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## GOD SENDS HIS BRIGHT SPRING SUN

ELIZABETH PRABODY  
*Allegretto*

E. S.

1. God sends his bright spring sun To melt the ice and snow, To  
2. God sends his love to us, To make our good-ness grow, Let

start the green leaf buds, And make the flow-ers grow.  
us be sweet like flowers, That in the gar-den blow.

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## GOD'S WORK

Mrs. C. F. ALEXANDER

*Reverently*

1. All things bright and beau-ti-ful, All things great and  
2. Each lit-tle flow-er that o-pens, Each lit-tle bird that  
3. He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might

small, All things wise and won-der-ful, Our Fa-ther made them all.  
sings, He made their glow-ing col-ors, He made their ti-ny wings.  
tell, How good is God our Fa-ther, Who do-eth all things well.

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## *A Letter to the Pupil*

DEAR LITTLE SKIPPERS:

Rosy cheeks, bright eyes, good health to all the little people out with jumping ropes these first spring days!



And the best of good things to the bigger boy skippers, too. You know that the word "skipper" means something else, too, something you bigger boys

like. It means the captain of a boat. Perhaps some of you some day will be that very thing. Brave, sturdy skippers, I hope.

Anyway, wherever you are or whatever you do, you'll be needing the same strong heart a skipper needs. So make ready.

The girls must make ready, too, for by the time you grow up we may be having girl captains. Who knows?

Your loving friends,

*The Editors*

## GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Genesis 1: 1, 27; Psalm 103: 1-14; Matthew 6: 24-34

DEAR LITTLE FRIENDS:

How many of you have seen an airship? Br-r-r! Br-r-r! comes the roaring sound of an engine far up in the sky. Then, "There it is! There it is!" some one shouts, and sure enough it comes sailing, sailing through the clouds.

Now if that airman could go still higher and higher, miles and miles higher than any birdman has yet been able to go—and if the clouds were not in his way—and if he had a strong, strong spy-glass to look through—then he would see our world in a new and wonderful way. It would look something like our picture



—a huge ball floating in the air. But once upon a time in the long, long ago, there was no world—no men, nor women—no world at all. That seems very strange, but it is true. But all the while God had a beautiful thought. He would make our world.

First of all he made the night and the day. Then he formed the sky, with the rolling oceans underneath.

"Let there be dry land," God next commanded. And behold, land appeared.

"Let the earth bring forth grass and trees," God said. And it was so.

"Let there be lights in the sky," God said. And God made two great lights, the sun to shine by day and the moon by night. He made the stars, also.

Then God commanded fish to appear in the waters, and they did so, great whales among them. He placed cattle and birds and other living creatures on the earth.

And God blessed the world.

That is the story of how God made our earth with the good things in it for his children. You see

"He careth for you."

In return he wants his children to love and trust him and believe in him. God watches over and cares for every little bird that sings in the tree tops, he guards every flower that grows in your garden or out in the big fields. Then surely he will watch over the little boys and girls. He has promised, and God always keeps his promises.

TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"He careth for you."

—I Peter 5:7.

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

—Matthew 6:9.



## CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

Matthew 20:27, 28; John 1:35-51; 3:16; Romans 8:31, 32



## DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE:

Last week you learned that God made our world—the sky above it, the trees and birds and animals. He made this beautiful place for his people to be happy in.

But then, sad to say, it turned out that the people were not happy after all. They found it hard to do right, and when they did wrong they were most unhappy.

God saw and understood. He was sorry for the people. He often had to punish them and then he was sorrier than ever.

But God had in his mind a most wonderful thought to help them and save them. It was the most wonderful thing that had ever happened, much more wonderful

even than making our world. For God so loved the world that he sent his own dear Son, Jesus Christ, to live in our world, and at last to die that we might be saved from our sins.

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So Jesus Christ was born, a baby like other dear babies. By and by he grew to be a man. One day when he was walking along the road, he saw that two young men were following him. "What do you want?" Jesus turned and asked.

“Master, where are you living?” they said. They had been told who Jesus was, and wanted to come and learn of him.

“Come and see,” Jesus answered them.

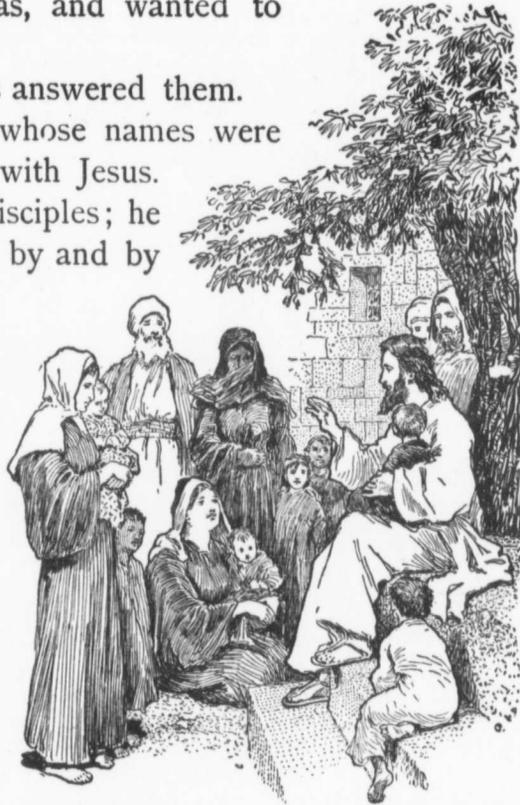
The two young men, whose names were Andrew and John, went with Jesus. They became Jesus' first disciples; he became their Friend and by and by their Saviour. He died to save them and us all.

Jesus had twelve disciples. Here are the names of some of them:

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|--------|-----------|
| PETER  | JOHN      |
| ANDREW | PHILIP    |
| JAMES  | NATHANAEL |

Jesus became the Friend and Saviour of each of these men. He will become your Friend and Saviour if you say

and truly mean: “I love Jesus. I believe in him and promise to try with all my might to keep his rules.”



TWO VERSES TO LEARN

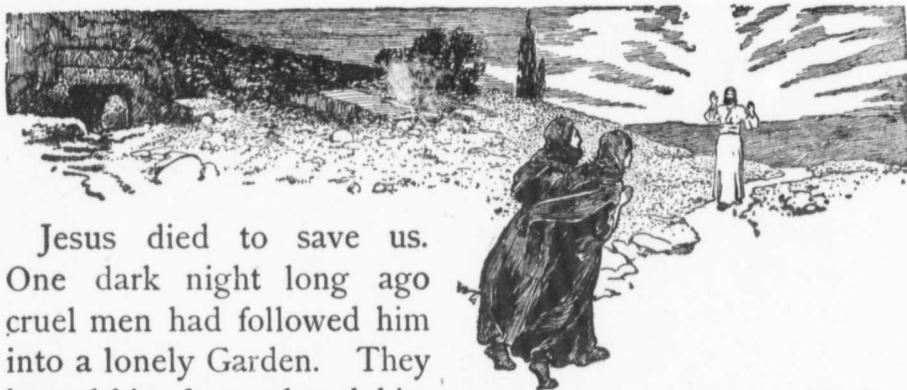
“He loved us, and sent his Son.” —I John 4:10.

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

—John 3:16.

## OUR RISEN LORD (EASTER LESSON)

Matthew 28:1-10



Jesus died to save us. One dark night long ago cruel men had followed him into a lonely Garden. They bound him fast and took him to Pilate, the judge. And Pilate let those wicked men lead Jesus up to a high hill and take away his life upon the cross.

Three days passed and it was almost Sunday morning. The sun was just rising as two women came hurrying through a garden. It was the same garden where, three days before, Jesus' friends had tenderly laid his body in a rock tomb. They had rolled a great stone before the door.

"How shall we roll away the stone?" the women said to one another. The two Marys (for that was the name of both) loved Jesus dearly and they were going to lay more sweet spices on his body.

But behold, their question was already answered. As they drew near the tomb, they saw that some one was before them, and the stone was already rolled away. What did it mean?

Then they saw. An angel sat upon the rock, which had been rolled away, and now he spoke to them. "Fear not," he said. "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said."

That was it: **JESUS WAS RISEN** as he had promised his disciples. They had forgotten the promise, and God, the heavenly Father, had sent his angel to remind them and these other friends of Jesus, the two Marys.

With great joy in their hearts the two started away to tell Jesus' disciples the wonderful news. **JESUS WAS RISEN**. And suddenly as they ran, lo, Jesus himself was standing before them.

"All hail," he said. And the women knew it was Jesus, the Lord. They fell at his feet and worshiped.



Jesus had kept his promise. He had died upon the cross for you and for me and for everyone in our big world. And he had risen again as he had said.

#### AT EASTER TIME

"The pure white lily raised its cup  
At Easter time, at Easter time;  
The crocus to the sky looked up  
At happy Easter time.

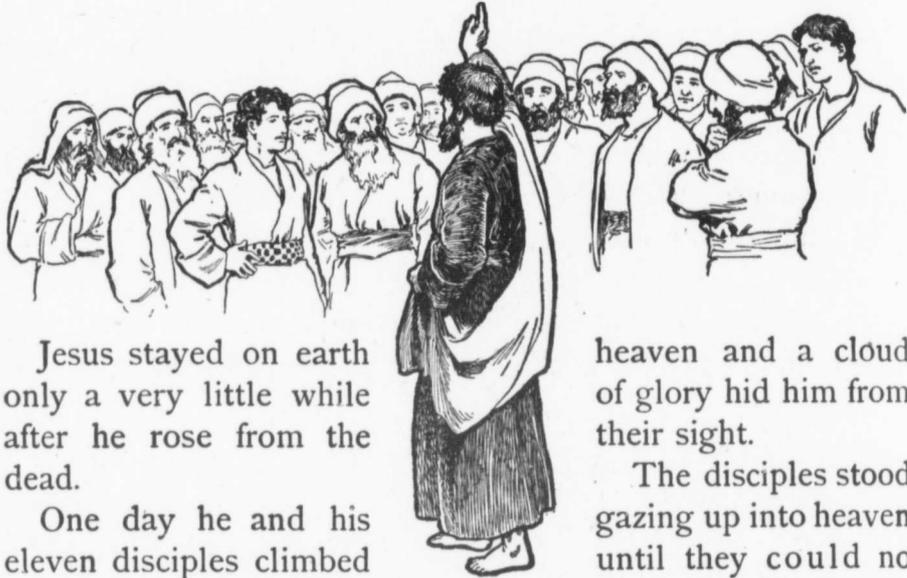
"'We'll hear the song of heaven';  
they say,  
'Its glory shines on us to-day;  
Oh, may it shine on us always  
At happy Easter time.'"

#### A VERSE TO LEARN

**"He is risen, as he said."** —Matthew 28 . 6.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR HELPER

John 16: 7-15; Acts 2: 1-18



Jesus stayed on earth only a very little while after he rose from the dead.

One day he and his eleven disciples climbed the Mount of Olives together. It was to be Jesus' last day on earth. He had finished the wondrous work God had sent him into the world to do. Now he was going home to heaven.

How tenderly he talked to his disciples on that last walk! When he had finished speaking he lifted up his hands and blessed them. And it came to pass that, as he blessed them, he was carried up into

heaven and a cloud of glory hid him from their sight.

The disciples stood gazing up into heaven until they could no longer see Jesus.

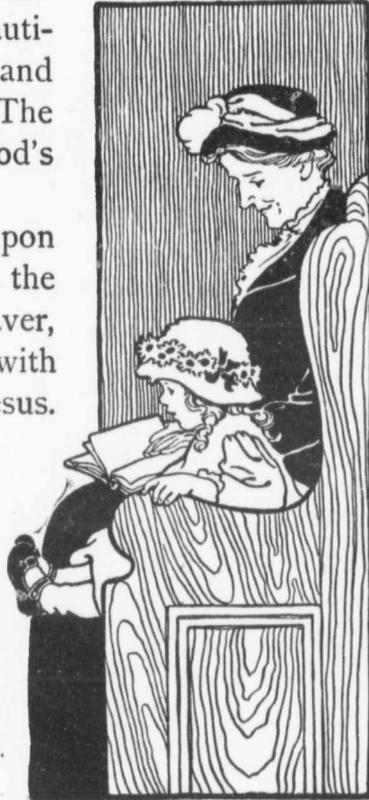
Then they turned and went down the hill, back to Jerusalem. Jesus had said, "Go back to Jerusalem and wait." He was going to send them each a wonderful gift and they must be in Jerusalem ready to receive it.

The days passed and still they waited. And I suppose each one kept wondering: "Just what is the wonderful gift to be? And when will it come?"

At last one day when they and some other new disciples were all gathered together in an upper room, suddenly a sound like a mighty, rushing wind came sweeping through the house. A beautiful light like a flame of fire came and rested on each disciple's head. The light was the sign of the gift of God's Spirit.

As the beautiful light rested upon them, a wonderful change came to the disciples' hearts. They became braver, truer, nobler hearts, hearts filled with even greater longing to work for Jesus.

Shall we not ask God to send his Holy Spirit down upon us? He will not come with a light upon our heads as he did in those olden times. But he will come into our hearts in the same way that he came to those first disciples. He will help us to be wise and true and brave.



## TWO VERSES TO LEARN

**“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”** —Luke 11:13.

**“The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him.”**

—Psalm 145:18.

**MAN MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD**

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7-9; Ephesians 4:20-24



DEAR LITTLE FRIEND :

Put your finger on this page to keep the place. Then turn back to the first lesson in your book—the lesson that has the picture of our world.

You remember you heard how God made the world, how he made the sky above it, and the sea. You read of the fishes he placed in the water, and all kinds of animals on the land. And God looked at the work that he had done, and saw that it was good.

But one thing was lacking. There was not a single human being on the earth. So God took the dust of the earth and with it he formed a man, the first man. And then God breathed into the man's nostrils and he became alive, a man made after God's own likeness. And this first man's name was Adam.

God placed Adam in a beautiful garden called the garden of Eden. In this garden was every good thing—plants, blooming flowers, trees, everything to make it pleasant for Adam.

But still even with all these beautiful things about him, Adam became very lonely. He had no one with whom to talk.

God saw and understood. He made Adam fall into a

deep sleep, and as he slept, God took one of the ribs from Adam's side. With it he formed another human being. And when Adam awoke he was overjoyed to find his helpmate, his wife, Eve.

Adam and Eve were very happy in the garden of Eden. I suppose they cared for the fruit trees and worked each day among them. They picked the beautiful, sweet-smelling flowers. God, the heavenly Father, had given them every good thing for them to enjoy and I know their hearts were full of love and gratitude.

There are flowers which will blossom in your hearts if you keep the rules that God, our Father, has made to help us to be wise and happy. They are the flowers of peace and joy and love.

"All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful—  
The Lord God made them all."



## TWO VERSES TO LEARN

**"God created man in his own image."**

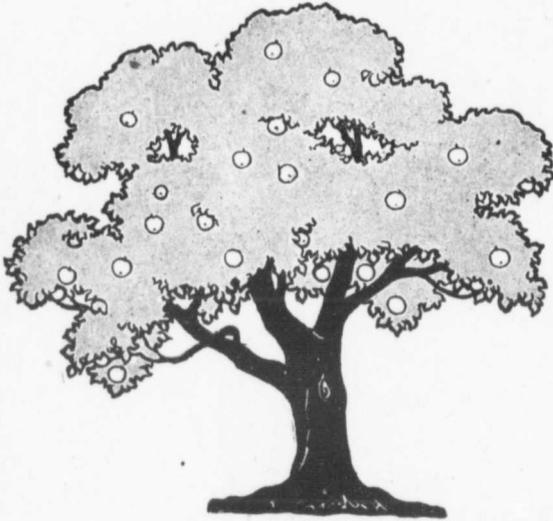
—Genesis 1:27.

**"Our Father which art in heaven, Hal-  
lowed be thy name."**

—Matthew 6:9.

## SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

Genesis, chapter 3; Romans 1:18-23; James 1:15



Adam and Eve went on living happily together. But then one day the serpent entered the beautiful garden of Eden.

"Is it true that the Lord will not let you eat the fruit from the trees in the garden?" he said to Eve.

Eve answered: "We may eat the fruit from

every tree except the tree that stands in the very middle of the garden. God has forbidden our eating from that tree lest we die."

"You would not surely die," the serpent replied. Then he tempted Eve to eat the fruit from that tree.

And Eve did pick the fruit and eat it. She gave some to Adam and he ate, too.

How unhappy Adam and Eve were after they had done this! They knew quite well in their hearts how wicked they had been. They were sorry and afraid. They were so sorry that when that evening God came to walk in the garden they did not dare go to meet him. They hid among the bushes.

God called, "Adam, Adam, where are you?"

Adam answered, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid."

"Why were you afraid?" God asked. "Have you disobeyed? Have you eaten of the tree I forbade you to touch?"

"Eve gave me the fruit and I did eat," Adam answered.

And God said to Eve, "What is this that you have done?"

Eve answered, "The serpent tempted me and I ate."

And God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this thing, you are cursed above all the cattle and every beast of the field. Dust shall you eat all your days. You shall creep and crawl upon the earth."

Then God turned to Adam and Eve and said: "Because you disobeyed me and ate of the tree, sorrow and trouble shall come upon you. You shall leave the beautiful garden I have made ready for you. And instead of living in it, you shall toil all the days of your lives. By the sweat of your brow you shall earn the bread you eat."

So Adam and Eve lost their home in the garden of Eden because they disobeyed God.



TWO VERSES TO LEARN

**"Forgive us our sins."**

—Luke 11:4.

**"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."**

—Romans 6:23.

## THE GRACE OF GOD

Genesis 6:8; Exodus 34:6, 7; II Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 2:4-10; Titus 2:11-14

DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE:

How many of you have been to church with father and mother? After the singing and the sermon do you remember how, just before the people went home, the minister stood up and lifted his hands and said,

"THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL."

That is what our lesson is about to-day—THE GRACE OF GOD.

And now I know you are saying to yourselves, "What is the grace of God?"

Think for a moment of Jesus and of God's promise to save us from sin and make us happy, if we trust Jesus. Do we deserve such a wonderful gift? But God loves us so that he receives us for Jesus' sake, even though we do not deserve his love. This is God's grace. So we are to think of Jesus as God's gracious Gift.

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It was hundreds and hundreds of years ago. The baby Jesus lay in his mother's arms and slept quietly.

That night, a wonderful dream came to Joseph. An angel spoke to him and said: "Arise and take the young Child. Flee with him into the land of Egypt, for wicked King Herod is about to search for him."

So Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt. Baby Jesus was saved, because God the heavenly Father was watching over him. God had sent the angel to warn Joseph.



There is another thing. If we love God we are to grow like him. We are to be gracious to others. How will the grace that God gives to us show itself in our lives to-day?

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The other day I saw a big, colored picture in a magazine. Perhaps, you saw it, too. It showed a soldier in his khaki uniform, and helmet. He was sitting beside a little Belgian boy and feeding him. How thin the little fellow looked and how big and sober his eyes were! He looked as if it had been a long time since he had had a good meal, and a long, long time since he had laughed like other happy boys.



That soldier had saved the little Belgian boy. GOD'S GRACE had put it into his heart to do it.

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If we try to mind God's rules, some of God's wonderful grace will come into our own hearts. Then we shall be able to do brave and kind deeds as did the soldier.

#### TWO VERSES TO LEARN

**"The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."**

—Joshua 1:9.

**"Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved."**

—Acts 15:11.

## REPENTANCE

Jonah, chapter 3; Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:37, 38

Once upon a time there was a great city called Nineveh. It was so large that it took anyone three days to walk across it.

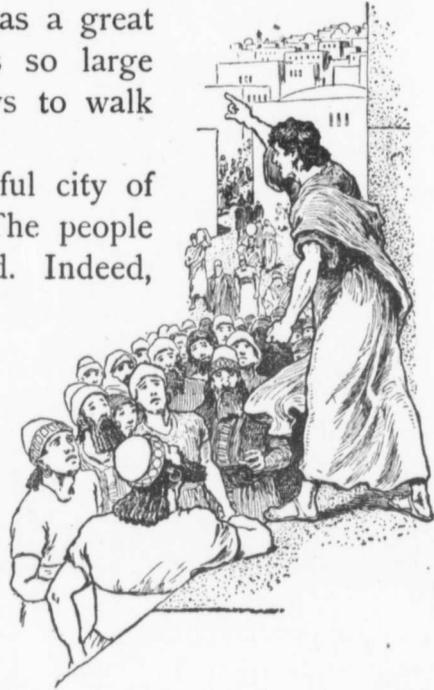
But, sad to say, this beautiful city of Nineveh was very wicked. The people there did not love nor mind God. Indeed, they loved only their own wicked ways.

God saw all this and it grieved him. He spoke to his prophet Jonah and said: "Arise and go to the city of Nineveh. Bid the people repent."

Jonah set out and after a long, long journey he came to the edge of the city. He walked for one day more, until, I suppose he was almost in the center of it. Then he began to cry out: "Repent! Repent!"

People heard him and came to their doorways to listen. A crowd soon gathered. "Repent! Repent!" Jonah kept on crying. "Be sorry for your sins or God will punish you. In forty days Nineveh shall be destroyed unless you repent!"

And, as Jonah talked, the people grew afraid. They began to tremble as they thought of the wicked deeds they had done. They were sorry. And then they put on sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads as people did in those days when they were sorry for wrongdoing.



The king also put on sackcloth, and he caused a message to be sent far and wide all over the great city. "Let no man eat any food. Let all fast and think of their sins and repent. Let everyone make up his mind to begin to do right." And the people did make up their minds to try with all their might.

God saw, and he forgave the people of Nineveh. He gave them another chance to be his loving, obedient people.

God is always so glad to have his children make up their minds to do better and come to him and say so. He is our Father and he is always ready to forgive.

Thou that once on mother's knee  
Wert a little one like me,

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Be beside me in the light,  
Close beside me all the night ;  
Make me gentle, kind, and true,  
Do what mother bids me do ;  
Help and cheer me when I fret,  
And forgive when I forget.

—Francis Turner Palgrave.



TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven."

—Psalm 32 : 1.

"Repent ye, and believe the gospel."

—Mark 1 : 15.

## FAITH: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT DOES

Hebrews, chapter 11; 12:1, 2



Long ago in the land of Greece the people were very fond of outdoor games. Running races was one of the games they liked best of all.

The man who won the race was greatly honored. He was called out before all the crowds, and a beautiful wreath of olive leaves was placed on his head. He was very proud of that wreath, for it showed that he had worked hard and had won.

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Other people are running a race, too—a different kind of race. You're running a race. I am running a race. Everyone is. And a most wonderful race it is, for if we win, it ends in God's heavenly home. That is the goal. God, the heavenly Father, and Jesus, our Brother, are waiting there for us.

Many, many people have reached it already and have won their crown. It wasn't easy. A race never can be easy. It wouldn't be a race at all if it were, would it?

But how did those people win this hard race with the wonderful goal? What did they do to make ready for it. Here is a story that tells the very first thing we must all do.

## THE BLIND MAN

Once upon a time when Jesus lived on earth he found a man who had been born blind. Jesus' heart went out in pity for him.

Stooping down he took some clay and laid it gently on the blind eyes. "Now go and wash in the pool of Siloam," he told him.

Would you have believed that washing in a pool of water could cure blind eyes? I wonder. But that man believed, because it was Jesus who told him. And because he believed, he was cured.



Suddenly he was able to see the green trees, the grass, and the flowers. He could see his father and mother.

That is the very first thing we must all do in starting out on our race. We must believe in Jesus and love him. Then he will help us in the race we are running. He will help us mind his rules so that we can win. He will say, "Well done," when we reach the heavenly gates.

## TWO VERSES TO LEARN

**"And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him."**

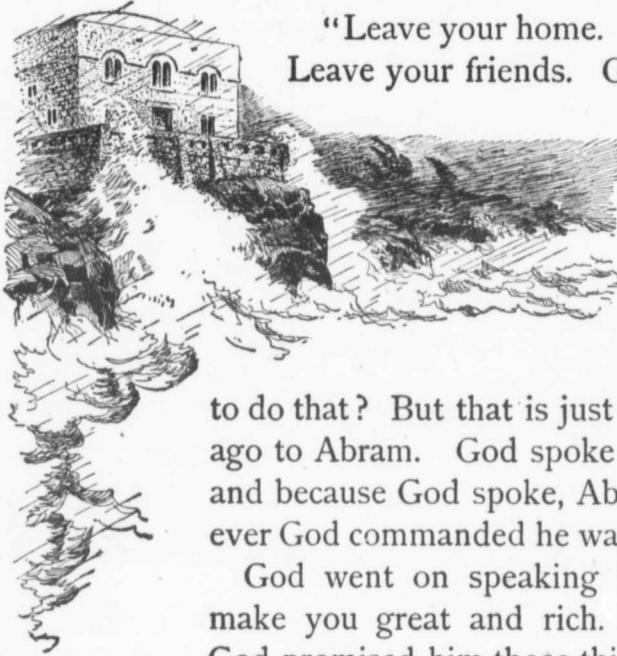
—John 9:38.

**"Believe in God, believe also in me."**

—John 14:1.

## OBEDIENCE

Genesis 12:1-4; Matthew 7:16-29; John 14:21-24]



“Leave your home. Leave your country. Leave your friends. Go out into a strange country that is far away. There you are to make a new home.”

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How would you feel if you were told to do that? But that is just what happened long ago to Abram. God spoke those words to him, and because God spoke, Abram obeyed. Whatever God commanded he was always ready to do.

God went on speaking to Abram. “I will make you great and rich. I will bless you.” God promised him those things if he would obey and go. And because Abram believed in God with all his heart, he did go.

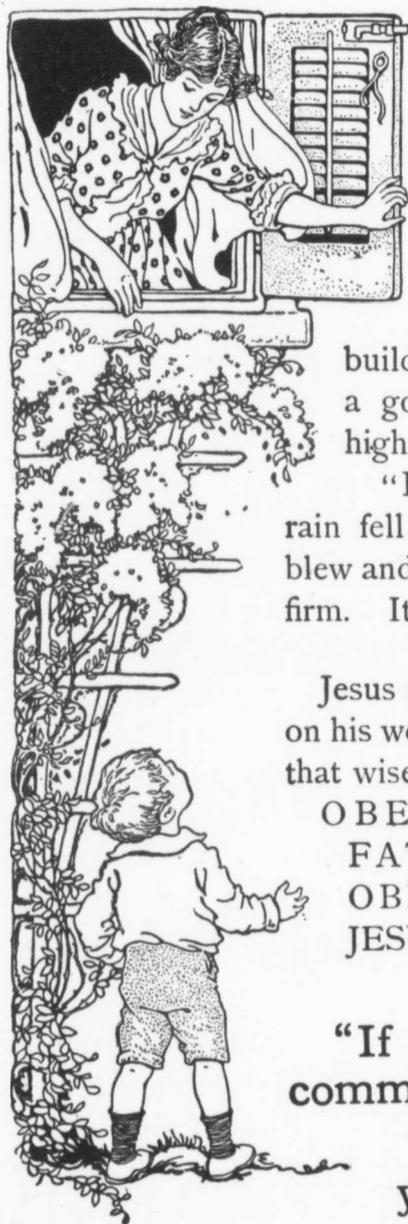
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Jesus says: “IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.”

He says, too, that anyone who hears his words and does not obey them is like a certain foolish man.

This man was about to build a home, and he set out to choose a goodly spot. But out of all the land round about he chose a low, sandy plot close to the sea. There he built his house.

By and by storms came. The rain fell in torrents. The



wind blew and blew, and beat upon that house. And it fell. It had been built upon the sand, and sand is not firm.

But Jesus said, too, "Anyone who hears my words and obeys them is like a certain wise man.

"This man, also, was about to build a house and he, too, hunted for a goodly spot. He chose a great, high rock.

"By and by the storms came. The rain fell in torrents. The wind blew and blew and beat upon the house. But it stood firm. It had been built upon a rock."

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Jesus is our Rock. If we build our lives on his words and obey them we shall be like that wise man's house. We shall be safe.

OBEYING AND PLEASING  
FATHER AND MOTHER IS  
OBEYING AND PLEASING  
JESUS, ISN'T IT?

TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

—John 14:15.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

—John 15:14.

## PRAYER

Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 18:1-14



### WHERE GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO PRAY

In church and Sunday school.

To go alone in the morning and evening and pray, with no one but God and mother to hear.

### HOW GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO PRAY

To think earnestly what they are saying and to mean every word of it. To tell God what is in their hearts and to ask his help.

### THE PRAYER JESUS WANTS US ALL TO SAY

“OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

“THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

“GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

“AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.

“AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT

DELIVER US FROM EVIL: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER. AMEN."

That is the prayer that Jesus himself taught when he lived on earth. I know that it is a grown-up prayer, the prayer that people pray as long as they live. But it is not too hard for big boys and girls like you to learn, is it? Couldn't you begin now to kneel down each morning and say it alone? It would please God. It would please father and mother. And it would help you to go straight all through the day.

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And here is the prayer that mother wants you to say before you go to sleep:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep,  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray the Lord my soul to take."



TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"Lord, teach us to pray."

—Luke 11:1.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

—Philippians 4:6.

## LOVE

I Corinthians, chapter 13

"THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD IS LOVE."

A great man wrote those words. And here is what Paul,

Jesus' greatest apostle, said about LOVE:

LOVE IS KIND.  
LOVE IS PATIENT.  
LOVE IS NOT CONCEITED.  
LOVE PUTS OTHERS FIRST.



LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS.

LOVE DOES NOT TRY TO SHOW OFF.

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Doris and Mabel and Anna were on their way to Sunday school. Doris had a white hat with little pink roses on it. Mabel's hat was trimmed with blue, and Anna's was a dear little bonnet made of rose ribbon. Their hats were all different, but each had a white dress and white stockings and slippers. And something else was alike, too. Each carried a tiny pot with a little plant in it that was just beginning to show tiny specks of white blossoms. Those pots had a story.

One day early in June Doris and Anna and Mabel had had a happy lesson in Sunday school. Miss Coles had given them pieces of paper and each had made a little cornucopia. Then they filled the cornucopias with earth and planted some little yellow seeds called sweet alyssum. Miss Coles said to take them home and keep them in the sun, to

care for them and water them. She told them if they did these things, the tiny seeds would sprout and grow into a little plant that would bear white flowers. She said, too, that the seed and God's promises were alike. God's promises would come true as surely as the little seeds would sprout—if we only believed—if we only had FAITH.

Doris and Mabel and Anna took the little cornucopias home. Mother gave them each a tiny pot and they slipped them inside. Then every day they watched and tended those pots. And sure enough, by and by the little sprouts came. They grew and grew and now they are beginning to bloom.

Mother said it would be nice to take them to show Miss Coles, then to give them away, as she had asked them to do. Doris says, "It's a good way to act out our lesson to-day."

### WHY DID DORIS SAY THAT?

"Each little child can some love work find,  
Each little hand and each little mind,  
All can be gentle and useful and kind,  
Though they are little like me and like you."

#### TWO VERSES TO LEARN

"Now abideth faith,  
hope, charity, these three;  
but the greatest of these is charity."

—I Corinthians 13: 13.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

—Matthew 22: 39.



## REVIEW—RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Read Philippians 3 : 7-14

“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS  
FLOW;  
PRAISE HIM, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.”

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That is an old song that your grandfathers and grandmothers loved. Your fathers and mothers sing it now in church. And the little people in the picture seem to be enjoying it, too. It is a “Thank you” to the heavenly Father for the love and care he gives to us each day. It shows the love we give to him for all his goodness.



But is it the only “Thank you” we need to give? Singing the song of praise is a beautiful thing to do, and God is pleased when he hears us. But there are other ways to thank him. Perhaps if you read this little poem aloud it will help you to find them out.

“I’ve two little HANDS to work for Jesus,  
One little TONGUE his praise to tell;  
Two little EARS to hear his counsel,  
One little VOICE a song to swell

"I've two little FEET to tread the pathway  
Up to the heavenly courts above;  
Two little EYES to read the Bible,  
Telling of Jesus' wondrous love."

Now turn back to the words in the poem which are printed in big letters. Read them aloud. If you do use

YOUR HANDS TO WORK FOR JESUS;  
YOUR TONGUES TO SPEAK THE TRUTH AND  
PLEASANT, KIND WORDS;

YOUR EARS TO LISTEN TO  
FATHER'S AND MOTHER'S  
BIDDING;

YOUR FEET TO RUN  
ON ERRANDS FOR  
OTHERS;

YOUR EYES TO READ  
AND LEARN OUR MEM-  
ORY VERSES—if you  
do these things you ARE  
OBEYING GOD. And  
that is the "Thank you" he  
wants most of all.



TWO VERSES TO LEARN

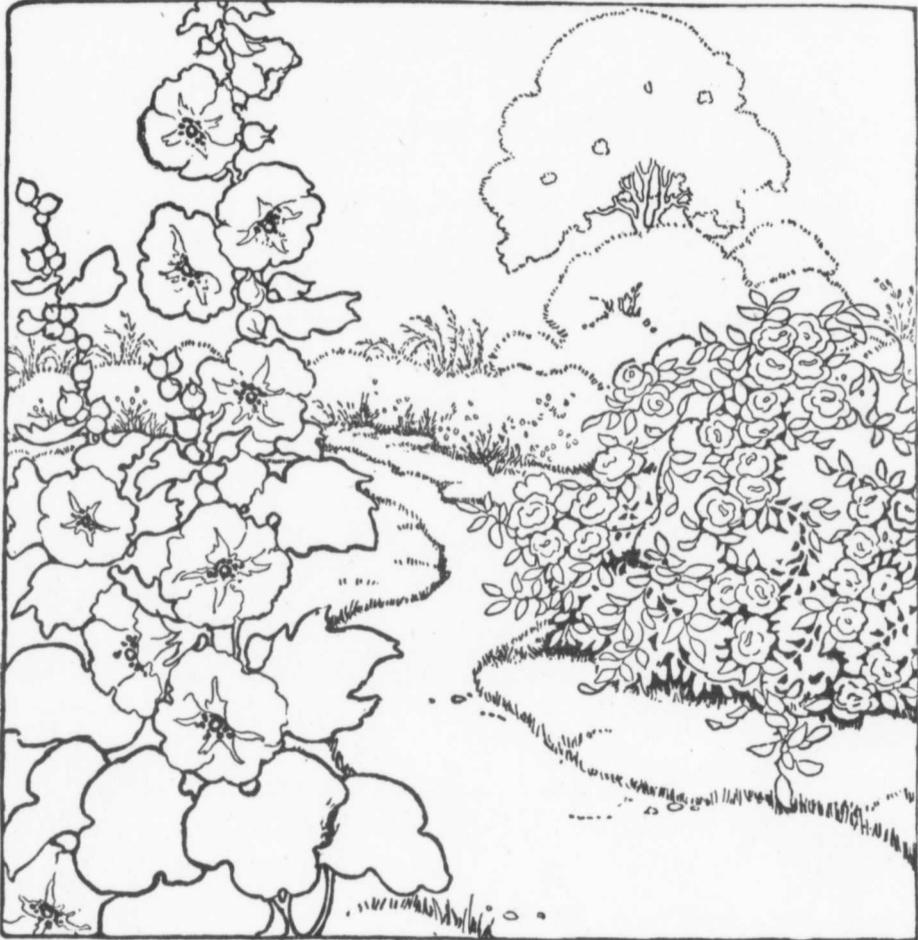
"If ye love me, keep my command-  
ments."

—John 14 : 15.

"I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with  
all my heart."

—Psalm 86 : 12.

HANDWORK



THE GARDEN OF EDEN WAS

Can You Take Your Colored Cravons and Make

The Sky Blue

The Trees and Grass Green

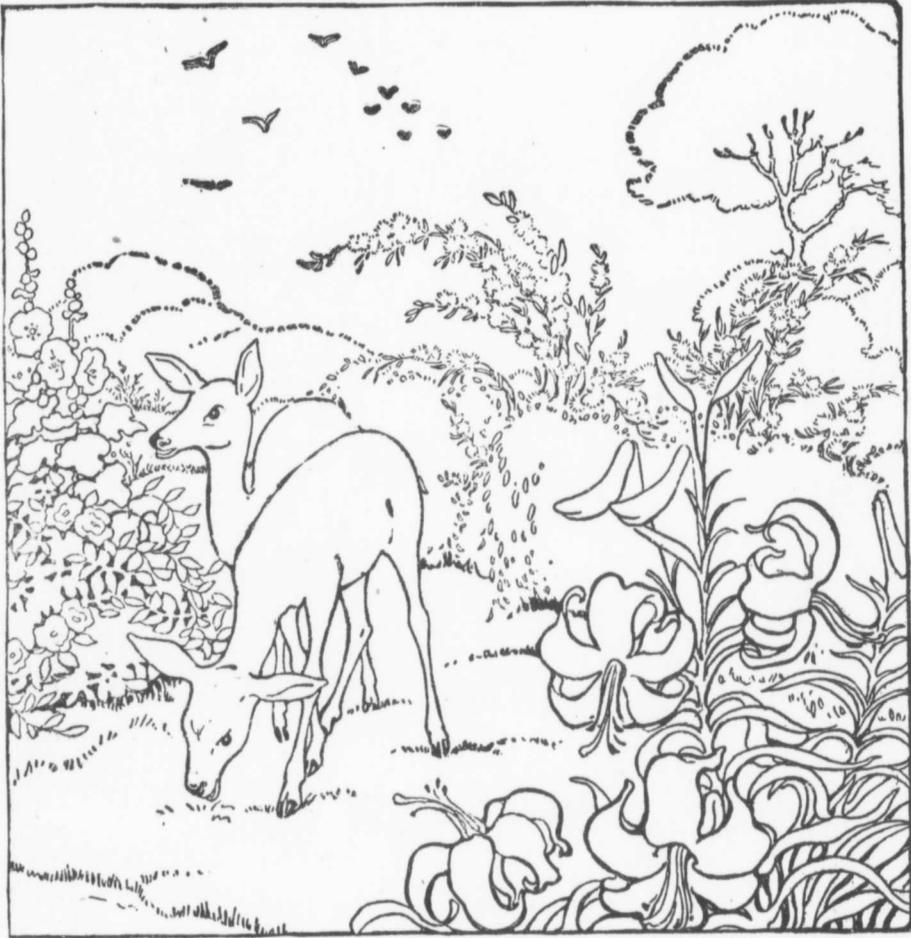
The Deer and Path Brown

The Roses Red

The Hollyhocks Pink

The Lilies Yellow

## HANDWORK



BEAUTIFUL LIKE THIS PICTURE

Dear Little Workers: Do this work carefully and you will be pleased with it when it is finished. Make long, slow strokes of blue for the sky—straight across from one side to the other. (For Lessons I, V, and VI.)

## HANDWORK

Take a piece of paper about six inches by eleven inches, fold it into a cornucopia and paste.



Carefully cut off the top so that it looks like this.



Next push in the point so that it looks like this. And there you have your tiny paper flowerpot.



Now fill the pot with earth and plant some sweet alyssum seed in it, just covering the seeds with a sprinkle of earth. Carry the pot home

This is to be done for Lesson IX. I wonder why. Your teacher will help you to guess.

## HANDWORK



Ask mother to give you a tiny red earthen pot. Slip the paper pot inside and set it in the sun. Water it—not too much, —not too little. Mother will show you.

Give the flower to some one whom it would please, or take it to some one who is sick.

This is for Lesson XII. I wonder why. Guess again.



## Bright Day Verses

I woke before the morning, I was happy all the day,  
I never said an ugly word, but smiled and stuck to play.

—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

“Glees in the tree tops,  
Ripples in the brook,  
Sunshine and blossoms  
Everywhere you look !

Bees going a-buzzing,  
Butterflies at play—  
What more could be needed  
To make a happy day !”

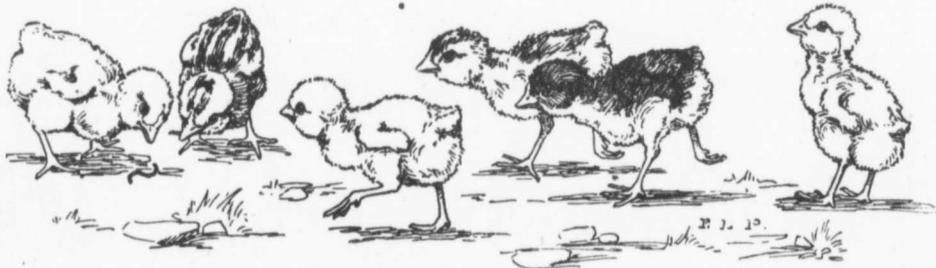
Down in a green and shady bed  
A modest violet grew ;  
Its stalk was bent, it hung its head,  
As if to hide from view.

And yet it was a lovely flower,  
Its colors bright and fair ;  
It might have graced a rosy bower  
Instead of hiding there.

Yet there it was content to bloom,  
In modest tints arrayed ;  
And there diffused its sweet perfume,  
Within the silent shade.

Then let me to the valley go,  
This pretty flower to see ;  
That I may also learn to grow  
In sweet humility.

—*Jane Taylor.*





My little brother Chickadee  
Thou seemest very small to me,  
Yet some fine day thou'lt fly away—  
I'll have no wings to follow thee  
My little brother Chickadee!

# WHO TAUGHT THE FIRST LITTLE GIRL HOW TO SING?

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Who taught the first lit - tle girl how to sing? I know, I know! The

dear lit - tle bird - ies that came in the spring, They whistled and twittered on

frol - ic - some wing, And car - oled her sto - ries of each liv - ing thing;

They taught her to sing— I know, They taught her to sing.

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