



The Blacksmith Shop

Date

1863

Primary Maker

Eastman Johnson

Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

Genre scene of a blacksmith at the forge with five small children watching him. There are three children sitting on top and to the viewer's right of the fire with one small child trying to climb up with the others. There is a small child (boy?) looking up at the group of children holding a hammer. The blacksmith appears to be taking a break by leaning against something at the forge with something heating in the fire. The blacksmith and child in the foreground are better seen than the other children. Also in the foreground one sees other tools, a bucket, a shovel and the anvil with a hammer on it.

Dimensions

Sight: 20 1/4 × 24 1/4 in. (51.4 × 61.6 cm)