

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 3.] PAUL BEFORE THE ROMAN GOVERNOR. [Oct. 17.

Acts 24. 10-25.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Fear thou not: for I am with thee.—Isa. 41. 10.

MEMORY VERSES, 14-16. (Read chaps. 23. 10 to 24. 27.)—But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Paul was brought before the Jewish council, but the judges fell to quarrelling among themselves, and Paul was taken back to prison. That night the Lord appeared to Paul and told him that he should be his witness at Rome. So Paul knew that the Jews could not kill him this time. These wicked men formed a plot, and tried to kill Paul. But he had been sent to Cæsarea for safety. In this city Felix, the Roman governor lived. Five days after Paul left Jerusalem, the high priest and the elders of the Sanhedrin, or court of the Jews, came to accuse him. They said that he was stirring up strife among the people, and that he profaned the temple. But Felix was kind to Paul and kept him in Cæsarea. One day he and his wife, Drusilla, sent for Paul to speak to them of Jesus, and Felix trembled as he listened. But he would not repent then; he put it off till another time.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Before whom did Paul appear?
Before the Sanhedrin, or chief court of the Jews
2. What did God tell Paul?
That he was to witness for him in Rome.
3. Where was Paul taken for safety?
To Cæsarea.
4. Who lived there?
Felix, the Roman governor.