

pointed Moses would have been if the spies had said that after their pleasant journey? We can see how nice it was to sit round together and hear all about it.

**Thursday.** Dwell upon the first clause of the Golden Text, and show the positive comfort of God's presence. Talk of Psalm 139, 1-7, 9-12.

**Friday.** Emphasize the other clause of the Golden Text, for God's word says do not be afraid of anything. (References, Lesson 1, Jan. 6.) King David said that he would not fear if the mountains were carried into the sea (Psalm 46, 2). What a sight that would be! (Isa. 35, 4; 41, 10; 43, 5.)

**NATURE WORK.** This lesson is fertile in topics, for we may talk of grapes, pomegranates, figs, the "south country," and the habits and dress of its natives, also of mountains and views from them, and of brooks.

**ART WORK.** A study in architecture may be based upon "What cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents or in strongholds" (verse 19). Describe how cities are "walled," and show that peace-loving people who obey the Golden Rule do not need bars and strongholds.

**HAND WORK.** There is plenty of room for vacation work in shady places, where children may build little cities with walls of stone, and other little cities of tents made with paper folds. At the seashore stones or shells may be the materials.

The **TRANSITION CLASS** may color in crayon or water colors the cluster of fruit upon the ear of.

**SCIENCE AT HOME WITH MOTHER.** Encourage the children to use their tongues to express ideas received through their senses. Let them imitate sounds, too, in narrating tales. If they cannot in words describe "where the road goes," encourage them to put their mental picture in form upon a slate or paper. Commend the effort, be the result ever so crude.

## LESSON VI. (August 11.)

### THE BRAZEN SERPENT. Num. 21. 4-9.

**GOLDEN TEXT.** "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up" (John 3, 14).

#### Primary Notes.



Let us forget, boys and girls, where we are for a little while. I want you to think of a city; it is night, few people are out doors, but there comes a man walking along a street; he looks at the houses—he is stopping

at one—he knocks—the door opens—he goes in.

Let us follow and see why he is making such a

late call; you see he is sitting, and by the lamp-light you can tell he is rich; you know this by his clothes; near him is another man; he is simply dressed, but O, what a beautiful look on his face!

The rich man is talking. Hark! he says:

"Master, everyone knows that you are a teacher sent from God, for no one could do the wonderful miracles you do unless God was with him." And the Master answers, "No one can see the kingdom of God except he is born again." This puzzles the rich man, and he says, "How can a man be born again? he can't be a baby over again?" And the Master shows him that it is not a new body he is talking about, but a new spirit, a new way of living, and he goes on to tell how even this hard thing can be true.

Listen! I want you to hear the very words he is saying. [Repeat John 3, 14-16.] Who can tell who said these words?

Yes, Jesus was talking to Nicodemus, who had come to learn about this new life. Jesus told him that the only way the world could have this life was for "the Son of man to be lifted up." Where? [Uncover cross and last part of Golden Text.] You know the sad story. Why was he lifted up on the cross? For sin. Whose sin? Yours and mine. What must we do that Jesus's death may take away our sins? Believe. What will we have when we look to Jesus, believing that he can forgive our sins? Life.

When Jesus was thinking about his being lifted up on the cross, he remembered something that happened to the Israelites on their journey to Canaan about which we are studying. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus? [Repeat Golden Text.] Moses's name takes us back to that journey. What happened in our last lesson? [Review.] [Tell briefly events recorded in Num. 20 and through third verse of chapter 21.]

In spite of all God did for them they grew discouraged because of the hard way, and again they complained of God and Moses.

[Read Num. 21, 5.] The Lord was angry, and to punish them he sent serpents among them, who bit and killed many. What could they do? [Read verse 7.] Moses, ever ready to forgive, prayed for them, and God, ever ready to forgive those who have done wrong and are sorry, told Moses what to do. [Tell of the making and lifting up the brazen serpent and what the people were to do. Uncover pole and rest of Golden Text.] What was the only thing those who were bitten had to do? Look [print] at the brazen serpent. What happened? The bitten one would live [print].

Jesus said all this was like a picture to teach us something. Sin is like the serpents that bit the Israelites; everyone has been bitten by sin, and would die if Jesus had not done what? Been lifted up on the cross. We have only to do what