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GOD WATCHING FROM ABOVE

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1. God watch - es o'er the spar - rows, He guards the sprout - ing
 2. The grass blades in the mead - ow, Look at his lov - ing
 3. He rules the stars in their cours - es, The sea in path - less

seeds; He counts the lit - tle be - gin - nings, The
 face; The chil - dren at bed - time kneel - ing, Are
 ways; Yet holds them all less pre - cious, Than a

ti - ny and help - less needs, The ti - ny and help - less needs.
 fold - ed in his grace, Are fold - ed in his grace.
 lit - tle child that prays, Than a lit - tle child that prays.

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A Letter to the Pupil



DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE:

This is Anna Margaret. She is starting out on a new slide, just as you are starting out on a new year. Now if Anna Margaret can steer true—why, she will have a fine time.

And you little people will have a fine time this year, too, if you steer straight—if you learn to keep the rules given in this book. They are God's rules, the Ten Commandments, and he made them on purpose for us to steer ourselves by. Do you want a fine time? Then learn the rules and mind them.

Your loving friends,

The Editors

PHARAOH OPPRESSES ISRAEL

Exodus 1:1-14; chapter 2

Mother Jochebed hugged baby Moses close to her heart. He should not be thrown into the river! He should not drown!

Little Moses was a Hebrew baby who lived in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh, the king of the country, hated the Hebrews and wanted to kill them. So he had ordered that every baby boy should be thrown into the River Nile.



But that day, as Mother Jochebed rocked little Moses, her eyes suddenly grew bright. She had thought of a plan; if she could help it, her baby should not drown.

Quickly her nimble fingers went to work. In and out, in and out she wove some wide rushes until she had made a strong basket. Gently she laid Moses in it. Then "Come," she called to Miriam, Moses' older sister. And together they carried the basket down to the river bank and laid it among the tall rushes close to the water's edge. Mother Jochebed had to go away, but Miriam stayed, hiding among the rushes to watch.

Now not long after this the king's daughter came down to the river to bathe. "What is that?" she asked as she spied the basket. She told her handmaidens to fetch it. When the basket was opened there lay baby Moses.

God was with Moses that day, for as she looked, the princess began to love him; she wanted him for her own. Little Moses, of course, did not know all this. He was uncomfortable and wanted his mother, so he began to cry.

That brought Miriam out. "Shall I go and call one of the Hebrew women to be his nurse?" she asked the king's daughter. And the princess told her to go.

Of course Miriam ran and brought Jochebed, and in a few moments baby Moses was in his own mother's arms. He was saved. The princess would see that he was spared; and still he could live, for a while at least, with his own father and mother. Then he would go to the palace. God was taking care of baby Moses, who was to lead the people of Israel out from the land of Egypt.

A POEM TO READ

"A little sparrow cannot fall,
Unnoticed, Lord, by thee;
And though I am so young
and small,
Thou dost take care of
me."



TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"He shall save the
children of the needy, and shall break in
pieces the oppressor."

—Psalm 72 : 4.

"The Lord God will help me."

—Isaiah 50 : 7.

MOSES THE LEADER OF ISRAEL

Exodus 3:1 to 4:17



Baby Moses soon grew into a big boy and all the time he was growing, he was learning wise lessons from father and mother. He was learning to be obedient, kind, and faithful.

At last the time came when he was to go to live with the princess. And what good things he found there—beautiful robes, rich food, a gilded chariot.

By and by, however, he became a young man, and began once more to go about among his own people, the Hebrews. He saw how unhappy they were, and

how cruelly Pharaoh treated them. Moses longed to help his countrymen.

But, I am sorry to say, at first he took a wrong way to go about it. He did a very wrong thing and so he had to run away and hide in the land of Midian. He became a shepherd.

Now one day while Moses was out with his sheep he saw a wonderful sight. A thorn bush not far away suddenly burst into flames. And yet, strange to say, though the fire was hot and red, the bush did not seem to burn at all.

Moses was amazed. "I will go and see this strange sight," he said. "I will find out why that bush does not burn."

But as he started, a voice came saying, "Moses, Moses." It was God speaking.

Moses answered, "Here am I."

"Come no nearer," God commanded, "for this is holy ground."

Then God told Moses that he had seen the trouble of the Israelites in Egypt. He was sorry for them and was going to help them to go away to a rich land which should be their very own. Moses himself, should lead them, and God, the Great Leader, would guide Moses and tell him what to do. Moses was to go now to Egypt. He was to bid Pharaoh set the Hebrews free.

But Moses was frightened. "Who am I to go before the great Pharaoh?" he said.

God answered, "I will be with thee." And that would be enough. If God was with Moses nothing could harm him.

So Moses set out with a brave heart for the land of Egypt.



TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"Moses verily was faithful in all his house."

—Hebrews 3:5.

"Certainly I will be with thee."

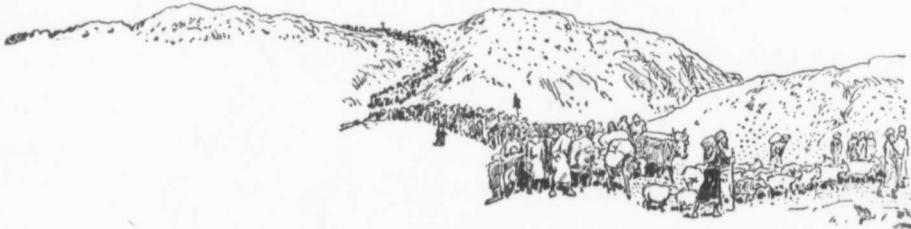
—Exodus 3:12.

THE PASSOVER

Exodus 11:1 to 12:36

Moses had reached the land of Egypt. And God spoke to him saying, "Go to Pharaoh in the morning. Bid him let my people go."

Moses went. But Pharaoh would not listen. He would



not let the people go. And so God had to punish him. First the pure waters of the Nile were turned into blood. No one could drink from it. Next a plague of frogs swept over the land—frogs in the beds, frogs even in the ovens, in the bread troughs.

Other dreadful plagues followed—flies, diseases, hailstorms, and swarms of locusts that ate up all the crops. Clouds of darkness hung over the land. Still Pharaoh would not let the Hebrews go.

Then God told Moses that he would send one more punishment, so terrible that Pharaoh would be glad to set them free. He would go at midnight through Egypt and the oldest child in each house should die.

But the Hebrew children should be safe, if they obeyed. For on that day in each house a lamb was to be slain. Its blood should be sprinkled on the doorposts. Then the Lord would pass over that house, because he would know that

inside were people who believed and obeyed his words. No child in that house should die.

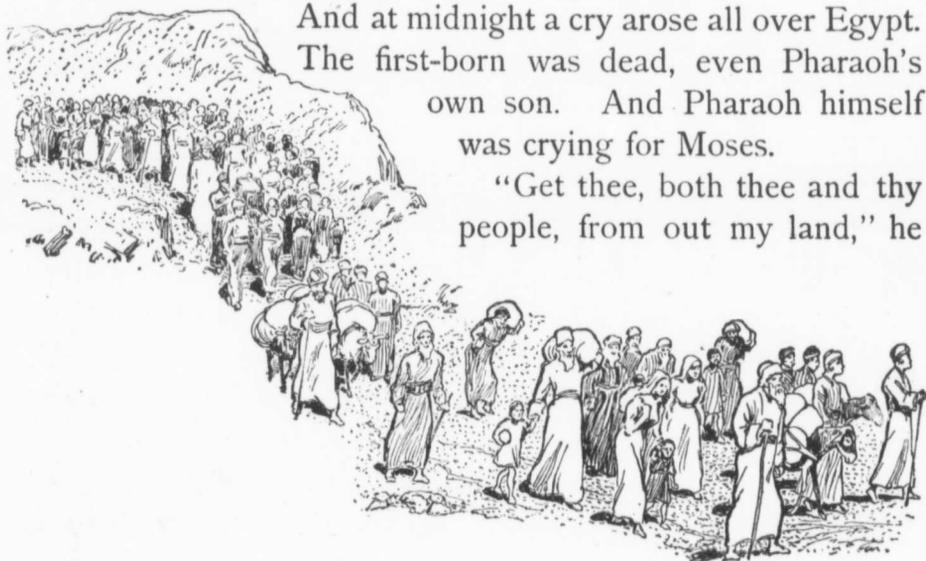
And when the lamb had been slain, it was to be roasted, and the family would gather round and eat. Each was to be ready for the journey to the land God would give them. And God said this feast was to be called the passover.

All was done as the Lord commanded. The Hebrews killed the lambs, sprinkled the doorposts, and ate the feast.

And at midnight a cry arose all over Egypt.

The first-born was dead, even Pharaoh's own son. And Pharaoh himself was crying for Moses.

"Get thee, both thee and thy people, from out my land," he



begged. Moses gave the signal and all the thousands of Hebrews marched out. God was leading them toward the land he had promised.

"HE BROUGHT FORTH HIS PEOPLE WITH JOY."

—Psalm 105:43.

A VERSE TO LEARN

"Even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us."

—I Corinthians 5:7.

ISRAEL CROSSING THE RED SEA

Exodus 14: 1 to 15: 21

Moses led his people out toward the wilderness. He knew and the people knew just which way to go, for God sent a great pillar of cloud to go before and guide them.

When night came it changed into a mighty pillar of fire, which made the dark road quite light. So they traveled on.

Meanwhile Pharaoh had grown sorry that he had let his slaves go. Who would do his work? Who would make

those bricks?

Wicked Pharaoh decided to go after the Israelites and bring them back. He did not care how he



broke his promise, nor how he disobeyed God. Soon his chariots were thundering out toward the wilderness.

Some one of the Israelites happened to glance behind, and spied a cloud of dust rising in the distance. It grew bigger and bigger. It was Pharaoh's great army.

"The Egyptians! The Egyptians!" he cried out in terror.

What should the Israelites do? The great sea was in front. High mountains were on both sides. The Egyptians were coming behind. They were caught. What should they do?

Moses told them. "Stand still!" he cried. "Fear not. The Lord will fight for you!"

And then God spoke to Moses. "Stretch out thy rod over the water." Moses obeyed. And, behold, a great wind arose. It blew and blew until the waters of the sea were blown to one



side. A path was made straight to the other shore. Moses led his people through it, men, women, children—on they marched, until everyone was safely over—not one was lost.

Racing, thundering, the Egyptians followed. The path through the sea had served the Israelites well. They would try it, too.

But when they were in the very middle of the sea, suddenly the wind changed. It blew and blew until it blew the waters back over the path. Wicked Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and horsemen were all drowned—every one.

But God's people were safe on the other side.

THE RED CROSS IS HELPING GOD'S PEOPLE TO GO OVER THE SEA TO-DAY. ARE YOU WORKING FOR THE RED CROSS?

A VERSE TO LEARN

"The Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians."

—Exodus 14:30.

THE GIVING OF THE MANNA

Exodus, chapter 16

More than a month had passed since the children of Israel had started from Egypt. They were out in the wilderness now—scarcely a tree in sight, scanty patches of coarse grass, miles and miles of bare rocks. They had managed to get food enough for the cattle, but it had been hard work.

They had brought along food for themselves and their children. But now it was nearly eaten up. At last the day came when it was quite gone.

The people were frightened. Here they were out in the desert without a crumb to eat.



“What shall we do?” they cried to Moses. “Why did you bring us out to starve? Why didn’t you leave us in Egypt?”

Isn’t it a pity those people were not a little braver? Isn’t it a pity they did not say to one another: “Remember the Red Sea! God was strong enough to save us from Pharaoh’s army. He will save us now. He will not let us starve”? But they did not. They grumbled to Moses instead.

God heard them and he said to Moses: “Tell the people that I have heard their murmurings. Tell them that I will show them that I am the Lord their God.”

The next morning God did show them. When the people



woke up they found the ground covered with dew. And when the dew vanished, behold, fine, white grains were left, which tasted as

sweet as honey. It was manna, the bread God had sent his children.

Moses told the people to go out and gather it. They did; and everyone had plenty.

And now comes the most wonderful part of this wonderful story. Those children of Israel wandered about in the wilderness for forty long years. But during all that time God never once forgot them. Each morning the manna came down like rain from heaven. No one went hungry.

God feeds us to-day in different ways, for

Back of the bread is the yellow grain,
And back of the grain the mill;
And back of the mill is the corn, and the rain,
And the sun, and the Father's will.

An adaptation of "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread," by Malbie D. Babcock.

A VERSE TO LEARN

"Give us this day our daily bread."

—Matthew 6 : 11.

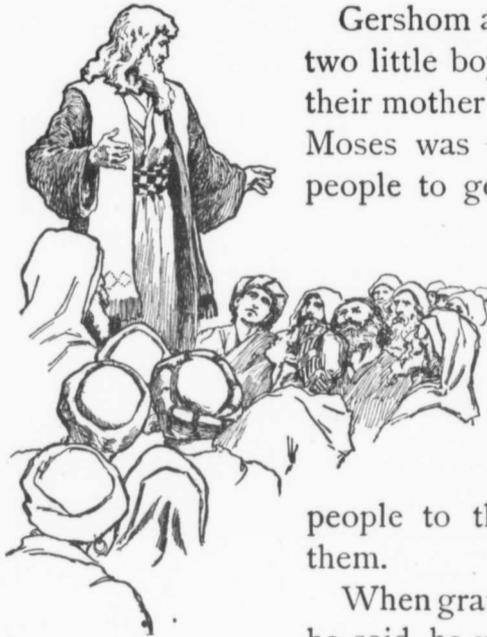
ANOTHER VERSE TO LEARN

"He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

—John 6 : 31.

JETHRO'S COUNSEL

Exodus, chapter 18



Gershom and Baby Eliezer were Moses' two little boys. They were staying with their mother at Grandfather Jethro's while Moses was down in Egypt helping his people to get away from cruel Pharaoh.

Gershom liked to visit at grandfather's, but he often wished his big, strong father would come home again.

At last news came that Moses had reached Mount Sinai. He was leading his people to the land God had promised them.

When grandfather heard the good news, he said he would take mother and Gershom and Eliezer to meet father. And immediately they set out. As they drew near the camp, Moses saw them, and hurried out. How glad he was to see them.

The next day I suppose Mother Zipporah spent getting settled in the new tent. Grandfather Jethro went with Moses about his work.

It was a very hard day for Moses. All day he sat and listened as the people came and told him their troubles and asked his advice. Sometimes, I am sorry to say, he had to settle quarrels. When evening came he was very, very tired. Grandfather Jethro saw it and he looked grave.

"You cannot stand this," he said. "You will become

sick and die. Why not let some of these men help you?"

Moses was a wise man and he saw that this was good advice. So he chose a number of men who were to be leaders under him, his helpers. Those who had troubles were to go to these men. Then if they could not decide any matter, the trouble should be taken to Moses himself.

This plan worked out splendidly, and Moses' strength was saved so that he had more time to teach the people God's rules.

THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF SPLENDID WAYS IN WHICH WE, TOO, MAY HELP. THE CHILDREN IN THE PICTURE ARE HELP-

ING, AND HAVING A GOOD TIME, TOO.

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY WAYS IN WHICH YOU, TOO, MAY HELP?

A VERSE TO LEARN

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

—Galatians 6:2.



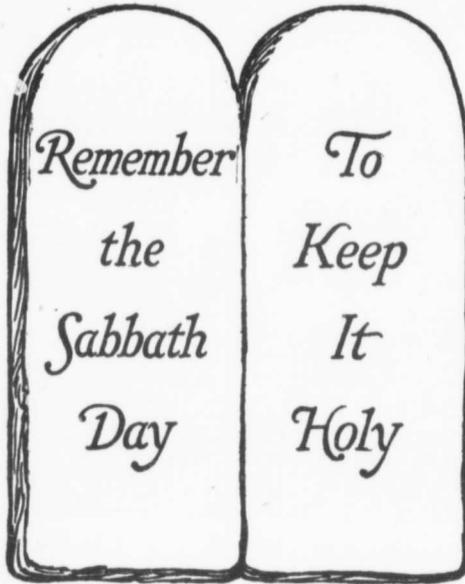
ANOTHER VERSE TO LEARN

"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

—Numbers 10:29.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17



The trumpet blew loud and long. God was calling his people to come nearer to the great mountain called Mount Sinai. Moses led them.

Great thunderings shook the earth. Lightning flashed. The whole top of the mountain was wrapped in smoke. God had come down upon it in fire.

And God said, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land

of Egypt." Then he went on to give the Ten Commandments. These Commandments were the rules the children of Israel must obey if they were to be good and keep God's love:

ONE OF THE RULES—THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY."

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

"HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE."

God called Moses up into the mountain. Moses

went. He disappeared in a cloud and stayed there forty days.

When he came back, he brought with him two tablets of stone. On them God had written the Ten Commandments with his own hand.

The very first Commandment told the people, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." God must be first in their hearts.

And there were others :

THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

THOU SHALT NOT LIE.

THOU SHALT NOT COVET, and try to take other people's things.

Will you learn those rules? Will you try to keep them?

Years after these things happened, God sent Jesus, his Son, to give us the greatest commandment of all. Here it is:

"THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL THY MIND; AND THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF."

—Luke 10:27.

If we truly keep this last commandment we shall surely be obeying all the others.

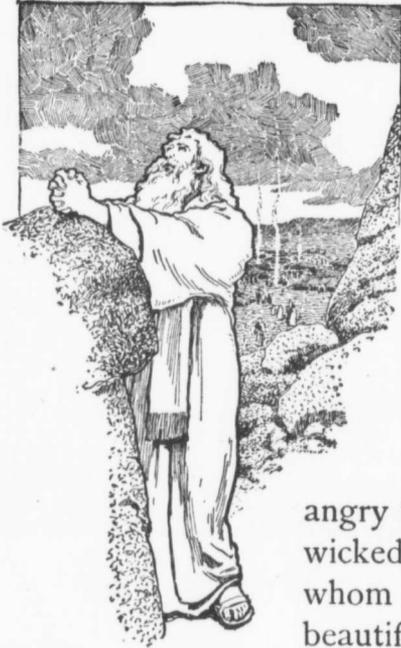
ANOTHER VERSE TO LEARN

"God is love."—I John 4:8.



MOSES PRAYING FOR ISRAEL

Exodus 32:1 to 34:9



Moses was on Mount Sinai. He was still listening to the rules God was giving him to teach the people. But suddenly God stopped speaking about the rules and said, "Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt have . . . made them a golden calf and have worshipped it."

God was both sorrowful and angry to think his children could be so wicked. They were his chosen people, whom he had promised to lead into a beautiful land which he would give them for their very own. Yet they had forgotten him. They had forgotten how he had set them free from Pharaoh's cruel taskmasters. They had forgotten how he had made a path for them through the Red Sea, how each morning he gave them bread to eat. The children of Israel were indeed very sinful. They had put a wicked idol in God's place, an idol that could not see or talk or think. How foolish they were!

And Moses went down from the mountain and found the Israelites feasting and making merry around the idol. How angry he was, so angry that he threw down the wonderful stone tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments! Moses broke them to show that the people had

broken their promise to God. Then Moses took the golden calf and ground it to powder. He threw the powder in the water and made the people drink it.

But Moses was sorry, too, as well as angry. He prayed God to forgive them. He even said he was willing to bear their punishment. Think of that! Think how Moses must have loved the Israelites!

And God listened, because Moses was a good man and because he prayed so earnestly. God forgave the Israelites and took them back into his love and care. He gave them two new tablets of stone and wrote on them those same Ten Commandments.

LITTLE ATTUK LIVES IN A QUEER LITTLE SNOW HOUSE. IT IS CALLED AN "IGLOO" AND IS FAR AWAY UP NORTH IN LABRADOR. SOMETIMES WHEN HIS FATHER GOES OUT HUNTING HE CATCHES A SEAL. SOMETIMES ATTUK GOES RIDING WITH THE DOG TEAM.

YOUR TEACHER WILL TELL YOU TWO WAYS TO HELP ATTUK AND HIS ESKIMO FRIENDS.



FOR YOU TO LEARN

"Pray one for another."—James 5:16b.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—James 5:16c.

THE REPORT OF THE SPIES

Numbers 13:1 to 14:38



What could be the matter? The children of Israel crowded together crying! Moses and Aaron, their wise, brave leaders, were lying face downward on the ground!

Just this: the people were afraid. They

had come to the very edge of the Promised Land, and yet they were afraid to march in and conquer the wicked people who lived there.

Moses had chosen twelve men to go forward and spy out the land. One of the men was Joshua, another Caleb.

"Go see what kind of land it is," said Moses, "what kind of people there are, strong or weak. See whether they live in high, walled cities. See whether there are woods and orchards and vineyards."

The twelve spies set out and after some days came marching back. Two of them were bearing a huge bunch of luscious grapes, so large that it was swung on a long pole. Others had fine, ripe figs and juicy pomegranates.

"It is a goodly land," they said, "and is surely flowing with milk and honey and every blessing, just as the Lord promised. But the people who live there are strong and warlike. They are giants and they live in walled cities."

"But let us go and take the land!" cried brave Caleb.

And Moses said to the people: "Yes. Go and take it, as God has commanded you."

But the other ten spies were foolish. "No," they said. "We cannot take it. We cannot fight those giants." The people said so, too.

It was then that they began to weep and Moses threw himself on the ground. His people afraid to go forward! Afraid even when God was with them!

At that, Joshua and Caleb sprang up again. "The land is a fair and good land!" they cried once more. "Fear not, for the Lord is with us! Fear not! But go!"

Yet the people would not. They were still afraid. And for many years those Israelites lost a great prize because they were afraid to do right.

ABOUT OUR PICTURE

Jessie is afraid of her shadow. In what way is she like the children of Israel? Are you ever afraid when there is really no danger?



TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"The Lord is with us: fear them not."

—Numbers 14:9.

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

—I John 5:4.

JOSHUA, PATRIOT AND LEADER

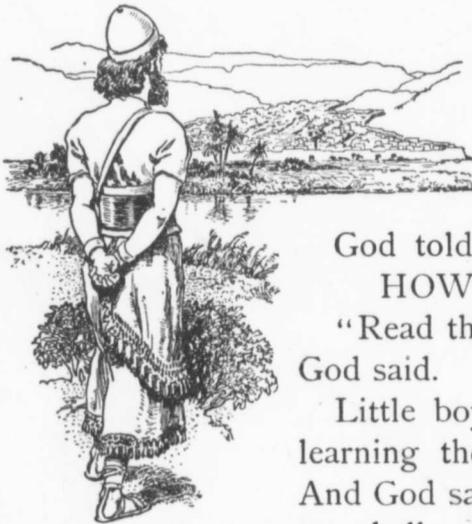
Joshua 1:1-9

General Joshua was the new leader of the Israelites. When God first chose Joshua, he told him

HOW TO BE A GOOD LEADER.

“Be strong and of a good courage,” God said.

Joshua needed to be strong and brave in order to keep the Ten Commandments. They are not easy to mind. Everyone has to work and fight for the right.



God told Joshua

HOW TO GROW BRAVE.

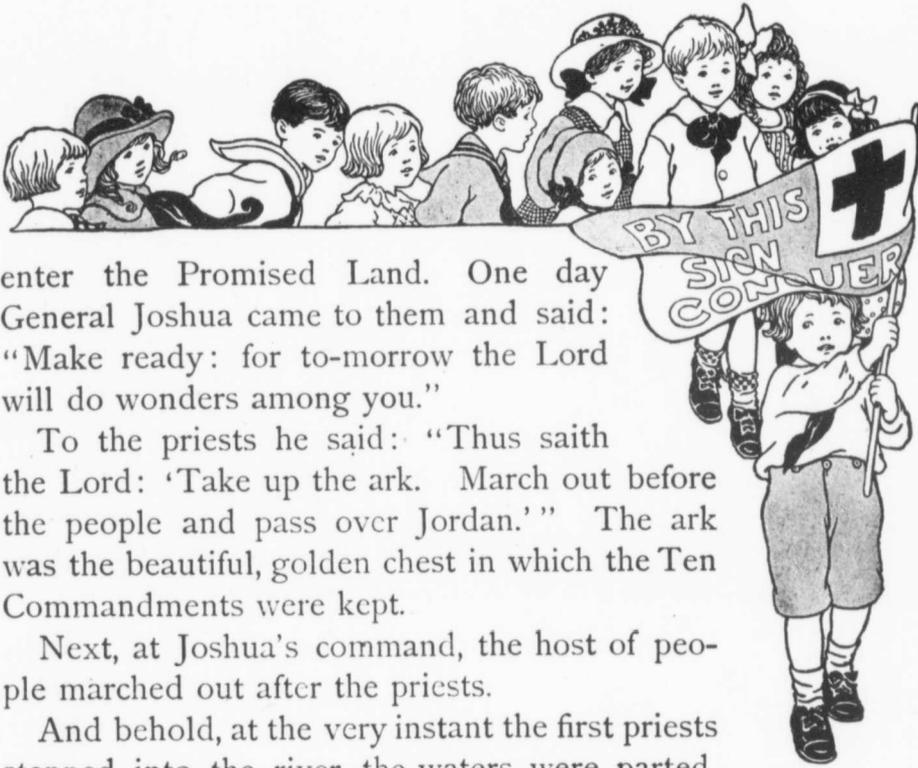
“Read the Bible and mind its rules,” God said.

Little boys and girls can read it by learning the Bible verses in this book. And God says that if we do these things we shall prosper.

General Joshua did do these things, and this is what happened.

Nearly forty long years had passed since the Israelites had stopped, afraid to march into the Promised Land. But they were braver now, and God was going to give them another chance.

They were camping at this time by the river Jordan. It was wide and rushing and dangerous, without a bridge. And they had no boats. Yet they must cross before they could



enter the Promised Land. One day General Joshua came to them and said: "Make ready: for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

To the priests he said: "Thus saith the Lord: 'Take up the ark. March out before the people and pass over Jordan.'" The ark was the beautiful, golden chest in which the Ten Commandments were kept.

Next, at Joshua's command, the host of people marched out after the priests.

And behold, at the very instant the first priests stepped into the river, the waters were parted. A wide, dry path appeared, straight through the foaming Jordan. The people marched over. When all were safe on the other side, God caused the waters to flow back into their place.

At last God's people had entered the Promised Land. They had won because they had minded God. They remembered that God had said,

"I WILL BE WITH THEE."—Joshua 1:5.

A VERSE TO LEARN

"Be strong and of a good courage."

—Joshua 1:9.

THE CITIES OF REFUGE

Joshua, chapter 20



One more hill! If he can only make it! If his breath will only last!

Gasping and panting the man struggled on. He could hear his pursuers shouting behind him, and knew that they were gaining. But he would not give in. He would

not. He would make it yet.

Over the rocks. His head was bent almost to his knees, but he was almost there—ten more strides.

One—two—three—four—five—six! Four more now! And his breath was going! Seven—eight—nine—and he threw himself inside the gates! He was safe in the city of refuge. No one could touch him.

That was one of the rules God gave the children of Israel. Six of their cities in the Promised Land should be set aside and called cities of refuge, cities of help. If a man did wrong, but did not mean to, he could run to one of those cities, and there he would be safe. Once inside, his pursuers could not harm a hair of his head, until it had been proved that he had done something wicked.

God made this plan because he loved his



children of Israel. And many of them thanked him for it.

To-day God wants every city in the world to be a city of refuge, a city of help. He wants us to be just and kind. Indeed, each one of us might be like a city of help in our own selves. You know that Jesus, God's Son, said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

And we are to remember, too, in trouble, that God is the very best Help, the very best Refuge of all.

ALL THIS MAKES ME THINK OF THOSE LITTLE ESKIMO CHILDREN UP IN LABRADOR. DO YOU REMEMBER ATTUK?

SOMETIMES ATTUK AND HIS FRIENDS GET INTO TROUBLE. SOMETIMES THE FISHING IS NOT GOOD, AND NO SEALS ARE



CAUGHT. THEN ATTUK AND THE OTHERS GO VERY, VERY HUNGRY. HOW WOULD IT DO TO GATHER SOME MORE PENNIES FOR THEM?

TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"Be ye kind one to another."—Ephesians 4 : 32.

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."—Matthew 5 : 7

ISRAEL WARNED AGAINST COMPROMISE

Joshua 23:1 to 24:28

The children of Israel had had peace and rest for a long time in the beautiful Promised Land. Years had passed, and Joshua by this time had become an old man. Now he had some last words to say to these people he loved, and so he called them before him.

"Fear the Lord," he told them. "Love and obey him. Turn away from the wicked idols of the countries around you. Worship the heavenly Father." I am sorry to say that sometimes the people had forgotten to do this. Do you remember the golden calf?

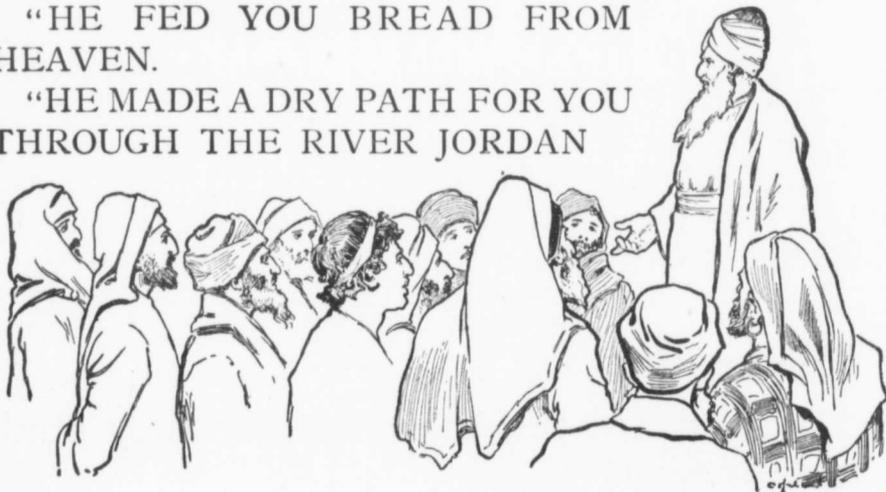
Then Joshua went on and reminded them of the great wonders God had done for them.

"HE BROUGHT YOU OUT FROM THE LAND OF EGYPT.

"HE MADE A DRY PATH FOR YOU THROUGH THE RED SEA.

"HE FED YOU BREAD FROM HEAVEN.

"HE MADE A DRY PATH FOR YOU THROUGH THE RIVER JORDAN



"HE HELPED YOU TO CONQUER JERICHO.

"And now he has given you a goodly land with orchards and vineyards and fields and herds of cattle.

"The Lord is a good God. Whom then will ye serve and obey? Choose." And the people answered with one voice:

"THE LORD OUR GOD WILL WE SERVE, AND HIS VOICE WILL WE OBEY."

Loving and obeying God means loving and obeying father and mother, too.

What do you suppose the two little boys in the picture want Bob to do? But father has said "No," unless he or some other grown-up person is along. I wonder what Bob is going to say. What do you hope?



TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"Take good heed 'therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God."

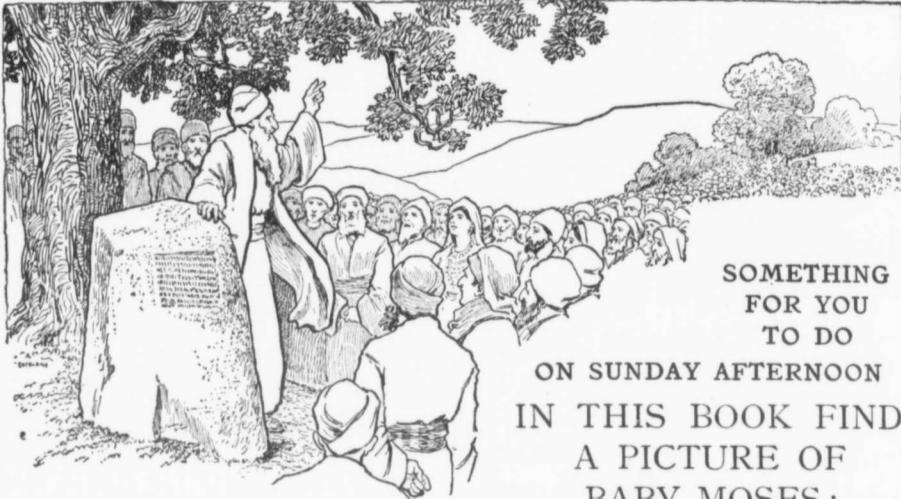
—Joshua 23:11.

"Evil communications corrupt good manners."

—I Corinthians 15:33.

REVIEW—GOD'S HAND IN A NATION'S LIFE

Read Joshua 24 : 14-28



SOMETHING
FOR YOU
TO DO

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON
IN THIS BOOK FIND
A PICTURE OF
BABY MOSES ;

OF MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH.

FIND A PICTURE OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
STARTING FOR THE PROMISED LAND ;
GATHERING MANNA.

And now can you do something hard? Then recite to
mother

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT, the part you learned;
THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

Find the lesson that has the picture of the stone tablets on
which the Ten Commandments were written. Read aloud
some of the other Commandments, given in big print.

And now DEAR LITTLE FOLKS:

You see we are coming to the end of our book and the
end of our stories about the children of Israel. We have

heard how God led his people out of their troubles in the wilderness into a fair and beautiful land. He led them as tenderly and lovingly as a shepherd leads his little sheep. We learned last Sunday how Joshua stood up before all the Israelites and taught them a last lesson. We heard how he made them promise:

"WE WILL SERVE THE LORD."

When they had promised, Joshua took a great stone and set it up under an old oak tree. He said, "This stone will help you to remember your promise to be good."

After that, for years and years, the little boys and girls in Israel would sometimes come upon that stone and they would say, "What is that stone, father?" And the father would answer, "This is the spot where we promised to love and serve God."

Suppose we have such a stone. Suppose we make our promise now to the Good Shepherd who is leading us, too. Then carefully write, "We will serve the Lord," on the stone given on this page.



TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"Thou leddest thy people like a flock."

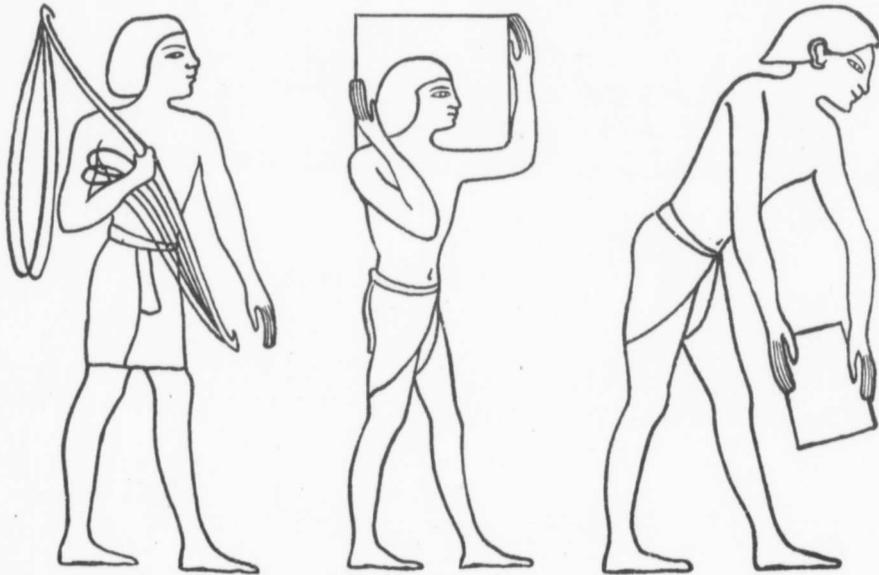
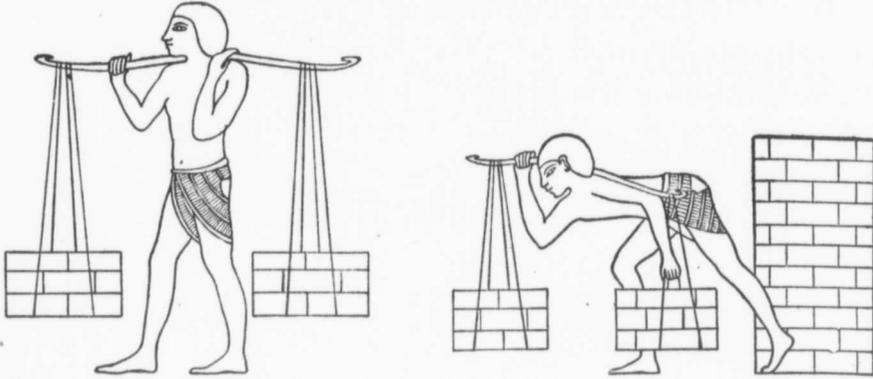
—Psalm 77 : 20.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

—Proverbs 14 : 34.

HANDWORK

RUNNING AWAY FROM A CRUEL KING



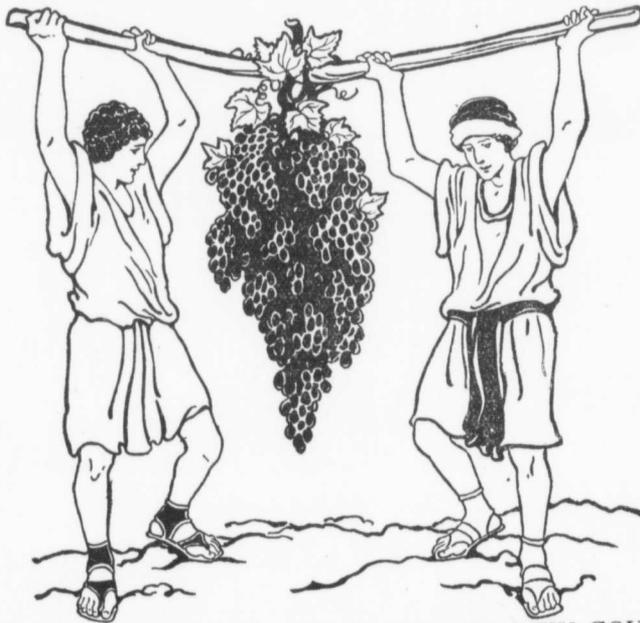
WHY THEY WENT—THE KING MADE THEM WORK TOO HARD

NOTE—Cut out some figures like the above from black paper. Mount on white paper.

HANDWORK



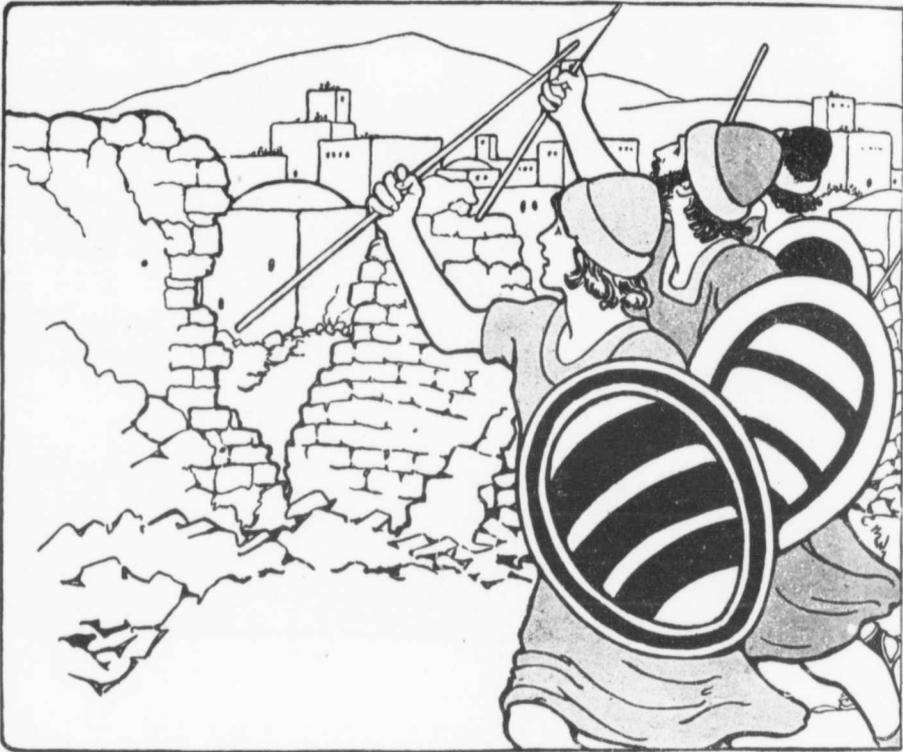
STARTING FOR THE PROMISED LAND



BRINGING BACK THE FRUITS OF THE NEW COUNTRY

NOTE—Cut out a staff; a bunch of grapes.

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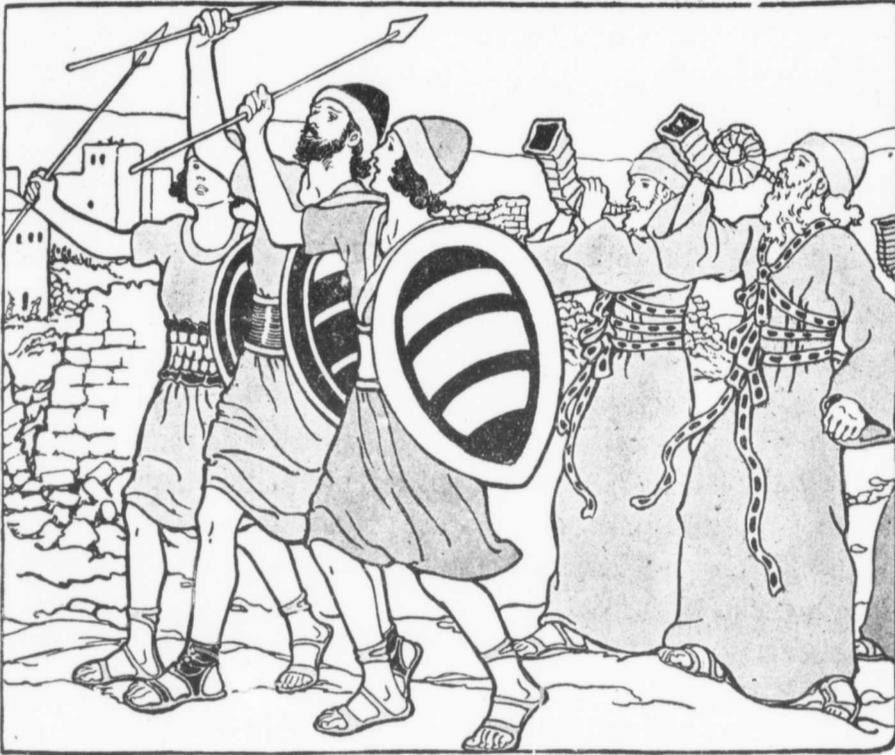


THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE CAMPING BEFORE THE GREAT AND WICKED CITY OF JERICO. THEY KNEW THAT THOSE STRONG WALLS MUST BE BROKEN DOWN BEFORE THEY COULD LIVE IN THE PROMISED LAND.

GOD TOLD GENERAL JOSHUA HOW TO DO IT. FOR SIX DAYS HE MARCHED HIS MEN AROUND THE CITY—ONCE EACH DAY. THEY WERE VERY QUIET. NOT A WORD WAS SPOKEN BY ANYONE.

ON THE SEVENTH DAY THEY MARCHED AROUND SIX TIMES—VERY QUIETLY. ONCE AGAIN THEY MARCHED—THE SEVENTH TIME.

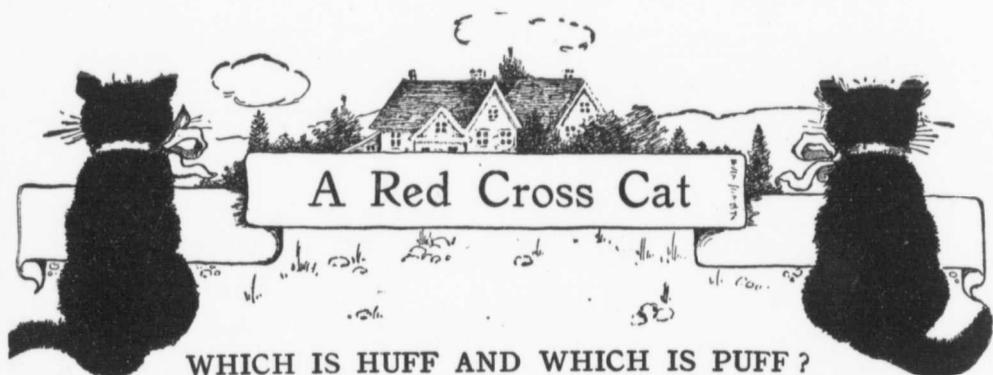
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THEN SUDDENLY JOSHUA GAVE THE COMMAND. THE PRIESTS' TRUMPETS BLARED OUT. THE PEOPLE SHOUTED. AND WITH THAT SHOUT GOD MADE THE WALLS OF THE GREAT CITY BEGIN TO TREMBLE. THEY TOTTERED AND SWAYED. A MOMENT MORE AND THEY FELL DOWN FLAT. JERICHO WAS CAPTURED!

IN THIS WAY THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ENTERED THE PROMISED LAND, AS GOD HAD PROMISED THEM THAT THEY SHOULD DO.

NOTE—Cut out a row of soldiers; a horn. Make a walled city out of a cardboard box. Draw the bricks.



WHICH IS HUFF AND WHICH IS PUFF ?

Once upon a time there were two little kittens who were as near alike as your two little fingers. Each was as black as a piece of coal, each had a long, fluffy tail, a funny, black nose, and bright, yellow eyes; and one's name was Huff and the other's was Puff. Marjorie's big brother Jim had named them.

Now on this particular Saturday morning Huff and Puff were playing under the kitchen table, while Marjorie sat rubbing away at the silver as hard as she could. "But I'll never have enough," she said, wrinkling up her forehead. "I'll get twenty cents for the silver, and father'll give me twenty more for helping with the dishes. But what's a stingy old forty cents for the Red Cross?"

Huff and Puff still played under the table, and Marjorie stared at them absently as she said to herself over and over, "How shall I get that money?" Then all at once her eyes brightened, and she sprang down from her chair. "Why, there's Mr. Connor!" she cried right out loud, even though there was no one to listen. "He wanted Huff the last time he came with the groceries. He said he'd buy him!" Then her face grew sober. "But I don't want to lose Huff or Puff, either one," she said, picking them both up. "But I'll have to," she sighed as her mother came into the kitchen.

A RED CROSS CAT

"Have to do what?" asked mother.

"Sell Huff to Mr. Connor. But I don't want Huff to go," and Marjorie sniffed back something that might have been a tear.

"Well, dear," said mother, "it's too bad when you care so much for him, but Huff and Puff are getting to be big fellows now, and father says one cat is enough in the house. Besides, Huff will be a Red Cross cat. He ought to be proud to help."

"Why, so he will," cried Marjorie, jumping up, "if I give the money next week! Do you hear that, Huff? Come on!"

So mother got out a wicker basket, Marjorie settled Huff comfortably down in it, and together they tied on the cover. Then away Marjorie went to the store at the corner.

"Well, well, that's a big basket you've got there, Marjorie," said Mr. Connor as Marjorie came in, rather red in the face from her heavy load. "Guess you're going to buy me out."

"No, sir," answered Marjorie. "I'm not going to buy anything. I've come to sell something."

"You have!" exclaimed Mr. Connor. "Well, now, what can it be? Let me guess. Can't be a cat, can it?"

"It is, it is! You guessed right off! It's Huff!"

Mr. Connor stepped over to his cash register. In a minute he was back again. "How would that do?" he said. Marjorie looked down. A shining half dollar lay in her hand.

It took only five minutes to run home that time! "O mother, mother, look what Mr. Connor gave me!" she cried. "Isn't he the nicest man! And now, if I take my two twenty cents and this fifty cents and earn ten cents more, I'll have a whole dollar for the Red Cross, shan't I?" And mother said, "Yes."

That is how Huff came to be a Red Cross cat

WHO LIGHTS THE STAR LAMPS?

G. V. S. 1

CHAS. E. BOYD 2

1. Who lights the star lamps in the skies, When eve - ning comes
 2. Who wraps in sleep the gen - tle flowers, Through all the long,
 3. Who binds the brook in i - cy chains, Hush - ing its laugh -
 4. Our lov - ing Fa - ther in the skies— He spreads these beau -

..... and day - light dies?..... Who puts them out be - fore the
 dark, win - try hours?..... Who bids them ope their star - ry
 - - - - - ter through the plains,..... Till warm days come, when bird and
 - - - - - ties for our eyes;..... With love and grat - i - tude each

sun His fie - ry course..... his course has well be - gun?.....
 eyes, When summer's sun,..... the sun lights sum - mer - skies?.....
 bee Their rev - el - ry..... a - wake—spring rev - el - ry?.....
 day, Shall we his care..... his ten - der care re - pay!.....