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THE WRITING ON THE SHORE.

READ one morning on the sand,
and written by a childish hand,
truth the billows cannot teach—
truth past human wisdom's reach—
God is love.

seemed a very angel's trace,
God's footprint in that lonely place;
brightened up the sea and sky;
and glad I was I could reply,
God is love.

and much I thanked my little friend,
who thus her joyous creed had penned;
and may she know for evermore
the truth she wrote upon the shore—
God is love.

the tide will come again to-day,
and wash that lovely print away;
at death and hell cannot erase
the charter of the child of grace—
God is love.

DO RIGHT.

WHILE others early learn to swear,
And curse, and lie, and steal;
Lord, I am taught thy name to fear,
And do thy holy will."



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SLEIGH BELLS.

How many boys and girls know how sleigh bells are made? The little iron ball is too big to be put in through the holes in the bell, and yet it is inside. How did it get there?

This little iron ball is called "the jinglet." When you shake the sleigh bell it jingles.

When the horse trots, the bells jingle, jingle, jingle. In making the bell, this jinglet is put inside a little ball of mud just the shape of the bell. Then a mould is made just the shape of the outside of the bell. The mud ball with the jinglet side, is placed in the mould of the outside, and the melted metal is poured in, which fills up the space between the ball and the mould.

When the mould is taken off, you see a sleigh bell, but it will not ring as it is full of dirt. The hot metal dries the dirt that the bell is made of, so it can be shaken out. After the dirt is all shaken out of the holes in the bell, the little iron jinglet will still be in the bell, and will ring.

It took a good many years to think out how to make a sleigh bell.

HELPS TO HOME STUDY.

WHERE was Jesus born? Where was his home during his childhood?

Why did men despise and reject him? Who plotted to take his life? Who betrayed him? When and where was he arrested? Before whom was he tried? Who sentenced him to death? How was he treated? Where was he crucified? What strange things happened that day? Where is Jesus now? Do you love and obey him? Are you saved?