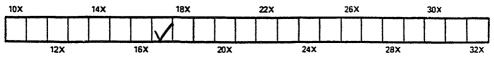
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A GIRL'S JOY.

I'm glad I am a little girl,

And have the afternoons for play; For if I was a busy bee,

I s'pose I'd have to work all day.

And if I was an owl, I'd be Afraid to keep awake all night; And if I was an elephant, How could I learn to be polite? And if I was a Jersey calf, I might forget my name and age; And if I was a little dog,

I couldn't read the children's page.

My sakes! When I begin to count, It makes my head go all awhirl; There are so many reasons why I'm glad I am a little girl.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON 1.]

THE BEATITUDES.

APRIL 1.

Matt. 4. 25. to 5. 12.

GOLDEN TEXT.-Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.-Matt. 5 8.

MEMORY VERSES, 3-9.—Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God.

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

LESSON STORY.

Jesus had become known as a great preacher and teacher now. People followed him about everywhere. They did not all become his disciples. Some were afraid, and some were curious to see what he would say and do, and some followed only for what they could get of temporal things. Our lesson to day is a part of that beautiful sermon on the Mount which Jesus preached from the hill-side.

Can you picture the great multitude sitting or standing on the grass under the Syrian sky? A young man with a high, noble look is talking. The people are very still, and every eye is fixed upon the speaker. They do not know why his words charm them so, but we know that it is because he is the Son of God! Do we love to hear his word?

LESSON QUESTIONS.

- 1. Who is the greatest preacher that ever lived ? Jesus.
- 2. Who heard his Sermon on the Mount? A great multitude of people.
- 3. What did Jesus promise to the poor in spirit? The Kingdom of Heaven.

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- 4. What will those who are hungry for goodness get? Plenty of it.
- 5. Why are the pure in heart blessed? Because they shall see God.
- 6. What are the peace-makers called ? *Children of God.*
- 7. Who can make us understand all the words of this lesson? The Holy Spirit.

WAITING FOR PAPA.

Oh, all my day has been happy And bright as bright can be! But the happiest time of all is this, When papa comes home to tea.

I am sure that Flossie and Dolly

Are watching too, for they see That their little mother can hardly wait Till papa comes home to tea.

He will toss me high up and kiss me, And Flossie will caper with glee, And we'll all be glad together when Dear papa comes home to tea.

"PRINCESS MILKMAID."

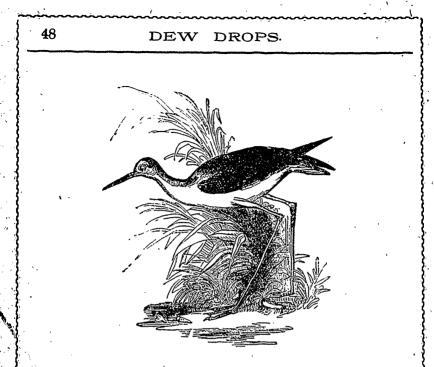
Bessie and Elsie had been reading a story of princes and princesses, when mamma called to them that it was time to bring Flossie home and milk her.

"If I were only a princess!" sighed Elsie, "I should have a pony to ride."

"So you shall, Princess Milkmaid," laughed Bessie, and she picked Elsie up and set her on Flossie's back.

Away they went homeward, Flossie walking quietly along and chewing her cud in as dignified a way as though she had a real princess on her back, whom she was carrying in state to her palace.

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QUEER BIRDS.

One day last summer, while Ella and Tom were in the country, they went down to wade in the creek, and saw some queer-looking birds. Their legs were so long that Tom said they were practising on stilts. They had long, sharp bills, which they stuck into the mud "clear up to their eyes," as Ella explained to her father when they returned to the house.

"And they couldn't sing a bit good," said Tom; "they just squeaked."

"Why didn't you catch some of them, Tom?" said his father.

"Couldn't, papa; I tried."

"You ought to have put some salt on their tails."

"Oh, but they didn't have any tails to put salt on," said Tom.

Do any of our little readers know the name of these birds ?

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