

ONLY A LITTLE CHILD.

ONLY a little child!
Yet, Lord, Thou callest me,
Therefore, confidingly,
I come to Thee!

Only a little child!
And though I sinful be,
Thou, Lord, forgivest me!
I come to Thee!

Only a little child!
Looking up, loving Thee,
Because Thou lovest me,
I come to Thee!

Only a little child!
Brightly and cheerfully,
Swiftly, obediently,
I come to Thee!

Only a little child!
Thou wilt my Father be,
Till in eternity
I dwell with Thee.

A LIE STICKS.

A LITTLE newsboy, to sell his papers,
told a lie. The matter came up in Sabbath-school.

"Would you tell a lie for three cents?"
asked a teacher of one of her boys.

"No, ma'am," answered Dick, very decidedly.

"For ten cents?"

"No ma'am."

"For a dollar?"

"No, ma'am."

"For a thousand dollars?"

Dick was staggered. A thousand dollars looked big. O, would it not buy lots of things? While he was thinking, another boy behind him cried out, "No, ma'am."

"Why not?" asked the teacher.

"Because when the thousand dollars are gone, and the things you've got with them are gone, too, the lie is there just the same," answered the boy. Ah, yes! That is so. A lie sticks. Everything else may go, but that will stay, and you will have to carry it around with you, whether you will or not, a hard and heavy load.

"Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight."

"UNCLE John," said little Emily, "do you know that a baby that was fed on elephant's milk gained twenty pounds in one week?" "Nonsense! Impossible!" exclaimed Uncle John, and then asked, "Whose baby was it?" "It was the elephant's baby," said little Emily.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

A.D. 52] LESSON VIII. [Feb. 24.

THESSALONIANS AND BEREANS.

Acts 17. 1-14.

Commit to memory verses 2-4.

GOLDEN TEXT.

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Acts 17. 11.

OUTLINE.

1. The Devout Believers, v. 1-4.
2. The Envious Unbelievers, v. 5-9.
3. The Noble Bereans, v. 10-14.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What was Thessalonica? The largest, richest city in Macedonia.

Where did Paul preach to the people? In the synagogue.

What did he try to prove to them? That all the prophets had spoken of Jesus.

What would this show them? That Jesus was the true Messiah.

How many believed? A few Jews and a multitude of Greeks.

Who tried to harm the apostles? Some jealous Jews in the city.

Who hid the apostles in his house? Jason, a kind friend.

Whom did the mob bring before the judges in the apostles' place? Jason and his friends.

Were they punished? The judges released them.

What did they do with Paul and Silas? Sent them by night to Berea.

Why did they do this? For fear the Jews would kill them.

What was the difference between the Bereans and Thessalonians? [Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.]

Where was Berea? About forty-five miles from Thessalonica.

Was Paul's work blessed in Berea? Many believed, both Jews and Greeks.

Who followed the apostles to persecute them? The unbelieving Jews of Thessalonica.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

The story of Jesus love—

The apostles told it every-where.

Told it amid scorn and hatred.

Told it amid ridicule and threats.

Told it in the face of death.

How often have you told it.

"Who is on the Lord's side."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The authority of Scripture.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

How are we to seek the grace of God? We must seek the grace of God by earnest prayer in private and in the house of God.

Through whom do we receive the grace of the Holy Spirit? Only through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A.D. 52.] LESSON IX. [March 2.

PAUL AT ATHENS.

Acts 17. 22-34.

Commit to memory vs. 29-31.

GOLDEN TEXT.

In him we live, and move, and have our being. Acts 17. 28.

OUTLINE.

1. God the Creator, v. 22-25.
2. God the Ruler, v. 26-28.
3. God the Father, v. 29, 30.
4. God the Judge, v. 31-34.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Paul go when persecuted by the Jews in Berea? To Athens, in Greece. What were the people in this city? Idolaters.

What did Paul preach to them? Jesus and the resurrection.

Of whom did Paul speak? Of the one true God.

What did he call him? Lord of heaven and earth.

What does he give to all men? Life and health and all things.

What did Paul say they must do? Repent and serve God.

Of what did he then speak? Of the resurrection.

Who was the Man who would judge them and the world? Christ Jesus.

How did some of the Greeks receive Paul's preaching? They mocked at it.

What did others say? "We will hear thee again."

Did they really care to know about Jesus? No, or they would not have put it off.

How many really believed in Jesus? Only a few.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Are you sure you worship God?

If you love self best, you worship self.

If you love money best you worship money.

If you love *any thing* better than you love God, *you do not worship him.*

"Thou shalt have *no other gods* before me."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The unity and spirituality of God.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Does the Saviour care for children? Yes; for He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not."

Was He once a child Himself? Yes, and we read about His infancy in the gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke.