

THE LITTLE NEWSBOY.

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A ragged coat pillowing a tired head,
A boy asleep by a sheltering wall,
With only the pavement for his bed—
A poor little street urchin, that is all.
All his morning papers are sold and gone;
His evening edition has not yet come.
A morsel of food and a sleep in the sun
Give him all he knows of comfort or home.

The soft baby dimples are scarcely gone
From the arm that shows through his
tattered sleeve—
The childish arm that must battle alone
For such place and wage as it can
achieve.
The brow of the sleeper is smooth and
fair
As those that with kisses fond mothers
bless;
But only the soft wind touches his hair,
And only in dreams can he know caress.

O brave young heart! The life's journey
looks hard,
And our eyes grow moist as we see him
there;
But who shall tell what heavenly guard
Protects that rude couch with tenderest
care?
Still, as of old, on the ladder of dreams
May the white-winged angels come and
go;
And the light of the home, afar, still
streams
From the Father's house to his child
below.

—Morning Star.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF JESUS.

LESSON V. [May 5.]

JESUS AND PETER.

John 21. 15-22. Memory verses, 15-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Lovest thou me?—John 21. 17.

THE LESSON STORY.

Read carefully the story of the breakfast on the seashore. (John 21. 4-14.) Can you not almost see eager, loving-hearted Peter jumping into the sea, the sooner to reach the shore when he hears John say that the Stranger there must be the Lord?

This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after the resurrection. See if you recall the other occasions. We cannot understand the joy of the disciples as they gathered about the fire that morning and ate the bread and fish the Master had himself prepared for them. They had toiled hard all night and had caught no fish, and they were cold

and hungry and disappointed when they saw Jesus. Better than the fire and the breakfast, and the net full of fishes, was the certainty that Jesus still loved and cared for them.

Read lovingly and thoughtfully the lesson verses. Remember how Peter had denied his Lord, and you will understand better how kind it was of Jesus to give him special work to do. The lambs of the Lord's flock may be found everywhere, and all who love Jesus truly are glad to feed them, which means to teach and comfort them. Ask some one at home to explain to you what Jesus meant about the latter part of Peter's life, and do not forget that it all came true.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where did Jesus meet the disciples again? On the seashore.

What sea was it? Galilee.

At what time did he meet them? In the early morning.

What had they been doing? Fishing.

What did he prepare for them? A breakfast.

What did he ask Peter? "Lovest thou me?"

How many times did he ask it? Three times.

What did Peter say? "Thou knowest that I love thee."

What did Jesus tell him to do? "Feed my lambs."

What did he mean? Help others.

What does Jesus know? If we love him.

What shall we do if we love him? Work for him.

LESSON VI. [May 12.]

THE GREAT COMMISSION.

Matt. 28. 16-20. Memory verses, 18-20.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.—Matt. 28. 20.

THE LESSON STORY.

If you will read 1 Cor. 15. 3-8, you will find that Jesus appeared to the disciples many times after his resurrection. There were some wonderful meetings in those days, and the one of which we learn in this lesson the disciples could never forget, for it was then that he showed them plainly what they were to do after he went away out of their sight.

If some one should ask, "What is a missionary?" very likely you would say, "One who goes to preach to the heathen." But it means more than this. A missionary is a messenger who carries glad tidings, and that day, so long ago, Jesus made every disciple of his a bearer of glad tidings. It was just the few who were about him at that time whom he "told to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." No; the words were spoken to all who should afterward call themselves disciples or learners. And so they are spoken to you and me.

Very likely the disciples thought that

they could not do this work, and so Jesus gave them the beautiful promise in the Golden Text. Yes, and gives it to us, too. Every time we try to do a good deed or speak a word to help some one to know Jesus, he stands close by to help. This is why men and women are not afraid to go and preach the gospel to the worst heathen; because Jesus goes with them, and he has all power in heaven and upon earth.

But you say, "I am a child. I cannot preach." No; but you can do good; you can try to learn more and more about Jesus, and you can deny yourself to send money to help others to preach.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

How long did Jesus stay after the resurrection? Forty days.

What did they all know? That he would soon go away.

What made them glad and strong? To know that he was living.

What did he tell the disciples to do? To preach.

What is preaching? Telling about Jesus.

What do we know? That he is living still.

Who may preach? All who love Jesus.

Who has all power to-day? Jesus Christ.

Who must be taught about Jesus? "All nations?"

How can we help teach in other lands? By our gifts.

What more can we do? We can pray for the missionaries.

Who will help them and us? The living Christ.

A NURSERY SONG.

Peterkin Pout and Gregory Grout
Are two little goblins black!
Full oft from my house I've driven them
out,

But, somehow, they still come back.
They clamber up to the baby's mouth,
And pull the corners down;
They perch aloft on the baby's brow
And twist it into a frown.

And one says "Shall" and t'other says
"Shan't,"

And one says "Must," and t'other says
"Can't."

O Peterkin Pout and Gregory Grout,
I pray you, now, from my house keep out.

But Samuel Smile and Lemuel Laugh
Are two little fairies light.

They're always ready for fun and chaff,
And sunshine is their delight,
And when they creep into baby's eyes,
Why there the sunbeams are,

And when they peep through her rosy
lips,

Her laughter rings near and far,
And one says "Please," and t'other says,
"Do."

And both together say, "I love you."
So Lemuel Laugh and Samuel Smile,
Come in, my dears, and tarry awhile!