

## LITTLE PINS.

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In a great factory

All the wheels were whirling,  
And the buzz and the hum  
And the busy stirring  
Of the spindles and the shafts,  
Shining, swift and ready,  
Made a music of their own  
In their labour steady.

Suddenly all was changed

Stopped the merry chatter;  
Slower went the wheels, and stopped—  
What could be the matter?  
Only one little pin  
Failed to do its work;  
Dropped from its humble place,  
And turned into a shirk.

Little folk, little folk,

I wonder if you know  
You are God's little pins;  
And O, he trusts you so!  
Little pins, little pins,  
Listen just a minute:  
Humble though your work may be,  
Aye be faithful in it.

Only the Master

Watching over you  
Knows how important  
Is the work you do,  
But you will find, dears,  
This is surely true:  
If you fail, then quickly  
Others will fail, too.

Little pins little pins,

Never shirk a minute;  
Humble though your work may be,  
Aye be faithful in it—

—Epworth Herald.

## LESSON NOTES.

## SECOND QUARTER.

SIX MONTHS WITH THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

## LESSON IX.—MAY 29.

## THE PASSOVER.

Matt. 26. 17-30. Memorize verses 26-29

## GOLDEN TEXT.

"For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us."—1 Cor. 5. 7.

## THE LESSON STORY.

The passover is the great feast of the Jews. It is kept that they may never forget that they were brought out of Egypt, and that the angel passed over their homes when he entered to take the first-born of every Egyptian. Jesus always kept this feast, and though he knew that he was soon to be arrested and put to death, he was ready to hold the Passover feast with his disciples, for it would

be the last time. He told them to go to a certain man and say, "The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples." It was all done as he had planned, and in the evening he sat down at the table with the twelve. He told them that one of them would be false to him, and they were very much troubled, each one saying, "Is it I?" Even Judas asked, though he knew, and Jesus said, "Thou hast said." Then he took the bread, and blessed it, and divided it and gave to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body." He meant that his heart was soon to be broken for them, and this was the sign by which they could remember it. He also gave them the cup of wine, telling them it was his blood, "shed for them for the putting away of sin." Even then it meant more than his flesh and blood—it meant the great love that broke his heart and the great life he was pouring out upon a dying world. When you are older you will understand how wonderful are his love and his life.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What is the Passover? A feast of the Jews. What is it in memory of? Of the coming out of Egypt. Who were to eat it together? Jesus and his disciples. Where did they meet? Where the Lord had chosen. What did Jesus say? That one of them should betray him. Which one went away? Judas. What did Jesus bless? The bread. What did he call it? His body. What did he say of the wine? That it was his blood. What did he mean? That they were a sign of his love and his life. What is the Lord's Supper sometimes called? The Communion, or sharing together. How did they close the feast? They sang a hymn.

## LESSON X.—JUNE 5.

## CHRIST'S TRIAL BEFORE PILATE.

Mark 15. 1-15. Memorize verses 12-14.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

"Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man."—Luke 23. 4.

## THE LESSON STORY.

After the Passover feast, the last supper that Jesus ate with his disciples, he went down through a valley to a garden of olives, where he prayed in great agony of soul, his three friends, Peter and James and John, waiting near him. Then came Judas, leading a band of men who arrested Jesus and took him away to the high priest. John and Peter followed. There they questioned and insulted the One who had come to be their Saviour, and because he said that he was the Christ they condemned him to death. They had spent the night doing this, and in the morning they took Jesus and led

him bound to Pilate, the Roman governor, for without the consent of the governor no man could be put to death. Now, Pilate was not a good man, but he had a sense of justice, and he did not believe what the Jews said about Jesus. He saw something strange and pure and heavenly in his face that he did not see in the faces of the priests and Pharisees. He remembered that at the Passover a prisoner could always be set free, and he asked if they would not like to ask for the release of this prisoner. If he had asked the honest Jews of all the country they would have said, "Yes," but these men cried, "No!" and pointing to Jesus, cried, "Crucify him! crucify him!" They asked that Barabbas, a robber, might be set free instead of Jesus, and Pilate, weak and selfish and wicked, gave Jesus up to the cruel Jews! He feared to displease the Jews, and so lost his office.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where did Jesus go after the Passover feast? To Gethsemane. Why did he suffer there? He bore the burden of our sins. Who betrayed him there? Judas. To whom was he taken? To the high priest. Who followed him? Peter and John. What was done to him? He was sentenced to death. Where did they take him then? To Pilate, the governor. What did Pilate wish to do? To set him free. What did the Jews want? To crucify him. What prisoner did they ask for? Barabbas, a robber. What did Pilate do with Jesus? Gave him over to the Jews. Why? He was afraid to displease them.

## BY THE CAT'S EYE.

Over in China, where the people are very poor and can't afford to own clocks, how do you suppose they know when to go to dinner?

Why, by looking at the cat's eye. Pussy, in China, is not only a mouser and a pet, but a clock. So, when John Chinaman wants to know the time, he runs to the household Tabby, opens her eyes, and at once tells the time.

This he does by looking at the pupils of the cat's eye, which he has discovered to vary in size at different hours of the day, being affected by the position of the sun, even when the day is cloudy.

Have any of you, dear children, ever tried to make a nest like a bird's nest? If you have tried, you have not succeeded, we are sure; and it must make you very humble to think that your little fingers, nimble though they may be, and your busy brain, wise as you may think it, cannot do as much as the bill and the will of one of God's little birds. He has given varied gifts to each of his little creatures, and his love is abundant to us all.