

THE BEST BEAUTY.

I KNOW a little fellow
Whose face is fair to see;
But still there's nothing pleasant
About that face to me;
For he's rude and cross and selfish
If he cannot have his way,
And he's always making trouble,
I've heard his mother say.

I know a little fellow
Whose face is plain to see;
But that we never think of
So kind and brave is he.
He carries sunshine with him,
And everybody's glad
To hear the cheery whistle
Of the pleasant little lad.

You see it's not the features
That others judge us by,
But what we do, I tell you,
And that you can't deny.
The plainest face has beauty
If its owner's kind and true;
And that's the kind of beauty,
My girl and boy for you.

—Golden Days

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW.

B.C. 4.] LESSON II. [July 10.

THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT.

Matt. 2. 13-23. Commit to mem. vs. 19-21.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He delivered me, because he delighted in me. Psa. 18. 19.

OUTLINE.

1. From Bethlehem to Egypt.
2. From Egypt to Nazareth.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who appeared to Joseph when the wise men had gone? An angel of the Lord.

What did he tell Joseph? That Herod would try to kill Jesus.

Where must he take Jesus and Mary his mother? To Egypt.

How long must he stay? Until he had word from God.

What did Joseph do? All that the angel commanded him.

How did Herod feel when he found the wise men did not return to him? He was very angry.

What did he do? He ordered all the boy-babies in Bethlehem to be killed.

Why did he want to kill them all? So as to make sure of killing Jesus.

Why was he determined to kill Jesus? He was afraid that he would become king and rule over his kingdom.

Where was Jesus at this time? Safe in Egypt.

When did the angel appear to Joseph again? When Herod was dead.

What word did he bring? To go back to Judea with Jesus and his mother.

Where did Joseph go? To Nazareth.

Why did he not go to Bethlehem? For fear Herod's son, who was king, might harm them.

Why did God deliver Jesus from the hands of his enemies? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

In whom does God delight now? In all who obey him.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Satan seeks your life more cruelly than Herod sought the life of Jesus.

He seeks to kill your soul and bring upon you eternal death.

You can only escape him by fleeing to God.

"The Lord is my refuge."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—God's watchful care.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

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.

A.D. 26.] LESSON III. [July 17.

JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Matt. 3. 1-12. Commit to mem. vs. 11, 12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. Matt. 3. S.

OUTLINE.

1. The Man.
2. His Ministry.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who came before Jesus to prepare the way for him? John the Baptist.

Was he rich and powerful? No; he wore coarse clothes and ate plain food.

Who came to hear him preach? Great crowds of people.

What did he tell them? "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

What did this mean? That Christ was coming to reign over the hearts of the people.

How must they prepare for his coming? By repenting of their sins?

Why must they repent? Because they could not receive Jesus and love their sins.

Who believed John's words? Many of the people.

Whom did John baptize in the river Jordan? All who repented and confessed their sins.

Of what was this a sign? That they wanted their hearts washed from sin.

How did this prepare the way for the Saviour? When people hate sin they are ready to love the Saviour from sin.

What would Jesus do that John could not? Forgive and wash away sin.

How would he do this? With the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Who came to hear John? The Pharisees and Sadducees.

What kind of men were they? Proud and sinful men.

What did John tell them? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

How did John speak to them of Jesus? He said he was not worthy even to untie Jesus' shoes.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Jesus has come to you? Did he find the way made ready for him?

To make ready for Jesus is to repent and turn away from your sins.

To repent is to feel sorry for sin, and not for the punishment of sin.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Repentance.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What do you mean by being born in sin? We are all born self-willed, and, but for the grace of God, inclined only to evil.

A LITTLE COMFORTER.

A LADY who had charge of young persons not of kindred blood, became, on one occasion, perplexed with regard to her duty. She retired to her own room to meditate, and being grieved in spirit, laid her head upon a table and wept bitterly. She scarcely perceived her little daughter seated quietly in the corner. Unable longer to bear the sight of her mother's distress, she stole quietly to her side, and taking her hand in both of her own, said:

"Mamma, once you taught me a pretty hymn:

"If e'er you meet with trials
Or troubles on the way,
Then cast your cares on Jesus,
And don't forget to pray."

The counsel of the little monitor was taken, and relief came. The mother was repaid for rightly training her child, by having her become her blessed teacher.

"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, God hath ordained praise."