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HAPPY DAYS

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TESTING HER WEIGHT.

Who can tell what reflections may be passing through the old man's brain as he stands and watches the little girl, possibly his daughter, standing in the great balances in his workshop to try her weight?

What she actually weighs is probably of little consequence to either of them, but he may take the occasion to gently explain to her how the day will come, for her as well as for himself, when they will both have to be weighed in balances of another kind, and then their spiritual weight will be of very great consequence indeed.

Each word, deed and thought of our daily lives must have a final result on our spiritual standard, adding to or detracting from it, on the final day, when all mankind shall be weighed in the balances of God's justice, and when some will pass the standard, but others, like King Belshazzar of old, will be found wanting.

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A little boy was debating what to do with some money his uncle had given him. He wanted to buy candy with it, but felt that he ought to give a part of it to the missionary society of which he was a member. At last he said, "I guess it is mine, and I can do as I please with it."



TESTING HER WEIGHT.

"No," said his brother, "you cannot do as you please, for you are not your own. I heard our minister say that we were all bought with the blood of Christ. If he has bought us, we are his, and the missionaries are his, and we must please him, not ourselves.

from their earliest years may be Christians. As they live in the world, and by degrees learn how to live and act, so by degrees they come to know more about religious matters. At first their faith may be small, but like the mustard seed, it will grow and expand until it fills all their life.

CAN A CHILD HAVE FAITH?

Yes, a child can have faith. There is not one of my readers so young as not to be able to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

Everyone knows how to believe in a father or mother, in an older brother or sister. Children naturally believe. We say to all boys and girls that God their heavenly Father asks them to believe in the same way as they believe their parents. When they promise anything, no matter what, their children expect them to keep their promise. So when God promises anything the smallest child may expect him to keep his promise. And certainly he will do it. God never disappoints one who puts his trust in him.

We once knew an excellent young man at college. One day in talking on religious matters we asked him when he became a Christian. His reply was "Ever since I can remember I have loved God and loved the Lord Jesus Christ."

So it may be seen that children

DOT AND THE NEW MOON.

BY ANNIE E. LANGDON

I have been told—do you think it is true?—
That when the new moon first comes into
view

The bright little moon, like a bent silver
bow,

If I see it just over my left shoulder—so,
Bad luck will follow me all the month
through;

But I don't believe much in signs. Do you?

But the new moon, last night, above the
elm-tree,

Over my right shoulder glanced down at
me,

The pretty new moon, and, you know,
that's a sign

That the best of good luck will surely be
mine.

I can't help believing that sign will come
true.

Signs may be silly—but, now, wouldn't
you?

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Happy Days.

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THE CHILDREN OF A KING.

One cold, wet day our city missionary
climbed the steps of a house that he had
not visited before. He had heard of some
little ones up in the garret room, and his
visit was for them. The steps were very
steep and dark, and the missionary had to
fumble about for the handle of the door.
He knocked, but there was no answer; so
he opened the creaking door, and walked
in.

"O please don't make such a noise, sir,"
said a sweet little voice, "you'll wake the
prince."

You may imagine how astonished the
visitor was to hear of a prince in that half-
lighted, bare room. Presently he saw

through the dim light a little wooden cradle,
with a poor skin-and-bones baby in it,
and at the foot of it a girl about six years
old anxiously rocking it to and fro. "You
see, the prince is very hungry," she said,
"an' ef he wakes up, he'll holler orful."

"Are you hungry, too?" asked the mis-
sionary.

"Yes, of course, I'm big, you see, an'
kin wait. The prince don't know 'bout
mammy comin' home 'fore dark an' bringin'
a loaf."

The gentleman brought out of his over-
coat pocket a couple of sandwiches, and
gave them to the brave little sister, and
while she devoured one he asked her why
she called the baby by such a strange
name.

"O, that's a little play mamma taught
me," said the child with a smile, "to keep
me from thinking about being cold and
hungry. She tells me stories at night 'bout
kings and queens; and then, when she's
away at work all day, I play that the
queen's out drivin', an' that me an' baby
are livin' in a big, warm house. It helps
a lot."

"Well, my dear little princess," said the
missionary, "you and baby are in truth
children of a heavenly King, and he has
sent me to-day to see about you. There is
a nice, warm house not very far from here,
just opened to-day, where you and the
prince can stay all day while your mother
is at work."

"Is it the palace?" asked the little girl.
"They call it the nursery," answered
the gentleman; "but it belongs to our
Heavenly Father."

Just try to think what it was to these
cold and hungry children to be sent to
this place to be clothed, fed, and taken
care of! The baby got fat and merry, and
was called the "Prince"; but the brave
little sister never forgot that the King had
sent them all these beautiful times.

A FABLE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A little boy and girl were once sitting
on a flowery bank and talking proudly
about their dress.

"See," said the boy, "what a beautiful
new hat I have got. What a fine new
jacket and trousers, and what a nice pair
of shoes! It's not everybody that's
dressed so finely as I am."

"Indeed," said the girl, "I think I am
dressed finer than you, for I have on a
silk cape and a handsome feather in my
bonnet. I know that my dress cost a
great deal."

"Not so much as mine," said the boy, "I
am sure."

"Hold your peace," said a caterpillar,
crawling on the hedge. "You have neither
of you any reason to be proud of your
clothes, for they are only second-hand,
and have all been worn by some creature
or other, of which you think meanly, be-
fore they came into your possession. Why,
that silk first wrapped up such a worm as
I am."

"There, miss, what do you say to that?"
said the boy.

"And that feather," exclaimed a bird
perched upon a tree, "was stolen from or
cast off by some of my race."

"What do you say to that, miss?" re-
peated the boy. "Well, my clothes were
neither worn by birds nor worms."

"True," said a sheep that was grazing
near by, "but they were worn on the back
of some of my family before they were on
yours; and as for your hat, I know that
the beaver supplied the materials for
making that article; and my friends, the
calves and oxen, were killed, not only to
furnish meat for your table, but also
leather to make your shoes with."

"I LEFT HER TO GOD."

In West Africa a society in England
has a school for the poor native children.
One day in that school a little girl struck
her schoolmate. The teacher found it out,
and asked the child who was struck,

"Did you not strike her back again?"

"No, ma'am," said the child.

"What did you do?" asked the teacher.

"I left her to God," said she.

A beautiful and most efficient way to
settle all difficulties, and prevent all fights
among children and among men. We
shall never be struck by others when they
know we shall not return the blow, but
"leave them to God." Then whatever our
enemies do or threaten to do to us, let us
leave them to him, praying that he would
forgive them and make them our friends.

MISSIONARY SHIPS.

Let us learn the names of some of the
missionary ships that have been built
since Paul and Barnabas sailed in the first
one.

In 1795 the London Missionary Society
sent the ship "Duff" to the South Seas.
Since then they have sent three ships
called the "John Williams." One of
these was built by the Sunday-school
scholars of England.

The Presbyterian Churches of Scotland
and Canada sent the ship "Day Spring"
to the New Hebrides.

The Methodist Society sent the ship
"John Wesley" to the Fiji and Friendly
Islands.

The Presbyterian Mission in Siam have
a ship called the "Kalamazoo."

In Africa are the ships "Livingstone,"
"Plymouth," "Peace," "Good News," and
"Morning Star."

In 1856 the children of the United States
raised forty-six thousand dollars to build
the ship "Morning Star."

In 1875 the children of Australia raised
twenty-five thousand dollars for the ship
"Day Spring."

The children of the Presbyterian Church
have lately built the ship "Nassau," to
sail on the West Coast of Africa.

The converted people of the Savage
Islands have also built a ship for mission-
ary work in New Guinea.

Would you not like to help in the build-
ing of a gospel ship?

NANCOY'S NIGHTMARE.

I am the doll that Nancy broke!
 Hadn't been hers a week.
 One little squeeze, and I sweetly spoke,
 Rosy and fair was my cheek.
 Now my head lies in a corner far,
 My body lies here in the other;
 And if this is what human children are,
 I never will live with another.

I am the book that Nancy read
 For fifteen minutes together,
 Now I am standing here on my head,
 While she's gone to look at the weather.
 My leaves are crushed in the cruellest way;
 There's jam on my opening page;
 And I would not live with Miss Nancy
 Gay,
 Though I shouldn't be read for an age!

I am the frock that Nancy wore
 Last night at her birthday feast.
 I am the frock that Nancy tore
 In seventeen places at least.
 My buttons are scattering far and near,
 My trimming is torn to rags;
 And if I were Miss Nancy's mother dear
 I'd dress her in calico bags!

We are the words that Nancy said
 When these things were brought to her
 view.
 All of us ought to be painted red,
 And some of us are not true.
 We splutter and mutter and snarl and
 snap,
 We smoulder and smoke and blaze;
 And if she'd not meet with some sad mis-
 hap,
 Miss Nancy must mend her ways.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

LESSON I. [July 4.]

FIRST CONVERTS IN EUROPE.

Acts 16. 6-15. Memory verses 13-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The entrance of thy words giveth light.
 —Psalm 119. 130.

OUTLINE.

1. A New Field, v. 6-8.
2. A New Call, v. 9-12.
3. A New Convert, v. 13-15.

THE LESSON STORY.

Paul, and Silas, and Timothy travelled together through Asia, preaching the Gospel. It was not the great Asia, but little Asia. You can find it on the map and trace the way these good men took.

Who was their leader? Perhaps you think it was Paul, but they had a greater leader than Paul. The Holy Spirit spoke to them in their hearts and told them where to go. The same Spirit will lead us if we will only follow where he leads.

One day they came to a town by the sea-coast named Troas. In the night Paul had a strange dream. He saw a man speaking very earnestly to him and saying, "Come over and help us. Paul knew that this was God's call to him to come over to Macedonia, just across the sea. Luke had joined the little company now and so the four friends set sail in a little ship for Macedonia. They sailed two days and then came to Philippi, the chief city in that part of Macedonia.

On the Sabbath the four preachers went to the little prayer-place just outside the city. A few women were there, and they spoke to them about Jesus. A woman named Lydia believed and was baptized. Then she urged Paul and his friends to come and stay at her house, and they did so.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read the lesson verses. Acts 16. 6-15.
Tues. Trace Paul's journey on the map.
Wed. Read of another man who saw a vision. Acts 10. 30.
Thur. Learn how God sometimes speaks. Job 33. 15, 16.
Fri. Read what Paul said about this journey. 2 Cor. 2. 12-16.
Sat. Learn the Golden Text.
Sun. Find a proof of Lydia's wisdom. Heb. 13. 2.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY

Who travelled with Paul through Asia? Which Asia was it? What did these four ministers do?
 What is a minister? One who serves. Who was their leader? To what town on the sea-coast did they come? Who spoke to Paul that night? What did he say? How did he speak? In a vision. What other helper had joined Paul? What books did Luke write? The gospel of Luke and the Acts. Where did they all go? How did they travel? To what city did they first go? Where did they go on the Sabbath? Who heard about Jesus and believed? What did she persuade the ministers to do?

WORDS FOR ME.

God wants to be MY Leader.
 He will tell me where to go if I listen.
 He will go with me and help me work for him.

LESSON II. [July 11]

PAUL AND THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER.

Acts 16. 22-31. Memory verses, 28-31

GOLDEN TEXT

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.—Acts 16. 31.

OUTLINE.

1. The Prisoners, v. 22-25.
2. The Deliverance, v. 26-31.

THE LESSON STORY.

Paul and his friends were very happy

in Philippi for a while, and then trouble came. You can read about it (Acts 16. 16-21). The masters of the poor girl were angry about losing the money she had gained for them, and the people were angry that they would no longer have their fortunes told. So they abused Paul and Silas. They beat them with rods very cruelly, and then they put them into prison and told the jailer not to let them escape. The jailer put them into the underground prison and made their feet fast in the stocks. Their wounds were bleeding, they could not lie down nor stand up, and they had no food. But they sang joyful praises to God and prayed aloud, so that the other prisoners heard them. At midnight, when Paul and Silas were singing, an earthquake came that shook the dungeon, undid the chains, and opened the doors. The jailer was so frightened when he saw the doors opened that he was going to kill himself, but Paul called to him, "We are all here!" Then the jailer came and fell down before Paul and Silas, crying, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul could tell him; and he called his family to hear the word of God. They all believed and were baptized, and the jailer took them into his house and gave them food to eat.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read the story of the fortune-teller. Acts 16. 16-19.
Tues. Read the trouble this made. Acts 16. 22-31.
Wed. Learn some of Paul's trials. 2 Cor. 11. 24-27.
Thur. Learn what Paul and Silas did. Psalm 34. 1.
Fri. Learn the great lesson the jailer learned. Golden Text.
Sat. Find why Paul loved to preach the Gospel. Rom. 1. 16.
Sun. Learn why the jailer rejoiced. Rom. 5. 10, 11.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

What came upon Paul in a little while? Why were the masters of the fortune-teller angry? Why were the people angry? Which of the ministers did they seize? How did they treat them? How did the jailer show his ill-will? What sound was heard in the prison at midnight? How could Paul and Silas rejoice in such trials? They knew God would bring good out of evil. What happened then? Why was the jailer so frightened? What was he about to do? Who called to him? What did he ask Paul and Silas? What did they tell him to do? What did he and all his family do? How did he show that his heart was changed? What good came from this evil treatment? The conversion of a whole family.

REMEMBER—

That God is with his children in time of trouble.
 That no chain is too strong for him to break.
 That he knows how to bring good out of evil.



BLOSSOM TIME.