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## WILLIE'S REST.

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**W**HEN Willie was very small indeed he did not go to church: for mamma said he was so weak and ignorant he would not be able to sit still, nor to keep awake, but that he might disturb others. She told him, also, that God was so kind and pitiful to very little children, that he forgave them their weakness, and loved them the better for it, just as earthly parents do. On Sundays the house and nursery were always quiet: Willie noticed that, as soon as he could notice anything, and he was always very happy on Sundays, looking at pictures, gathering flowers, and trying to keep quiet also, and never to be naughty on that first day of the

week. Yet he wanted to go to church too, and when he saw mamma putting on her best dress in the morning, and nurse hers in the afternoon, to go to church, he always enquired how long it would be before he was old enough to go too. At last that Sunday came, and about it I am going to tell you.

Willie was up very early, and nurse dressed him in a clean white frock. Then he ran into the garden and gathered some flowers for mamma, and one rose for papa to put in his button-hole. When he went in to breakfast he gave the flowers to them, for he was to breakfast with his papa and mamma on Sundays—that was itself a great pleasure. After breakfast Willie repeated some verses to papa, which he had learned the day before on purpose, for he never learned any lessons on Sunday. Then, it was time to be dressed for church, for it was a long way to church, across the fields, and up a long green lane.

Nurse dressed Willie in his best blue velvet spencer, and his best straw hat with white ribbons, and his best gloves, and the pretty