who does a kind thing for them or gives them something good or pretty. But do you all remember to say "Thank you" to the dear Father in heaven for all the beautiful things he gives you every day?

Help yourself, help yourself, little one, do; Don't wait for others to wait upon you; Look at the birds, how they build their own nest.

Watch the brown bees, always toiling their best,

Put your own hand to the plough, if you'd thrive,

Don't waste your moments in wishing, but strive.

ONE of our missionaries says that she never saw two Indian children quarrel over anything. She used to carry lump sugar around in her pocket to give to the Indian boys and girls. If there was not enough to go around they would crack the lumps and divide with the others.

YOUTH has a silent, directing force upon every step of advancing life.