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YOUNG SAILOR ESTER TOM is very of his boat, and it almost as if it a baby. He has having fine fun sailin the lake. Have. ever thought that 🕯 our lives is like boat, which may wreck, or enter rinto the haven of aiting rest? God each little bark reaches the safe of heaven.

ING A BAD BUY. parish school there boy named Charley, had a habit of say. and words and telling His mother tried his could to make better. The teacher ped him, and punhim in various But all was of no The boy rather

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day the pastor called in. He had quietly watching cese, but had said But now the had come for him He first asked Charley had done. then talked to the is about the sin of g bad words and lies. Then he



THE YOUNG SAILOR.

the scholars what he should do with last a modest little girl said, "Pray for You know Jesus Loes not always give just One said, "Put him in a him."

The minister's feelings were touched, better. Another said, "Whip him." At

As soon as he could speak he said: "This little girl is right. Charley has been whipped and punished enough. Let us now pray for him." The scholars all arose and the pastor offered a fervent prayer. Charley was very much affected by the prayer. The tears streamed down his cheeks. A great change took place in the boy, and he was soon one of the best scholars in the school.

A CHILD'S FAITH

A PEAR little girl had been lame a long time, se that she could not run and ; lay like ther chil dren She was four years old, and she loved the bright sunshine and flow. ers as well as other little folks do, and she wanted very much to be well, so as to go out and enjoy them. One night she said her little prayer as usual, and then, looking earnestly at her mother, she said: "Mamma, I want to tell Jesus I's lame yet. P'raps he sinks I's walkin' now." You see she felt so sure that Jesus would answer her prayer, if he heard it. And so he had, in giving her such sweet faith.

what we ask. Often he gives something

EVERY LITTLE STEP I TAKE EVERY little step I take Forward in my heavenly way, Every little effort make To grow Christ-like day by day;

Little sighs and little prayers. Even little tears which fall, Little hopes, and tears, and cares-Saviour, thou dost know them all.

Thus my greatest joy is this, That my Saviour, loving, mild, Knows the children's weaknesses, And himself was once a child.

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WHO IS JESUS?

HAVE you over read in the big Bible about a little child that was born in Bethlehem in the land of Judes, and who, when he was a man, said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me?" I think you have all read it many times; but do you know who Jesus is? Before asking you to come to him, I wish you to know who he is.

He was a little babe in the manger, the boy of twelve years in the Temple with the doctors of the law, the grown man who was baptized in the river Jordan, who opened the eyes of blind Bartimeus, who raised the dead Lazarus, cast a legend of demons out of the man among the tombs, who was taken by wicked hands and nailed to the cross; and who, for three long dreadful hours, hung upon the cross, and died, was buried, but rose from the grave the third day, and ascended to his Father in Heaven.

But he was more than man; he was the divine Son of God; the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the Father of the everlasting ages, the Prince of Peace and the Word of

and the last, the mighty God, Jehovah, King of kings, and Lord of lords; and God hath given him a name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord. He said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

A HINT TO BOYS.

I stoop in the store the other day when a boy came in and applied for a situation.

"Can you write a good hand?" was asked.

"Yaas."

"Good at figures?"

" Yaas."

"That will do-I do not want you," said the merchant.

"But," I said, when the boy had gone, "I know that lad to be an honest, industrious boy. Why don't you give him a chance?"

"Because he hasn't learned to say 'Yes, sir,' and 'No, sir.' If he answers me as he did when applying for a situation, how will he answer customers after being here a month?"

What could I say to that? He had fallen into the habit, young as he was, which turned him away from the first situation he had ever applied for .- New London Day.

"HAVING SOME FUN."

"Now, boys, I will tell you how we can have some fun," said Charlie to his companious, who had assembled one bright moonlight evening for sliding, snow-balling, and fun generally.

"What is it?" asked several at once.

"You shall see," replied Charlie. "Who's got a wood-saw?"

"I have." "So have I," replied three of the boys.

"Get them, and you and Freddy and Nathan each get an axe, and I will get a shovel. Let's be back in fifteen minutes."

The boys separated to go on their several errands, each wondering of what use woodsaws, and axes, and shovels could be in the play. But Charlie was a favourite with all and they fully believed in his promises, and were soon assembled again.

"Now," said he, "Widow Maude, in yonder cottage, has gone to a neighbour's to sit up with a sick child. A man hauled her some wood to-day, and I heard her tell him that unless she got some one to saw it to-night, she would not have anything to make a fire of in the morning. Now we could saw and split that pile of wood just as easy as we could make a snow-man on her doorstep, and when Mrs. Maude comes God. He is the Alpha and Omega, the first home, she will be most agreeably surprised." or is likely to see.

One or two of the boys objected, but the majority began to appreciate his fun, ag to experience that inward satisfaction a joy that always results from well-doing.

It was not a long and wearisome job & seven robust and healthy boys to saw, sol and pile up the widow's half-cord of wood and to shovel a good path. And when the had done this, so great was their pleasur and satisfaction, that one of them, wh objected at first, proposed that they should go to a neighbouring carpenter's shop, when plenty of shavings could be had for the carrying away, and each bring an armfi The proposition was readily acceded to, an this done, they repaired to their seven homes, more than satisfied with the "fe of the evening." And the next morning when the weary widow returned for watching by the sick bed and saw why was done, she was pleasantly surprised and afterwards, when a neighbour (vk had, unobserved, witnessed the labours of the boys) told her how it was done, he fervent invocation, "God bless the boys! was of itself, if they could have heard abundant reward for their labours.

A WORD TO THE BOYS.

DEAR boys, God wants you in his king dom. He wants you just as he does you father and mother. He wants your hear your love, your service. He wants you honour him and live for him. Christ die for you, boys, as much as for any one. Hi invitation, "Come unto Me," means yo You boys can serve him just as faithfull and just as acceptably, and just as easi as older persons. Serve and honour himi your own boy-life and way; be boy-Chri tians. Being Christians will not make yo any less happy and joyous; it will add no joys.

Christ wants you now. Do not wait become older. It is easier to give you hearts to Jesus, and to commence to live for Him now, than it will be when your older. Every day of delay may take y farther from the Saviour. Those who "sai early" have special promise of success i finding. Christ wants you now-every a of you who read this. Ask him to forgi your sins, however small they may be; every little sin needs forgiveness, and l only can give this. Give yourseln to Jesus now; and when you have do this, help your companions to do the sar

As to Jesus of Nazareth, I think h system of morals and his religion, as held them to us, are the best the world ever si

A CHILD'S PRAYER.

The day is gone, the night is come,
The night for quiet rest;
And every little bird has flown
Home to its downy nest.

The robin was the last to go;
Upon the leafless bough
He sang his evening hymn to God,
And he is silent now.

The bce is hushed within the hive; Shut is the daisy's eye; The moon alone is peeping forth From out the darkened sky.

No, not the moon alone; for God Has heard what I have said; His eye looks on his tender child Within this little bed.

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He kindly hears me thank him now
For all that he has given—
For friends, and books, and clothes, and food;
But most of all for heaven,

Where I shall go if I am good,
And try to do the right,
Where I shall meet all those I love
As angels pure and bright.

WRINKLES.

"MAMMA," said little Mary West, as she vatched her mother at work ironing, one bright summer morning, "why do the vinkles iron into the clothes so much assier than they will iron out?"

Mrs. West was a careless, thoughtless woman who never went to the bottom of things, but just noticed the surface appearance, and she said, "O, Mary, what a child you are to ask questions! Run along and play and never mind about the wrinkles."

Mary turned away, and went out into the sanshine, still wondering in her mind about the wrinkles.

A little girl who lived next door saw Mary in the yard, and called to her to "come over and play." Getting her mother's consent, Mary went gladly. The little people played at house-keeping, and of course washing and froning came in their list of household cares. Mary thought to herself, "Maybe Jennie knows; I'll ask her, any way." So she said, "Jennie, do you know why wrinkies fron into clothes easier than they will iron out?"

Jennie thought a minute, and then she mid, "No, I don't know, but we will ask mamma; she always knows." So they ran into the house, and startled Jennie's mother

by asking her the question that was troubling little Mary so much.

"I will try and explain this matter to you as well as I can. When we begin to iron a garment it is usually damp, and if we do not lay it smoothly on the board the hot iron will press the wrinkles and dry them in; then when we undertake to iron them out the impression is fixed, for the cloth is dry, and we either have to dampen the cloth or use great care and strength to iron them out."

Mary said, "Why, that is so; I wonder why I didn't think of that myself."

Jennie laughed, and said, "Come on and play now."

But Mrs. Lee said, "Wait a minute, children. Do you know that there is danger of your hearts growing wrinkled?"

The little girls thought that a very funny remark, and laughingly asked her how that could be.

"Mrs. Lee said, "When your hearts are young and tender, evil thoughts and companions, and cross, naughty words will leave scars and wrinkles in your hearts and faces that only the heavenly Father can smooth out with his loving hand. When you are tempted to do wrong remember the wrinkles and ask the dear Father to help you to keep your hearts smooth and unwrinkled by sin."

GENEROUS NELLIE.

THE bell rang, and when Nellia opened the door Annie Donn stood on the steps.

"Mother said that I might come to see you," she cried when Nellie opened the door.

"I am glad," said Nellie. "We'll go right up stairs and have a doll's party."

"I have no doll," said Annie.

"I have two," said Nellie. "My aunt sent me a new doll last week. I'll play with that, and you shall have Sallie."

They had often had a merry toa-party with Sallie at the table.

The rain was coming down fast on the tin roof, but the little girle did not care, for they were having a pleasant time in the house. Nellie put the cups and saccers on the chair for a table. When they brought the dolls to tea she said, "How nice that I can have a new wax doll and that you can have dear old Sallie!"

But, somehow, Sallie did not look as pretty as usual. Her dress was tern and her eyes were not very bright. Annie was glad to play with her, though, and it did not come into her mind to wish for the new doll.

But Nellie. was a thoughtful little girl hands.

All at once it came to her that it would be kind and polite to let Aunie have the new doll just for that afternoon. So she said, "I'll take Sallie, and you can have my wax doll. We'll play turn about."

Annie was pleased, so was Nellie. They had never before had such a merry tea-party. Nellie's mother was in the next room, and she heard all.

"I believ that my little Nellie is trying to be like our Lord Jesus Christ," she thought. "I think that she remembers the Golden Text for last Sunday: 'Even Christ pleased not himself.'"

LEND A HAND.

When? Where?

To-day, to-morrow, every day, just where you are.

You have heard of the girl who sat down and wished the morning hours away, hoping to be a missionary and help somebody, while her mother was toiling in the kitchen and looking after three little children at the same time. Perhaps your mother has servants in the kitchen, but you can lend her a hand all the same. You can find a place to help brother, or sister or friend, and you can help everybody in the house by your patient, kind, obliging spirit, "in honour preferring one another," self forgetful and mindful of others.

It seems a very little thing to lend "a hand" in these quiet home ways, but if you could see the record the angels make of such a day, you would see that it was a very great thing.

Boys, girls, watch eagerly your chance. Do not be cheated out of your happy privilege. It is a great, noble, blessed thing to be able to "help a little," no matter how little it may be.—S. S. Adcocate.

HOW GOD USES LITTLE THINGS.

A NUT once saved the life of a German count. A plot had been laid to murder him, and the murderer lay hid in his castle through the day. Before going to bed the count drew some things from his pocket. and a nut fell on the floor which he did not notice. That night the murderer entered the bedroom, but stepped on the nut, which, breaking, cracked loud enough to waken the count, and the murderer fled. Who would say that all this was mere accident? In God's providence the man might have stepped just beside that nut, or the count might have picked it up, or he might not have let it fall, or one of a dozen other things might have been; but we know what was, end this was not by chance. All things are in God's



THE CORN AND THE LILIES.

SAID the Corn to the Lilies: "Press not near my feet; You are only idlers, Neither Corn nor Wheat. Does one earn a living Just by being sweet?"

Naught answered the Lilies, Neither yea nor nay; Only they grow sweeter All the live-long day. And at last the Teacher Chanced to come that way.

While his tired disciples Rested at his feet, And the proud corn rustled, Bidding them to eat, " Children," said the Teacher, "Life is more than meat.'

WORK.

ALWAYS remember, boys, whatever your occupation may be, you have to work. Whether you handle a pick or a pen, a wheelbarrow or a set of books, digging ditches or editing a paper, you must work. If you look round in the world, you will see the men who are the best able to live the rest of their days without work are the men who work the hardest.

Work gives you an appetite for your meals, it lends solidity to your slumbers, it gives you a perfect and grateful appreciation of a holiday. There are young men who do not work, but the world is not proud of them. It does not know their names, even, it simply speaks of them as old So-and-so's boys. Nobody likes them; the great, busy world doesn't know that they are there. So find out what you want to be and do, and take off your coat and go at it. The busier you are, the less mischief you are apt to get into, the sweeter will be your sleep, the brighter and happier your lest it might strike her. holidays and the better satisfied will you be with the world and the world with you,

WHAT DO YOU THINK? MATHI DYER BRITTS.

HALBY BROWN was over in the meadow across the read from his father's house, playing ball with three or four other boys. They were having a splendid game, and there wasn't anything Harry loved better then to play ball-that is, in the way of sport, you know. There was something he loved more than amusement, as you shall soon see.

Just in the very thick of the exciting game, a clear voice from the front door called:

"Harry ' Harry '"

Down went Harry's bat in an instant, and he picked up his coat,

"Oh, don't go!" said Tom West.

"I must," answered Harry. "My mother called me."

"Well, let her wait a minute. Finish this round, anyhow. She'll think you didn't hear, and call again."

"No, sir, that isn't my way," said Harry, "When my mother calls, I step right along and mind,"

"O, I mind, too," said Tom; "but I let 'em wait a little, sometimes."

"I don't," replied Harry. And off he ran to the house.

"Harry," said Mrs. Brown, "I am so busy this morning, I have not had time to feed the chickens. Will you do it for me?"

"Yes, ma'am. Where's the corn basket?" was Karry's pleasant answer, without a frown on his face because of his interrupted game.

In a moment more he was out in the poultry-yard, at the bottom of the garden. throwing out the food to the hungry chickens who came flocking around him. He left the gate partly open, and two or three hens made a rush into the garden before he saw them, lut he spied them in a minute, and was after them.

"Helloo, Mrs. Hens! Guess you better get back here " he sungout, good-naturedly.

Presently he had them all safe, with plenty of corn to eat, and went into the house again, to help his mother.

I think Harry's way of obeying was better than Tom West's "waiting a minute." Now, little friends, what do you think?

DON'T BE STINGY.

One day a little girl was standing by a window during a heavy thunder-storm. Her Aunt Annie was very much afraid of the lightning, and told her to come away, But Katy answered "It is Cod who makes it thunder, and he will take care of me." .

This same little Katy one day found h older sister crying very hard, and asked be what was the matter.

"I am crying because I am so wicked was her answer.

"Why, don't you love God?" ask Katy.

"No, I am afraid I don't."

"O do love God, Lulie!" said Katy, she put her arms around her sister's neck "O do love him, and don't be stingy an more!"

So Katy thought every person who doe not love God stingy; and I think she we just right. When we think of how man things God has given us, surely he must b stingy who will not let God have a place in his heart,-Sclected.

LITTLE CHILDREN PRAYING.

A LITTLE boy in Jamaica called on the missionary, and stated that he had lately been very ill, and often wished his ministed had been present to pray for him.

"But, Thomas," said the missionary, hope you prayed yourself."

"O yes, sir."

"Well, but how did you pray?"

"Why, sir, I begged."

A child of six years old in a Sunday school said: "When we kneel down in the school-room to pray, it seems as if my hear talked to God."

A little girl, about four years of age, being asked, "Why do you pray to God?" re plied, "Because I know he hears me, and I love to pray to him."

"But how do you know he hears you?". Putting her little hand to her heart, she said: "I know he does, because there is something here that tells me so."—Child World.

KEEPING THE LAW.

JE GENTLEMAN gave a little girl som sewing to do, and said he would pay her for it. Before she had finished the work she was taken sick, and could not sev any more. Her sister did the rest of it When she was well again she for her. took it to the gentleman. He looked at it and was very much pleased. "Did you de all this?" he asked. "No, sir. I was sick and could not do all; so my sister helped me," she said. "Well, no matter, the work is well done; here is your money," said the gentleman.

Dear children, that is something the way it is with keeping the law. We never can do it all ourselves. But Jesus has done it Now, if we love and trust him, God will look at his finished work, and reward us, if we had done it ourselves. Ought we no

to love him very dearly?