

ONLY A LITTLE CHILD.

I AM a little child!
Yet, Lord, thou callest me,
Therefore confidently,
I come to thee.

Only a little child!
And though I sinful be,
Thou, Lord, forgive me!
I come to thee!

Only a little child!
Looking up, loving thee,
Because thou lovest me,
I come to thee!

Only a little child!
Brightly and cheerfully,
Swiftly, obediently,
I come to thee!

Only a little child!
Thou wilt my father be,
Till in eternity
I dwell with thee.

PEACE-MAKERS.

"You are a bad girl. I hate you!" said Ellen.

"O please don't say so! I don't want you to say so. I want you to love me," replied Agnes, and her eyes filled with tears as she looked at her angry playmate.

Ellen's conscience troubled her, but she said nothing, and went away.

She could not forget what Agnes had said, however. She thought of it all day; she dreamed of it all night.

The next day she overtook Agnes as she was going to school. Her voice trembled as she said, "Please forgive me for my angry words yesterday. I am sorry that I was cross and spoke as I did."

"Dear Ellen," replied Agnes, "I am so glad that you love me. Do let us always be kind to each other."

Was not that a pleasant way for two little girls to speak to each other. That was Christ's way; his teaching is that of love and tenderness—returning good for evil. O my children, you must do that if you would be Christ-like.—*Exchange.*

TRUST IN GOD'S CARE.

ONE winter a poor little orphan boy of six or eight years, begged a lady to allow him to clear away the snow from her steps. "Do you get much to do, my little boy?" said the lady. "Sometimes I do," said the boy; "but often I get very little. "Are you never afraid you will not get enough to live on?" The child looked perplexed, and said, "Don't you think God will take care of a boy if he puts his trust in him and does the best he can?"

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

B.C. 580.] LESSON VI. [Feb. 7.

THE FIERY FURNACE.

Jer. 7, 16-28.

Commit to memory verses 16-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace. Dan. 3, 17.

OUTLINE.

1. The Faithful Three, v. 16-18.
2. The Fiery Furnace, v. 19-23.
3. The Form of the Fourth, v. 24, 25.
4. The Triumph of Faith, v. 26-28.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did Nebuchadnezzar make? An image of gold.

What did he command? That every one bow down and worship it.

Who refused to do this? Daniel's three companions, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

What heathen names had been given them? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Why did they stand, when all the people fell down before the image? They only bowed down to Jehovah, the living God.

What did the king threaten to do? To cast them into the fiery furnace.

What was their reply? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What did they tell the king? "We will not serve your gods."

What order did the king give? To heat the furnace seven times hotter than ever before.

Who bound and cast them into the furnace? The strong soldiers of the army?

What happened? The fire killed the soldiers.

What did Nebuchadnezzar see in the flames? Four men walking about.

What was one like? The Son of God.

Whom did the king call to come out? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

What did the king and his chief men see? That they were unharmed by the fire.

Of what was he sure? That their God was greater than the golden image.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Would you be willing to be blamed or hated or punished or laughed at if you knew you were doing right? Are you willing to bear trouble for Jesus' sake?

The path of duty sometimes leads God's children into fiery trials in these days, but nothing can harm them with such a blessed GOLDEN TEXT to trust in.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Son of God,

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Simon Peter? The apostle whom our Lord blessed for his good confession; who afterwards denied his Lord wept bitterly, and was forgiven; and who preached the first sermon on the day of Pentecost.

Who was the apostle John? The disciple whom Jesus loved, and who leaned on his bosom at the Last Supper.

B.C. 538.] LESSON VII. [Feb. 14.

THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL.

Dan. 5, 1-12, & 25-28. Commit to memory vs. 3-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. Dan. 5, 27.

OUTLINE.

1. A King's Feast, v. 1-4.
2. A King's Fear, v. 5-9.
3. A Queen's Counsel, v. 10-12.
4. A Prophet's Warning, v. 25-28.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What king made a great feast for his lords? Belshazzar.

For what did he send to hold the wine? The gold and silver vessels of the temple of God.

To whom did they all offer praise? To their gods.

What was seen the same hour? A handwriting on the wall.

How was the king affected? He trembled with fear.

For whom did he send? For all the wise men of the land.

What did he want them to do? To read and explain the strange words.

Who was then sent for? Daniel.

What were the words he read? "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin."

What did he tell Belshazzar? That he had dishonoured God.

Whose hand did he say had written these words? The hand of the living God.

What did they mean? That God had taken his kingdom from him.

For what reason? Because he had lived in sin and idolatry. (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What is sure to lead people into trouble? Sin, because it leads them away from God.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Found wanting.	Found not wanting.
A king who was Proud,	A little child who is Humble,
Wilful,	Humble,
Forgetful of God,	Obedient,
Careless,	True to God,
Profane,	Careful,
Intemperate,	Holy,
Slain.	Temperate,
	Saved.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The omnipresent God.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was St. Thomas? An apostle, who at first did not believe that the Lord had risen.

Who was Judas? The wicked apostle who betrayed the Lord with a kiss.