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GRACE DARLING.

The history of this brave girl is one of the most interesting we know of. She is one of the noblest heroines the world ever saw. Had it not been for her, many precious lives would have been lost. It was through her courage and noble determination that they were saved from a watery grave. With her own strong arms and brave heart did she row a boat through a raging sea to the rescue.



Little girls in India do not wear petticoats and dress and sacques and hats. They just have straight yards of cotton cloth, which they wind round them. They begin to learn how to do this when they are very little indeed.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 12]

THE RICH FOOL

[SEPT. 16.

Luke 12. 13-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.—What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul.—Mark 8-36.

MEMORY VERSES, 19-21.—And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

But God said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

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

LESSON STORY.

If you will read the first verse of the chapter from which the lesson verses are taken, you will see how eager the people were to see and hear Jesus. If he should come to-day to our world it would be just so; but perhaps there would be no more to really follow him than there were then.

You learn from the lesson how the people asked questions of Jesus, and here we see how one tried to get him to take part in a dispute. This gave Jesus a text from which to preach a little sermon against covetousness. God has provided better things than money and clothes and fine houses for us. He wants his children to have the best things, and when he sees them seeking the little things he is sad. He cared enough about it to give us a command not to covet. What do you think of the rich man who had all his treasure here on earth? There are such people now. Let this lesson help you to strive not to become such a one.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who came to hear Jesus preach?

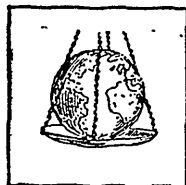
Great crowds.

2. To whom did a man ask Jesus to speak?

To his brother.

3. What were the brothers disputing about?
Money.
4. What does love of money cause?
A great deal of trouble.
5. Of what did Jesus say beware?
Of covetousness.
6. Can we take our goods with us when we die?
No.
7. What riches can go with us?
The riches of the soul.

How may a little child be rich
If not in lands or gold?
I may be rich toward God, who gives
To me his life to hold.



THE INVITATION ACCEPTED.

"I say, Larry, isn't that a new tune?"

"That's just where you're right," said Larry. "Last night I was out on the hotel piazza, and I heard singing. I walked around the corner until I saw a light in the little chapel. They were singing 'Happy day,' and it was a good tune, and Larry pulled out a paper from his pocket and read:

"Oh happy day that fixed my choice
On thee, my Saviour and my God!"

It sounds happy, doesn't it?" he asked. "There's going to be another meeting next Sunday evening, and I guess I'll go."

"I'll go too," said his friend; "I'd like to hear that tune."

"So it came about that two boys from the big hotel sat in the little chapel every Sunday evening during the summer vacation.

"Let's ask for a new heart, too," Larry whispered to Joe.

One day some one said: "I wonder what has happened to Larry? He doesn't get mad any more, and fly at a fellow as he used to."

"I'll tell you what's happened," said Joe, who overheard; "he hopes he has a new heart."

TENDING THE FLOWERS.

A few weeks ago we had a picture of a little girl feeding her pigeons, to-day our picture shows a young lady tending her flowers. In each case care is being bestowed on lovely things which God made. Manifold are the wonderful works of God, and many of them marvellously beautiful. Yet few things that the Father has made are more lovely than the birds and the flowers. Let us learn to love them much and to thank God for this beautiful world in which we dwell.



SHADI'S PRAYER.

A missionary lady had a little Hindoo orphan named Shadi living with her. She had taught him about Jesus, and one night when he was six years old she said to him. "Now pray a little prayer of your own." What do you think Shadi's prayer was? It was a good prayer for any little child to make, for it was this: "Dear Jesus make me like what you were when you were six years old."