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A SLAVE TO NAUGHTY.



"Father," said a little boy, "Wicked put his chain right around me inside, and I can't break it and be good when I want to."

"You must fight Wicked, and not let him put his chain around you and make you his slave," said his father.

"But what if it is around," said the little boy, "and I don't want it there at all?"

"The Lord Jesus will help you to break it, Eddy," replied his father, "He came on purpose to help every little boy and girl break the chains of sin. He will set you free, and keep you free, if you go to him and pray."

"But what must I pray for?" Pray for a new heart, a heart that will love and obey him. then you won't feel like acting naughty."

"Then I will pray him for a new heart. But how do I know that he hears me? I cannot see him."

"If I am in the next room, you can call to me, and I can answer you; can't I, Eddy?"

"Yes," said Eddy; "and is Jesus as near as that, father?"

"Nearer, Eddy."

"Then I will call," cried Eddy, "for I must have a new heart."

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 6.]

JESUS AND NICODEMUS.

[FEB. 11.]

John 3. 1-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.—For 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.

MEMORY VERSES, 14-17.—And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

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

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

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

LESSON STORY.

Jesus had a talk one day with a Pharisee which must have astonished the man very much. He was a great man among the Jews, one of the teachers of the law. But Jesus told him he must be "born again." Can you imagine the surprise of Nicodemus?

You have seen a beautiful water-lily, and you know that its root is deep down in the mire and mud. But the pure white blossom has kept reaching up and up, until at last it opened clean and white into the sunlight of the upper world. But the mud and mire have helped to make the lovely thing, and in a very real sense they have been born again. In something the same way God wants his children to reach up and come into the higher life of the Spirit. "A new heart will I give you," God said. No more than we could draw the dark earth up into the stalk of the lily, and change it into the pure flower, can we change our sinful lives into the clean life of the Spirit.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who was Nicodemus?

A Pharisee.

2. What did Jesus tell him?
That he must be born again.
3. What did he mean by this?
That he must have a new heart.
4. How can we get the new heart?
God must give it to us.
5. How do we know that he wants to do this?
Because he says, "Come unto me."
6. What will the new heart be?
A believing, true, and kind one.

The Lord, our Redeemer,
Who hears when we call,
Came down from his heaven
To die for us all.



A FEATHERED RASCAL.

Redbreast leads an honest life
In the apple-tree.
A nest she built, a cunning one,
And laid her blue eggs three.

Bluejay in the big oak lives,
Just across the way.
A very clumsy house he built
In his awkward way.

Robin lives on worms and bugs,
Bluejay steals or begs,
And so across the space he flits
And pounces on the eggs.

Shame, you noisy robber bird,
To treat poor robin so!
You should as you would be done by
Unto your neighbours do.



THE REASON WHY.

"When I was at the party,"
Said Betty (aged just four),
"A little girl fell off her chair
Right down upon the floor.
And all the other little girls
Began to laugh but me--
I didn't laugh a little bit,"
Said Betty, seriously.

"Why not?" her mother asked her,
Full of delight to find
That Betty—bless her little heart—
Had been so sweetly kind.
"Why didn't you laugh, darling?
Or don't you like to tell?"
"I didn't laugh," said Betty.
" 'Cause it was me that fell."