

God of all the earth is upon your side.

"Now may He preserve you from every danger, and may His grace and blessing be among you, until at last Christ Himself shall come and take you to be with Him forever."

At the end of this letter Paul sent greetings to all, earnestly asking that the believers of Thessalonica would pray for him and the other missionaries.

Just before closing he put in these words, "This letter is the Lord's message. See that it is read to all the brethren. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Paul send a letter to the believers in Thessalonica? 2. Where is it now to be found? 3. How did Paul say they must treat those who were troubling them? 4. To whom were they to show special kindness? 5. In what three other ways were they to honor God? 6. What rule did he give them for use in time of doubt? 7. What did he say about God's Word? 8. What did he beg for himself? 9. What was his prayer for the Thessalonians? 10. What warning did he give about his letter? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Two little girls, Susie and Maggie, were going to the neighboring town each carrying on her head a heavy basket of fruit to sell for money enough to buy the family dinner. Susie fretted all the way but Maggie only joked and laughed. At last Susie got out of patience, and said angrily, "How can you go on laughing so? Your basket is as heavy as mine, and you are not one bit stronger I don't understand it."

"Oh," said Maggie, "It is easy enough to understand. I have a certain little plant that I put on the top of my load, and it makes it so light I hardly feel it."

"Indeed!" said Susie, "It must be a very precious little plant, I wish I could lighten my load with it. Where does it grow?"

"It grows," replied Maggie, "wherever you plant it and give it a chance to take

root, and there's no knowing the relief it gives. Its name is Patience."

The Lesson Hymn

Lead, Holy Shepherd, lead us,

Thy feeble flock, we pray,

Thou King of little pilgrims!

Safe lead us all the way. Amen.

--Hymn 582, Book of Praise

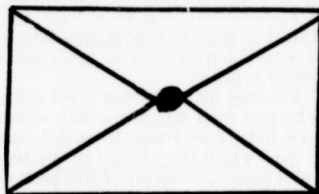
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—9. What Can God do? God can do all that He wishes to do.

SHORTER CATECHISM—60. *How is the sabbath to be sanctified?* A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Who does not love to get letters? Paul wrote a letter to some of his friends long



ago. Here is one sentence you may take from it for your very own—just as if it had been written for you, "Hold fast that which is good."

**I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS IS MY KING**