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HOW THE SUN WAKED MARIE. (SEE THIRD PAGE.)

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 5.] JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST. APRIL 29.
Luke 7. 18-28.

GOLDEN TEXT.—He hath done all things well.—Mark 7. 37.

MEMORY VERSES, 22, 23.—Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

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

LESSON STORY.

You have not forgotten brave John the Baptist, who was so fearless in telling the people their sins and urging them to repent because the King was coming.

John had been thrown into prison for telling the truth, and maybe in his loneliness and sorrow he sometimes doubted if Jesus were really the great King he had believed him to be. So one day he sent two of his disciples, or friends, to ask Jesus if he were really the Messiah, or if they should still look for another. Jesus was busy doing good, and he kept right on with his good works of healing the sick, the blind, the deaf. When he had ended he turned to them and told them to go tell John what they had seen and heard. How glad John must have been when he heard these glorious things and felt in his heart that he had not been mistaken.

When you read the words Jesus spoke to his disciples then about John the Baptist they may surprise you a little. But think of them in this way. Jesus had come to bring the gospel of love and grace, and this is what he taught his disciples. John belonged to the old age of the law, and though he was a great prophet, yet a child with the love and faith of the gospel is greater than the wisest man who lives by the law.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Where was John the Baptist?

In prison.

2. Was he a bad man.
No; but his enemies were.
3. Who told him the miracles Jesus did?
His disciples.
4. What did he send his disciples to ask Jesus?
If he was the Messiah.
5. What did Jesus go on doing?
Works of love and mercy.
6. What did he say?
"Go tell John what things ye have seen."
7. Who was John the Baptist?
A great prophet.
8. What is greater than to be a prophet?
To be a loving child of faith.
9. Who may be this?
Any one who will.

HOW THE SUN WAKED MARIE.

As the sun climbed up and peeped over the housetops one bright morning he found Marie still in bed.

He knew she ought to be awake or she would not be at school in time; and as the blinds were closed and he could not get all the way in, he put out a long finger through a crack and laid it on her eyes.

Marie moved in her sleep to get away from the troublesome finger.

The jolly sun laughed and moved up a little higher, until he could lay it again right across her eyelids.

"I wish that sunbeam wouldn't come in here and spoil my nap; I can't sleep another wink," said Marie,

"Ah, ha!" laughed the jolly sun; "that's just what I wanted. Now she's wide-awake."

And Marie couldn't help smiling as she dressed herself, the sun was so bright.

The untidy boy or girl wastes three times as many minutes hunting for things as it would take to keep each article always in place, yet the stock excuse always is: "I haven't time to put things in order."



CRUMBS OF COMFORT.

I'm only a little girlie,
But mother says each day
I can scatter crumbs of comfort
For others, by the way.

Real crumbs for the tiny sparrows
That flock about the door,
And greedily eat their breakfasts,
Then chirp, to ask for more.

Loving words for the baby,
And cheery, helpful ways
That will put a gleam of sun-
shine
In grandma's darkest days.

Then errands to run for mother,
And little things to do
That will keep me out of mischief,
And make me useful too.

If I scatter crumbs of comfort,
Passing along the way,
Perhaps the dear Lord will turn them
Into a loaf, some day.

FOR TIRED LITTLE FOLKS.

"Auntie, please tell me something nice to do; I'm tired of Sabbath. It's too late to go out, and it's too early for the lamp, and the wrong time for everything."

"Well, let me see," said auntie. "Can you tell me any one in the Bible whose name begins with A?"

"Yes; Adam."

"I'll tell you a B," said auntie; "Benjamin. Now a C."

"Cain."

"Right," said Aunt Sarah.

"Let me tell D," said Joe, hearing our talk; "Daniel."

And so we went through the alphabet; and before we thought of it we were called for supper, the house was lighted and we had a fine time. Try it.—*Mayflower*.