

CHILDREN'S HYMN.

Our Father made the shining sky
That stretches out so far,
The glorious sun, the silver moon,
And ev'ry twinkling star.

Our Father made the thunder clouds,
The lightning swift and bright,
The rolling waves that on the shore
Come dashing in their might.

Our Father made the thunder-clouds,
Each green and spreading tree,
The little birds that on the boughs
Are singing cheerily.

Our Father made the wide, wide world,
And all that it contains;
And over all things, small and great,
For evermore he reigns.

If but a little sparrow falls
Our Father knows and cares,
And everything that lives and breathes
His love and pity shares.

But ah, for us he gave his Son—
His only Son—to die,
That we might have our sins forgiven,
And dwell with him on high.

Shall we not trust him? Shall not we
His gracious word obey,
Give him our heart, our life, our all,
And praise him day by day?

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

LESSONS IN THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS.

LESSON IX. [September 1.

ISAAC THE PEACEMAKER.

Gen. 26. 12-25. Memory verses, 24, 25.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.—Matt. 5. 9.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

Who was Isaac? Abraham's only son. Whom did he marry? Rebekah. In what land did Isaac live? In the land of the Philistines. Who were the Philistines? People who did not know Isaac's God. What made them envy Isaac? Because he grew so rich and great. What did their king at last tell Isaac to do? To go away from them. Where did he then pitch his tent? In the valley of Gerar. How did the Philistines make trouble for him? By spoiling his wells. How did Isaac bear it? Patiently. What does God want us all to be? Peacemakers. Who was pleased with Isaac's peaceable spirit? The Lord. Who came to make peace with him? The king of the Philistines. What are peacemakers called? "The children of God."

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Learn who became Isaac's wife.

Gen. 24. 63-67.

Tues. Find why Isaac lived in Gerar.

Gen. 26. 1-6.

Wed. Learn how Isaac was prospered.

Gen. 26. 12-14.

Thur. Read the lesson verses. Gen. 26.

16-25.

Fri. Learn the Golden Text.

Sat. Find how Isaac won his enemies.

Gen. 26. 26-31.

Sun. Learn how to meet ill-treatment.

Matt. 5. 44-48.

LESSON X. [September 8.

JACOB AT BETHEL.

Gen. 28. 10-22. Memory verses, 13-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Surely the Lord is in this place.—Gen. 28. 15.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

Where did Jacob and Esau live? In Beer-sheba. Who were their parents? Isaac and Rebekah. Where did Jacob go? To Haran. How far from home was this? Four hundred miles. Why did he go? Esau was angry with him. What did Rebekah fear? That Esau would kill Jacob. Where did Jacob sleep at night? What dream was sent to him? Who came and spoke to him there? What great promise was given to him? What surprised Jacob? To find God in that place. Can any one ever get away from God? What did Jacob name the place? Beth-el. What did he set up there? A stone to mark the place. Who is our ladder to heaven? Jesus.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read about Esau and his birth-right. Gen. 25. 27-34.

Tues. See how foolish Esau was. Heb. 12. 16-17.

Wed. Learn why Esau hated Jacob. Gen. 27. 41-45.

Thur. Read the lesson verses. Gen. 28. 10-22.

Fri. Find what Jacob learned. Golden Text.

Sat. Learn something to make you glad. Matt. 28.

Sun. Read a beautiful hymn. No. 642 in Hymnal.

LITTLE GRANDMA.

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One day Grandmother Dillon had a birthday, and grandfather gave her a beautiful surprise. He asked all the children and grandchildren to come home for a week.

Now Bessie's father and mother had been away from the old home since before Bessie was born, so grandfather had never seen the little girl. You may be sure they were very much delighted to know her and loved her at once. As for

Bessie, she thought "dranma and dranpa" were so nice.

You may be sure they were a merry party in that old house. Imagine six grown-up visitors and eight children! But Bessie was the pet of them all, for she was the youngest.

One evening as the little girl was standing in front of the fire, Aunt Jessie said in quite an astonished tone, "Why, mother!" Everybody looked to see what was the matter. "Look at that picture of mother up there and then at Bessie. If she were dressed as mother was then she'd be the image of her."

They all looked and declared that Bessie indeed was "the image" of the picture of grandmother when she was a tiny girl.

Suddenly grandmother rose and said, "Come with me, dear," leading Bessie away by the hand. When they both returned a few moments later, Bessie was dressed in almost the very same clothes grandmother had worn in the picture. They were in a trunk up in the garret.

The little girl felt very shy at first to have every one talking about her, but she grew used to it, and she always laughed after that when they called her "Little Grandmother," which they did till she grew to be a big girl.

HEROES.

"Mamma, tell me what's a hero."

Robbie said to me one day;

"When I grow to be a man
I will be one if I may."

"What's a hero? That's hard telling
To a little boy like you.

Let us fancy what might happen;
You can think what you would do.

"Just suppose your little brother
Spoiled your very nicest toys;
Just suppose at school to-morrow
You should find the other boys

"Planning to do something naughty
To plague the teacher, 'just for fun';
Suppose papa should say, 'Come, Robbie,
When you wanted one more run.

"Patience under little trials,
Courage to resist the wrong,
Prompt obedience to duty—
These are what make heroes strong."

Robbie stood a moment thinking;
Then he said: "When I'm a man
I should like to be a hero,
Mamma, dearest, if I can."
—Our Little Ones.

God is light. In him is no darkness at all. Whatever of perplexity or trouble we see around us in this life is not of God, but of the evil one; and whenever we trust God, he will bring peace to us out of sorrow, and light out of darkness.—Selected.