

The Elementary School

TWO STORIES FOR GRADE I.

I.—The Good Shepherd

There was once a kind shepherd. He had many sheep and lambs. He loved his sheep and took care of them.

The sheep lived in the fields all summer. The shepherd watched over them all day.

At night he drove them home. He put them in the sheep fold.

One day there was a storm. The snow began to fall. The shepherd drove the sheep home. Then he sat down to rest.

One of the sheep began to call. She could not find her little lamb. She cried and cried for it.

The shepherd looked for the lamb, but it was not in the fold. It was out in the storm. The shepherd put on his coat. He went out into the storm.

The wind blew and the snow fell, and he was cold and wet. He looked and listened but he could not find the lamb.

He went into the woods but he could not find it there. He crossed the river and climbed the hill, but he could not find it. The sky grew dark and the night was coming on. still he looked for the little lamb.

He climbed the mountain. He looked on this side and that. At last he heard a little cry. "That is the poor lost lamb," he said. He hurried to find it.

It was lying on the wet ground. It was cold and hungry, and nearly dead.

He took off his coat and put it around the little lamb. He lifted it in his strong arms. He carried it back to his home. He put it before the fire so that it might get warm. Then he gave it milk to drink.

The little lamb loved the shepherd. Do you think it ever wandered away again?

II.—Baby Jane.

Little Baby Jane ran away—
She went to see her grandma.
Ruth was not looking,
Jack was not looking,
Mother was busy baking bread,
And so Baby Jane ran away.

She met a little brown dog.
She said, "Bye-bye doggie,
Baby Jane is going to see grandma."
The little dog said "Bow-wow,"
And Baby Jane ran on.

She met a little kitten,
She said, "Bye-bye, little kitten!
I am going to see grandma."
The kitten said, "Mee-ow!"
Baby Jane ran on.

She met a little boy.
The little boy said, "Good morning,
Baby Jane. Where are you going?"
Baby Jane said, "Bye-bye
I am going to see grandma."
So she ran on and on.

She saw a pretty flower,
It was yellow and green.
She plucked it and held it in her hand.
"I will give it to grandma," she said,
So she ran on.

She met a big girl who said,
"Where are you going, Baby Jane?
I think you are lost."
Baby Jane said "I am going to grandma's—

Please take me to grandma's."
So the big girl took her hand and they
went down the road to grandma's
house.

When grandma saw her she said,
"Baby Jane! Baby Jane! how did
you get here, Baby Jane? Did
you run away?"

Baby Jane said, "Grandma, give
Baby Jane some cake. Grandma
tell Baby Jane a story."

So grandma gave her some cake
and told her a long story,
Then she took Baby Jane home.