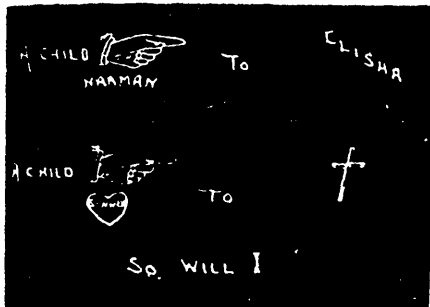


child may be used to point a great sinner to a great Saviour, seems to be the lesson we want to teach the children to-day. How shall we do it?

1. Ask the children if they ever saw a leper. Write the word on the blackboard. Without dwelling too much on the horrible detail, but yet giving sufficient detail to show the awfulness of the disease, tell about the lepers. Teach that these lepers could not live with other people, but were turned out of the cities,



and were not allowed to come near to any who passed by. If they would speak to them, they must cry out at a distance. Food had to be taken to them, and when the person who brought it had left it and gone away, the leper would come and take it, etc., etc. It was an awful disease, and yet it was incurable, and as a result of which death would slowly but surely come.

2. There is a disease which is very like leprosy, and often boys and girls are afflicted

with it. Here bring out the thought that sin is the leprosy of the heart.

3. Tell the story of Naaman and his affliction.

4. Tell, or have the children tell, of the little maiden who lived in Naaman's house, and who was servant to his wife. She was a little missionary. She knew the awful disease, but she also knew that Elisha had cured others, and could cure her master. As a result of her talking about Elisha, Naaman made the long journey and was cured.

5. Is there no cure for the leprosy of sin? Yes. What is it? Jesus is the cure. Who is going to be a little missionary this week, and point those who do wrong to Jesus, who can cure them? Naaman could not cure himself. He tried hard to do so. Boys and girls cannot cure themselves of sin by trying hard. No one but Jesus can cure the leprosy of sin.

6. How can we point others to Jesus? The little maiden simply told the story of Elisha. So boys and girls, by simply talking about Jesus to others, can point those who do wrong to the Saviour, and he will cure them.

7. God has given us many good gifts, but best of all is a clean heart, which comes from allowing Jesus, our Saviour, to cure us of sin. He will do it for every boy and girl, and then when others see that our hearts are clean, and free from the dreadful disease of sin, they will want to go to our Saviour to be cured.

8. Review the good gifts of God as given in former lessons, and again emphasize the Golden Text of the Quarter. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

LESSON IX.—August 28th, 1898.

ELISHA AT DOTHAN. 2 Kings 6: 3-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psa. 34: 7.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: God's good gifts.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: Angels ever near.

IV. REVIEW:

1. Who was Naaman?

2. What was the matter with him?

4. How are sinful hearts cured?

SYNOPSIS: Elisha was a faithful servant of God. He was doing all he could lead the people to a national and a personal acknowledgment of Jehovah as King. The nation had not recovered from the evil brought upon it by Ahab, and his successor. It was a time of war between Syria and Israel. Acting under the