

you may be the master carrying them to market and selling them. I see you as the carpenter hammering on the ship, or you are the captain sailing it, or the merchant stocking and sending it out. You do not "eat any man's bread for nought." You are not one claiming to exercise "faith," willing that others should do the work, believing that God will sanction the arrangement. You earn your own living and in this one way illustrate Christian diligence. Then you work in "quietness." You are not a "busy-body." You never have a quarrel with your neighbor. There is never any trouble between you and your fellow-teachers in Sunday-school. There are those who, active, restless in their diligence, with their confusing, snarling hands (and the tongue also) contrive to get into a tangle all the people they deal with. It is Christian diligence while working to hold one's tongue, save in a good cause, and keep the peace. Then you gave of the fruit of your hands. It is not true Christian diligence to gather in every possible cent and bury it. I do not see you afflicted with a sudden short-sightedness when a subscription paper is put before your eyes. Avarice is not a fruit borne on the tree of Christian diligence. Then there is diligence in every direction. The brain, the pocket, the tongue, all strength, all time, have been consecrated to Christ. I see you at class-meeting, though the summer night brings an atmosphere like an oven. I see you at the Sunday-school when the wind growls at the door and keeps so many Sunday-invalids at home that are active business people on Monday. I see you serving on a committee, ever willing to stand with it but not be seated on it. And so you go on, never "weary in well-doing." You may be old, your complexion faded and skin wrinkled, but through all shines the face of Christian diligence, making the face lovely. And who are you? Shall we give your residence even? You live in—but that is telling the whole.

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#### Primary and Intermediate.

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#### LESSON THOUGHT. *Working for Jesus.*

Make an open letter on the board, printing Golden Text upon it. Tell the children that Paul wrote another letter to the Thessalonians, and this is a part of it. Tell that the Thessalonians loved Paul, and were glad to

hear what he had to tell them. Ask if children want to hear from Paul too, and tell them that you will give them three little letters from this great letter.

1. On the left of the open letter of the board, make a smaller one, printing on it, "The Lord will keep you from evil." Paul tells us to-day that every one, no matter how little and weak, shall be kept by the Lord, if they will only obey him. Sin is the great evil from which we need to be kept, and the one great sin is not believing in Jesus. If we believe in him, we shall let him keep us. Tell story of a little boy who jumped from a high wall into his father's arms and was saved. Why? Because he believed in his father. So we might believe that Jesus can save us from all our naughty tempers, or we will not let him do it.

2. Let class read together several times the Golden Text on the second letter, and explain what "well-doing" is. Show that it is doing as Jesus did, and that any doing which Jesus would condemn is ill-doing. Ask what it is to be weary, and tell the story of the little boy who became tired of treating a rude selfish boy kindly, and was going to answer him in his own spirit, when he remembered that Jesus said, "Till seventy times seven." Teach that we must not grow weary of trying to do right, though we may fail many times.

3. Make another letter to the right, and on this print, "The Lord give you peace always." Talk about peace, and show the contrast between peace and war, leading children to see the value of the gift of peace by some incident. Ask to whom the Lord will give peace, and show that any child may have it who will be a worker for Jesus in letting him keep from evil, and not in being weary in well-doing. Who can teach us how to work for Jesus, how to be patient, how to be diligent? Only Jesus himself. But he will do it for every one who wants to learn.

#### BLACKBOARD.

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EXPLANATION. The diagram illustrates one part of the lesson—that portion where Paul