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COLD MORNING.

THIS little girl is very full of pity for the little lone statue. Her wee noggie is shivering with the cold, although he has a warm blanket on. So she thinks the naked little boy must be cold too. So he is, I am very sure. But then he does not feel it. And though she takes off her own warm cloak and puts it on him, he is none the better for it. Bless her little heart, I hope she will always be a full of pity, and when she grows a little older she may find many shivering children whom she may make glad by her loving heart and helpful hands.

"I'VE NO PLACE"

"I'VE no place to pray," said a little girl in a pitiful voice one day, as her teacher was talking to her about prayer. She lived in a lodging-house, in three little rooms, with her father and mother and six brothers and sisters. There wasn't much chance for her to get away alone, surely.

But her teacher told her she could sometimes

slip away into one of the little dark rest of the family wouldn't miss her bedrooms and shut the door. There she, for a few minutes. Minnie promised to could be alone with God, and the try it.



A COLD MORNING.

Almost everybody can find a lone corner for prayer if they want to. I once heard of a man who worked in a large machine-shop, who, after eating his lunch at noon, used to go inside an old boiler to pray. One of his companions found it out, and asked if he might come too. Then others came, and after a while they had quite a little prayer-meeting in the old boiler, and souls were saved there.

I knew a man who lived in a small house, and always went out to the barn to pray. I also knew a young girl who couldn't get a chance for secret prayer till all the day's work of a large family was done, and then she had to go down into the cellar to be alone. But what sweet seasons of prayer she had down there in the dark!

We read in Acts x. 9 that Peter when in Joppa "went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour." God is everywhere. If we cannot be alone, we can pray to him in our hearts. He can

REMEMBER the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

IS IT YOU?

THERE is a child, a boy or girl—
I'm sorry it is true—
Who does not mind when spoken to:
I hope it isn't you.

There is a child, a boy or girl—
I trust that such are few—
Who struck a little playmate friend:
I hope it wasn't you

I know a child, a boy or girl—
I'm sorry that I do—
Who told a lie; yes, told a lie!
It cannot be 'twas you!

There is a girl, a girl I know—
And I could love her too,
But that she's very proud and vain—
That surely isn't you!

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

A.D. 30.] LESSON X. [March 4
CHRIST'S LAST JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM.

Matt. 20. 17-29. Commit to memory vs. 17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matt. 20. 28.

OUTLINE.

1. The Self-denying Saviour.
2. The Self-seeking Disciples.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who came to see Jesus on his way to Jerusalem? The mother of James and John.

What did she ask of him? That her sons be given the highest place in his kingdom.

What did she expect Jesus to become? A great earthly king.

What did Jesus say to her, and to James and John? "Ye know not what ye ask."

What did Jesus know? That those who share his glory in heaven must first share his sufferings and death upon earth.

What did he ask James and John? "Are ye able to work, and suffer, and die with me?"

What did they say? "We are able."

What did Jesus tell them? That God would prepare and give them their places in heaven.

Who will have places in heaven? All who love and obey him.

Who were angry with James and John for wanting the best places? The ten disciples

What did Jesus do when he saw this? He called them all about him and taught them of his kingdom.

What did he tell them? "Whoever will be great among you, let him be your minister."

What is a minister? One who serves or helps others.

How do the people of the world try to be great? By making others serve and obey them.

Whom does Jesus say shall be truly great, here and hereafter? Those who work and suffer for others.

What did Jesus say he came to do? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What is it to ransom any one? To save them from punishment and death.

How can we show our love to Jesus, for dying to save us from punishment and death? By loving and helping others as he did.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Do you ever want and ask for the best places?

Have you ever tried Jesus's way of being great?

Do you keep right on his way when it is hard, and others laugh at you?

If you had been among the disciples would you have felt like James and John?

"Be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, even as God in Christ forgave you."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Redemption.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

How can you do this? I can do my duty to God and man only by the grace of God.

A.D. 30.] LESSON XI [March 11
CHRIST ENTERING JERUSALEM

Matt. 21. 1-11. Commit to mem. vs. 9-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Psa. 118. 26.

OUTLINE.

1. The Son of David.
2. The Temple of God.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

How did Jesus wish to enter Jerusalem? Riding upon an ass's colt.

Who did he send for the colt? Two of his disciples.

What did he tell them to say to the owners of the colt? "The Lord hath need of him."

What did Jesus know? That they would be willing and obedient to his wish.

What does Jesus know now? Whether we are willing to let him have our things.

What did the disciples do when they brought the colt to Jesus? They spread their garments upon him for Jesus to ride.

Who followed Jesus to Jerusalem? A great crowd of people.

How did they show him honour? They cast their garments and the green branches of the palm before him.

What did they shout as he entered the city? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

Where did Jesus go while in Jerusalem? To the temple.

What did he do there? He drove out all who were buying and selling.

What did he say to them? "My house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye make it a den of robbers."

What were they doing? Robbing God, in profaning his holy temple.

Who came to Jesus in the temple and were healed? The blind and lame.

Who shouted "Hosannah to the Son of David?" The little children.

Who were angry with Jesus, and with the children? The chief priests and scribes.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Are you willing that Jesus should use your things for his honour and glory?

Do you listen and obey when he asks you to give your time and your money and your playthings to the poor and the sick?

Do you honour him by being reverent in his church and in using his word and his book?

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing"

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The coming of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What is this grace? The grace of God is the power of the Holy Ghost, felt in our hearts, enabling us to do what otherwise we could not do.

HOW TO BE USEFUL.

CHARLIE, I will tell you how you can be useful: You can pick up a pin from the floor; play with your little sister; tell mamma when the baby cries; reach the stool that she may put her foot upon it; hold the cotton when she winds it; teach a little child his letters, and make your mother happy by being a good boy.

God made the country, but man made the town.—Cowper.



A CAIRINE LADY AND A GALLA SLAVE.

THE GALLA TRIBES.

ALMOST nothing has been ascertained about the early homes and migrations of the Galla race. The Gallas are for the most part still in the pastoral stage, their civilization is not very far advanced. But in their more northern settlements, in Abyssinia, they share the domestic and agricultural habits of the inhabitants of that kingdom. Among the southern tribes it is said seven or eight head of cattle are kept for every man, woman, and child; and among the northern tribes, as neither man or woman thinks of going any distance on foot, the number of horses is very large. With the Gallas honey is a staple article of food. Now and then the Gallas break in with a bloody raid, and waste the land; and the Abyssinians collecting their forces, exact a fearful retribution and bring back many slaves, which, sold from one master to another, drift down, some of them as far as Cairo, and become attendants in the harems of the wealthy. Our picture shows us one of these Galla slaves waiting upon her mistress in Cairo.

darling?" he asked.

"Oh, papa, it's so dark. Take Nellie's hand." He reached out and took her tiny little hand, clasping it firmly in his own. A sigh of relief came from her little heart. At once she was quieted and comforted. All her loneliness and fear were gone. She felt that a loving father was near her, and in a few moments she was sound asleep again.

That father felt that his little child had taught him a valuable lesson.

"Oh, my Father in heaven, my Saviour and my God," he cried "it is dark, very dark in my soul. Take my hand."

So he turned to Jesus, and trusted in Him; and he had a sweet feeling of peace come over him. "This is all I need," he said. "Jesus, my Saviour, keep hold of my hand."

And this is the way to find peace and salvation. When we feel afraid on account of our sins or of any trouble, we must put our hand in the hand of Jesus, and trust in

IT IS DARK.

HERE is an incident that illustrates how plain and simple the way of salvation in Jesus is.

The father of a little girl was once in great trouble and distress of mind on account of his sins. He lay awake, after going to bed one night, in fear and dread; he felt like a ship tossed about by the storm, and unable to find any rest or peace. The hours of the night were going slowly and wearily by. He could not sleep because of his trouble. His little daughter was sleeping in her crib beside his bed. Presently she began to move about uneasily. Then he heard her voice, speaking timidly amidst the darkness:—

"Papa! papa!" she called.

"What is it, my

him, just as this dear child trusted in her loving father. This is the way of salvation that Jesus came to teach us. And this is a simple, plain way.

BABY'S STORY.

BABY tells a little story,
On its mother's lap;
When the pretty eyes have opened
From their pleasant nap.

It's about the land of By Lo,
And its flowers and streams;
Or the loving, smiling angels
Babies meet in dreams.

Mother's face is bending over,
So to catch each word,—
Bending as a birdie's mother
Bends above her bird.

Never legend, penned by poet,
Is to her so dear;
Though the language is the quaintest
Any one could hear.

How the tiny tongue is trying
Something to impart!
Eagerly the mother listens,—
Hears with all her heart!

Hears the story,—understands it,
If no others do;
Though that story just commences,
As it ends, with "goo!"

LOVE CONQUERS.

WHAT is the best way to conquer?
"I'll master it," said the ax; and his blows
fell heavily on the iron.

But every blow made his edge more blunt,
till he ceased to strike.

"Leave it to me," said the saw. And
with his relentless teeth, he worked back-
ward and forward on its surface till they
were all worn down and broken, and he fell
aside.

"Ha, ha!" said the hammer. "I knew
you would not succeed, I knew you wouldn't
succeed; I'll show you the way."

But at the first fierce stroke, off flew his
head, and the iron remained as before.

"Shall I try?" asked the soft, small
flame.

They all despised the flame; but he curled
gently round the iron and embraced it, and
never left it till it melted under his irres-
istible influence.

And what is that flame whose "irres-
istible influence" cannot but melt iron? It
is assuredly love.—*The New Dispensation.*