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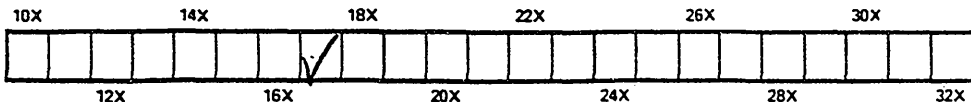
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WAIFS.

What poor little children these are! They live down in the slums of the city, where everything is very poor and dirty, and where all sorts of vice and wickedness exist. Of course everybody who is poor is not wicked. Indeed some of the most beautiful Christians are found amid the foulest surroundings. They themselves having once been sinners, perhaps, which proves that what Jesus said is true: "That though our sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow," if we let him wash them in the "Blood of the Lamb." There is no other way of having sins taken away. Jesus alone is the One who can cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 7.] THE TEN LEPERS CLEANSED. [Nov. 18.

Luke 17. 11-19.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Be ye thankful.—Col. 3. 15.

MEMORY VERSES, 17-19.—And Jesus answering said, Werethere not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

LESSON STORY.

You have not forgotten how Jesus talked with the woman at the well when he was in Samaria, nor how glad the people were to welcome him.

But now, when the people of a Samaritan village on the way heard that Jesus was coming and wanted to stop in their village, they would not receive-him!

How strange, you think; but have you ever refused to receive Jesus when he wanted to come into your heart?

A leper is a strange sight in this country, but oh, how common in the land where Jesus lived! A little back from the road along which Jesus was passing were ten lepers. They dared not come close to Jesus, for that was against the law, but they cried out to him to have mercy, which Jesus had, and healed them. Now you would think that every one of these men would hasten to thank the one who had healed them. But no! nine of them hurried away to their friends, and only one—and he a Samaritan—praised and blessed the kind hand that had given, him a new and clean life!

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who saw Jesus coming?

Ten lepers.

2. What did they call out to Jesus?

"Have mercy on us."

3. What did nine of them do?

Went away without saying "thank you" to Jesus.

4. What did the other one do?

He thanked and worshipped Jesus.

5. For what should we love and thank Jesus?

For all he has done for us.

We thank thee, Lord, for all things
That come from thy good hand;
The great, the good, the small things
That crown our happy land.



JOLLY'S RIGHTS.

Running here and there, the four puppies had frolicked, making the old barn their playground all the morning. But they were tired by the time their dinner came; and Gyp and Nep were stretched out on a low box to rest, while Fritz and Jolly lay on the straw near by. The plate Bridget had brought out for them looked tempting, but Gyp stretched himself lazily.

"O-o-o! I'm too tired to get down there," he said; "give me a bite of it up here, Jolly."

Good-natured little Jolly did as he was asked, and then settled himself to his own dinner with his bright eyes twinkling.

"That's nice," said Nep. "You'll give me a piece, won't you, Fritz?"

But Fritz barked sharply: "No, sir; guess I won't! You can come down here and get your dinner for yourself, if you want any. I don't have to wait on you."

Nep whined a little, scrambled down, and then he and Fritz quarrelled for the best pieces until there was not much left for either of them.

"I don't have to do what other folks want; I'm going to stand up for my rights," said Fritz.

"So am I," answered wise little Jolly; "but I'm going to stand up for my right to be kind most of all. I believe if everybody would take care of that one, the rest of their rights would take care of themselves."



LITTLE SUNSHINE.

If every little child in the world had the right to be called, "Little Sunshine," what a bright place this old earth would be! By having the right, I mean having the characteristics of the great sun which shines in the sky, that is, the power of spreading sweetness and light, and scattering gloom and shadow. You know wherever the sun shines there cannot be darkness. So wherever the light and love of a good child shines there cannot be sadness. Let each child try to be like the beautiful sunshine.

Have you a bamboo bookcase or chair in your house? Well, the bambóo was a tall grass, as high as the house, before you saw it, and it grew in a country across the ocean. Chinese plant this grass, and it grows four or five years before they cut it. They can make it into houses and boats and fans and hats, and even paper.