

TWO PENNIES.

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Two beautiful shining pennies,  
Eright and yellow and new !  
Don't tell me about the heathen ;  
I want them myself, I do.

I want a top and some marbles,  
A sword, and a gun that shoots ;  
A candy cane and a trumpet,  
A knife, and a pair of boots.

But then, what if I were a heathen,  
With no precious Bible to tell  
The story of Jesus, our Saviour,  
Who loved little children so well !

For Jesus, you know, may be asking  
This question of you and me ;  
"Did you carry my love to your brothers  
And sisters 'way over the sea ?"

I guess you may send my pennies :  
Perhaps in some way they will grow ;  
For little brooks grow to be rivers,  
And pennies make dollars, you know.

I'm not very wise, but there's one thing,  
I think, must be certainly true :  
If little boys ought to give pennies,  
Big men should give dollars, don't you ?

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON X.—DECEMBER 6.

SOLOMON'S WISE CHOICE.

1 Kings 3. 4-15. Memorize verses 12, 13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning  
of wisdom.—Prov. 9. 10.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

How long did David reign over his  
people? Who was king in his place?  
Was he a good king? Whom did he try  
to be like? How was he different?  
Where did David offer his sacrifices?  
Why should Solomon have done so too?  
(See Reading for Wednesday.) What  
high place was the greatest? What were  
set up there? What was to Solomon  
there? A vision. Who spoke to him?  
What did he say? What did Solomon  
ask? Did this please the Lord? What  
did he tell Solomon? What did Solomon  
gain? Three things more than he asked.  
What did Solomon do when he came home  
to Jerusalem? What should we seek  
first? The kingdom of God.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses. 1 Kings  
3. 4-15.

Tues. Learn how Solomon sacrificed.  
1 Kings 3. 2. 3.

Wed. Find why it was a mistake to go to  
the high places. Deut. 12. 2-6.

Thur. Learn what we must have to be  
wise. Golden Text.

Fri. Learn the promise which Solomon  
proved. Matt. 5. 5.

Sat. Find who has a promise of long  
life. Psa. 91. 16.

Sun. Learn the truth about wisdom.  
Prov. 8. 11.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—

1. That God has great gifts for his children.
2. That he longs to give them.
3. That he waits to find those who will use them wisely.

LESSON XI—DECEMBER 13

THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE.

1 Kings 8. 1-11, 62. 63. Memorize verses  
9-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let  
us go into the house of the Lord.—Psa.  
122. 1.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

How long was the temple in building?  
How many men were at work? About  
one hundred and eighty-five thousand men.  
Where did many work? In the forests  
of Lebanon. Where were others? In  
the quarries and workshops. For whom  
was the house prepared? What sign of  
his presence was there? The ark of the  
covenant. When did another sign of his  
presence come into the temple? After  
the ark came in. What was it? A  
cloud. Who gave the house to God in a  
prayer? Have we each a temple to give  
to God? Have we given it to him? Who  
blessed the people? What were offered  
to God? What sacrifices can we offer?  
What is better than sacrifice? Obedience.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read how the Lord showed his  
presence. 1 Kings 8. 10-13.

Tues. Learn why we may expect God to  
be in his house. Psa. 68. 16.

Wed. Read the lesson verses from your  
Bible. 1 Kings 8. 1-11, 62, 63.

Thur. Learn a verse to say when you enter  
church. Hab. 2. 20.

Fri. Learn the Golden Text.

Sat. Learn how to treat the human  
temple of God. 1 Cor. 3. 16,  
17.

Sun. Ask, "Have I given my temple to  
God?"

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—

1. That God loves to live among his people.

2. That we each are a temple of his  
Spirit.

3. That where he lives is great peace  
and blessing.

IN A CHINESE NURSERY.

If you were to hear a Chinese mother  
singing or repeating her "Mother Goose"  
rhymes to her "wee ones," you would soon  
understand that the same mother heart  
beats beneath the curious clothes of the  
Chinese parent, and that the Chinese  
children are mischievous and lovable, just  
as the home-land babies are.

Your little Chinese brother would not  
put his "piggies" up for his mother to  
count when his strange little shoe was re-  
moved, but he would wiggle his toes, and  
crow and laugh in just the same fashion  
when his mother says:

"This little cow eats grass,  
This little cow eats hay,  
This little cow drinks water,  
This little cow runs away,  
This little cow does nothing  
But just lie down all day."

The Chinese version of "Pat-a-cake,"  
however, is not nearly so good as yours,  
and I have had yours translated to teach  
the Chinese child in the place of their  
own. This is what theirs says:

"Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,  
Little boy fair,  
There's a priest in the temple  
Without any hair.  
You take a tile  
And I'll take a brick  
And we'll hit the priest  
In the back of the neck."

You see that this is not very kind, and  
we wish to teach these little children to  
love and help other people, and never to  
injure them. When the Chinese mother  
cuddles her baby up in her arms, she calls  
him her "siao pao-pei," which means her  
"little precious." I am very sorry to tell  
you that very many Chinese babies do not  
get loved and petted, but some do, and I  
had the pleasure of being in a home the  
other day where a little girl was treated  
just as tenderly as if her mother were a  
foreign woman, but the reason for this was  
that she had heard and believed the story  
of Jesus, and was a Christian mother.—  
*Junior Builders.*

A THANKFUL LITTLE BOY.

I'm grateful for most everything:  
For flowers that bloom and birds that  
sing;

For sweet, fresh air and sunshine bright  
For stars that twinkle in the night;  
For all my toys and every pet;  
For parents dear, who ne'er forget  
Their little boy; and, up above,  
For Jesus watching me in love.