

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN.

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God bless and keep our children
From every evil snare,
And guide their little footsteps
Up virtue's golden stair.

God bless and lead our children,
Through all their days of youth,
In wisdom's ways of pleasantness,
Of honour, love and truth.

God bless and save our children
From sorrow, vice and crime,
And in their young and tender years
Their souls to right incline.

God bless and guide our children
To usefulness and trust
And when this life is ended
To crowns that never rust.

God bless and take our children,
Should any of them die,
To swell the song of gladness—
The chorus of the sky.

Oh, hear our prayer, dear Father,
Bring us when life is o'er
And all our loved together
To live forevermore.

With all the saints in glory
Beneath thine own roof-tree,
To celebrate forever
God's love and sovereignty.

DO YOU KNOW—

To whom was Joseph sold? How did he serve his master? Faithfully. Why was he put into prison? How did he bear this trouble?

Why did King Pharaoh bring Joseph out of prison? What did God help Joseph to do?

What did the king see? That Joseph was wise and good. What did he give him? Over what did he make him ruler? What was the name of Joseph's wife? What new name was given to Joseph? (Gen. 41. 45.) How old was Joseph now? What work did he begin to do?

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That God honours those who trust him. Psalm 37. 34.

That God will bless me if I keep his way. Psalm 37. 5.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What do you mean by being saved? Through what Jesus Christ has done for us, we may obtain forgiveness of sin, and holiness, and heaven.

But will he save all mankind? We can be saved only by repenting and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

B.C. 1706.] LESSON V. [April 29.

JOSEPH FORGIVING HIS BRETHREN.

Gen. 45. 1-15. Memory verses, 3-5.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. —Luke 17. 3.

OUTLINE.

1. A Forgiving Brother, v. 1-8
2. A Loving Son, v. 9-15.

EVERY-DAY HELPS.

Mon. Find how Joseph made himself known. Gen. 45. 1-15.

Tues. See how Jesus made himself known. John 20. 19-29.

Wed. Find how Joseph treated his brothers. Gen. 44. 19-34.

Thur. Find who really sent Joseph to Egypt. Gen. 45. 8.

Fri. See how sin will follow us. Gen. 42. 21, 22.

Sat. Tell someone the story of Joseph.

Sun. Learn how to treat those who harm us. Golden Text.

DO YOU KNOW—

Where was the famine? What was stored up in Egypt? What wise man thought to do this? Joseph.

Where were Joseph's people still living? What did they think about Joseph? Why did Jacob send his sons to Egypt? Which one stayed at home? Why? (Gen. 42. 4.) Who met the brothers and knew them? What did he first want to find out? What did he learn before he told them who he was? Why were they troubled when they knew it was Joseph? How did he comfort them? What did he tell them to do? How did he show his love for them?

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That Jesus calls us brethren. Matt. 12. 49
That Joseph "paid back" in the right way. Matt. 5. 44.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is it to repent? To repent is to be sorry for my sins, to confess and turn from them, and to seek forgiveness from God.

"HE DIDN'T LAUGH AT ME."

"MAMMA," said Edith the other day, "I don't like boys, I'm glad I haven't a little brother."

"Why, Edith?"

"Because they always tease little girls so, and make them cry; and then they laugh at them."

"Do all the little boys laugh at you when you cry?"

"Yes, all but Robbie Shiver. I fell down at school the other day, and hurt my head; and they just laughed at me—all but Robbie, and he came and helped me up, and said he was very sorry I was hurt, and he didn't laugh a bit."

"That certainly was very nice of Robbie," said mamma, as she gave Edith's cheek a kiss.

"Yes, mamma, Robbie Shiver is the only boy that I really like, because he never laughs at me."

That was a great compliment to Robbie. It shows that he is a gentle boy, and when he grows up he will be a gentle man, or gentleman. Little boys who are rude to their sisters or to other little girls, and who love to tease them and laugh at them, ought to think of this; and if they want to be gentlemen when they grow up, they ought to begin now by being gentle boys. —The Picture World.

LOST IN SIGHT OF HOME.

A FEW months ago, during one of the severe storms that visited Colorado, a young man perished in sight of home. In his bewilderment he passed and repassed his own cottage, to lie down and die almost in range with the "light in the window," which his young wife had placed there to guide him home. All alone, she watched the long night through, listening in vain for the footsteps that would come no more, for, long before the morning dawned, the icy touch of death had forever stilled that warm, loving heart. The sad death was made still sadder by the fact that he was lost in sight of home, lost when he had almost reached the haven of safety and rest. How many wanderers from the Father's house are lost in sight of home! in the full glare of the Gospel light! They have an open Bible, overflowing with its calls and promises, the faithful warnings from the sacred desk, the manifestations of God's providence, all tending to direct their steps heavenward, and yet they turn away, waiting for the more convenient season, and are lost at last in sight of the many mansions.—Forward.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

OLD TESTAMENT TEACHINGS.

B.C. 1715.] LESSON IV. [April 22.

JOSEPH RULER IN EGYPT.

Gen. 41. 38-48. Memory verses, 38-40.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Them that honour me I will honour.— Sam. 2. 30.

OUTLINE.

1. King Pharaoh, v. 38-44.
2. Prince Joseph, v. 45-48.

EVERY-DAY HELPS.

Mon. Read about Joseph, a servant. Gen. 39. 1-6.

Tues. Find how Joseph worked in prison. Gen. 39. 20-23.

Wed. Learn how Joseph helped the king. Gen. 41. 25-36.

Thur. Find how the king helped Joseph. Gen. 41. 38-48.

Fri. Learn whom God will honour. Golden Text.

Sat. Learn what Joseph proved true. Gen. 39. 13.

Sun. Think, would you like to be like Joseph.