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THE FISHERMAN'S COT.

It is a very humble little cottage in which this fisherman lives but it is one of the happiest homes in the land, for there joy and peace and love reign supreme. The house stands right down on the seashore, but is snugly protected by some splendid oershadowing rocks which protect it from the high winds that often prevail.

Round about the little cottage which is painted a bright shade of yellow stand huge rocks on which the nets are dried. The fisherman's little boy takes keen delight in watching the men wind and unwind these nets, and the fisherman's wife lovingly sees to it that they are kept in good order.



SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 7.]

THE FORGIVING SPIRIT.

[AUG. 12.]

Matt. 18. 21-35.

GOLDEN TEXT—Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors—
Matt. 6. 12.

MEMORY VERSES, 21, 22.—Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but until seventy times seven.

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

LESSON STORY.

The teachings of Jesus were so unlike the teaching of the priests and Pharisees that it is not strange that the disciples had a great many questions to ask him. For instance it was said by the Jews that it was right to do by others as they do by us. Peter had seen that this was not the spirit of Jesus and he thought if he could only know just how many times we ought to forgive one another it would be a great help. He must have been surprised when Jesus told him that it was our duty (and privilege) to go on forgiving as long as there was anything to forgive. Not merely seven times but seventy times seven. It takes a heart like the heart of Jesus to do that.

So you see the beautiful meaning of the story Jesus told his disciples that day? The king in the story is God and the servants are all those who owe something to him. Each one of us owes him everything and yet how quick we are to find fault with one who owes us a little. Even as God forgives us, so must we forgive others if we are true children of God.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Where was Jesus now?

In Capernaum.

2. What did Peter ask him?

How many times to forgive.

3. What did he think would be enough?

Seven times.

4. What did Jesus say?

Seventy times seven.

5. What did that mean?

That we are not to stop forgiving.

6. What did Jesus tell the disciples.

A story.

7. What did it teach?

That we must forgive as God forgives.



Jesus never turns away
From a child that seeks his
face,
Leans to listen when we pray,
Meets us with his grace

Jesus calls each little child
To the shelter of his fold;
Keeps them nearest to his heart;
Loves with love untold.

LETTING JESUS KNOW.

Would you like to do something to show how dearly you love the Lord Jesus? I don't know what to tell you to do, for I do not know who there is near by whom you can help or love or be patient with for his sake. You see, I cannot tell either what daily task is apt to bring out the clouds on your face. I do not know of the something which may be making you very sorry; and which, little child that you are, you may bear bravely, trustingly, so honouring Jesus. If I did not know that there is some way for every child who reads this little message to show love for Jesus, I would not disappoint you by putting the thought into your heart. Jesus remembers the little things that we do for love of him.



THE SONG OF BIRDS.

The rustle of the leaves, the murmur of the waving grain, the music of the rain's drip, drip, from the trees above their nests and the laughing gurgling of the brook is voiced in the beautiful song of birds. They tell us in sweetest music of nature's perfect harmony and the glory of the daybreak. The inspiration of resting on sunny clouds with their little bodies filled with purest, most intoxicating air is expressed in their wonderful trill. What happiness and trustfulness and peace seem to belong to the bird:

The heart that trusts forever sings,
And feels as light as it had wings;
A well of peace within it springs:
 Come good or ill,
Whate'er to-day, to-morrow brings,
 It is his will.



A little girl was once punished for doing wrong, when she said: "O, those commandments do break awfully easy!" And it is true that it is very easy to sin. This is the reason we should ask Jesus every morning to keep us from sinning through the day.