

A BOY'S VALENTINE.

I MIGHT begin—"The rose is red"  
(Though that is not so very new),  
Or this the boys all think is good;  
"If you love me as I love you."

But—seems to me—a valentine  
Is nicer when you do not say  
The same old thing that everyone  
Keeps saying in the same old way.

And I asked Jane the other night  
What grown-up people write about.  
She would not answer me at first,  
But laughed till I began to pout.

That stopped her, for she saw; I meant  
The question (and she will not tease).  
"Why, love," she said, "and shining eyes,  
A kiss, soft hair—just what they please."

It can't be hard, if that is all,  
So I'll begin by saying this,  
"To my dear lady beautiful  
I send a valentine and kiss.

"The valentine because she has  
The loveliest hair and gentlest eyes,  
The kiss because I love her more  
Than any one beneath the skies;

"Because she is the kindest, best,  
The sweetest lady ever known,  
And every year I'll say the same,  
The very same to her alone!"

There! Now it's finished. Who will do?  
I've thought of one and then another,  
Who, is there like it? Why of course,  
I'll send it right away to mother!

What good man sometimes yielded to  
Satan? David.

Who came to show him his sin when he  
had yielded? The Holy Spirit.

Who can forgive sin? God alone.

Whom does the Lord declare to be blessed?  
He whose sin is forgiven.

What is unforgiven sin like? A heavy  
burden.

To whom should sin be confessed? To  
the Lord.

What should then be done? It should be  
forsaken.

What will God do for one who confesses  
and forsakes sin? He will forgive his sin.

Why did Jesus die on the cross? So  
that sinners might be forgiven.

Who is the hiding-place from sin and  
trouble? The Lord.

Who has promised to teach and guide us?  
The Lord.

Who will have many sorrows? The  
wicked.

Who may be glad and rejoice? All the  
righteous.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

WHAT IS SIN?

- A cloud to shut out the light of love.
- A burden that weighs one down.
- A pain that hurts both body and soul.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH SIN?

- Confess it to God, and forsake it.
- Ask God to take away the cloud, the burden, the pain.
- Watch the Lord to see which way he will have us go.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

21. What is the state of those who do not forsake their sins and believe in Jesus Christ? The wrath of God abideth on them.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Peace in God.

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DAVID'S REBELLIOUS SON.

2 Sam. 15. 1-2. Commit to mem. vs. 4-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exod. 20, 12.

OUTLINE.

- 1. Policy, v. 1-6.
- 2. Conspiracy, v. 7-12.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who was Absalom? King David's son. For what was he noted? For his great beauty.

What was his character? He was vain and envious.

What kind of a son was he? A bad son.

What did he want to be? King of Israel.

How did he treat the people of Jerusalem? Very kindly.

Did he have love in his heart? No; he was deceitful.

What did he succeed in doing? Making the people love him.

What did some of them think? That Absalom was better than David.

Where did Absalom then go? To Hebron.

Who gave him permission to go? David.

What wicked plan had he? To declare himself king.

How did he call the people to him? By the sound of the trumpet.

What did he tell the people to cry when they heard it? "Absalom reigneth in Hebron."

How did David feel when he heard this? Very much grieved.

What did he do? He fled from Jerusalem.

Who went with him? His faithful friends.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Good King David loved his beautiful but wicked son, Absalom.

God, our King and Father, loves us, his rebellious children.

Absalom's sin grieved his father David. Our sin grieves our Father, God.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

22. Why does not God take away the wicked at once? He gives sinners time to repent.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Ingratitude to God.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

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SIN, FORGIVENESS AND PEACE.

Page 32. 1-11. Commit to mem. vs. 1, 2.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5. 1.

OUTLINE.

- 1. The Confession of Sin, v. 1-5.
- 2. The Joy of Forgiveness, v. 6-11.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who often tempts good people to do wrong? Satan.

When will Satan flee from us? When we resist him.

"I DON'T CARE."

BERTIE is a little boy who has a bad way of saying "I don't care." One day Aunt Nell said to him, "Bertie, will you do an errand for me?"

"Oh yes, ma'am!" cried he; "what is it?"

"Take your naughty 'Don't care' away up in the garret and hide it."

Bertie laughed, and then looked sober. Then he said, "I will, Aunt Nell;" and away he ran. He must have hidden it very carefully, for he hasn't found it yet. Now, if any more of our little ones have such naughty things, we hope they will hide them too.—Selected.