

IN SUMMER TIME.

FLOWERS and fruits of the summer,
Can you hear us children shout,
When, over the fields and hillsides,
We seek and find you out?

Do you blackberries know how you glisten?
You raspberries know how you glow?
Or you gooseberries know how you prickle?
If not—then you ought to know.

Do you hide from us, ever, on purpose,
And, deep in the green, keep still?
Or is it quite social and pleasant
When basket and pail we fill?

And the bumble-bees—how can you bear
them?
Well, sometimes I think it is true
They have their sharp stings for us people,
And only their velvet for you.

And how do you berries, I wonder,
Feel, spread on a beautiful dish,
All covered with sugar? That strikes me
As just what a berry would wish.

It's a sort of reward, I am thinking,
That every good berry should meet;
And yet, I'm not sure we should like it,
To be—so delicious to eat!

—St. Nicholas.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

B.C. 1023.] LESSON VI. [Aug. 10.

ABSALOM'S REBELLION.

2 Sam. 15. 1-14. Commit to memory verses 4-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that
thy days may be long upon the land which
the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exod. 20. 12.

OUTLINE.

1. A False Prince, v. 1-6.
2. A Lying Son, v. 7-9.
3. A Foul Conspiracy, v. 10-14.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did Absalom prepare for himself?
Horses and chariots and fifty men.

Why did he do this? To attract the
attention of the people.

What was a great luxury in those days?
Horses; only kings possessed them.

Where did Absalom place himself?
Beside the road to the gate.

Why did he do this? To meet the
people going to the king.

What did the king hold by the gate early
in the morning? A sort of court to grant
judgments.

How did Absalom gain the hearts of the
people? By flattery and false sympathy.

What did Absalom pretend to David?
That he wanted to go to Hebron to keep
his vow.

What was his real object? To call
the people together and make himself king.

What did David say to him? "Go in
peace."

How many men did Absalom take with
him out of Jerusalem? Two hundred.

For whom did Absalom send to help him?
Ahithophel, David's counsellor.

What did Absalom send throughout the
tribes of Israel? Spies, to help his cause.

How were the people to know when
Absalom was proclaimed king? When the
trumpets sounded.

Who brought the bad news to David?
A messenger.

What did David do? He fled from
Jerusalem.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Absalom wanted to be king, so,

He deceived the people.

He rebelled against his father.

He sinned against God.

Do you like your own way?

Would you like to do just as you please?

If you cannot obey your parents, how
will you obey God?

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord,
for this is right."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Filial rever-
ence.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Solomon? David's son, the
wisest of men, and the king who built the
temple.

Who was Elijah? The prophet who was
carried to heaven in a chariot of fire.

B.C. 1023.] LESSON VII. [Aug. 17.

ABSALOM'S DEATH.

2 Sam. 18. 24-33. Commit to memory verses 32, 33.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Whoso curseth father or mother, let him
die the death. Mark 7. 10.

OUTLINE.

1. A Father's Anxiety, v. 24-31.

2. A Father's Agony, v. 32, 33.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What took place between the armies of
Absalom and David? A great battle.

Who were defeated? The Israelites
under Absalom.

Who was killed? David's son, Absalom.

Where was David watching for news of
the battle? In the tower-house between
the two gates.

What did the watchman see in the
distance? Two men running singly.

Of what was this a sign? That David's
army had won the victory.

What did Ahimaaz call out to the king
before reaching him? "All is well."

What did he tell David when he fell on
his face before him? That God had
delivered up the men who were against
their king.

What was David's first question? "Is
Absalom safe?"

Why did Ahimaaz answer as in verse 29?
He did not have courage to tell the whole
truth.

Why did David tell him to turn aside?
So as to hear the news from the second
runner.

What was Cush's news? "The Lord
hath avenged thee this day of all them
that rose up against thee."

What did the king say unto Cush? "Is
the young man Absalom safe?"

What was Cush's answer? "The
enemies of my lord the king be as that
young man is."

What did this answer tell David? That
Absalom was dead. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]

What did David do? He went up to
the chamber over the gate, and went for
Absalom.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Away from God—

Absalom found sin, trouble, and a shame-
ful death.

With God—

You will find peace, happiness, and a
heavenly home.

"The wicked is driven away in his
wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in
his death.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Parental res-
ponsibility.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Daniel? The prophet who,
because he would not give up praying to
God; was cast into a den of lions; and who
was preserved unhurt.

Who were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-
nego? Three young Israelites who, because
they would not worship an image, were
cast into a fiery furnace, but yet were not
burned.

THE VERDICT OF A LITTLE LADY.

LITTLE Lillie D., just four years old, was
looking out of the front window the other
day, and hearing some of the company
around her remark on the handsome ap-
pearance of some passing person, gave her
opinion on this wise: "I sinks any gemman
wid a cigar in his mouth always looks ugly!"