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SAYING GRACE.

Little Harold is all ready to say grace, but he seems to be waiting for some reason or other. His chubby hands are linked together and his face is very serious, but he will not begin yet. What do you suppose is the reason? He has often noticed that his papa never said grace until every one was seated at the table, and so the little fellow is anxious to do just what his papa would do were he there. He knows it is right to thank God for all the good food with which they are provided. Many little children have only crusts to eat, and sometimes not even that.

This is Harold's prayer. Will the little readers of DEW DROPS learn it?

"Dear Lord, we thank thee for thy loving care in giving us our daily food. Amen."

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON 7.] PAUL PREACHING TO THE GENTILES. [MAY 16.

Acts 14. 11-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.—I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles.—Acts 13. 47.

MEMORY VERSES, 21, 22.—And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

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

LESSON STORY.

Paul and Barnabas went next to a city called Iconium. There they stayed a long time, but the Jews made a plan to stone them, so they went away to Lystra. Here was a poor cripple whom Paul healed, and when the people saw it, they cried out that their gods had come down to them. But Barnabas and Paul said they were not gods, but believers in the one true and only God in heaven.

Soon some Jews came and set the people against the apostles. Then they wanted to kill them, and they stoned Paul and left him for dead. But God raised him up, and the next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Whom did the people of Lystra worship?

A heathen god.

2. What miracle did Paul work?

He healed a cripple.

3. What did the people want to do?

To worship Paul as a god.

4. Would Paul allow this?

No.

5. What did the people then do?

They stoned him.

6. Who saved Paul from death ?

God.

We should worship God above,
He alone is true ;
He will teach us how each day
His dear will to do.



THE TWO SQUIRRELS.

A large acorn lay on the ground. By-and-bye there came a plump, well-fed squirrel along. He saw the acorn. "That looks a nice, ripe acorn," said he; "I almost think that I could fancy it for lunch." And he came up to it, and touched it daintily with his forepaw, and then he took it up and looked at it more closely. As he did so he saw that it had a small black speck on its underside. "Ugh!" he cried, throwing it down; "only a spotted thing after all! I couldn't touch it. I might have known that filberts, or at least hazelnuts, are the only proper food for a squirrel as well born as I. I never could eat anything the least coarse or imperfect." And he dashed away in disdain, while the poor acorn lay where he had thrown it, trying to hide itself under some fallen leaves.

But toward evening another squirrel came by—rather a thin little squirrel, with very bright eyes, and he spied the acorn half hidden under the leaves. "What a large acorn!" he exclaimed: "so ripe and well formed! I am lucky to find such a supper."

"You will find it rotten," said a contemptuous voice from a tree close by, where the first squirrel was peeping through the leaves.

"Only such a tiny black speck!" answered the thin squirrel. "One can hardly see it; and all the rest is so sound and white and sweet, and the flavour is excellent," he added as he nibbled away.

But the other squirrel went to bed that night cross and hungry: for he had found no nuts, and was too foolish and proud to sup on acorns, though next morning he was glad enough to eat them for breakfast, in spite of black spots larger than that on the one he had thrown away the day before.



PLAYING FEATHER.

What a jolly time these children are having. They have been invited to a party at little Jack Allen's, and have been having great fun playing games. At present they are enjoying the game of "Feather." Jack's mamma has cleared the dining-room table and put a white sheet on it. She has also provided them with a little white feather which she got out of a pillow.

This was placed in the centre of the table and Reggie Simpson was chosen as the one to try to catch it. The children began blowing it from one side to the other, and Reggie had a lively time running about the table trying to catch it. But at last he got it, for one time it flew on Mildred's hair and he was on the right side of the table at just the right time, so it did not escape him.



A gentleman met a little girl hurrying along one Sunday morning. "Where are you going so fast, little girl?" he asked. "I am going to Sunday-school, sir," she replied. "What are you going there for?" he asked. "Oh, to find Jesus," said the child. She was right: Jesus may be found at Sunday-school.