

2. To-day we are to learn another way by which we can point to Jesus. Tell a story of a cheerful life.

3. Tell the intervening events: (a) The preparation for the voyage. (b) Julius and others. (c) Draw a map; sketch the journey. Have a picture of a ship and move it as the voyage proceeds; tear it in two when the wreck occurs. The teacher can have the journey drawn with lead or slate pencil on the board beforehand, and follow the lines with chalk as the map is drawn and the story is told. 4. What made Felix tremble? Hold up the heart used in Lesson III. He knew he was disobeying God. He was afraid of God—just the same as a boy I know is afraid to meet his mother because he has disobeyed her.

Some children are afraid of many things they ought not to be afraid of. One I know is afraid of a dark room. Do you know why? It is because he does not quite believe God's word, which says, "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil." If we believed that truly, we would be real heroes like Paul. He believed God's word and was of good cheer, and lived so on board the ship, although it was a time of great danger. God will take care of us just as he did Paul if we trust him.

5. Here teach the Golden Text.

6. One time a gentleman and a little girl were going along a dark road together, and the gentleman said, "Georgie, you would be afraid to go along this dark road if I were not with you, wouldn't you?" "Afraid!" she said, "No, I wouldn't be afraid, God would take care of me." The gentleman said, "How do you know He would take care of you?" She said, "Because He says He loves children, and He holds the whole world in the hollow of His hand." That little girl believed God's word and was not afraid.

7. Recall the first Golden Text of the quarter. Paul was not afraid to die. Why? Because he believed God's word. If we trust Him He will take care of us whether we live or die. God will keep us in perfect peace.

## LESSON VI—November 7th, 1897.

### Paul in Melita and Rome. ACTS 28: 1-16.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Rom. 8: 28.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: Paul, the hero.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: Paul, the trusting hero.

IV. REVIEW:

1. Under whose charge was Paul sent to Rome?
2. Which of his friends went with him?
3. What kind of weather did they have on the voyage?
4. What was the result?

SYNOPSIS OF LESSON: Having been cast upon the island of Melita, the native people showed Paul, and the others who had been saved from the wreck, no small kindness. Owing to the cold and the rain, fires were necessary, for it was now the winter time. As Paul picked up a bundle of wood to put upon the fire, a viper came out therefrom, and fastened on his hand. The serpent was a venomous one, and but for God's care of Paul he would probably have died as a result of the bite. Indeed the natives looked for his death, supposing him to be a murderer, but when, after looking for a great time for bad results from the bite, and seeing none, they changed their minds, and said he was a god.

The chief man of the Island, Publius, took care of some of the party, among whom Paul seems to have been. The father of Publius lay sick of a fever, and was restored in a miraculous way by the apostle. Many others came, and were also healed. As a result of this gifts were given to Paul and the others, and after three months they set sail in a ship of Alexandria on their way to Rome. From Syracuse they went to Rhegium, and thence to Puteoli. On arrival at Rome Julius delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; "But Paul was suffered to dwell by himself, with a soldier that kept him."