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WINSOME GRACE.

This is a very good name for this little girl, for truly she is the most winsome little one I have seen in a long time. She has lovely blue eyes and fair hair which looks like spun gold when the sun shines on it. Her little lips are red as cherries, and her fat round cheeks as soft and pink as a peach. When she opens her pretty mouth you can see two rows of tiny teeth, which look like so many pearls. Altogether she is a little beauty, not only in appearance, but in

disposition too. Her name is Gracie Henderson, and she lives away out on the Pacific coast. She has a dear little baby sister whom I may tell you about some day.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON 9.] PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM.

[MAY 27.]

Matthew 13. 24-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The field is the world.—Matt. 13.38.

MEMORY VERSES, 31-33—Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field :

Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

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

LESSON STORY.

Still sitting in the boat, with the eager listeners standing on the shore, and perhaps looking once more at the sower as he went about his work, Jesus spoke other parables to the people. The lesson to-day shows us a little group of three parables. Look at each one by itself. First, you see the sower. He is sowing good seed, because he wants by-and-bye to have a good crop. But he has an enemy—some one who would like to spoil his grain. So in the night time the enemy steals out and sows tares among the wheat. The tare looks much like good wheat until it is grown. But it is poisonous, and will ruin the wheat if once it finds its place among it. Can you see what this means?

The parable of the mustard seed is to teach us how a little seed of love and truth may grow into a great tree of goodness to shade and shelter many.

The third parable shows how the leaven of grace may make our whole heart light and sweet, just as yeast in bread makes it light in every part.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What is each one sowing?

Some kind of seed.

2. Who gives the good seed?
God.
3. Who gives the bad seed?
Satan:
4. What will the harvest be?
According to the seed we sow.
5. Who came and sowed bad seed?
An enemy.
6. Who is our great enemy to-day.
Satan.
7. What must we try to do?
To keep our enemy out.
8. Who will help us to do this?
Our strong Friend, Jesus.

Hear the voice of Jesus,
Is thy heart his field?
Then his word within thee
Will a harvest yield.



LITTLE HELPERS.

What do little people like best to do? to play? to make the funny figures, 1, 2, 3 stand in straight rows on their slates? Yes: but isn't the best thing helping mother or father in their very own work? Edith had such a happy playtime because she had first wiped the breakfast dishes and shelled the peas for dinner. Charlie found father busy pulling morning-glories from among his tomato-vines, and went to work with a will. "I think this little workman deserves a black-berry dumpling for dinner," called father when mother came to the window. But little children and grown people too find that there is nothing so good as being helpers to Jesus. Everything kind you do is a help to him. A cup of cold water, a happy face, a kind word—these are little things; but Jesus will know about them, and be glad.

A little child may do a humble work, and fill a small place, but still be very useful.



LITTLE MISS FROUSEY.

This young lassie is a nice little girl in many respects, but she is not quite so nice as the little one you have just been reading about on the other page, chiefly for one reason. She does not like to have her hair combed. She will run away and hide if she sees any one coming with a brush, and I am sorry to say even cries sometimes when she has to submit. She is not very fond of having her face and hands washed either, and would play all day without being tidied up a bit if her mamma would let her. Isn't she a

foolish little girl not to want to be clean and neat?

CROSSES MADE OF FLOWERS.

A little girl was in a boat with her mother, going with her to a strange land to do Jesus' work. The child had her lap full of flowers, and busied herself making them into crosses and putting them on her mother's dress. A cross makes us think of something very hard to bear; and a friend who saw what the little girl did cried out, and began quickly to throw away the crosses. But the mother lifted one and said: "See, they are made of flowers; I will gladly bear them." Even little children must sometimes bear hard things "for Jesus' sake," but "for Jesus' sake" will make the hard things easy.