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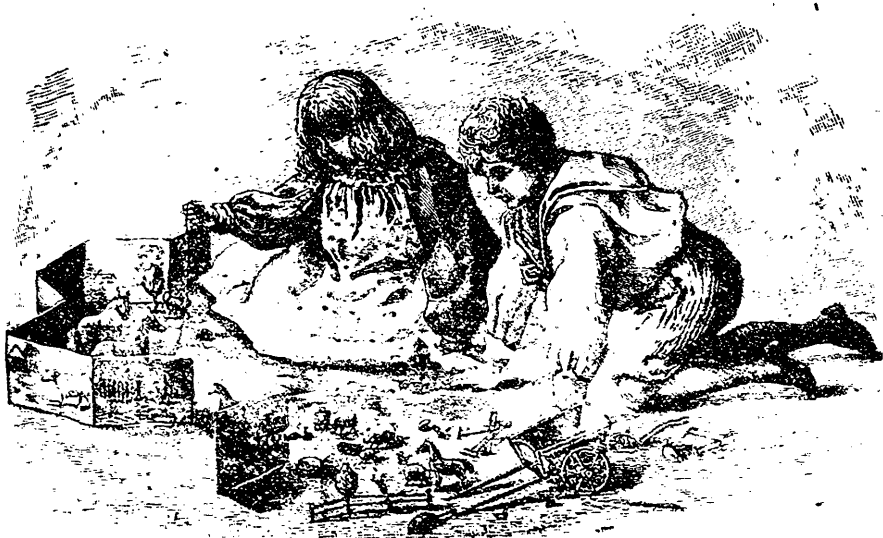
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## THE FARM-YARD.

Willie and Alice had a present of a box of toys at New Year's. It was better even than a Noah's Ark, because there was a cart and plough and trees and fences as well as animals. So they made a folding screen of cardboard and pasted on it pictures of a farm. They had great fun setting up the fences and fixing the trees in rows and putting the tiny pigs and sheep and cows and horses and carts just as they had seen them in the farm-yards. It was true that the cart was a great deal too big for the horse, and the sheep was ligger than the cow; but they didn't mind that. They thought it a sort of topsy-turvy fairyland where everything was upside down.



THE FARM-YARD.

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 5.] THE BOLDNESS OF PETER AND JOHN. [JAN. 31.  
Acts 4. 1-14. (Read also verses 15-31.)

GOLDEN TEXT.—There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.—Acts 4-12.

MEMORY VERSES, 10-12.—Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

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

## LESSON STORY.

After the healing of the lame man, Peter preached to the people. He said it was not by their own power that they had made the lame man to walk, but the power of Jesus whom the rulers of the Jews had put to death. This made the rulers very angry, and they laid hands on Peter and John and put them in prison. But five thousand men were converted under Peter's wonderful sermon. The next day the rulers of the Jews sent for Peter and John and asked them in what name they had healed the lame man. Peter boldly said, "In the name of Jesus whom ye crucified, and whom God raised from the dead." When the rulers saw the boldness of Peter and John, and saw also that they were poor and unlearned men, they knew that they had been with Jesus. Seeing the lame man that was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against them. Then they called Peter and John aside and commanded them not to speak at all or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John said, "We must obey God rather than man. We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Was not this a brave thing to do? This is what we must all do when God speaks. We must obey God rather than man.

## LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What took place after the healing of the lame man?

*Peter preached boldly that Jesus was the Son of God.*

2. What took place after the preaching of Peter?

*The rulers of the Jews were angry and put Peter and John in prison.*

3. What happened next?

*Five thousand persons were converted by Peter's preaching.*

4. What did the rulers do then?

*They asked Peter and John by what power they had healed the lame man.*

5. What did Peter say?

*He said it was by the power of Jesus, whom the Jews had killed.*

6. What did the rulers then say?

*They commanded Peter and John not to speak any more in the name of Jesus.*

7. What did Peter and John do?

*They said, "We must obey God rather than man."*



### TAKE CARE.

Little children, you must seek  
Rather to be good than wise,  
For the thoughts you do not speak  
Shine out in your cheeks and eyes.

If you think that you can be  
Cross and cruel and look fair,  
Let me tell you how to see  
You are quite mistaken there.

Go and stand before the glass,  
And some ugly thought contrive,  
And my word will come to pass,  
Just as sure as you're alive.

What you have and what you lack,  
All the same as what you wear,  
You will see reflected back.  
So, my little folks, take care!



### THE QUARREL.

After the tea that we told of last week, little Miss Muffet and Molly Perkins begin to look at a pretty picture-book. They got on very well for a time. At last Molly said, "I want this all to myself." "You can't have it," said Miss Muffet "it's mine," and a very unlovely scowl came over her face. Then each began to pull at the book until the pretty picture-book was torn, and mamma had to take it away from both. How much better it would have been for them to have been good friends and have looked at the pictures together.

A poor little girl came one day and brought to her Sunday-school teacher an old rag doll. Evidently it was very dear to her; for she looked at it longingly, tearfully, before she gave it to the lady. Then suddenly she held it out, and said with a sob, "They said that we must bring something for Christ. This is all that I have to bring. Oh, I hate to let it go! but—take it. I want to give something." Now that's the spirit which Christ wants us to show. We must give something; and the more we love that something the better he prizes the gift, because in giving it we prove how much we are in earnest.