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THE

SUNBEAM

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THE FISHERMAN'S CHILDREN.

THE FISHERMAN'S DAUGHTER.

FANNY Grey's father was a fisherman. He lived in a nice little cottage by the sea. Long ago, when Fanny was only a baby, her father and mother went to town to sell some of the fish and

lobsters they had caught. Fanny was left in care of a neighbour, who did not pay much attention to her. She was playing at the top of the long stairs, leading from the cottage to the beach, and she fell and hurt her foot, so now you see she has to walk with crutches. In the picture she is nursing her little brother Ned. That queer-looking thing in one corner of the picture is a lobster-pot. Bait is put inside, and it is lowered into the sea; the lobsters go in to get the bait, and do not find their way out again, so the cunning old fisherman pulls up the lobster-pot, and catches the old fellows.

You see, hanging over a pole to dry, the nets for catching fish. They are kept upright like a fence in the water, by lead weights at the bottom and cork floats at the top. The fish try to get through the meshes of the net, but can't; and when they try to get back, the threads get under their gills, and they are caught. In the background you see the boats upon the beach, and the high cliffs further off.

MARY'S PRAYER.

JESUS, at thy feet I fall,
Please to hear me when I call.
Please to take away my sin,
Make and keep me pure within.
Come and dwell within my heart,
And thy strength and grace impart.

Make me love to do thy will,
 All thy wishes to fulfil,
 So that I may grow like thee,
 Gentle, patient, loving be,
 Ready for my heavenly home,
 When thy voice shall bid me come.

The Sunbeam.

TORONTO, JULY 2, 1881.

SAMMY AND WILLIE.

SAMMY is a bright boy of ten. Willie, his cousin, a wide-awake lad of nine summers. Their places are seldom vacant in the Sunday-school, and it is a pleasure to see their eyes sparkle when the Superintendent hands around the *SUNBEAM*, and *Pleasant Hours*. Sammy and Willie are not like some little boys. They study the Lesson Leaf during the week, and on Sunday they listen to all their teacher says. They often talk about God, and that happy place where we all should want to go. One day Sammy wished to explain to Willie how very uncertain life is, and this is how he did it:

"You know, Willie, the chickens fly up on the roost at night. Well, they never know anything about us going to kill them, till we just go up and catch one and cut off its head. Now, we are exactly like the chickens; we don't know when the Lord wants us, and maybe he will take us when we are not thinking about it at all. So we ought to be good all the time, every day, and do all that Ma and Pa says."

How many of the *SUNBEAM* boys and girls think that Sammy is right? All that do, should be careful to say or do nothing that would displease Christ for it is through Him we expect to enter heaven.

GOOD-NIGHT SONG.

HUSH-A-BYE, my baby dear,
 Mamma bids you go to sleep;
 Babies have no need to fear,
 God his little ones will keep.

For his strong and loving arm
 Will be round you all the night,
 To protect you, sweet, from harm,
 Till the morning dawns so bright.

You've been busy all day long
 With your merry little play;
 Listen now my good-night song,
 Then to dreamland sink away.

God your little bed above
 Has his pretty star-lamps set,
 Showing how his watchful love
 Never will a child forget.

When these star-lamps paler grow,
 When the day begins to break,
 When the cow begins to low,
 Then, my birdie, you may wake.

RUTH ARGYLE.

GRATITUDE.



HERE is a very touching little story told of a poor woman with two children, who had not a bed for them to lie upon, and scarcely any clothes to cover them. In the depth of winter they were nearly frozen; and the mother took the door of a cellar off its hinges and set it up before the corner where they had crouched down to sleep, that some of the draught and cold might be kept from them. One of the children whispered to her, when she complained of how badly off they were, "Mother, what do those dear little children do who have no cellar-door to put up in front of them?"

Even there, you see, the little heart found cause for thankfulness.



CHERRY-TIME.

"Oh, cherry-time is a merry time!"

We children used to say—

"The merriest time throughout the year,
For all is bright and gay."

"Oh, cherry-time is a merry time!"

The air is fresh and sweet,

And flowers so fair in the garden bloom,
And daisies beneath our feet,

"Oh, cherry-time is a merry time!"

For, hanging on the tree,

All ruddy and glistening in the sun,
The rich, round fruit we see.

"Oh, cherry-time is a merry time!"

And the robins thought so too,

And helped themselves to the cherries ripe
While wet with the morning dew,

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.—STUDIES IN THE PENTATEUCH.

B.C. 1571.] LESSON II. [July 10.

THE COMING DELIVERER; or, The Choice of Faith.

Exod. 2. 5-15. Commit to memory verses 9, 10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Heb. 11. 24.

OUTLINE.

1. In the River, v. 5-10.
2. In the Field, v. 11-14.
3. In the Desert, v. 15.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *In the River*, v. 5-10.—Whom did Pharaoh command to be thrown into the river? All the boy-babies of the Israelites. Why did he order this? To stop the growth of the people. What did one mother do with her little boy? She placed him in a little ark or boat. What did she then do with the boat? She left it at the edge of the river. Who stood by to watch it? The baby's older sister, named Miriam. Who found it in the water? The daughter of King Pharaoh. What did she do? She loved him, and took him for her own child. Who offered to find a nurse for the child? His sister Miriam. Whom did she call? The child's mother. What did Pharaoh's daughter say to the child's mother? [Read verse 9.]

2. *In the Field*, v. 11-14.—What is said in the GOLDEN TEXT? What did Moses choose? To suffer trouble with the Israelites. Why did he choose them? Because they were God's people. What did he see in the field? An Egyptian striking one of his people. What did he do? He killed the Egyptian. Was this right? It was wrong. What did Moses see afterward? Two Israelites quarreling. What did he try to do? To make peace between them. What did one of them say? "Who made thee a prince over us?"

3. *In the Desert*, v. 15.—What did Moses do? He ran away from Egypt. To what land did he go? To the land of Midian. What kind of a land was this? A wilderness.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Thank God for a good home and loving parents.
2. Be kind to all children who need help.
3. Choose the Lord's people for your friends.
4. Try to be a peacemaker.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Divine providence.

TINY TEXT.

I will deliver thee, *Psa.* 50. 15.

B.C. 1491.] LESSON III. [July 17.

THE CALL OF MOSES; or, The Lord's Presence.

Exod. 3. 1-14. Commit to memory verses 10-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Certainly I will be with thee. Exod. 3. 12.

OUTLINE.

1. A Divine Manifestation, v. 1-6.
2. A Divine Mission, v. 7-10.
3. A Divine Message, v. 11-14.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *A Divine Manifestation*, v. 1-6.—What is a "manifestation?" An appearance, or what may be seen. What appearance is here spoken of? God showing himself to Moses. Where was God seen by Moses? At Mount Horeb in the wilderness. How did God show himself to Moses? In a burning bush. What did God tell Moses? That the place was holy ground.

2. *A Divine Mission*, v. 7-10.—What did God tell Moses? That he had seen all the troubles of Israel. What did he say that he would do? That he would lead them out from bondage. Where did he say that he would lead Israel? To the land of Canaan. What did God call this land? "A land flowing with milk and honey."

3. *A Divine Message*, v. 11-14.—What did Moses say in answer to God's call? "Who am I to bring Israel out of Egypt?" What did God say to encourage him? [GOLDEN TEXT.] By what name did God say he would be known to Israel? By the name "I AM THAT I AM." What was Moses to say to the people? "I AM hath sent me unto you."

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Remember that God speaks to you out of his word.
2. Remember that God meets you when you pray to him.
3. Remember that God sees the sorrows of his people.
4. Remember that God helps those who do his will.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Divine personality.

TINY TEXT.

I will be with thee. Exod. 3. 12.

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