

SHOWER AND FLOWER.

Downs the little drops patter,
Making a musical clatter,
Out of the clouds they throng,
Freshness of heaven they scatter,
Little dark rootlets among.
"Coming to visit you, posies!
Open your hearts to us, roses!"
That is the raindrops' song.

Up the little seed rises:
Buds of all colours and sizes
Clamber up out of the ground.
Gently the blue sky surprises
The earth with that soft, rushing sound
"Welcome"—the brown bees are humming:
"Come, for we wait for your coming!"
Whisper the wild flowers around.

"Shower, it is pleasant to hear you!"
"Flower, it is sweet to be near you!"
This is the song everywhere.
Listen! the music will cheer you!
Raindrop and blossom, so fair,
Gladly are meeting together,
Out in the beautiful weather;
Oh, the sweet song in the air.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

A.D. 96-98.] LESSON IX. [Nov. 28.

JOHN'S VISION OF CHRIST.

Rev. 1. 4-18. Commit to memory vs. 4-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Rev. 1. 18.

OUTLINE.

1. The Salutation, v. 4-8.
2. The Vision, v. 9-18.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where was John sent as a prisoner in his old age? To the island of Patmos.

Why was he sent there? For telling people about Jesus.

Who appeared to him? Jesus, the Son of man.

What did he tell him to do? To write what he saw in a book.

To whom was the book to be sent? To the seven churches of Asia.

What did John see? Seven golden candlesticks, and Jesus in the midst.

What was the dress of Jesus? A long robe fastened with a belt of gold.

What was white as snow? His head and his hair.

What were like flames of fire? His eyes.

How did his voice sound? As the voice of many waters,

What was in his right hand? Seven stars.

What seemed to come from his mouth? A sharp, two-edged sword.

What was bright with heavenly glory? His face.

To what did John compare it? To the sun when it shone brightest.

How was John affected by the vision of Jesus? He fell, as if dead, at his feet.

What did Jesus do? He laid his hand upon him, saying, "Fear not."

What did he tell him? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

When shall every eye see Jesus in his glory? When he comes to earth upon the clouds of heaven.

For what shall the earth tremble and mourn? For its sins.

Who will be glad to see Jesus? Those who love and obey him.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

No one but John ever caught a glimpse of the wonderful beauty, greatness, and power of Jesus after he went up in the clouds.

We can never imagine how beautiful he was, nor can we understand the vision; but, darlings, this wonderful being he saw was the very same Jesus who "died for us," and "came to life" again, and "is alive for evermore," our own Saviour, so we need not feel frightened when we study this lesson. After all he suffered, are you not glad he is so glorious now?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The glorious Trinity.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What did the Lord say about children before he went up to heaven? He said to St. Peter, "Feed my lambs."

May children receive the Holy Ghost? Yes: for God has promised to pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, and his blessing upon the offspring of his people.

A.D. 96-98.] LESSON X. [Dec. 5.

WORSHIPPING GOD AND THE LAMB.

Rev. 5. 1-14. Commit to memory verses 11-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Rev. 5. 13.

OUTLINE.

1. The Book, v. 1-4.
2. The Lamb, v. 5-8.
3. The Song, v. 9-14.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Whom did John see sitting upon the

throne of heaven? God, the Creator of all things.

What did he hold in his right hand? A book sealed with seven seals.

What was written in the book? Salvation for men.

Why did John weep? Because no one in heaven or on earth could open it.

What did the elders tell John? Weep not, for there is one that can open the book.

Who was that one? Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Why had he power to open it? Because he was worthy.

What did he do? He took the book from the right hand of God.

Who fell down and worshipped him? The four living creatures, and the four and twenty elders.

What was the new song they sang? Worthy art thou to take the book.

Why was he worthy? Because he bought with his own blood people of every tribe and nation.

Who joined in the new song? Thousands and thousands of angels.

What did they sing? "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

Of what was he worthy? "To receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

What was the song of every thing that God had made? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

John, in one of his visions, saw the throne of God, and heard the "new song," which they were singing in honour of Jesus. First, nearest to the throne, sang those whose sins Jesus had washed away. The song they sang is the ninth verse of our lesson. Next, he heard the voice of thousands and thousands of angels; their song is the twelfth verse.

Then every creature in heaven and earth took up the chorus, and sang our GOLDEN TEXT. Do you want to sing the "new song?" You cannot if you do not begin it here. What will become of those who cannot sing it?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Redemption by the blood of the Lamb.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

By what sign is it shown that the Lord is the Saviour of children? Children are baptised "into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

What is "the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?" The name of one God in three Persons, blessed for evermore.