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READING STORIES. (See third page.)

We have to thank God (1) for keeping us alive; (2) for giving us homes; (3) for giving us food and clothes; (4) for kind friends and relations; (5) for the flowers, grass, and trees; (6) for letting us live in a land where we know about God and Christ, and can go to church and Sunday-school.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON 10.]

SINS OF THE TONGUE.

[June 6.

James 3. 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.—Psalm 34. 13.

MEMORY VERSES, 11-13.—Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

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

LESSON STORY.

In his letter to the Jewish Christians, James wrote about the tongue. James says it is like a fire. It can speak sharp words that burn and do a world of harm. How careful we should be, then, of the words we speak. Satan is glad when he can get boys and girls to use their tongues for him. He tries his best to get them to say unkind or wrong words. What can we do with the troublesome tongue? Take it to Jesus to be moved by his good spirit. Then it will speak right, true, and loving words.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What did James write about?

The tongue.

2. How is it like fire?

As a spark can kindle into a fire so unkind words can burn, and hurt.

3. Who moves the tongue to speak wrong words?

Satan.

4. What does God tell us to do with our tongues?

“Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile.”



Never tease boys or girls smaller than yourself. Only cowards do that. Find happiness in making others happy.

LITTLE FOES OF LITTLE BOYS.

"By-and-bye" is a very bad boy,
Shun him at once and forever,
For they who travel with "By-and-bye"
Soon come to the house of "Never."

"I Can't" is a mean little coward—
A boy that is half a man;
Set on him a plucky wee terrier,
That the world knows and honours—"I Can."

"No use in trying"—Nonsense! I say,
Keep trying until you succeed;
But if you should meet "I Forgot" by the way,
He's a cheat and you'd better take heed.

"Don't Care" and "No Matter" boys—they're a pair,
And whenever you see the poor dolts
Say, "Yes, we do care," and "Twould be great matter"
If our lives should be spoiled by such faults.



READING STORIES.

Kate and Lena have a very good and kind papa who reads to them a great deal. He often takes the two little girls on his knees, as we see them in the picture, and they will pass an hour or more in hearing him read stories.

Sometimes the children take their turns in the reading, for they know their father will help them over the hard words. Kate is quite a good reader, and often gets over two or three pages without a mistake, but little Lena, who is not so far on in school, makes some funny mistakes. One day she was reading of a "bushel" of meal, which she called a "bustle" of meal.



"I don't want to pile that wood," whined Jim. "I don't want to go to the store," growled Ned. "I don't want to fill the wood-box," grumbled Tom. Ho, boys! shame on you! Who does everything for you? Your mother? Who gives you your bright eyes, your quick feet and strong hands? Be sure He wishes you to use them to honour him and to help those who love you. Up, boys! I hope the boys who read this paper always do what mother wants.



RING AROUND A ROSY."

Did you ever hear the little verse,

"Ring around a rosy,
A hand full of posies,
Who pops down first?"

And do you know how children play the game?

Well, they all join hands and then start skipping around in a circle, singing the little verse, and when they come to the last line each one tries to be the first to pop down.

In the picture we see seven little girls and boys playing on the lawn. It is Vera's birthday, and her mamma has given her a party. They have been having such a good time all afternoon and are looking forward to the tea which is to be served in the summer-house. Vera is a very happy little girl to-day, and her chief joy is that she has been able to make others happy.



A tiny daughter of a minister was asked to accompany her mother on a walk. "No," was her positively spoken answer, "I can't go." "Why not?" "I have to help papa." "In what way?" "He told me to sit here and keep quiet while he wrote his sermon, and I don't believe he is half through yet."