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BABY BELL.

Baby Bell thought she would like a whistle like the boys were blowing yesterday. So she toddled off to the pile of branches and twigs from which they had cut theirs, and selected a small branch which she carried to brother Tom, saying, "Baby have a issle, too." Tom took all the rough bark off and whittled out a nice, smooth, white whistle, which Baby Bell blew to her heart's content.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 2.] PAUL AND THE PHILIPPIAN GAOLER. [July 11.
Acts 16, 22-34.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.—Acts 16. 31.

MEMORY VERSES, 28-31.—But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and

fell down before Paul and Silas,

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Paul and his friends were very happy in Philippi for a while, and then trouble came. They had taken an evil spirit out of a girl who was a fortune-teller. This angered her masters very much, for they could no longer make gain by her fortune-telling. The rulers ordered Paul and Silas to be beaten with rods and then shut up in prison. They were put away down in an underground cell. Their bodies were bruised and bleeding, and they had no food to eat. Yet they kept cheerful and sang praises to God. One night an earthquake came that shook the prison, loosed the chains, and opened the doors. The gaoler was so frightened that he was going to kill himself, but Paul called to him, "We are all here." Then the gaoler came and fell down before Paul and Silas, crying, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Then the gaoler called his family to hear the Word of God also. They all believed and were baptized.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

- 1. What happened to Paul and Silas in Philippi? They were cast into prison.
- 2. Were Paul and Silas happy in prison?

 Yes; because they knew God would care for them.

3. What occurred in the night?

An earthquake which opened the doors.

4. Who was frightened?

The gaoler.

5. What did he do?

He came to Paul and Silas and asked what he should do to be saved.

6. What did Paul say?

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lizette is a poor emigrant child who tries to earn a little money by selling fruit at the ferry steamboat wharves of the great city of New York. She once lived in the sunny land of Italy. But her parents became so poor that they had to leave their dear native land with its blue skies to seek a living in the great new world of America. They were very sorry to leave Italy, and even now shed many tears when they think of it. They have had to struggle hard to get food, for there are so many poor in New York.

CHERRY RIPE.

However, they are good honest people who try to get work. Little Lizette has been very successful with her fruit. Some people call her "Cherry Ripe" because she is so pretty and has such beautiful cherries to sell.

BE TRUTHFUL.

Says Robert Burdette, "How people do trust a truthful boy! We never worry about him when he is out of sight. We never say, 'I wonder where he is; I wish I knew what he is doing; I wonder whom he is with; I wonder why he doesn't come home.' Nothing of the sort. We know that he is all right, and that when he comes home we shall know all about it, and get it straight. We don't have to ask him where he is going and how long he will be gone every time he leaves the house. We don't have to call him back and make him 'solemnly promise' the same thing over and over two or three times. When he says, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't,' just once, that settles it."



CHERRY RIPE. (See third page.)

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