

ROY'S WISH.

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"I wish I was a little dog,"
Roy, pouting, said one day
To mamma, who'd refused him leave
Out in the rain to play,
'Cause little dogs don't have to ask
Their mamma if they may,
But go just where they want to go,
And always have their way!"
And then he pouted all the more,
Stamped loud, and kicked against the
door.

Mamma looked grieved, yet no reply
Her naughty boy she made;
But when 'twas supper-time Roy's plate
At table was not laid;
Yet on the hearth he saw it placed,
With scraps of meat and bread,
His pretty silver cup, with milk
Close by, where Jip was fed.

A moment more, two chubby arms
Round mamma's neck were pressed,
A little boy with golden hair
Was sobbing on her breast.

"I—don't—don't—want—to—be—to—
be—
A—dog—gie—any—more!"
Sobbed little Roy, as though his heart
Were smitten to the core.
Then mamma said, "I'm glad to find
My little boy has changed his mind!"
And gently kissed the tears away,
While Roy was soon absorbed in play.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON IV.—OCTOBER 25.

DAVID'S JOY OVER FORGIVENESS.

Psa. 32. Memorize verses 5-7.
GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.—Psa. 32. 1.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What did David do when he saw his sin? He confessed it. Had he tried to hide it? Why could he not long hide it? What was his relation to God? Could he live without him? What did he write first? What is it in our Bible? The fifty-first psalm. What did he next write? Psalm 32. Did the Lord read David's heart? What did he see in David's heart? Could he then give him full forgiveness? Yes. What song did he sing? (Verse 7.) What did the Lord say to him? (Verse 8.) What does David tell us to do? (Verse 11.)

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Learn against whom David had sinned. Psa. 51. 4.

Tues. Learn David's prayer. Psa. 51. 10.

Wed. Read the Lord's answer. Isa. 1. 18.

Thur. Read the thirty-second psalm.

Fri. Learn the Golden Text.

Sat. Read Nathan's parable. 2 Sam. 12. 1-6.

Sun. Read how David's heart turned to God. Psa. 73. 25, 26.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—

1. That God is faithful to forgive sin.
2. That he gives joy for sorrow.
3. That we should share the joy with others.

LESSON V.—NOVEMBER 1.

DAVID AND ABSALOM.

2 Sam. 15. 1-12. Memorize verses 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.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Who was the treacherous son of David? Absalom. How did Absalom look? What did he want to be? Had he ever done wrong? He had killed his brother Amnon. Where did he now live? In Jerusalem. What did he begin to do? Why? Did he really feel kind toward the people? What is the worst of sins? To seem to be good when we are not. What did Absalom ask of the king at last? What lie did he tell? What wicked plan was in his mind? Did the king know about it? What had Absalom failed to do? To ask counsel of God.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read about a very handsome young man. 2 Sam. 14. 25, 26.

Tues. Find that good looks may hide a bad heart. 2 Sam. 13. 26-28.

Wed. Read the lesson verses. 2 Sam. 15. 1-12.

Thur. Learn the Golden Text.

Fri. Find how David loved Absalom. 2 Sam. 13. 37.

Sat. Learn what Absalom found. Prov. 16. 18.

Sun. Find three sins that Absalom committed in this lesson.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—

1. That goodness and truth are more than beauty.
2. That the Lord looketh upon the heart.
3. That he will not let a deceitful heart have its own way.

God Almighty cares for me,
Gives me all I have of good.

WHAT AILED OLIVER.

"Get up, little boy! You are lying in bed too long. Breakfast will soon be ready. The canary-bird has taken his bath, and is singing a sweet song. Get up, get up, or I shall throw this pillow at you!" This is what sister Charlotte said to Oliver one morning.

When Oliver came down to the breakfast table his father said: "How is this, Oliver? You are late again."

Oliver hung his head, and Charlotte said: "I woke him in good time, father; but he went to sleep again the minute I left the room, though he promised to be up in five minutes."

"Come here, my boy, and let me feel your pulse," said his father. "I believe you are suffering from a disease which is very common at this time."

Oliver gave his hand to his father, who, after feeling his pulse, said: "Yes, it is as I thought; poor Oliver has Slack's disease. Take him up to bed again; keep his breakfast warm by the fire, and when he feels strong enough he may eat it. He may stay at home from school to-day."

The little boy went upstairs with his sister, and was put to bed. He could not sleep, however. He heard children playing out of doors; he heard Ponto barking, and Tommy, the canary, singing. He called his sister, and said: "Charlotte, what is Slack's disease? Is it dangerous?"

"I rather think not," said Charlotte. "You dear little simpleton, don't you know what father meant? He meant you were troubled with laziness, a sad complaint."

Oliver saw that a trick had been played on him. He jumped out of bed, dressed, ate his breakfast, and ran off to school. Since that day Oliver has been the first one up in the house.—*Selected.*

DO YOU SAY: "THANK YOU"?

When papa or mamma or any kind friend gives you a nice present, do you say: "Thank you"? You are certainly not very polite if you don't.

When God hears your prayers when you are sick, and makes you well again, do you always say: "Thank you"? If not, I am afraid you are very ungrateful. When you say,

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,"

and God takes care of you all night, do you say: "Thank you for keeping me all night."

When you pray in the morning, "Give us this day our daily bread," and God gives you all you want to eat during the day, do you thank him for this goodness in the evening?—*Olive Plants.*