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THESE Readings give the outlines of the Scripture narrative to very young children. The first half of them will be found, if begun on Septuagesima Sunday, to follow the course of the First Lessons for Sundays, so that the three short Readings can be gone through with children each Sunday; but they can be read as a consecutive history. In the Gospels, it was of course impossible to adapt the story to the Sunday Lessons, and it has therefore not been attempted. It is hoped, however, that this may serve as a useful introduction to Scripture history, and give children a better understanding of the connection of the Lessons they hear at Church.

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THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

First Sunday.—Septuagesima.

THE MAKING OF THE WORLD.

FIRST READING.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” *Gen. i. 1.*

TO-DAY we are told how God made this earth that we live on. Sunday is the earth's birthday, for on the first day of the week the Creation began.

The world was all one mass—dark, empty, and shapeless—till God made the light by His Word, and said that the light was good. Without light we could not live: even the very trees and flowers would die. When we have been in the dark, how glad we are to see light come back, even if it be only one grey line beginning in the sky! This shows how blessed is this gift. It was good, too,