

**NANCOY'S NIGHTMARE.**

I am the doll that Nancy broke!  
 Hadn't been hers a week.  
 One little squeeze, and I sweetly spoke,  
 Rosy and fair was my cheek.  
 Now my head lies in a corner far,  
 My body lies here in the other;  
 And if this is what human children are,  
 I never will live with another.

I am the book that Nancy read  
 For fifteen minutes together,  
 Now I am standing here on my head,  
 While she's gone to look at the weather.  
 My leaves are crushed in the cruellest way;  
 There's jam on my opening page;  
 And I would not live with Miss Nancy  
 Gay,  
 Though I shouldn't be read for an age!

I am the frock that Nancy wore  
 Last night at her birthday feast.  
 I am the frock that Nancy tore  
 In seventeen places at least.  
 My buttons are scattering far and near,  
 My trimming is torn to rags;  
 And if I were Miss Nancy's mother dear  
 I'd dress her in calico bags!

We are the words that Nancy said  
 When these things were brought to her  
 view.  
 All of us ought to be painted red,  
 And some of us are not true.  
 We splutter and mutter and snarl and  
 snap,  
 We smoulder and smoke and blaze;  
 And if she'd not meet with some sad mis-  
 hap,  
 Miss Nancy must mend her ways.

**LESSON NOTES.**

**THIRD QUARTER.**

**STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.**

**LESSON I. [July 4.]**

**FIRST CONVERTS IN EUROPE.**

Acts 16. 6-15. Memory verses 13-15.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

The entrance of thy words giveth light.  
 —Psalm 119. 130.

**OUTLINE.**

1. A New Field, v. 6-8.
2. A New Call, v. 9-12.
3. A New Convert, v. 13-15.

**THE LESSON STORY.**

Paul, and Silas, and Timothy travelled together through Asia, preaching the Gospel. It was not the great Asia, but little Asia. You can find it on the map and trace the way these good men took.

Who was their leader? Perhaps you think it was Paul, but they had a greater leader than Paul. The Holy Spirit spoke to them in their hearts and told them where to go. The same Spirit will lead us if we will only follow where he leads.

One day they came to a town by the sea-coast named Troas. In the night Paul had a strange dream. He saw a man speaking very earnestly to him and saying, "Come over and help us." Paul knew that this was God's call to him to come over to Macedonia, just across the sea. Luke had joined the little company now and so the four friends set sail in a little ship for Macedonia. They sailed two days and then came to Philippi, the chief city in that part of Macedonia.

On the Sabbath the four preachers went to the little prayer-place just outside the city. A few women were there, and they spoke to them about Jesus. A woman named Lydia believed and was baptized. Then she urged Paul and his friends to come and stay at her house, and they did so.

**LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.**

- Mon.* Read the lesson verses. Acts 16. 6-15.  
*Tues.* Trace Paul's journey on the map.  
*Wed.* Read of another man who saw a vision. Acts 10. 30.  
*Thur.* Learn how God sometimes speaks. Job 33. 15, 16.  
*Fri.* Read what Paul said about this journey. 2 Cor. 2. 12-16.  
*Sat.* Learn the Golden Text.  
*Sun.* Find a proof of Lydia's wisdom. Heb. 13. 2.

**QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY**

Who travelled with Paul through Asia? Which Asia was it? What did these four ministers do?  
 What is a minister? One who serves. Who was their leader? To what town on the sea-coast did they come? Who spoke to Paul that night? What did he say? How did he speak? In a vision. What other helper had joined Paul? What books did Luke write? The gospel of Luke and the Acts. Where did they all go? How did they travel? To what city did they first go? Where did they go on the Sabbath? Who heard about Jesus and believed? What did she persuade the ministers to do?

**WORDS FOR ME.**

God wants to be MY Leader.  
 He will tell me where to go if I listen.  
 He will go with me and help me work for him.

**LESSON II. [July 11]**

**PAUL AND THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER.**

Acts 16. 22-31. Memory verses, 28-31

**GOLDEN TEXT**

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.—Acts 16. 31.

**OUTLINE.**

1. The Prisoners, v. 22-25.
2. The Deliverance, v. 26-31.

**THE LESSON STORY.**

Paul and his friends were very happy

in Philippi for a while, and then trouble came. You can read about it (Acts 16. 16-21). The masters of the poor girl were angry about losing the money she had gained for them, and the people were angry that they would no longer have their fortunes told. So they abused Paul and Silas. They beat them with rods very cruelly, and then they put them into prison and told the jailer not to let them escape. The jailer put them into the underground prison and made their feet fast in the stocks. Their wounds were bleeding, they could not lie down nor stand up, and they had no food. But they sang joyful praises to God and prayed aloud, so that the other prisoners heard them. At midnight, when Paul and Silas were singing, an earthquake came that shook the dungeon, undid the chains, and opened the doors. The jailer was so frightened when he saw the doors opened that he was going to kill himself, but Paul called to him, "We are all here!" Then the jailer came and fell down before Paul and Silas, crying, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul could tell him; and he called his family to hear the word of God. They all believed and were baptized, and the jailer took them into his house and gave them food to eat.

**LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.**

- Mon.* Read the story of the fortune-teller. Acts 16. 16-19.  
*Tues.* Read the trouble this made. Acts 16. 22-31.  
*Wed.* Learn some of Paul's trials. 2 Cor. 11. 24-27.  
*Thur.* Learn what Paul and Silas did. Psalm 34. 1.  
*Fri.* Learn the great lesson the jailer learned. Golden Text.  
*Sat.* Find why Paul loved to preach the Gospel. Rom. 1. 16.  
*Sun.* Learn why the jailer rejoiced. Rom. 5. 10, 11.

**QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.**

What came upon Paul in a little while? Why were the masters of the fortune-teller angry? Why were the people angry? Which of the ministers did they seize? How did they treat them? How did the jailer show his ill-will? What sound was heard in the prison at midnight? How could Paul and Silas rejoice in such trials? They knew God would bring good out of evil. What happened then? Why was the jailer so frightened? What was he about to do? Who called to him? What did he ask Paul and Silas? What did they tell him to do? What did he and all his family do? How did he show that his heart was changed? What good came from this evil treatment? The conversion of a whole family.

**REMEMBER—**

That God is with his children in time of trouble.  
 That no chain is too strong for him to break.  
 That he knows how to bring good out of evil.