

Primary Quarterly for Little Folks.

DEAR CHILDREN :

We are learning this Quarter about God's good gifts to his children. In each lesson we learn of some good gift God has given us as follows :

First Lesson.	A Happy Home.
Second “	Food and Clothing.
Third “	The Holy Spirit of Love.
Fourth “	Friends, seen and unseen.
Fifth “	A contented heart.
Sixth “	The Holy Spirit of Fire.
Seventh “	Love for others.
Eighth “	A Clean Heart.
Ninth “	Angels ever near.
Tenth “	Peaceful Life and Death.
Eleventh “	Guidance through life.
Twelfth “	Jesus our Saviour.

The Golden Text for the Quarter, (which we should all learn, so that we will never forget it,) is : “ No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.” Every good thing we have comes from God, and he will give us more and more good things if we will walk uprightly.

What does it mean to walk uprightly ? It is as nearly as possible to do just what God would like to have us do. We must remember that he is watching us all the time, and is glad when we do right, and sorry when we do wrong. If we are willing to do right, and if we will trust him, he will make our lives bright and beautiful, and the world will be better for us having lived in it.

As we learn the lessons this Quarter, we hope the boys and girls will just allow God to have their lives, and do as he would have them do, for if so “ No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”

Your loving Friends,

Mr. & Mrs. G. H. Archibald.

Write in the space below, (or get some one to do so for you) after Sabbath School each Sabbath, something you have learned about God's good gifts.

LESSON I. A Happy Home.

LESSON II. Food and Clothing.

LESSON III. Holy Spirit of Love.

LESSON IV. Friends Seen and Unseen.

LESSON V. A Contented Heart.

LESSON VI. Holy Spirit of Fire.

WE ARE LEARNING, THIS QUARTER,
 ABOUT
GOD'S GOOD GIFTS.

1 A HAPPY HOME	2 FOOD and CLOTHING	3 HOLY SPIRIT OF FIRE	4 SEEN FRIENDS and UNSEEN
5 A CONTENTED HEART	GOD'S GOOD GIFTS		6 HOLY SPIRIT OF LOVE
7 LOVE FOR OTHERS			8 A CLEAN HEART
9 ANGELS EVER NEAR	10 PEACEFUL LIFE and DEATH	11 GUIDANCE THROUGH LIFE	12 JESUS Our SAVIOUR

SESSION PROGRAMME

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PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.



- I. SILENCE.
- II. HYMN.
- III. PRAYER.
- IV. RECITATION. Scripture Alphabet.
 - A. A soft answer turneth away wrath.
 - B. Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.
 - C. Cleanse thou me from secret faults.
 - D. Delight thyself in the Lord.
 - E. Even Christ pleased not Himself.
 - F. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 - G. Give us this day our daily bread.
 - H. Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.
 - I. I am the door ; by me if any man enter in he shall be saved.
 - J. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.
 - K. Keep thy tongue from evil.
 - L. Little children, love one another.
 - M. My son, give me thine heart.
 - N. Now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation.
 - O. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness.
 - P. Pray without ceasing.
 - Q. Quit you like men ; be strong.
 - R. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.
 - S. Suffer the little children to come unto Me.
 - T. Thou, God, see'st me.
 - U. Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks.
 - V. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, hath everlasting life.
 - W. What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee.
 - X. Examine yourselves.
 - Y. Ye are bought with a price.
 - Z. Clad with Zeal as with a cloak.

- V. MOTION SONG.
- VI. GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER.
- VII. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON.
- VIII. BIRTHDAY OFFERING. (With Birthday Prayer).
- IX. INTIMATIONS.
- X. COLLECTION.
- XI. PRAYER HYMN (after collection).
- XII. TEACHERS' FIFTEEN MINUTES. (Roll taken, Golden Text, Lesson story taught).
- XIII. LESSON HYMN FOR THE QUARTER. (This hymn can be sung to some tune familiar to the children.)

Lord this day thy children meet
 In Thy courts with willing feet;
 Unto Thee this day they raise
 Grateful hearts in hymns of praise.

Help us unto Thee to pray,
 Hallowing our happy day,
 From thy presence thus to win
 Hearts all pure and free from sin.

All our pleasures here below
 Saviour from thy mercy flow ;
 Little children thou dost love ;
 Draw our hearts to Thee above.

Make, O Lord, our childhood Thine,
 With all lowly grace like Thine;
 Then through all eternity
 We shall live in heaven with Thee.

- XIV. LESSON REVIEW AND APPLICATION. (By Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, or one of the teachers).
- XV. PRAYER.
- XVI. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS, ETC., AND PREPARATION FOR DISMISSION.
- XVII. DISMISSION.

Lesson, 1 Kings 12:16-25. Read 1 Kings 12:1 to 14:20. Commit vs. 16-19.

16. So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel; now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17. But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18. Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19. So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20. And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21. And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22. But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

23. Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24. Thus saith the LORD: Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25. Then Jeroboam built Shechem in Mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

GOLDEN TEXT: "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."

Prov. 15: 1.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



The people that our lesson is about to-day had a happy home, but sin came into it, and as it always does, brought unhappiness with it. The people began to quarrel one with the other. Some wanted one king and some another, and they became divided; instead of having one king they had two. If king Rehoboam had not been so hasty, and given a soft answer instead of an angry one, he would have prevented this, but he did not do so.

Many homes are made unhappy because some one in them speaks thoughtlessly. Remember, children, that "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

ANGRY words, O let them never,
From the tongue unbridled
slip,
May the heart's first impulse ever,
Check them, e'er they soil the
lip.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Proverbs 10: 12.
TUESDAY—Proverbs 15: 18.
WEDNESDAY—Proverbs 17: 19.
THURSDAY—Proverbs 25: 15.
FRIDAY—Proverbs 25: 21.
SATURDAY—Proverbs 26: 21.
SUNDAY—Proverbs: 15: 1.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

A LARGE old willow tree stood by itself not far from an old-fashioned house. It had been there for a long time, and many birds had made their homes and built their nests in its comfortable branches. Could it have spoken, it would have had many curious and interesting stories to tell about the birds, and their families of tiny ones.

One morning, after a willow wren had fed her large family of little ones, and saw they were all comfortable and happy, and was sitting on a branch of the old willow tree quite near the nest, a titmouse flew along, and chirped "Good morning, Mrs. Willow Wren." "Good morning," chirped back Mrs. Willow Wren, "I am glad to see you, and how are you and all your little birdies this morning?" "All pretty well, thank you, but I don't think our home is as happy as it might be, or as yours seems to be. I thought I would fly over and have a little chat with you, and see if I could not get some hints from you about the matter."

"In the first place, I can't understand how you manage to keep all your family in that little nest. I haven't half your number, and yet one or other of them is always tumbling out of the nest." "Perhaps you didn't make it large enough," said Mrs. Willow Wren. "That can't be the reason, it's as large as yours."

"Ah!" said Mrs. Willow Wren, "Well you'll excuse my mentioning it, but I fancy I've heard that your young ones don't agree very well." "It would not make the nest any larger if they did," said Mrs. Titmouse. "Pardon me, friend," said Mrs. Willow Wren, "but it makes all the difference in the world. If my twelve didn't do their best to be kind to each other, we couldn't get on at all; but I am thankful to say that we are all thoughtful and kind to each other, and that is what makes our home such a peaceable and happy one."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

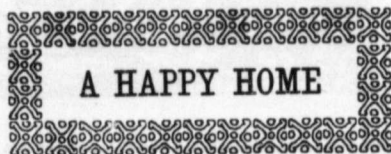
1. Into what two parts is the Bible divided?
2. In which were we studying last quarter?
3. Whose life have we been studying?
4. Where and about whom will we study this quarter?



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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh, God! make me loving and kind in all my actions.

Lesson, 1 Kings 17: 1-16. Read the Chapter. Commit vs. 2-6.

1. And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

3. Get thee thence and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5. So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7. And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8. And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

9. Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee.

10. So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when

he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11. And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12. And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said; but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

15. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

16. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

GOLDEN TEXT: "And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord." 1 Kings 17: 16.

BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

Elijah was a good man. He often spoke with God, and it pleased God to talk to him. One time God said, "Go and tell the king there is going to be a famine," and he went. During the famine God said, "Go and hide thyself beside the brook and the ravens will feed thee," and he went. When the brook dried up, God told him to go and live with a widow woman, and he went, and stayed in that house a long time. There would not have been enough for them to eat, but God so ordered "That the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord."



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

GOD made the little birds and flowers,
And all things large and small,
He'll not forget his little ones,
I know he loves them all.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Matthew 6: 25.
TUESDAY—Matthew 6: 22.
WEDNESDAY—Matthew 6: 28.
THURSDAY—Matthew 6: 30.
FRIDAY—Matthew 6: 31.
SATURDAY—Matthew 6: 34.
SUNDAY—1 Kings 17: 16.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

A lot of sparrows met in an old elm tree," standing in a city park, on the morning after the first fall of snow. "This snow" began an old sparrow "is something I don't like. Robin Red breast told me a month ago that it would come and said we would do better to fly South with him but I thought I would stay and try it; but I must say I don't like this snow, I don't know where to set my feet, or pick a crumb for breakfast." "Can't we go back to our English Oak" said a younger sparrow. "It isn't so cold there." "Not if they don't choose to carry us" said the old sparrow. "I have heard" said another," that the people who live in those beautiful houses around the park are very kind, and will give us plenty to eat if we act friendly. Let us go over to that balcony; I see a little boy inside the glass watching us now, and he looks kind and gentle." So there was a whirring of wings, and all the birds flew over to the balcony, making the light snow fly as they alighted.

How the little boy's face lighted as they came! He had a bible on the arm of a great arm chair in which he sat curled up like a bird in its nest.

"I wonder if God sent them" he said, for he had been just reading about how God gives the lilies their beautiful dress, and how." He feeds the little birds. As he read, "Your Heavenly Father feedeth them, he looked over to the old tree and they all came over to him in a flock. "What does it mean, Mamma," he said. "God has given you plenty of crumbs, and a pair of hands to scatter them with," said his mother. "Perhaps that is the way our Heavenly Father wants to feed his sparrows."

A few minutes later the happy faced boy was scattering crumbs on the balcony, to as happy a group of sparrows, and every morning and night they came to their young provider for breakfast and supper.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What was Elijah?
2. To what three places did God send him?
3. How was he fed at Cherith?
4. How was He fed at Zarephath?



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FOOD AND CLOTHING



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Give me a truthful, thankful heart.

Lesson, 1 Kings 18 : 30-40. Read 1 Kings 17 : 17 to 18 : 46. Commit vs. 36-39.

30. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down.

31. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

32. And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

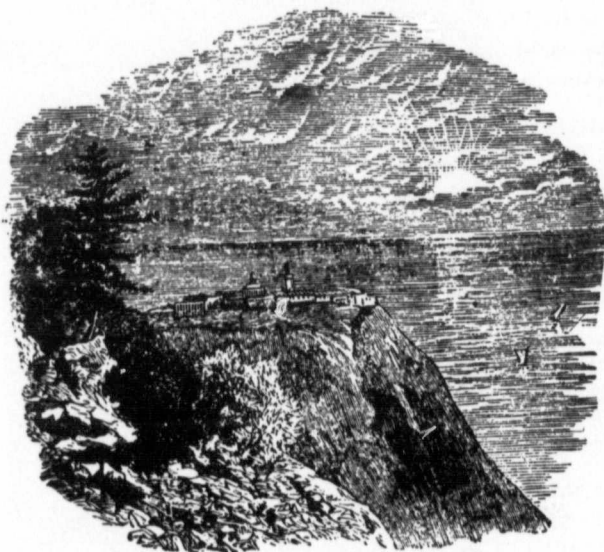
38. Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.

40. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

GOLDEN TEXT: "And when all the people saw it they fell on their faces, and they said, 'The Lord, He is the God, the Lord He is the God.'" 1 Kings 18 : 39.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



God sent Elijah again to the King, and said, "Assemble all the people together". The King was afraid of Elijah, because he knew God was with him. Some of the people worshipped idols, but some of them, like Elijah, worshipped the true God. Elijah wanted to show everybody that God was a living God, but that the idols were dead. They all assembled on the top of the mountain, and Elijah told the idol worshippers to build an altar, and to lay their sacrifice upon it, and to call upon their god to come down and set it on fire. Though they called a long time he did not come. When Elijah's turn came he called upon the living God, and God answered by sending fire from Heaven, which set the sacrifice on fire. And when all the people

saw it they fell on their faces, and they said "The Lord, He is the God; the Lord, He is the God."

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

OUR Heavenly Father, Thou,
We, Children of Thy grace;
Oh, let Thy Spirit now,
Descend and fill the place:
That all may feel the Heavenly
flame,
And all unite to praise Thy
name.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Proverbs 1 : 7.
TUESDAY—Psalm 33 : 8.
WEDNESDAY—Psalm 34 : 9.
THURSDAY—Psalm 76 : 11.
FRIDAY—Psalm 89 : 7.
SATURDAY—Psalm 115 : 13.
SUNDAY—1 Kings 18 : 39.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

The great piazza of the hotel was full of gay people. Suddenly, in the drive, in front, appeared a stylish phaeton, drawn by two handsome ponies. The driver was a lovely girl; beside her sat an old colored washerwoman, whose basket of clothes lay at her feet. In half an hour the phaeton and ponies appeared again, but the young girl was alone. Throwing the reins to the man who came to wait upon her, she jumped out of the phaeton, and approached the hotel.

"Miss Barber, I am surprised" said a young gentleman laughing. "Could'nt you find anyone but that old colored woman to take out driving?"

"I did'nt try" she answered merrily; "I was too glad to have her. I have not seen her for five years. She was our cook at one time, and a good one, I can assure you. I met her on the avenue with a basket of clothes so heavy that she fairly tottered under her burden. So I gave her a lift," and Gertie Barber's smiling face disappeared within the doorway.

In a little cabin, a mile from the hotel, sat an old colored woman. The perspiration was running down her cheeks, but her eyes gleamed with joy as she talked to her only child, a middle aged woman, whose face told its own sad story. "Just to think, Lindy, honey," she said, "I was a-limpin' along in de hot sun, my back mos' broke when who should I see drivin' long but Judge Barber's daughter, Miss Gertie, de lubliest picter I's seed in a good while, her face a smilin' an' her eyes a gleamin', an her yellor curls a-flyin'. When she seed me she reined up her ponies, side ob de curb, an' calls out, "How dy do, aunty?" An' den when she foun' out I was lame, an' had a mile to walk wid dese hebbly cloes, she axed me to git up wid her. Almos' tuk my breff away, but I got in; and I tell ye, Lindy, honey, I did'nt get tired at all. An' Lindy, Miss Gertie is comin' to see yer, an' she's goin to bring yer flowahs, an' nice tings to eat."

"Flowahs! Did you say flowahs, mammy?" asked Lindy, with a look of delight in her eyes."

"Yes, honey, flowahs, an' fruit, an' a spring chicken to brile."

Oh Mammy! what makes 'er so kin' and good to us?"

De Lawd, chile, she's de Lawd's own chile, bress her!

"Would'nt you think she would be too prou'd to hab an ole colored woman like you sittin' beside her in her fine carriage?" "Yes you would honey, but 'twas de Lawd. He sen His Holy Spirit of Fire into her dea' young heart to burn up all de pride in it, an' make it full of love for even poo' colored folks like us."



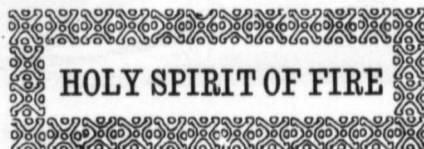
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What idol did the people worship?
2. Who should they have worshipped?
3. What did Elijah do on Mount Carmel?
4. What made Elijah's sacrifice burn?



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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

O God! May Thy Holy Spirit cleanse my heart from anything that would dishonour Thee.

Lesson, 1 Kings 19: 1-16. Read the Chapter. Commit vs. 9-12.

1. And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

3. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belougeth to Judah, and left his servant there

4. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10. And he said, I have been very jealous for the

Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12. And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

13. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14. And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15. And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria.

16. And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Ps. 37: 7.



BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

The wicked king Ahab had an equally wicked wife named Jezebel. She threatened to put Elijah to death, and for a little while Elijah forgot that God could take care of him, and ran a long way off and hid himself under a juniper tree and prayed that he might die. God loved Elijah very dearly, just as He loves all His children, and He sent an angel to him there, who gave him something to eat. Elijah had done wrong, but God received him back again to himself and told him what he was to do.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

THERE'S a friend for little children,
Above the bright blue sky,
A friend who never changeth—
Whose love will never die.
Unlike our friends by nature,
Who change with changing years,
This friend is always worthy,
The precious name he bears.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Proverbs 18 : 24.
TUESDAY—Psalm 62 : 7.
WEDNESDAY—Psalm 63 : 8.
THURSDAY—Psalm 72 : 12.
FRIDAY—Isaiah 30 : 15.
SATURDAY—Proverbs 3 : 6.
SUNDAY—Psalm 37 : 7.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

SOME years ago, a good missionary in the Island of Jamaica, went a long journey to visit a sick friend. This friend was so glad to see him, and they had so much to talk about, that the time slipped away before they thought that it was so late. The missionary had to be home early next day, so could not stay over night, and it was nearly dark when he set out on his homeward journey. He knew the road was very dangerous, and there were frightful precipices on each side. How could he escape falling over them in the dark? His friend offered him a pony, but he thought he had better go on foot. So he set out, trusting that God would take care of him, and bring him safely along his way. And how do you think God protected and delivered him? He did not send an angel as we often read of in the Bible, but a little insect, which he made answer the purpose as well. A beautiful fly, in that country called the candle fly, shines at night almost as brightly as a lamp. One of these small creatures kept hovering close to the missionary during all the bad part of the road, and gave him light till he had got past all the dangerous places. Often afterwards, he says, he has taken hope and courage in other times of trouble, by remembering how God protected him by the candle fly.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

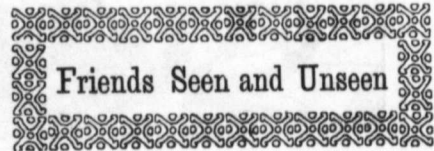
1. How far did Elijah run before Ahab's chariot?
2. What was the wicked queen's name?
3. What did she want to do to Elijah?
4. What did Elijah then do?



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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! fill our hearts with love for Thee, our dearest friend.

Lesson, 1 Kings 21: 4-16. Read 1 Kings, Chapters 21 and 22. Commit vs. 4-6.

4. And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5. But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad that thou eatest no bread.

6. And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it; and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7. And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8. So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

9. And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

10. And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blas-

pheme God and the king. And then carry him out and stone him, that he may die.

11. And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12. They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

13. And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

14. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

15. And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house." Exodus 20: 17.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

Near by the palace of the wicked king Ahab lived a man named Naboth. He was not rich like the king, but was the owner of a small vineyard. The selfish king, who wanted everything for himself, tried to get the vineyard away from Naboth, and when he found he could not, laid a plot to take the vineyard and kill the owner. One sin leads to another, the Bible says, and it was so in this case, for with the help of the wicked queen Jezebel, Naboth was murdered and the vineyard taken possession of by the king.

We should learn that what the Lord says is true: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house."



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

My times are in Thy hands,
My God I wish them there,
My life, my friends, my soul,
I leave,
Entirely to Thy care.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—1 Timothy 6: 6.
TUESDAY—Psalm 37: 16.
WEDNESDAY—Proverbs 15: 16.
THURSDAY—Proverbs 16: 8.
FRIDAY—Hab. 2: 9.
SATURDAY—Phil. 4: 11.
SUNDAY—Ex. 20: 17.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

"**H**ERE Nell, put in your cent; that was a big one!"

"I only said the potatoes are stone cold, and its the honest truth—they are.

If that's grumbling, I'd like to know. Is that a grumble, mother?"

"I rather think it is, Helen;" answered Mrs. Porter. "Some one had better read our contract again. We haven't heard it for nearly two days. You read it, Harry." Harry took a box from the middle of the table, and read aloud:

"Each and every member of this family of Porter agrees to pay one cent into this box for each and every grumble or complaint he or she shall make about any article of food on this table. Signed, Edward Porter, Mary Porter, Harry Porter, Helen Porter, Elizabeth Porter."

"If that isn't the strangest agreement I ever heard!" exclaimed Aunt Margaret, who had come in unexpectedly for lunch. "How did it ever come about?"

"I'll tell you," said Mrs. Porter. "Don't you remember some of the times you have been here to lunch or to dinner when everything was wrong on the table? The soup was either too hot or too cold; the beef was overdone; the vegetables either too salt or not salt enough, the bread was dry or the toast was burnt. Sometimes we didn't even have the right kind of dessert. If there was pie, everyone longed for custard or cream." Aunt Margaret smiled.

"I've known such things to happen in other people's houses, too."

"So have I," said Mrs. Porter; "but don't you remember, too, the little blessing, father so often asks before meals: 'O Lord, for the food thou hast given us, give us grateful hearts?' We would bow our heads and listen, and then grumble over every mouthful."

"You didn't mother; you never did. It was the rest of us."

"Well," continued Mrs. Porter, "one beautiful Sunday morning we all went to church and heard an unusually good sermon. Then we came home and sat down to a very good dinner; but it was worse than ever, and before we left the table, father stopped us and said: 'I've been thinking, children, it would be just as well not to ask a blessing on the food any longer. We have such poor things to eat we cannot feel grateful.'"

"I tell you it opened our eyes," said Harry. "We couldn't believe that we found so much fault with everything." "It made us all think," said Helen, "how dreadful it was for us to grumble that way, instead of being contented and thankful for all the many good things God had given us. That's the reason we have a grumble box, and I think it is helping us to remember that a contented mind is better than a grumbling one."



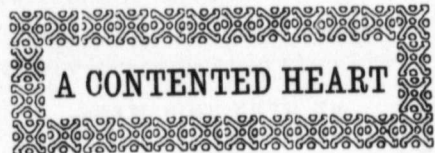
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who owned a vineyard near the king's palace?
2. Who coveted it?
3. How did he get it?
4. What is the Golden Text?



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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Make us wish to leave everything to Thy loving care, for thou knowest always what is best!

Lesson, 2 Kings 2: 6-15. Read the Chapter. Commit vs. 11-14.

6. And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9. And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan:

14. And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither, and Elisha went over.

15. And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

GOLDEN TEXT: "How much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." Luke 11: 13.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



When the people were doing wrong God always had somebody to stand up and warn them against that wrong. Elijah did this for a long time, but when he died Elisha was to follow him, doing the same thing. Elijah was brave and true to God. Elisha wanted to be the same kind of a man as his master Elijah, and Elijah told him that if he saw him when he was taken up to heaven, he would have a double portion of his spirit fall upon him. Elisha went with Elijah every where he went. One day when crossing the River Jordan, Elijah smote the waters, and they walked over on dry ground. Soon after there appeared a chariot, and horses of fire, and Elijah was taken up to

Heaven. After that the Spirit of Elijah was upon Elisha.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

HOLY SPIRIT, all Divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down every idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Matt. 3: 11.
TUESDAY—Luke 12: 12.
WEDNESDAY—John 14: 26.
THURSDAY—Acts 2: 4.
FRIDAY—Acts 10: 44.
SATURDAY—Acts 19: 6.
SUNDAY—Luke 11: 13.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

Little Tim had his hat in his hand all ready to go out to play, when Mamma said "Tim I'd like to have you help me for a short time. Please clear off the table." You see Tim's mamma had a great deal to do that day; and little feet, if they are willing feet, can save mamma a great many steps.

But Tim pouted and said "I'd rather not, I want to play with Bessie."

"Do you love mamma?" mamma asked.

"Yes'm" said Tim.

"Well that's just what little John said. Don't you remember? You know the verse:

'I love you mother, said little John;
Then forgetting his work, his cap went on,
And he was off to the garden swing,
Leaving his mother the wood to bring."

Tim stopped, and thought for a moment.

"Was that a true story, mamma?"

"I'm afraid it was, so many little boys leave mamma to take all the steps."

I think Satan tempted Tim, whispering in his ear how pleasant it was out of doors, but I think some other voice whispered too. Whose do you think it was? I think it was the voice of the Holy Spirit of love, for the selfish thoughts seemed to go, and Tim hung up his cap, and because he had willing feet, they took him back and forth from the table to the kitchen and before you could think, the table was cleared, the silver all clean and safe in its place. Then mamma gave him a good hug and a kiss, telling him he could go and play, and he enjoyed his fun much more than he could have done, if he had not listened to the voice of the Holy Spirit of Love.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Elijah's successor?
2. What did he want to get from Elijah?
3. How did he get it?
4. How was Elijah taken up to Heaven?



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HOLY SPIRIT OF LOVE



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Give us more and more of Thy Holy Spirit of love in our hearts

Lesson, 2 Kings 4: 25-37. Read the Chapter. Commit vs. 32-35.

25. So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite :

26. Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.

27. And when she came to the man of God, to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soul is vexed within her: and the Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

28. Then she said, Did I desire a son of my Lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

29. Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again; and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

30. And the mother of the child said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose and followed her.

31. And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him saying, The child is not awaked.

32. And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

33. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord.

34. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child: and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

35. Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

36. And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

GOLDEN TEXT : "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee." Psalm 55 . 22.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



As Elisha went to and fro through the land he often did kind actions. There was one home in which he often stayed. One time the boy in this house died. The mother went to find Elisha, who sent his servant to see if he could not bring the child back to life, but he could not. Then Elisha came himself, and prayed to God that the boy might be brought back to life again. He not only prayed, but he worked also. People who pray ought to work as well, and often they can answer their own prayers. Presently the boy sneezed several times, and opened his eyes. Elisha then called the mother, and gave her boy back to her alive and well.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

ARE you gentle to each other?
Are you careful day by day?
Not to give offence by actions?
Nor by anything you say.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Rom. 15 : 1.
TUESDAY—Gal. 6 : 2.
WEDNESDAY—Gal. 5 : 13.
THURSDAY—II Thess. 3 : 13.
FRIDAY—Gal. 6 : 9.
SATURDAY—Psalm 37 : 5.
SUNDAY—Psalm 55 : 22.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

I wish we could do something all our own selves for the hospital children," said ten-year old Ray Dunbar, wistfully, as she and her twin brother, Roy, stood by and watched their mother while she packed two generous Thanksgiving baskets. Mamma paused, with a chicken in one hand, and a pumpkin pie in the other, and meditated a moment, then said cheerily:—

"Well, you can!"

"O mamma, how?" chorused the twins.

"Next summer—"

"Oh, but that's so long to wait!"

"Never mind. 'Twill be in time for next Thanksgiving; so just listen to my offer. Next summer, if you, Roy, will take care of the turkeys, I'll give you one out of every twelve to send to the hospital children. And if Ray will care for the chickens, she shall have the same number of them."

"Goody!" cried Ray.

"Agreed!" pronounced Roy.

"If it wasn't so long to wait," said they both together.

It was a long time for two little folks to wait, but spring came at last, and with it a host of funny little turkeys and downy puff-balls of chickens. It seemed as though the old mother turkeys and clucking hens had never had such success. I assure you that Ray and Roy had busy times feeding them, watching for "ailing" ones to be reported to Mrs. Dunbar, setting traps for weasels and rats, and doing countless other little things.

Sometimes it grew very tiresome, but they were plucky little people; and when Thanksgiving came—what do you think? Seven plump chickens and five lovely turkeys were sent to the children's hospital with "Love from Ray and Roy." And in a day or two came back a perfect shower of the most delightful letters from their little newly made friends, with a beautiful photograph of some of the children and the nurses.

"Let's do it again, Roy," chirruped Ray, hopping jubilantly about, first on one foot, then on the other. "May we, mamma?"

"Just as many times as you like," responded mamma. "My poultry never were so well cared for."

"That's cause 'twas a 'labor of love,' mamma, like what you were telling us about this morning."

Roy, being a boy, just thrust his hands deep into his new pockets, and whistled "Marching through Georgia," but he agreed with Ray heartily, for all that.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

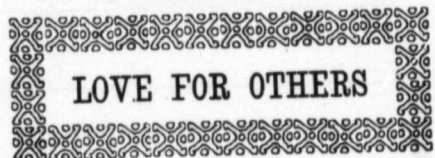
1. At whose house did Elisha often stay?
2. What happened to the woman's child?
3. What did the woman do?
4. What did Elisha do?



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LOVE FOR OTHERS



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! while we thank Thee for all Thy love and care to us, we ask Thee to fill our hearts with love for others.

Lesson, 2 Kings 5: 1-14. Read the Chapter. Commit vs. 13, 14.

1. Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

2. And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

4. And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

5. And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel, And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

7. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

8. And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

9. So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

13. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14. Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved." Jer. 17-14.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



There was a man in the land of Syria named Naaman. He was a great man, but he had a dreadful disease called leprosy. Living in his house was a little captive maiden, who had been brought from the land of Samaria. She told her master that if he would go to Elisha he could cure him of his dreadful disease. The master listened to her, went to Samaria, and when he found the prophet, was told by him to go and wash himself seven times in the Jordan and he would be cured. At first the great man did not want to do that, but afterward he did as the prophet told him, and the disease was taken away.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

A HEART in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine,
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good—
A copy, Lord, of Thine.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Psalm 51 : 10.
TUESDAY—Matt. 5 : 8.
WEDNESDAY—Prov. 4 : 23.
THURSDAY—Psalm 139 : 23.
FRIDAY—Psalm 26 : 2.
SATURDAY—Prov. 23 : 26.
SUNDAY—Jer. 17-14.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

WHEN the face of a watch is wrong, that is, does not show the right time, the fault is not in the face and hands; they only show that something is wrong inside. If we see a girl sitting idly with her hands folded, when she ought to be helping her mother, or a boy in the street fighting, or in the cupboard picking and stealing, we don't blame the hands, for we know there is something wrong besides the hands; the main spring is wrong. When we hear boys or girls speaking lies, or other evil words, or foolish words, we don't conclude that it is only their tongue that is out of order. We know that the trouble is worse than that; it is a great deal deeper down. We are sure that the heart is wrong. If a watch does not show the right time we take it to a watchmaker, and he puts a new main spring in it, and then it goes all right. And so it is that the only cure for naughty words and deeds, and evil habits and tempers, is a new main spring—a new heart; and for that you must go to the only One who can give it. God says to you, "My son, give me thine heart." He wants to give you a new clean heart instead, filled with all good thoughts and feelings, and then your hands and face and tongue will do right.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Naaman ?
2. What was the matter with him ?
3. How was he cured ?
4. How are sinful hearts cured ?



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A CLEAN HEART



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

Lesson, 2 Kings 6: 8-18. Read 2 Kings 6: 1-23. Commit vs. 15-17.

8. Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9. And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12. And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13. And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying,

Behold, he is in Dothan.

14. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host; and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16. And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Psalm 34 : 7.



MY BIBLE STORY.

Once upon a time a wicked king wanted to kill Elisha, and when he learned that he was living in a city called Dothan, sent a great army to encamp round about the city. Early the next morning Elisha's servant looked out and saw the army, and was afraid. Elisha was not afraid, for he knew that the angels of God would take care of him. He prayed to God, and asked him to open the eyes of his servant, that he might see the thousands of angels that were all around. When his eyes were opened, the young man saw the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire, ready to fight for them. Elisha prayed again, and the enemies were smitten with blindness, that they could not see. Elisha and his servant were delivered.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

JESUS loves the little children,
Knows about their work and
play;
Helps them when they try to please
them,
Hears them always when they
pray.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Matt. 18 : 10.
TUESDAY—Psalm 91 : 11.
WEDNESDAY—Psalm 103 : 4.
THURSDAY—Psalm 5 : 12.
FRIDAY—Heb. 1 : 14.
SATURDAY—Dan. 6 : 22.
SUNDAY—Psalm 34 : 7.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

ONE day a little boy asked his mother to let him lead his little sister out on the green grass. She had just begun to run about alone, and could not step over anything that lay in the way. His mother told him he might take her out for a little walk, but charged him not to let her fall. I found them in the field amongst the green grass. Sister was sitting down playing with some pretty flowers, which her bigger brother delighted to pick and bring to her. As I came up I said, "You seem to be very happy, George, is this your little sister?" "Yes, sir." "She seems to be very happy too, with all her pretty flowers around her. Can she walk alone?" "Yes, sir, on smooth ground." "And how did she walk over these stones, which lie between us and the house?" "Oh, sir, mother charged me to be careful that she did not fall, and so I put my hands under her arms, and lifted her up when she came to a stone, so that she need not hit her foot against it." "That is right, George, and I want to tell you one thing. You see now how to understand that beautiful text: 'He shall give his angels charge over thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.' God charges his angels to lead and lift his people over temptations and difficulties when they come, just as you have lifted Annie over these stones."



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What made the servant of Elisha afraid?
2. What did Elisha pray for?
3. What did the young man see?
4. How were they delivered from the enemy?



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ANGELS EVER NEAR



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! I thank Thee for all Thy loving care of me each day.

Lesson, 2 Kings 13: 14-25. Read the Chapter. Commit vs. 20-21.

14. Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

15. And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

16. And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

17. And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.

18. And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

19. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but

thrice.

20. And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

21. And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha; and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22. But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23. And the Lord was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

24. So Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead.

25. And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints." Psalm 116: 15.



MY BIBLE STORY.

Elisha lived to be a very old man, and the time came when he was to die. He had lived a good life, and the world was better because of him. We may be sure that a life as good as his ended with a peaceful death. Even after he was dead he seemed to be doing good, for one time when a man was being buried in the same tomb that Elisha was buried in, the body touched Elisha's bones, and the man came back to life again.

Most of us think it is a bad thing to die, but it is not if we have lived well, for our Golden Text to-day tells us that "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints."



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

THERE to welcome, Jesus waits,
Gives the crowns His followers win;
Lift your heads, ye golden gates,
Let the little travellers in.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—John 3: 16.
TUESDAY—Heb. 2: 9.
WEDNESDAY—I Cor. 15: 5-4.
THURSDAY—I Cor. 15: 5-5.
FRIDAY—I Cor. 15: 5-6.
SATURDAY—I Cor. 15: 5-7.
SUNDAY—Psalm 116: 15.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

JACK Burns sat looking at a pair of very old boots. "I wish I was rich," he said, "and could buy shoes that would never wear out." Then he lay down on his hard bed and began to think.

Here are some of his thoughts.

"I mean to be a rich man—I want good clothes, good things to eat and drink, and lots of fun—I want a splendid house, a nice carriage, and lots of money, and Jack Burns will have them."

Jack grew to be a man; and he did have a nice house, the fastest horses, and plenty of money, but he did not have peace in his life, for he did not have God.

He grew to be an old man. His beautiful house was burned down, and he went to live in a smaller one. He suffered so with pain that he could not ride in his carriage, and he was too lame to walk. His handsome clothes did not ease his pain, and he had no wish to eat good things. He had left God out of his life, and when troubles came, did not have his comfort and love to keep him in peace. When he was dying, he called his son to his bedside, and said, "My son, I have made a great mistake. I left God out of my life, and though I had all the world could give, I have had no real peace, and now when I am dying I have no peace. Take warning in time, give your heart to Him now in your youth, and let him be your friend, for that is the only way to have peace in life and in death."



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What are some of the good things Elisha did while living?
2. What happened when they buried a man in his tomb?
3. How do our good deeds live after us?
4. What is our Golden Text to-day?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY

ABOUT **G**OD'S
GOOD
GIFT ..

Peaceful Life and Death



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! I thank Thee that Thy dear Son Jesus has overcome death, and made it easy for us to die.

Lesson, Amos 6 : 1-8. Commit vs. 3-6.

1. Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nation, to whom the house of Israel came!

2. Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines; be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

3. Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;

4. That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

5. That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;

6. That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7. Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

8. The Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the Lord the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces; therefore will I delive up the city with all that is therein.

GOLDEN TEXT : "They also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way." Isaiah 28 : 7.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



The people at the time of Elijah and Elisha and Amos made many errors, or as we call them—mistakes. They forgot God very often, and they set up idols and worshipped them. They turned from right paths into wrong ones, and there was one sin that we are told that they committed very frequently : they drank wine and strong drink, and went out of the way of serving God because of these things. The Prophet warned them, but they would not listen to him. He told them that it would bring trouble upon them, but they would not believe him. Our Golden Text to-day tells us that "They also have erred

through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way."



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

WE shall be what you will make us,
 Make us wise and make us good ;
 Make us strong for time of trial,
 Teach us temperance, self-denial,
 Patience, kindness, fortitude.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—I Cor. 10 : 31.
 TUESDAY—Col. 3 : 17.
 WEDNESDAY—Prov. 23 : 20.
 THURSDAY—Prov. 23 : 21.
 FRIDAY—Prov. 23 : 29.
 SATURDAY—Prov. 20 : 1.
 SUNDAY—Isa. 28 : 7.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

THE patter of little feet on my office floor, and soon a glad voice exclaiming, "Papa, I've come to 'scort you home," made known to me the presence of my six-year-old little girl, who often came at that hour to "take me home" as she said. Before very long we started out, and were going along hand in hand on the homeward way. After prattling merrily for some time, she said, "Now Papa, let's play that I am a little blind girl, and you must let me hold your hand tight, tight, and you lead me along, and tell me where to stop, and how to go." "All right," said Papa. So the merry blue eyes were shut tight, and we began. "Oh my, it seems so funny," she said. Papa said, "Now step up, now step down, now we go around a corner," and so on, until we safely arrived at home, and my little girl was nestling in my arms, saying, "wasn't it nice, Papa? But it was so queer, I never peeked!" "But," said mamma, "didn't you feel afraid that you would fall, dear?" "Oh no, mamma, I had a tight hold of Papa's hand and I knew he would take me safely over the hard places."

So should we with loving trust, clasp the hand of our heavenly Father, and let him lead us up and down the steep paths, around the sharp corners, and over all the rough places of life, never letting go, and never opening our eyes to doubt about the way He is leading us, knowing that it will at last bring us to rest in his loving arms forever.



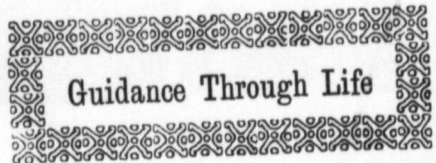
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is the meaning of the word "erred"?
2. How did the people in the time of Amos err?
3. What effect did that have? (See Golden Text.)



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY

ABOUT **G**OD'S
GOOD
GIFT...



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! be Thou my guide all through my life.

Lesson, 2 Kings 17: 9-18. Read 2 Kings 17: 1-23; Amos 6; Hosea 5; Commit vs. 13, 14.

9. And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right, against the Lord their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

10. And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

11. And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the Lord carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger:

12. For they served idols, whereof the Lord had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

13. Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

14. Notwithstanding they would not hear, but

hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, and did not believe in the Lord their God.

15. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16. And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

17. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

18. Therefore, the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

GOLDEN TEXT: "If thou seek Him, He will be found of thee, but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever." I Chron. 28 : 9.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



When people do wrong they have to suffer for it. Those about whom we have been learning all this quarter might have been very happy and lived at peace in their own homes, had they followed God, but they would not do that, but forsook Him. They went their own way, and were not willing to do as God wanted them. When their enemies came upon them they were conquered, because God was not willing to help them because of their sin, and thus the people who had once lived happily together were taken captive to a foreign land.

Our Golden Text teaches us that "If we seek the Lord He will be found of thee, but if we forsake Him He will cast us off forever."

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

EARLY let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will,
Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Prov. 8 : 17.
TUESDAY—I John 5 : 14.
WEDNESDAY—Isaiah 55 : 6.
THURSDAY—Psalm 63 : 1.
FRIDAY—Luke 11 : 9.
SATURDAY—James 1 : 5.
SUNDAY—I Chron. 28 : 9.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

In the big city of London not very long ago, a gentleman had a class of newsboys in Sabbath-school. One evening he met one of them on the street. The boy said, "O captain! I'm very glad to see you. Poor Billy's dreadful sick, and wants you to come and see him." The teacher went with the boy and found Billy lying on some rags in a wretched dark room, and very ill indeed. Billy was delighted to see the captain, and in a feeble voice said, "I'm very glad to see you." The teacher asked him if he should send him a nurse, some medicines, and nice food; but the boy said, "No, captain, that wasn't what I wanted you for. I wanted to ask you two questions. The first is, did you tell us the other night as how Jesus Christ died for every fellow?" "Yes," replied the teacher, "I did; for Jesus died for every one of us." "I thought so," said Billy. "Now I've another question. Did you tell us as how Jesus Christ saves every fellow that asks him?" "Yes; everyone that asketh receiveth." Then in a weak and trembling voice Billy said, "Then I know that he saves me: because I asked him." With tears in his eyes the teacher bent over to speak to Billy, but his spirit had gone to the blessed Saviour who had forgiven his sins when he confessed them and asked for pardon. Jesus will do for you just what he did for Billy. Will you ask him to forgive your sins?



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who were taken into captivity?
2. Why?
3. Who did God send to warn them not to do wrong?
4. What is the Golden Text?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT **G**OD'S
GOOD GIFT ..



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Accept our grateful thanks for the gift of Thy dear Son Jesus Our Saviour.



GOLDEN TEXT: "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."
Psalm 84 : 11.



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

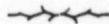
LORD this day thy children meet,
In Thy courts with willing
feet ;
Unto Thee this day they raise,
Grateful hearts in hymns of
praise.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Prov. 15 : 1.
TUESDAY—I Kings 18 : 31.
WEDNESDAY—Ex. 20 : 17.
THURSDAY—Luke 11 : 13.
FRIDAY—Psalm 55 : 22.
SATURDAY—Psalm 34 : 7.
SUNDAY—Psalm 84 : 11.



(Please read again letter on page 65.)



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

**Oh God! accept our grateful thanks to Thee for all Thy good gifts to us,
Thy loving Children.**

Write in the space below, (or get some one to do so for you) after Sabbath School, each Sabbath, something you have learned about God's good gifts.

LESSON VII. Love for Others.

LESSON VIII. A Clean Heart.

LESSON IX. Angels Ever Near.

Lesson X. Peaceful Life and Death.

LESSON XI. Guidance Through Life.

LESSON XII. Jesus our Saviour.