

**"THOU GOD SEEST ME."**

God can see me every day,  
When I work and when I play,  
When I read and when I talk,  
When I run and when I walk,  
When I eat and when I drink,  
When I sit and only think;  
When I laugh and when I cry,  
God is ever watching nigh.

When I'm quiet, when I'm rude,  
When I'm naughty, when I'm good,  
When I'm happy, when I'm sad,  
When I'm sorry, when I'm glad;  
When I pluck the scented rose  
That in my neat garden grows;  
When I crush the tiny fly,  
God is watching from the sky.

When the sun gives heat and light,  
When the stars are twinkling bright,  
When the moon shines on my bed,  
God still watches o'er my head;  
Night or day, at church, at prayer,  
God is ever, ever near,  
Marking all I do or say,  
Pointing to the happy way.

**LESSON NOTES.**

**FOURTH QUARTER.**

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT FROM  
ISAIAH TO MALACHI.

**LESSON V.—October 29.**

**POWER THROUGH GOD'S SPIRIT.**

Zech. 4. 1-10. Memorize verses 8-10.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.—Zech. 4. 6.

**THE LESSON STORY.**

The enemies of the Jews hindered and troubled them so much that after a while they became discouraged and stopped work on the Lord's house. Some of their enemies had taken evil tidings to Cyrus, the king of Babylon, who had urged them to build the temple, and he had taken back his promise, and now for fourteen years there had been no work done on the Lord's house. God sent a message of help to them by the prophet Haggai. He told them to be strong and that God would surely help them, but they looked at the strength of their enemies and did not remember the strength of the most high God. After a time God sent another message to them by the prophet Zechariah. This was especially to show them where they could find help and strength, and it was a message of triumph. An angel brought the message to Zechariah, and he took it to the people. He saw in a vision a candlestick of pure gold having seven lamps and seven pipes running to the lamps. This was a picture of the pure service of the Lord and the light and

cheer it gives. It showed, too, that he means his people to be lights in the world, but that they do not have to make their own light. The pipes which carried the oil showed that God had made a way to carry his own Spirit to the hearts of his people, and this Holy Spirit, the emblem of his love and truth, is the power through which trouble and danger are overcome. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

**QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.**

1. Who was the leader of the Jews? Zerubbabel.
2. What did the Lord send to him? A message.
3. What for? To encourage him.
4. Who showed Zechariah, the prophet, a vision? An angel.
5. What did he see in the vision? A gold candlestick.
6. What was upon it? Seven lamps.
7. Of what were the lamps a sign? Of God's light and truth.
8. What led to the lamps? Seven pipes.
9. What fed the lamps? The oil going through the pipes.
10. Of what was this a sign? Of the Holy Spirit.
11. What is stronger than men's might? The Spirit of God.
12. How may we have his Spirit? By asking for it.

**LESSON VI.—November 5.**

**ESTHER PLEADING FOR HER PEOPLE.**

Esth. 4. 10 to 5. 3. Memorize verses 13, 14.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

The Lord preserveth all them that love him.—Psa. 145. 20.

**THE LESSON STORY.**

The story of the beautiful young Jewess, Esther, who had become the queen of Ahasuerus, the king of Persia, is a long one which you should read carefully. When Esther's own people, the Jews, were in great danger, through the wicked plans laid by Haman, the prime minister of the king, she did not selfishly fold her hands, but she risked her own life to help them. When Mordecai begged her to bring Haman's evil plans before the king she sent word to him that she had not been called to come before the king for thirty days, and that if she went without being called she might be put to death. But Mordecai, her uncle, who loved her dearly, said, "Who knoweth but thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Esther knew that the king loved her, but she did not trust to this. She asked that all the Jews in Shushan would neither eat or drink for three days, while they asked God to bless and help her. She said that she and her maidens would

do the same. And then she would go before the king uncalled, and "If I perish, I perish," she said. There was a law that if the king held out the golden sceptre at such a time it would show that he was not angry.

On the third day Esther put on her beautiful royal garments and stood in the court of the king's house, and he saw her standing there. How full of joy was Esther when the king held out the golden sceptre to her. She drew near and touched the top of the sceptre, and the king said, "What wilt thou, Queen Esther, and what is thy request? It shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom." Then, Queen Esther, and what is thy request? It shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom."

**QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.**

1. Who was Queen Esther? A Jewess.
2. Who had brought her up? Her uncle Mordecai.
3. Why did the king of Persia choose her for queen? She was so good and beautiful.
4. What enemy had the Jews? Haman.
5. Who was Haman? The king's prime minister.
6. What did he want to do? Get all the Jews killed.
7. Did Haman know that Esther was a Jewess? No, he did not.
8. What did Mordecai ask Esther to do? To try to save her people.
9. What did she know? That she might die if she went to the king.
10. What did she ask all the Jews to do? To fast three days.
11. What did this show? That she wanted help from God.
12. How did God help her? By giving her the king's favor.

**TWO SIDES OF A PLUM.**

A little boy came out from dinner one day, saying, "Papa, I had a plum, and half of it was bad!" The boy spoke as a pessimist. An optimist would have said, "I had a plum, and half of it was good." Here lies the difference between happiness and misery. When we fix our thoughts on the bad half of the plum, we are wretched. When we forget the bad half and enjoy the good half, we are serene and comfortable. All life proves in experience to be the little lad's plum. Both success and happiness lie in fixing the mind and heart on the good half. One may cherish such a faith in God and the future as will turn all that we term drudgery into a delightful joy.

If a little boy who had never seen the snow should ask you to tell him about it, what do you think you would say?