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IN THE MOUNTAINS

This man is a Swiss peasant who is travelling from one part of Switzerland to another. He is too poor to go by rail and so has had to walk all the way. We find him at this stage of his journey going through a mountain pass. He is up so high that he is in the snow limit.

On many of the mountains the snow rests all the year round. Down in the valleys it melts away during the summer months, but above a certain height it never goes away. Sometimes travellers get lost in the storms and are buried in the snow. To prevent this, noble St. Bernard dogs are kept at the "hospice," or shelter, who go out in search of the lost or storm-bound, carrying with them restoratives in little barrels about their necks.



Converted Sunday-school scholars need to be cherished and nourished carefully, patiently, and tenderly.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 9.]

THE RICH YOUNG RULER.

[Dec. 2.]

Matt. 19. 16-26.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God.—Mark 10. 23.

MEMORY VERSES, 23-26.—Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

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

LESSON STORY.

As Jesus was walking along the road a young man came running after him to ask a question. He was rich and had tried to do all the things the Jewish law asked him to do. Very likely he thought that he was pretty good, but he had become uneasy about his chances for heaven, and so he came to ask Jesus about it. When Jesus told him to "keep the commandments," he was already to answer that he had done that all his life. But Jesus could read his heart. See how quickly he showed the young man who came thinking he was very good that he was breaking one of the commandments all the time. How would you feel if Jesus should ask you to give up your nice clothes and good times so as to give more to the poor. Notice what Jesus said to his disciples (and to us) about people who love anything better than God.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who came to Jesus?

A young ruler of the synagogue.

2. What did he ask Jesus?

How to get to heaven.

3. What did Jesus tell him to do?
To keep the Commandments.
4. What did the young man say?
That he had done this all his life.
5. What did Jesus tell him them?
That he lacked one thing.
6. What did he ask him to do?
To give all he had to the poor.
7. What is wrong?
To love money more than God.

THE QUEER LITTLE BOY.

There's a queer little boy in grandma's room,
That looks at me through a low door
On top of a drawer; but he'll not come in,
Though I've asked him two times and more.
Sometimes he's good as a baby can be;
And I laugh at him, and he laughs at me,
Like the very best kind of a boy.

But sometimes he looks at me all scowled up,
And I look cross back at him, too.
I don't want one bit to play with him then,
And I don't ask him to come through.
But isn't it queer that every day
That baby and I should feel the same way—
Two boys on two sides of a door.

Willie D—was given the word "gone," which he had missed in spelling, to write fifty times upon his slate. Before he had finished doing this, his mother was called away. When she returned, she found the slate awaiting her, with fifty "gones" on one side, and on the other, "I have gone over to Tom's."

It is pleasure to obey those we love. Their commands we do not forget. If we love God we will keep his commandments.

THE LOG COTTAGE.

I wonder how many of my readers have been at a real old-fashioned farm-house, one where there are no modern improvements and where the ingenuity of the farmer was called into play to provide everything needed.

I remember once visiting such a place. It was in what we would call a backwoods part of the country. All about was a big forest, just a little clearing had been made for the house. The roads were very muddy. In places the waggon wheels would sink down to the



hubs. Where the mud was the worst logs were laid across, making what is called a corduroy road. The house itself was made of logs, and a cosy, comfortable house it was too. Inside there was a large open fireplace, just like the one in the picture, where the big iron pot hung in which the dinner was cooked. There was also an old spinning-wheel at which a dear, grey-haired "granny" sat holding a distaff, just like this old lady.

Little Willie on being shown his new sister for the first time exclaimed: "O mamma, she dot a riding habit!"