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Introductory

A DESIRE to assist, in every way possible, in the grand work of teaching the children to think right, is the incentive for this volume of Bible stories.

As a worker in the Christian Science Sunday School, I have learned that the object of a Sunday School, is to so "teach the scriptures" as to show that the spiritual import of the Bible narrative is paramount to the simple physical facts. The stories in this book have been written with this aim, as well as to interest the children, and to bring out, very briefly, the helpful lessons contained in the lives of the Bible characters.

If this volume shall prove of any help whatever to those engaged in the work of teaching the children; or shall bring a single thought of God as Life, Truth and Love to any child, I shall be well repaid.

HIRAM W. HAYES

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

—JESUS



—From the painting by Hofmann

THE BOY JESUS

Noah

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (*Psalms* xci: 1.)



FOR thirty-nine days the rain had fallen in torrents and now on the night of the fortieth it continued with unabated fury. Over all the face of the earth the waters had spread themselves, so that looking from the windows of the solitary vessel which floated upon the waters, nothing but the wide expanse could be seen. With the exception of those sheltered within its hull, every living thing which existed upon the earth since the days of Adam had been destroyed.

Within the vessel, however, was comfort and safety, and as the eight persons therein watched the gathering darkness they felt no fear. Had not the voice of Truth spoken to the eldest one of the eight and commanded that he build the vessel; and had not everything come to pass just as the voice of Truth had said?

"When do you think the rain will cease, Father?" one asked of the eldest, a man of venerable appearance.

"Soon, my son, soon," was the reply. "It is plain that the word of God has been proven."

"But, Father," said another, "how could you know that the rain would come?"

"My son," said the father, "for six hundred