

As The Twig is Bent

A little girl with shining eyes-Her little face aglow Said: "Daddy, it is almost time For Sunday School, let's go. They teach us there of Jesus' love Of how He died for all Upon the cruel cross to save Those who on Him will call."

"Oh no!" said Daddy, "Not today. I've worked hard all this week And I must have one day of rest I'm going to the creek For there I can relax and rest And fishing's fine, they say, So run along; don't bother me. We'll go to church some day."

Months and years have passed away, But Daddy hears that plea no more; "Let's go to Sunday School" Those childhood days are o'er And now that Daddy's growing old When life is almost through, He finds the time to go to church, But what does daughter do?

She says: "Oh Daddy, not today-I stayed up most all night, And I've just got to get some sleep Besides, I look a fright." Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand To brush away his tears As again he hears that pleading voice Distinctly through the years. He sees a small girl's shining face Upturned, with eyes aglow As she says, "It's time for Sunday School, Please, Daddy, won't you go?"

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