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## THE PIGEONS' BREAKFAST.

Little Miss Letty is the best young mistress I know. She manages two houses, and does it very well indeed. One is a big doll-house up in the attic, in which a dozen or more dolls live, and of which Miss Letty is chief housekeeper. Here she attends to making of beds, sweeping and dusting the whole house and getting the dollies' meals.

The other house of which Letty has charge is one out in the garden, where three or four dear white pigeons live. Letty looks well after their home too, keeps it clean and gives her pets plenty of corn and bread-crumbs.

What a lot of pleasure can be got out of helping dumb creatures!

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 11.] ZACCHEUS THE PUBLICAN. [Dec. 16.

Luke 19. 1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke 19. 10.

MEMORY VERSES, 8-10.—And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

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

## LESSON STORY.

Bartimeus was not the only one in Jericho to whom the coming of Jesus brought a blessing. Zaccheus lived there, and he, too, received his sight from Jesus. He could see, it is true, with his outer eyes, but the eyes of his mind were not yet open when Jesus came.

Zaccheus was the chief of the publicans, or tax men, and he was very rich. The Jews hated the publicans, for they thought they were dishonest. If you read the eighth verse, you will see that Zaccheus owned that he had not always been honest. You can see how much Zaccheus wanted to see Jesus by the way he took to make sure of it, for he got up in a tree. Notice how the sight of Jesus made Zaccheus hate his sins and eager to get rid of them. Look in the last verse for the grand lesson of this story, and tell some one what it is.

## LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who was Zaccheus?  
*A rich publican.*
2. What did he do to see Jesus?  
*He climbed into a tree.*
3. What did Jesus do?  
*He called Zaccheus by name.*

4. What did Zaccheus want to do ?

*Put all his sins away.*

5. What did Jesus say ?

*That salvation had come to his house.*

6. When will salvation come to us ?

*When we receive Jesus gladly.*

Dear Father, open thou my heart  
To let thee in;  
Dwell always there to save thy child  
From self and sin.



### THE BIG SNOWBALL.

What a big one it is! Do you notice it is larger than the two smallest children and almost as large as the older two. Last night was the first heavy fall of snow this winter in the town where these little ones live. The pretty flakes were beginning to flutter to the ground early in the evening before they went to bed, and they kept up their gentle fall all through the night, very silently and softly, and in the morning the brown old earth found itself covered with a beautiful cloak of purest white. Then the sun came out making the snow glisten like diamonds. I fear it won't last long, but the children are making as much of it while its does, as they can.

### GOD'S HELP.

"O dear, I wish I didn't get angry so quickly, and say things I'm sorry for afterwards," wailed a boy with a quick temper. "Have you tried counting one hundred before you speak?" asked a friend. "Yes." "And saying the alphabet backward?" "Yes; those are a delusion and a snare. I can't think of anything so inanimate as an alphabet when I'm all fire inside. Nothing can help me." "O yes, God can; and if you ask him, he will." "It's queer I didn't think of that," said the boy; "I'll try it." He did try it, and with success. "I wish I hadn't fooled round with the alphabet business," he said; "this is easier and surer." Whereupon a boy wonders why people are so foolish as to ask God's help only after they have tried everything else.



THE BIG SNOWBALL—SEE THIRD PAGE.

"Everything has gone so smooth to-day," said a little girl. "All my lessons in school were perfect, I helped clear away the dinner-table, I have learned my Bible verses, and I have almost done my knitting; and it is because I feel willing-hearted to-day."