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EVENING PRAYER.

I guess all my young readers can tell what these two little children are doing. They would say they are saying their prayers. From going to Sunday-school and from teaching at home they have learned



EVENING PRAYER.

a good deal about God, and they love him very much. They never forget to pray to him, feeling that he is really their dear Father in heaven.

Prayer is a beautiful thing, it brings us nearer our Father In praying we shuld tell G d all we want, and if it is good for as we may depend upon it God will give it to us. It may not come as we hope. for sometimes we ask for things which are not good for us to have. In our prayers, besides asking for what we want, we should not forget to thank God for all he has given us.

God is very good to his creatures and has given them far more than they can ever return thanks for.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 10.

BARTIMEUS HEALED.

DEC. 9.

Mark 10, 46-52,

GOLDEN TEXT.—Lord, that I might receive my sight —Mark 10. 51.

Memory Verses, 50-52.—And he, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

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

LESSON STORY.

After Jesus left the young ruler he went across the river Jordan and walked toward the city of Jericho. But he did not go away from people who needed his help.

Sitting by the wayside near Jericho was a poor blind man. His name was Bartimeus. He could not work because he was blind, and in those days blind people were not taught to do anything. All he could do was beg. He had heard of Jesus, and now when he knew that he was really coming along the way the blind man called aloud to Jesus to have mercy on him. And did Jesus hear? Think of this: never yet has one truly called upon him for help that he has not heard and answered. Learn from the last verse what the blind man did when he was healed.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

- 1. Where did Jesus find a blind man? Near Jericho.
- 2. What was he doing? Begging.
- 3. What did he know?

 That Jesus had cured others.
- 4. What did he ask Jesus to do? Have mercy upon him.

- 5. What did Jesus do for him? He gave him his sight.
- 6. What did the blind man do then? He followed Jesus.

Dear Father, open thou mine eyes That I may see The hand that all my life has led And cared for me.





Dear Father, make me wise with truth And rich with love. That I may choose the path in youth That leads above.

Jesus tells us in our last lesson a about man who asked the way to heaven, but who, like the man in the picture, wanted to carry much with him. It was a rich young man, a "ruler of the synagogue" like Nicodemus.

BURDENS TAKEN AWAY.

A little boy once tried to count all the wrong things that he had ever done. He could not remember half of them, but he counted so many that it frightened him, and he said: "O mother, they make a great bundle—so big that it tires me to think of them! It tires me to have them in my heart. What shall I do?"

Then his mother told him what Christ said (Matt. 11. 28.): "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest": but the boy said: "Maybe he doesn't mean me, mother."

"Why," said his mother, "aren't you tired of carrying your load of naughty things? aren't they heavy."

"O ves." he said, "they are heavy."

"Then listen," and again she repeated: "'All ye that labour and are heavy-laden."

Then the boy said: "But, mother, how will he do it? How can he take my sins away?"

His mother replied: "My boy, that is God's part; your part is to come."



GIVING PUSSY A DRINK.

This is a queer sort of picture, isn't it, and yet we can see plainly for what it is meant. To be sure Pussy looks almost as big as the little girl, but that doesn't matter. We like the picture because it shows a kind little girl sharing her bread and milk with the good old kitchen cat.

ANGELS' FOOTPRINTS.

Every little kindness,
Every deed of love,
Every little action,
Prompted from above;
E'en a cup or water
In His great name given—
These are angels' footprints
Leading up to heaven.

Every little sacrifice
Made for others' weal,
Every wounded brother
That we strive to heal
E'en a word of kindness
To misfortunes given—
All are angels' footprints
Leading up to heaven.