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MOSES AND AARON BEFORE PHARAOH.

unto Aaron, saying. When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a mi cle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent. And Moses did so as the Lord had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, her to her little friends as Queen Elsic.

THE LITTLE QUEEN.

Elsie was five years old, so mamma gave And the Lord spake unto Moses and her a birthday party, and invited four little neighbours. Brothers Jack and Will were invited too, of course, and the seven little folks had a very merry time.

Before they began the games auntic made Elsie sit in a big chair for a throne, and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they put a gilt paper crown on her head, a gilt Off goes his hat, with a dexterous fling to it covered rod in her hand, and introduced Off goes the cat with a mischievous string

DOES ANY ONE KNOW HIM?

Out of the street, after ringing a bell or two,

Into the house, with a rush and a yell or two,

Kitchenward, lured by some savoury smell or two-

Dinner inspires him with joy to it:



MOSES AND AARON BEFORE PHARAOH

wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said.—Exodus 7. 8-13.

Katie, four years old, asks a favour of her father. He says: "By-and-bye." She waits a while and then says: "Papa, can't I have it on the front side of by-and-bye."

serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the caps on their heads, and toy swords over their shoulders, and stood beside Queen Elsie's throne—the big chair—and declared themselves her loyal knights. The other children came and bowed to her.

of it, for she was very shy. She liked it better after she stepped down from the throne, took off her crown, laid down her Tender and true at the heart's core though sceptre, and was plain Elsie Brown, playing

glad to be only just an ordinary little girl, free to run about and play just as you do. .

and before his servants, and it became a | Will and Jack appeared with high paper | Up starts the baby because he will sing to it-Any one know such a boy?

> Wild with his comrades as any Comanche is; Rough as a steer on a far westren ranch Elsie did not quite know what to make Surely of mischief the root and the branch he is,

Yet there's pure gold in alloy. small he is;

games with her brothers and little friends. Brave and chivalric, whatever befall he is; Many a poor little real queen would be Mother's own torment and blessing through all he is-

Any one know such a boy?

A GOOD-NIGHT PRAYER.

My Father, hear my prayer, Before I go to rest; It is thy little child Who cometh to be blest.

Forgive me all my sin, That I may sleep this night In safety and in penco Until the morning light.

Lord, help me every day To love thee more and more, To strive to do thy will, To worship and adore.

Then look upon me, Lord, Ere I lie down to rest; It is thy little child Who cometh to be blest.

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CAN'T AFFORD IT.

"Don't keep turning her head so much, Ruthie.'

"Why not?"

"Because mamma says that it might

"Ho! I don't believe that it will. It feels as strong. I want to see how far around it will go."

So she twisted Mariana's head to the right, now to the left, until the poor thing looked helplessly over first one shoulder and then the other. Bessie was fixing the lurch-table, and once in a while gave an uneasy glance at Ruth.

"Don't." said Bessie, as Ruth still tried

to turn the head

Mariana was a doll that could do almost anything but walk and talk. Her eyes would open and shut, and her joints turn. Her head turned so that she could look either way in a manner which Ruth thought very 'cute and cunning. But as she kept on Ruth all at once heard a

little snap. As she turned the head back again an agly crack came in the pretty neck When she tried again the crack grew wider.

"O dear!" she said, as Bessie came to "What is the matter?"

"See, it's broken! I don't believe that Tears came it will ever turn again." into her eyes. It was so hard not to say something angry to Ruth that she wisely followed a bit of advice often given by her mamma: "When you find yourself tempted to say something unkind get out of the way for a while." She went out of the room, leaving Ruth feeling very miserable indeed. Here was Mariana, Bessie's very best doll, the most beautiful one that Ruth had ever seen, broken. Ruth placed her in her own little chair; and there she sat, gazing in a most uncomfortable fashion over her left shoulder.

After a while Bessie came back into the room. She laid Mariana in her bed, saying: "There, dearie, you've got a bad crook in your neck, so you must go to bed." Then, going to Ruth, she said: "Come, Ruthie; we'll play with the other dolls.'

"But," said Ruth, with a little sniff, "I feel so bad about it; it's dreadful."

"Yes, 'tis so. It's so dreadful that we can't afford to feel bad about it.'

"What?" said Ruth in surprise.

"That's just the way 'tis. Here you've come to spend the day with me, and have a splendid time. Mariana's broken, and that's dreadful enough without making things worse. Don't you see that we can't afford to spoil our r'ce day for it "
"Well, you're queer," said Ruth. "Who

told you all that?

"Cousin Bertha. One day I was feeding her canary. She didn't tell me that I might. I let it out, and oh, the cat caught it, and that was an end of that poor little bird. Cousin Bertha cried a little at first. I went to my room, and was going to cry all day, I felt so badly. But pretty soon she came to me, so sweet and bright, and said: "Come, Bessie; when a thing is very bad, we can't afford to fret about it.' Didn't you, Cousin Bertha?" cried Bessie, raising her voice as a pretty young lady was passing the

She came in, expressing sympathy for the poor crooked-neck doll, adding: "Yes, that's right, little girlies. It is a bad business; but how much worse it would be if you let it take all the sunshine out of your day and the smiles off your faces!"

UNCLE PHIL'S STORY.

"Tell us a story, Uncle Phil," said Rob and Archie, running to him.

"What about?" said Uncle Phil, as Rob climbed on his right knee and Archie on his left.

"Oh, about something that happened to you," said Rob.

"Something when you were a little boy," said Archie.

"Once when I was a little boy," said you do not get on the wrong track.

Uncle Phil, "I asked my mother to le Roy and myself go out and play by the

'Was Roy your brother?" asked Rob. "No, but he was very fond of playing with me. My mother said yes, so w went and had a great deal of sport. Attended while I took a shingle for a boat an sailed it along the bank. At last it bers to get into deep water, where I couldn't reach it with a stick. Then I told Roy t go and bring it to me. He almost alway did what I told him, but this time he di not. I began scolding him, and he re toward home.

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"Then I was angry. I picked up a storand threw it at him as hard as I could."

"Oh, Uncle Phil!" cried Archie.

"Just then Roy turned his head and i struck him.

"Oh, Uncle Phil!" cried Rob.

"Yes, he gave a little cry and lay down on the ground.

"But I was still angry with him. I di not go to him, but waded in the water for

my bout.
"But it was deeper than I though Before I knew it I was in a strong cur rent. I screamed as it carried me dow stream, but no men were at hand to he

"But as I went down under the water something took hold of me and dragge me toward shore. It was Roy. He save

my life."
"Good fellow! Was he your cousin! asked Rob.

"No," replied Uncle Phil.

"What did you say to him?" aske Archie.

"I put my arms around the dear fe low's neck and cried and asked him forgive me."

"What did he say?" asked Bob.

"He said, 'Bow, wow, wow!'"
"Why, who was Roy anyway?" aske Archie, in great astonishment.

"He was my dog," said Uncle Phothe best dog I ever saw. I have never been unkind to a dog or to any other an mal since, and I hope you will never be."

ON THE WRONG TRACK.

Tommy is only twelve years old, and tremble when I look at him, not because think he will hurt me,-oh, no!-but b cause I know he is hurting himself. engine got loose one day and ran off on the wrong track. It ran into a train of cal that was coming, and did a great deal harm. Tommy is on the wrong track; ad he is going to run into other trains whi are out on their life-track, and harm the and very likely get smashed up himse He is out on the street all day, and som times until late at night. He has learn to smoke and knows how beer tastes. says he is too big to go to Sunday-scho and so he plays in the fields and streets Sunday. He does not like to go to sche and never wants to read anything. can be done for him? Boys, look out th

SUNSHINE LAND.

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BY EDITH THOMAS.

They came in sight of a lovely shore,
Yellow as gold in the morning light;
The sun's own colour at noon it were,
And had faded not at the fall of night,

Clear weather or cloudy—'twas all as one, The happy hills seemed bathed with the sun;

Its secret the sailors could not understand, But they called the country Sunsline Lund.

What was the secret? A simple thing—
It will make you smile when once you know—

Touched by the tender finger of spring,
A million blossoms were all aglow;
So many, so many, so small and bright,
They covered the hills with a mantle of

And the wild bee hummed, and the glad breeze fanned

Through the honeyed fields of Sunshine Land.

If over the sea we two are bound,
What port, dear child, would we choose
for ours?

We would sail and sail till at last we found

This fairy gold of a million flowers. Yet, darling, we'd find, if at home we staid, Of many small joys our pleasures are made,

More than we think—very close at hand Lie the golden fields of Sunshine Land.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

LESSON VII. [Aug. 15.

ABSTAINING FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS.

1 Cor. S. 1-13, Memory verses, 12, 13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For none of us liveth to himself.—Rom. 14. 7.

OUTLINE.

1. Knowledge, v. 1-6.

2 Liberty, v. 7-9.

3. Self-denial, v. 10-13.

THE LESSON STORY.

You know that Paul stayed in the gay, wicked city of Corinth a year and a half preaching and teaching. Many believed and turned to the Lord. But after Paul went away they feil into sin, and when Paul leard of it he was very sorry and wrote them a long letter. He wrote it with many tears, for he dearly loved his

children in the Gospel, and you will like to know that the Corinthian Christians were sorry for their wrong conduct and were ready, after reading the letter, to do as Paul wanted them to do. You know that many of the Christians in Corinth had been idol worshippers. Many of their relatives and friends were still heathen. and some Christians thought it was no harm to cat the meats that had been offered in sacrifice to idols. This is as if a Christian should say now that he can drink wine because it does not harm him. But it may harm some one olse, and so be a sin against Christ because it is a sin against the weak brother for whom Christ died. Paul urges the Corinthian Christions to love one another enough to be willing to deny themselves for Christ's sake, and this is the lesson for us. Paul said that if meat would harm another he would eat no more meat. Do you think Paul would take a temperance pledge if he lived now?

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

Mon. Read the lesson verses carefully. 1 Cor. 8, 1-13.

Tucs. Read of something which makes trouble now. Prov. 23 29-35.

Wed. Learn a reason why we should not touch wine. Golden Text.

Thur. Learn what is letter than things

to eat and drink. Rom. 14. 17.

Fr. Read some of Jesus's words about

Fri. Read some of Jesus's words about self-denial. Mark 8, 34-37.

Sat, Learn how Paul put self behind him. 1 Cor. 9, 19-22.

Sun. Learn for whose sake we must deny self. Matt 25 40.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY

What was the result of Paul's work in Corinth? What happened after he went away? How did Paul try to help them? By whom did he send the letter! Did it do the Corinthians good! What had many of these Christians heen! What was a common custom in Corinth? To have feasts in idol temples. What did some of these Corinthians do! Go to these feasts? What did Paul urge them to do? To deny themselves? Why should Christians now refuse to drink wine? Why should we deny ourselves for the sake of others? How can we often help another? By our good example.

MY PLEDGE.

"For Jesus's sake"—

I will try to do right mys If.

I will try to help others to do right.
I will remember that "I am not my

own."

LESSON VIII. [Aug. 22.

THE EXCELLENCE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

1 Cor 13. 1-13. Memory verses, 4-7

GOLDEN TEXT.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity,

these three; but the greatest of these is charity -1 Cor. 13, 13

OUTLINE

1 Love Essential, v. 1-3

2. Love at Work, v. 4-7

3 Love Abiding v 8 13

THE LESSON STORY.

Do you remember that Paul's heart was once the home of hate and ill-will? It was not so now. Love had come to live in his heart, and instead of wanting to kill believers now he wanted to teach them more and more about Jesus and the way to heaven.

In the first epistle to the Corinthians there is a whole chapter about love. It is one of the most beautiful chapters in the Bible. If any one studies it and really tries to live out its teachings, that one will grow to be very much like Christ,

Paul says a person may be very wise, and have great fuith, and give all that he has to the poor, yet if he has not true love it will all count for nothing. True love is kind, does not feel envious, is never boastful, loes not seek praise, is sweet-tempered, thinks no evil, and hopes all good. True love never wears out. All earthly things pass away, but love lives forever, for it is of God.

Faith, hope, and love are the three graces of the Spirit, which will abide, but the greatest of these is love. God is love, and where he is there is love

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

Mon. Read one of the sweetest chapters in the Bible. 1 Cor. 13.

Tues. Learn the beautiful Golden Text.

Wed. Learn where love comes from, 1
John 4, 7, 8,

Thur. Find what love does. 1 John 4. 20, 21.

Fri. Learn the difference between love and hate. Prov. 10, 12,

Sat. Read about a beautiful cloak. I Peter 4. S.

Sun. Read more about this great gift.
1 John 3. 1-3.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

When was Paul's heart full of hatred. Why did he persecute believers? What did he want to do for believers now? What made the difference? Where is the lesson found to-day? What is it about? What does the word "charity" mean here? "Love." What is more than all wisdom and faith? What are some of the good things about real love? Why does it never fail? What are the three graces that will abide? Which is the greatest of these? Who will give us love for the asking?

THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER.

It is God's love that never fails.

My love is worth very little.

God's love may be had for the asking.



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