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BULLER.

Can you guess what this dog's name is? Well, it is Buller! His young master got him last winter, and re named him after the brave English general who has been fighting so bravely in South Africa.

In his own particular way he has been as much a hero as the great soldier, for the other day he was found in the midst of a number of quarrelling dogs, which he alone was able to quiet.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 1.] JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA. [JULY 1.

Matthew 14. 22-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Of a truth thou art the Son of God.—Matt. 14 23

MEMORY VERSES, 25-27.—And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

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

LESSON STORY.

You remember how Jesus and his disciples went across the lake to find a quiet place. You do not forget that the people followed, and there in the green field a great crowd waited all day to hear Jesus speak. The wonderful miracle of the loaves and fishes is fresh in your mind, and this lesson takes us into the night that followed the miracle. We must always remember that though Jesus was God he was also man. His body grew tired and his heart grew tired also sometimes. Now he wanted to be alone, and he sent the disciples away in a boat to the other side of the lake, while he went into a mountain to pray. After a time a storm arose on the little Sea of Galilee. The boat was in great danger, and the disciples felt forsaken and afraid. Notice the first words Jesus said to them as he came walking on the water. This is the very reason why we need never be afraid if we are Jesus' disciples.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Where did Jesus send the disciples?

Across the Sea of Galilee.

2. Where did Jesus go?

Into a mountain to pray.

3. What came up in the night?

A storm.

4. Why were the disciples afraid?
They thought they were alone.
5. How did Jesus come to them?
Walking on the water.
6. What did he say to them?
"It is I, be not afraid."
7. What did Peter try to do?
Walk on the water also.
8. What did Jesus do?
He caught him by the hand.

THE FAIRIES AT HOME.

Aunt Delia said, when the children begged her for a fairy-tale, instead of telling fairy-stories, let us be fairies ourselves."

"How can we be fairies, auntie?"

"Why, let us organize a fairy band. Bridget has gone to the dentist's with a bad tooth. The baby is cross, there are blackberries to pick for tea, mother has a headache, the sitting-room is in disorder, and the father will be home by-and-bye, all tired out with the work and heat. A fairy band is badly needed, I think."

"I will be Mustard Seed," said Tom, mindful of his last Shakespeare reading. "I'll take the baby to the croquet ground and roll the balls for her; that always seems to amuse her."

"I will be Apple Blossom," said Sue, naming herself from her favourite flower. "I will set the tea-table so quietly that mother will not hear me. When she finds it all ready, it will seem like fairies' work to her."

"I will be Blackberry," said Ned. "Here goes for the berry patch."

"I will be Aschenputtel, and do the dusting," said Mary, beginning with great zeal to put the sitting-room in order.

The next moment the click of the balls and the music of baby's ringing laughter were heard from the lawn. Mary, duster in hand, looked out of the widow and smiled to see them so happy.

"It's a great deal better to help," she said, polishing the table with all her might, "than to sit down and make auntie amuse us."

"Why, what is the matter with everybody?" said papa, coming in. "Is there good news? Has the family inherited a fortune?"

"We have had a visit from the fairies," said mamma, as they sat down at the table.



THE PRINCESS OF AN HOUR.

A proud little princess is Mabel, with Teddy and Frank as her careful pages. A shawl pinned to her shoulders makes a beautiful train. One feather in her hair serves as a coronet, and the bouquet she carries is made up of very choice "sunflowers." It is a fine thing, indeed, to be such a princess as Mabel is, for just as soon as she grows weary of being a great princess and walking slowly in that stately way, all she has to do is to unfasten the shawl, throw away the flowers, take away the gay feather, and she will become simple little Mabel Hopkins. Teddy and Frank make gay young pages, each carrying a wooden sword over his shoulder and wearing a proud goose-feather in his cap. They think it great fun to wait upon their sister, the princess, but they will grow tired of it after a while, and then they will run away and play something else. They will be glad to be Frank and Teddy Hopkins once more, playing hide and seek with their merry little sister.