

said what sounded strangely to those who were listening to his words. (Verse 6.)

Some one asked when these things would be and how they would know when they would happen, and Jesus told how just before there would be wars and earthquakes; that his disciples would be persecuted, but they need not fear, for not a hair of their head should perish; that armies would come and camp around Jerusalem, making the people prisoners inside the walls; that the walls would be broken down, many of the Jews would be killed, and many sold as slaves; that the city would be destroyed, and not a stone of the temple be left. Jesus said: "When you see the trees putting out their leaves and buds, you know summer is coming; so when you see these things happening, know that what I have told you will come to pass."

Another thing Jesus said would certainly happen was, that one day he, the Son of man, would come back to take his kingdom and claim his people; he did not tell them the day or hour, but he said some of the things that would happen before the destruction of Jerusalem would happen before his coming, and he told his friends what they must do till they saw the signs and knew his coming was near. He said, "Watch" [print] and "Pray" [print]. Watch and pray to be kept faithful and made ready for his coming.

How did Jesus know about Jerusalem? Were his words true? [Give a short account of the destruction.] Every word Christ ever spoke will come to pass. He says, [Repeat and print the Golden Text.] Because Jesus said this, we know he will surely come again; if we would be ready for him, we must "watch and pray," as the first disciples were told to do. Will you be glad to see Jesus? You will if you do these two things, while every day you try to keep his commandments.

Work at home a closed Bible with "God's word is true" printed on the cover.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COLORING. Hills, brown; city, white; temple, yellow; title, bright red outlined with white, Golden Text, yellow; book, white; "Watch," "Pray," white.



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. God's promise true. Luke 21. 29-33.

GOLDEN TEXT. "My words shall not pass away" (Luke 21. 33).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Mark 13; *The Life of Christ* (Geikie), pp. 443-448; *Essays* (Leigh Hunt), pp. 4-7, 74-80; *Poems of William Blake*, "Spring," p. 35; *Spring Song* (Mendelssohn); *The First Violet* (Mendelssohn).

ATTENTION STORY.

One day Jesus said to the people that some day that beautiful temple would be torn down, and that the city would not be as it was then; but never mind, for one thing would always stand, and could be depended upon, that is, God's word! It can never fail. This Book has some words which were written long, long ago, but they come true this day—this beautiful May day. One which is written in the very beginning of this Book is this: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Gen. 8. 22). Can some one of you tell me what season this is? Yes, spring, and it is called "seedtime" in this verse. After seedtime what season follows? Yes, summer. Here is what Jesus said about that: "Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand." Those words are true this morning. Jesus told the people that just as sure as spring and summer and day and night, so his kingdom is coming in this world. Though heaven and earth should pass away, his word never will. Let us read his words. [Read Luke 21. 29-33.]

Explain unusual words: "Parable," "nigh," "shoot forth," "generation."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story, Bible lesson, Golden Text, and conversation about the story.

Monday. Talk of the love for nature which Jesus showed. He knew all about trees, and talked of mountains, skies, sun, and moon. In this lesson he spoke of a fig tree. The teacher may find facts about fig trees in *The People's Cyclopaedia*, vol. ii, p. 1027; *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, vol. ix, p. 154.

Tuesday. This is the month of lilies, too. Once Jesus said, "Consider the lilies." That means think about them and examine them and talk of them. See if you can find a lily of the valley, or any other kind of lily, and bring it to-morrow, and we will consider it and talk about it. (*The People's Cyclopaedia*, vol. iii, p. 1555.)

Wednesday. Talk of God's kingdom in the earth being peace, good will, obedience, loving God with all the heart and strength, and loving other people, in obeying the Golden Rule.

Thursday. Impress the children with the truth of God's word. They will see a proof of this in the unfailling recurrence of the seasons. Refer to seasons, temperature, and try to get their thoughts deep enough to need expression.

Friday. Repeat together, and separately, the