

6. Who saved Paul from death?

God.

We should worship God above,
He alone is true;
He will teach us how each day
His dear will to do.



THE TWO SQUIRRELS.

A large acorn lay on the ground. By-and-bye there came a plump, well-fed squirrel along. He saw the acorn. "That looks a nice, ripe acorn," said he; "I almost think that I could fancy it for lunch." And he came up to it, and touched it daintily with his forepaw, and then he took it up and looked at it more closely. As he did so he saw that it had a small black speck on its underside. "Ugh!" he cried, throwing it down; "only a spotted thing after all! I couldn't touch it. I might have known that filberts, or at least hazelnuts, are the only proper food for a squirrel as well born as I. I never could eat anything the least coarse or imperfect." And he dashed away in disdain, while the poor acorn lay where he had thrown it, trying to hide itself under some fallen leaves.

But toward evening another squirrel came by—rather a thin little squirrel, with very bright eyes, and he spied the acorn half hidden under the leaves. "What a large acorn!" he exclaimed: "so ripe and well formed! I am lucky to find such a supper."

"You will find it rotten," said a contemptuous voice from a tree close by, where the first squirrel was peeping through the leaves.

"Only such a tiny black speck!" answered the thin squirrel. "One can hardly see it; and all the rest is so sound and white and sweet, and the flavour is excellent," he added as he nibbled away.

But the other squirrel went to bed that night cross and hungry: for he had found no nuts, and was too foolish and proud to sup on acorns, though next morning he was glad enough to eat them for breakfast, in spite of black spots larger than that on the one he had thrown away the day before.