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TIME FOR BED.

How nice it is when bed-time comes to be really sleepy and ready to go, and how disagreeable it is when you are very tired but cannot get to sleep. There is no doubt that these little people will fall asleep as soon as they tumble into bed, for look how the little fellow is yawning, and the baby seems to be fast asleep already.



A child who has no time to help another will be likely to have little help given him when he needs it.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 11.] JESUS AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE. [MARCH 18.

Mark 2. 13-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.—He said unto him, Follow me.—Luke 5. 27.

MEMORY VERSES, 15-17.—And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many and they followed him.

And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

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

LESSON STORY.

When Jesus lived on earth the Jews were under the rule of the Romans, and were obliged to pay taxes to them. This they did not like to do, and so they did not like the men who gathered the taxes. These men were called publicans, and it was a term of reproach. Some of the publicans were Jews, and they were all the more despised for consenting to help the Romans. Matthew was one of these publicans.

Jesus saw this rich, despised publican sitting in his place receiving the taxes, and he said to him, "Follow me." That was all, but Matthew rose and followed him. What do you think Jesus saw in Matthew's heart? When a little later the proud Pharisees saw Jesus eating with publicans and sinners in the fine house where Matthew lived, they were shocked because he would associate with such people. Read the words in which Jesus rebuked them.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who was Matthew?

A rich tax gatherer.

2. What did Jesus do?

He called Matthew to follow him.

3. What did Matthew do?
He followed Jesus.
4. What did he make for Jesus?
A feast.
5. Who found fault with Jesus for eating with sinners?
The Pharisees.
6. Whom did Jesus say he came to call?
Sinners.
7. Who are the worst sinners?
Those who love self the most.



Give me, Lord, a ready ear,
When thou callest me, to hear;
Ready heart and feet to be
Quick and glad to follow thee.

WHICH GAVE THE MOST?

Three children brought a gift to the hospital for sick children one day.

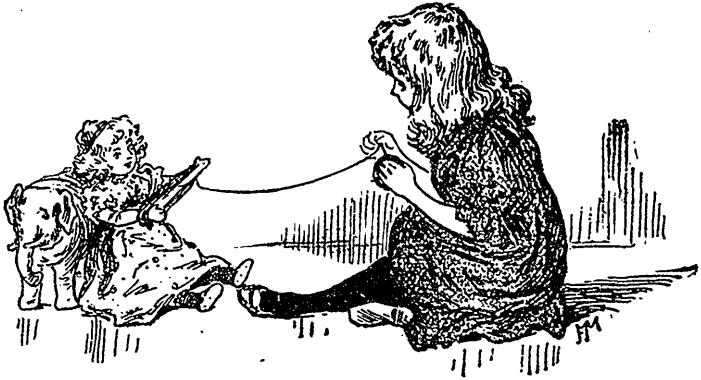
Percy Wilson brought a splendid rocking horse, for which his rich father had paid. It had a lovely mane and a long tail, and there were beautiful reins and a comfortable saddle.

Every one said, "How kind, how generous, of dear little Percy!" and the matron thanked him and praised him for his expensive gift.

Elsie Payne brought a doll, a musical top, a tea set, a toy organ, a farmyard, and a dolls' house. She had cleared out an old cupboard and packed up for the poor children a number of toys she did not care for and would never miss.

Willie Bloom was a poor boy himself; he had saved two pennies in his money-box to buy himself a little plant; but he made up his mind to go without the flower himself, and he carried the little pot to the hospital and left it there for a cripple child.

Who gave the most? Let us try to bear this little tale in mind when we are inclined to think ourselves liberal and generous; let us ask ourselves whether our present has meant any self-denial.



DOLLY HELPS HER MOTHER.

O Dolly, you're the dearest child!
 You help your little mother so!
 I really could not wind this skein
 Unless you held it tight, you know.
 The ephlunt, too, is very good,
 He stands so still you cannot fall.
 You're tired, dears? A moment more!
 There! Isn't that a pretty ball?

THE BIBLE.

There was a time in England when there were so few Bibles that no church owned more than one, and that had to be chained to the desk. The poor had none at all in their homes. When they wanted to read it they must go to the church and stand by the desk. They tell a true story of a little boy who once a week would walk many miles to the town church, and stand hours at a time reading God's Word. You little boys and girls have Bibles in your own homes. If you cannot read them, some one is always ready to tell you the beautiful stories or teach you the beautiful words. Jesus' words are our daily bread. We cannot grow like Jesus unless we feed on them.