

children riding on camels and donkeys, while the men walked. It took the procession four months to reach the city. Then Ezra wrote in his book the story of the journey. On one page he says that God was with them and kept them so safely that even the wild beasts and robbers were afraid when they saw them.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Ezra? Ans.—A writer of God's laws. 2. What did he want to do? Ans.—To go to Jerusalem as a missionary. 3. Who gave him money and leave? Ans.—The heathen king. 4. In what condition was Jerusalem? Ans.—In a wicked condition. 5. Who went to help Ezra? Ans.—Singers and priests and other workers. 6. What did they do before starting? Ans.—They prayed to God to take care of them. 7. Why did they need to be taken care of? Ans.—The desert was full of wild beasts and robbers. 8. Did God take care of them? Ans.—Yes. 9. How do we know? Ans.—Because Ezra says so in his book, and they all got to Jerusalem safely.

My Papa

Little Mary was afraid to go upstairs in the dark. Her brother had told her that a great black wolf was watching for her on the landing.

Father was sitting on the back verandah and Mary wanted to give him the drawings she had made in the afternoon; but, alas! they were upstairs and there was no way of getting there except to pass the terrible wolf. At last she said, "Papa, when are you going upstairs?" "What for?" said Papa. "Oh, nothing, I thought you might

be going up. How do wolves get in, Papa?" "What wolves?" he asked, and Mary told what Ted had said. "Come," said her father, "we'll see about this." Some way it didn't seem so dark now, and holding his hand very tight, she started up the stairs. Yes, there was something breathing. It seemed to be drawing back and trying to look smaller. Then Mary burst out laughing. It was only Ted who, when he saw Papa, forgot to growl or bite. Mary felt safe because her papa was by her.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God is my Guide

Golden Text—The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him.—Ezra 8 : 22.

Catechism—53. What promise did Jesus make to His disciples when He was going away? Jesus promised to send them another Comforter or Helper, to remain with them forever.

54. Who is the Comforter or Helper whom Jesus promised to send to His disciples? The Holy Spirit is the Comforter whom Jesus promised to send.

Lesson Hymn

COURAGE, brother! do not stumble,
Though thy path be dark as night;
There's a star to guide the humble—
"Trust in God and do the right."

Some will hate thee, some will love thee,
Some will flatter, some will slight;
Cease from man, and look above thee,—
"Trust in God and do the right."

Amen.

—Hymn 275, Book of Praise.