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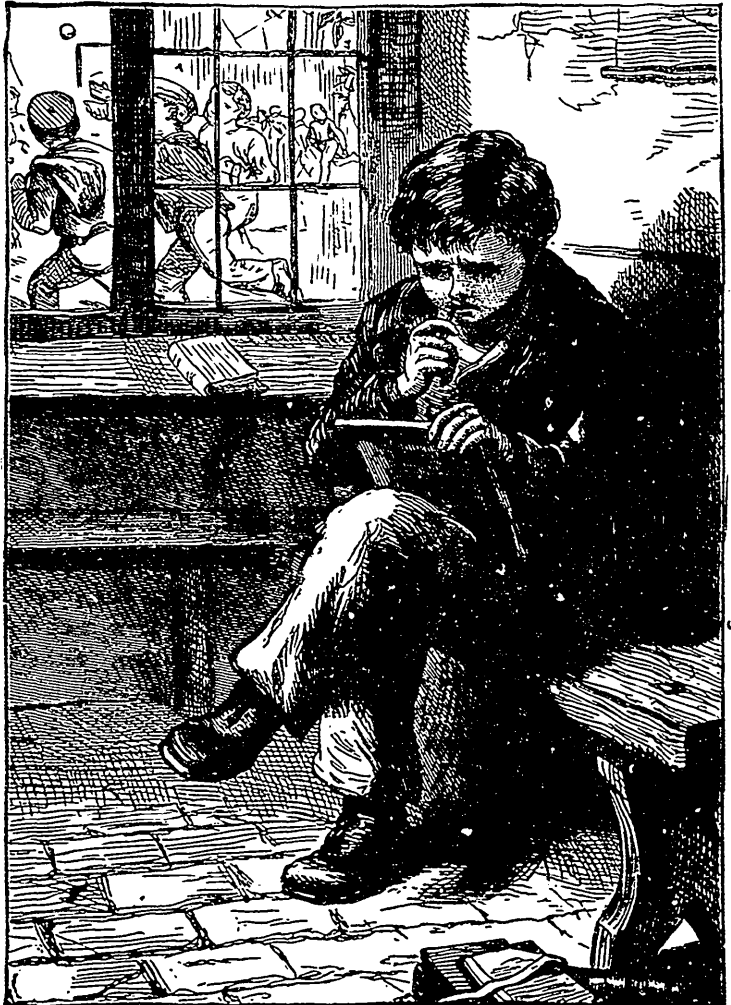
TOM was a very bad boy. He was so interested in his marbles, and ball, and kite, that he did not half study his lessons. But he repents now. You see him kept in, trying to do the sum he was in too great a hurry to do yesterday.

Not only is he kept in, but he is sitting right by the window, where he can see his schoolmates playing ball out in the yard, and he can hear them shouting and laughing, in their glee. I hope Tom will take a lesson from this, and not neglect to do his sums any more.

ONLY JESUS.

Only Jesus knows my need,
Day by day ;
Only Jesus help can give,
If I stray.

Only Jesus life can bring
To my soul.
Only Jesus' blood can cleanse,
Make me whole.



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The Sunbeam.

TORONTO, JULY 16, 1881.

THE CHILD AT PRAYER.

INTO her chamber went
 A little child one day,
 And by a chair she knelt,
 And thus began to pray :
 "Jesus, my eyes I close,
 Thy form I cannot see ;
 If Thou art near me, Lord,
 I pray Thee speak to me."

A still small voice she heard unto her call :
 "What is it, child ? I hear thee ; tell me all."

"I pray Thee, Lord," she said,
 "That Thou wilt condescend
 To tarry in my heart,
 And ever be my friend.
 The path of life is dark,
 I would not go astray ;
 Oh, let me have Thy hand
 To lead me in Thy way !"

"Fear not! I will not leave thee, child, alone."
 She thought she felt a soft hand press her own.

"They tell me, Lord, that all
 The living pass away ;
 The aged soon must die,
 And even children may.
 Oh, let my parents live
 'Till I a woman grow !
 For if they die, what can
 A little orphan do ?"

"Fear not, my child! whatever ills may come,
 I'll not forsake thee, and I'll bring thee home."

Her little prayer was said,
 And from her chamber now
 Forth she passed with the light
 Of heaven upon her brow.
 "Mother, I've seen the Lord,
 His hand in mine I felt ;
 And, oh! I heard Him say,
 As by my chair I knelt,

'Fear not, my child! whatever ills may come,
 I'll not forsake thee till I bring thee home.'

"IN HEAVEN I CAN DO NOTHING
 FOR THEM."



THE little girl who used these words had been thinking a good deal about the heathen. She was suffering great pain and weakness, and believed that her Heavenly Father would soon remove her from this world of sin and suffering. This was not long before she really did die. She had learned in health how precious the Saviour is, and how she longed and prayed that "all the world might find him precious too!" As long as she could hold up her head she knelt on the bed, with her arms resting on a pillow on the table, making little pin-cushions for a missionary basket. On some one offering to help her, she said: "O, that would not be my doing! I want to do something for the heathen while I am on earth; in heaven I can do nothing for them. I pray for the poor heathen every day."

GOD COUNTS.



BROTHER and sister were playing in the dining-room, when their mother set a basket of cakes on the tea-table and went out.

"How nice they look!" said the boy, reaching to take one.

His sister earnestly objected, and even drew back his hand, repeating it was against their mother's direction.

"She did not count them," said he.

"But perhaps God did," answered the sister.

So he withdrew from the temptation, and, sitting down, seemed to meditate.

"You are right," replied he, looking at her with a cheerful yet serious air; "God does count, for the Bible says that the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.—PROV. 20. 11.



SUMMER SPORTS.



WILLIE, and Fred, and Carrie, are playing "team." Fred has put a string round Willie and Carrie, and he is the farmer driving his team to the

market on a Saturday morning. Fido quite enjoys the fun too, for there he runs along beside them, and barks just as if it were a real team. I am afraid Willie is running too fast, for Carrie can hardly keep up to him. He forgets Carrie is a little girl, and not a strong boy like himself.

These are very good horses, for they do just as their driver tells them, and do not run away, or get frightened at things by the roadside.

GOD IS LIGHT.

Let me walk
In God's own light ;
Then no fear
Can come to fright,
Then no sin
Can come to blight.

In his light
No foes I see ;
He will make
My way to be
Just a way
Of life to me.

THE LITTLE CAVALIER.

He walks beside his mother,
And looks up in her face :
He wears a glow of boyish pride
With such a royal grace !
He proudly waits upon her ;
Would shield her without fear—
The boy who loves his mother well,
Her little cavalier.

To see no tears of sorrow
Upon her loving cheek,
To gain her sweet, approving smile,
To hear her softly speak—
Ah, what in all this wide world
Could be to him so dear ?—
The boy who loves his mother well,
Her little cavalier.

Look at him in the future
Among the good, the true ;
All blessings on the upward way
His little feet pursue.
Of robed, crowned, and sceptred kings
He stands the royal peer—
The boy who loves his mother well,
Her little cavalier.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.—STUDIES IN THE PENTATEUCH.

B.C. 1491.] LESSON IV. [July 24.

MOSES AND AARON ; or, The Chosen Leaders.

Exod. 4. 27-5. 4. Commit to memory verses 29-31.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen. *Psa.* 105. 26.

OUTLINE.

1. The Leaders, v. 27, 28.
2. The People, v. 29-31.
3. The King, v. 1-4.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *The Leaders*, v. 27, 28.—Who were the leaders of the children of Israel? Moses and his brother Aaron. How old were they? Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three. Where did they meet each other? At Horeb, the Mount of God. What did Moses

tell Aaron? All the words that God had spoken. What did he show to Aaron? The signs which God had given.

2. *The People*, v. 29-31.—How did Moses and Aaron begin their work in Egypt? They called together the elders of Israel. What was done next? Aaron spoke to the people. How did Moses and Aaron show that God had sent them? By working miracles before the people.

3. *The King*, v. 1-4.—To whom did Moses and Aaron go next? To King Pharaoh. In whose name did they speak to Pharaoh? In the name of the Lord God of Israel. What did they ask of Pharaoh? To let Israel go. For what purpose did they wish to go? To hold a feast in the wilderness. What did Pharaoh say to them? "I know not the Lord."

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Trust in all God's promises.
2. See God's hand in all your life.
3. Reverence God in your words.
4. Obey all of God's commands.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The divine authority.

TINY TEXT.

The Lord knoweth them that are his. 2 Tim. 2. 19.

B.C. 1491.] LESSON V. [July 31.

MOSES AND THE MAGICIANS; or, Signs and Wonders.

Exod. 7. 8-17. Commit to memory verses 15-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

They showed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. Psa. 135. 27.

OUTLINE.

1. The Sign of the Rod, v. 8-13.
2. The Sign of the Blood, v. 14-17.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *The Sign of the Rod*, v. 8-13.—What did Pharaoh ask Moses and Aaron to do? To show him a miracle. What is a miracle? A work which none but God can do. What did Aaron do? He threw down his rod before the king. What then happened? The rod was turned into a snake. How did Pharaoh receive this miracle? He did not believe. What did he do? He sent for his wise men. What did the wise men do? They threw down their rods also. What then took place? Their rods were turned into snakes. What became of them? Aaron's rod swallowed them all.

2. *The Sign of the Blood*, v. 14-17. What did God next command Moses and Aaron to do? To go to meet Pharaoh once more. Where were they to meet him? At the bank of the river. What were they to ask him? To let Israel go. What were they to say if he refused? They were to give him another sign. What sign were they to give him? The river should be turned into blood. What is said in the GOLDEN TEXT?

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. See how wonderful is God's power.
2. Submit to God's will, and obey his words.
3. Beware of hardness of heart in opposing God.
4. Remember that the weakest are mighty if God be on their side.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The design of miracles.

TINY TEXT.

Ye shall know that I am the Lord. Exod. 6. 7.

B.C. 1491.] LESSON VI. [Aug. 7.

THE PASSOVER; or, Christ our Sacrifice.

Exod. 12. 1-14. Commit to memory verses 11-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. 1 Cor. 5. 7.

OUTLINE.

1. The Selected Lamb, v. 1-6.
2. The Sprinkled Blood, v. 7-13.
3. The Solemn Feast, v. 8-14.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *The Selected Lamb*, v. 1-6.—What was God's command to Israel? That every house should choose a lamb. On what day was it to be chosen? On the tenth day of the month. How long were they to keep it? Four days. What was to be done with the lamb? It was to be killed. Whom did this lamb represent? Jesus Christ, who died for our sins.

2. *The Sprinkled Blood*, v. 7-13.—What was done with the blood of the Lamb? It was sprinkled by the door of the house. What did the sprinkled blood show? The blood of Christ, which saves us.

3. *The Solemn Feast*, v. 8-14.—What was to be done with the lamb? It was to be roasted whole. What, then, was to be done with it? The people in the house were to eat it. What was this feast called? "The passover." Who is our Passover? [GOLDEN TEXT.]

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Remember that Christ, the Lamb of God, was slain for you.
2. Let his blood cover all your sins.
3. Be saved by following God's appointed way of salvation.
4. Trust fully and only in Christ's blood for safety.

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