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THE LITTLE ONES HE BLESSES.

I wonder if ever the children
Who were blessed by the Master of old,
Forgot he had made them his treasures,
The dear little lambs of his fold.
I wonder if, angry and wilful,
They wandered far astray,
The children whose feet had been guided
So safe and so soon in the way.

One would think that the mothers at
evening,

Soft smoothing the silk tangled hair,
And low leaning down to the murmur
Of sweet, childish voices in prayer,
Oft bade the small pleaders to listen,
If haply again they might hear
The words of the gentle Redeemer
Borne swift to the reverent ear.

And my heart cannot cherish the fancy
That ever those children went wrong,
And were lost from the peace and the
shelter,

Shut out from the feast and the song.
To the day of grey hairs they remembered,
I think, how the hands that were given
Were laid on their heads when Christ
uttered,
"Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

He said it to you, little darling,
Who spell it in God's word to-day;
You, too, may be sorry for sinning,
You also believe and obey;
And 'twill grieve the dear Saviour in
heaven

If one little child shall go wrong—
Be lost from the fold and the shelter,
Shut out from the feast and the song.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE WRITINGS OF JOHN.

LESSON I.—APRIL 2.

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

John 10. 7-18. Memorize verses 17, 18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.—John 10. 11.

THE LESSON STORY.

Jesus was teaching one day near Jerusalem. Perhaps it was near sunset, and some shepherd was leading his little flock out of the pasture into the fold. As the sheep went through the door in the stone wall Jesus showed those who were with him how we must enter in by the one door if we would really enter the Church. Christ himself is the only door to the kingdom of heaven. To climb in some other way is being a thief and a robber. There are under-shepherds, as the pastor, the

Sunday-school superintendent, the teacher, but our Lord alone is the Chief Shepherd, or the Good Shepherd. He also says, "I am the door." It is not by coming to the Sunday-school or joining the church that we come to Christ, but it is through Christ that we enter the church. The true church you cannot see, for it is spiritual; yet you may see the building where the people who have Christ in their hearts come together for worship and teaching. Our Lord says we are saved if we enter in through him, for he came that we might have fullness of life. As the Good Shepherd, he lays down his life to defend us from harm. A hired shepherd would not do this, for if he should see the wolf coming he would run away to save his own life. But as young David slew a lion and a bear that attacked his father's flock, so does our Shepherd destroy our enemies within us. He promises, too, that some day there shall be "one fold and one Shepherd," instead of so many folds divided from each other.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What did Jesus often see? Shepherds with their flocks.

What did he use them for? A parable.

What did he say the sheepfold meant? The church.

What was the door of the sheepfold? Himself.

Can we enter his fold by any other way? No.

What else does he call himself? The Good Shepherd.

What will he do for his flock? Lay down his life to save them.

What would a stranger do? Run away and leave them in danger.

Who does he have to help him? Faithful under-shepherds.

What are they called? Pastors and teachers.

What will the Great Shepherd do some time? Gather all his flocks together.

What will there be then? "One fold and one Shepherd."

LESSON II.—APRIL 9.

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS.

John 11. 32-45. Memorize verses 33-36.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life.—John 11. 25.

THE LESSON STORY.

You know how tenderly Jesus loved Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus, just as he now loves the families of his kingdom all around the world. When Lazarus died, Jesus and some of his disciples came to Bethany, where Mary and Martha and their friends were mourning for the dead. Martha went to meet him, for she was always the active one; but Mary sat still in the house until Martha came back and said that the Master had come and was calling for her. Then she

gladly ran and fell at his feet, and said, as Martha had done, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." Jesus had said that he was to awaken him out of sleep, and that he was "the resurrection and the life." Yet no one thought that he could call a soul back from God.

He went weeping to the tomb, for his heart was moved with pity for the sorrow of the sisters. He asked that the stone might be taken away, but careful Martha said that the body was decaying, as he had been dead four days. Then Jesus spoke plainly: "Said I not unto thee that if thou believedst thou shouldst see the glory of God?" Then they took away the stone, and Jesus, after a little prayer of thanks, called with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And so he came, bound hand and foot, and even about his face, with grave-clothes. Jesus told them to loose him and let him go, and so Mary and Martha had their brother again. What a supper that must have been when they had Lazarus and his Saviour both at the table in the little home in Bethany! In this way our Lord gives us back our dear ones who have been dead in sin, and there is joy not only in heaven, but here in our homes, "over one sinner that repenteth."

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who lived at Bethany? Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

Why did Jesus often go there? They were his disciples.

Why did he go at this time? Lazarus was dead.

Who came to meet him? Martha.

Who afterwards met him? Mary.

What did Jesus do? "Jesus wept."

Why? He was sorry for Mary and Martha.

What did he ask them to have done? To have the stone taken from the tomb.

What did he then say? "Lazarus, come forth."

Did he hear the voice of Jesus? He heard, and came forth.

What did Jesus say? "Loose him, and let him go."

How does our Lord now raise the dead? From sin to righteousness.

HELPING SOMEWHERE.

"Is your father at home?" asked somebody of the little boy playing on the village doctor's doorstep.

"No," was the answer, "he's away."

"Where do you think I could find him?"

"Well," answered the little boy thoughtfully, "you've got to look some place where people are sick or hurt or something like that. I don't know where he is, but he's helping somewhere."

What a beautiful thought of his father that boy had all the time. Surely, as he grows up, he, too, will be found helping somewhere.