

III. HINTS FOR INFANT CLASS TEACHERS.

Whisper-Song.

On the cross,
Lifted high,
Jesus hung,
There to die.

To the cross
Lift thine eye,
Else wilt thou
Surely die.

O'er the cross
Look above;
Read the words,
God is LOVE.

Where did the last lesson leave us? ...

Bring before the class the facts of the present lesson: the cunning beast, the reply of the woman the denial of the serpent, the yielding of the woman, also of the man, the Great Voice in the garden. ... The

lesson may then be treated as follows: 1. The *Serpent*. Denied what God had said. That was the time the woman should have turned away from him. It is always dangerous to keep the company of those who speak against God. Keep away from children who swear or lie. 2. The *woman*. Was in danger from the time she began to listen. Like a man in a boat above the falls, but in the rapids. Wrong for her to do what God had told her not to do. Wrong for her to try to get Adam to do the same. Thus one sin leads to another. She listened, she took, she ate, she gave to her husband. 3. The *men*. He did not warn the woman against listening to one who spoke against God. He took the fruit which she offered to him. It was as wicked to take the fruit from the woman as to take it from the tree. 4. The *Voice*. It was God's voice. He saw them, heard them, called to them, and they were afraid. We never can get where God cannot see us. 5. The *promise*. This in the fifteenth verse. Show how it refers to Christ and repeat Golden Text. ... Urge this lesson: Never listen to any one who tries to get you to do wrong. ... Let the class repeat Prov. i. 10.

We append another lesson on this subject from a correspondent, C. H. C.

Point of the Lesson. To teach that only sin need make us afraid.

Method.—Who was the first man? and the first woman? and where did they live? [With similar questions to review and refresh the memory so as to form a connecting-link between this and previous lessons.] Among the beasts which God created in Eden was one which Adam named "*serpent*," and you remember that whatever Adam named each beast that was its name. What had God forbidden Adam and

Eve to do in the garden? When the serpent knew of God's commandment he went to Eve and began to talk to her about it, and tried to persuade her to disobey God. How do you suppose he first tempted her? He persuaded her to look at the fruit; then he prevailed on her to handle it, and then it was very easy to get her to taste it. [Each one of these points may be applied to the lives of the children, though with little ones I think it best to make but one point in a lesson because they retain it. Many minor points only confuse.] When she found that it was pleasant to the taste she brought some of the fruit to Adam and got him to eat of it also. Was it wrong for them to eat the fruit? Whom did they sin against? That evening, when it became cool and pleasant, God came to see them, but could not find them. Where do you think they were? God called and asked them, and Adam answered from behind the trees, "We were afraid of you and so hid ourselves." Why were they afraid of God? Because they had disobeyed him. God said to Adam, "Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat?" How did they show that they had disobeyed God? They were afraid of him.

Were you ever afraid to see your father or mother? Why? When you sin against them you are afraid to meet them. I know a little boy who always runs and hides under the bed when he has done anything he knows to be wrong, so that when his mother sees Frankie going under the bed, she knows he is hiding because he has been doing wrong. So God knew of Adam and Eve, and so he knows of us. If we are afraid to pray to him he knows we have been sinning against him. Sin always makes us afraid, but if we always do right we need never fear. "The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a lion." [Let the children repeat this Scripture, explaining the words "pursueth" and "righteous;" the latter as any who do right.]

IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Prayer-Meeting Topic: Plentiful redemption in Christ. ... *Texts:* Psa. cxxx. 7; lxxxvi. 5, 15; Isa. lv. 7; John iii. 16; Heb. ii. *Foster:* 947, 957, 5197, 5201, 5334, 5339, 5341. *Blackboard:* A large letter S may serve as an initial for the four words of the Outline. *Blackboard Verse.*

Hark the deep, despairing cry,
Man has fallen, man must die!