

their share, indifferent parts of the land (see Num. 35 : 7).

"Home Free"—Every little boy and girl knows how to play "hide-and-seek". How you all run to get into the "goal", to get "home free", so that you cannot be caught!

Cities of Refuge—We shall make this line for the river Jordan. On this side we'll make three squares, and on the other side we'll make three squares. How many? Count. These six cities have a wall around each (circle). God told Joshua to tell the people to choose six Cities of Refuge (places of safety), into which people could run for safety and get "home free", so that no one could catch them. If you saw a boy running down the street and a policeman running after him, you would be sure that the boy had done something bad.

The people who God said were to run to these cities for safety, were those who had killed some one, but who had not done it "on purpose". God is so kind. He is willing to give everybody a chance to go free, to get to a place of safety, to be forgiven.

See that man running toward this city (stroke)! He has killed some one by accident. Look! there is another trying to catch him (stroke) and kill him in turn. But the first

man reaches the City of Refuge, and tells his story to the elders of the city. If they believe that the killing was accidental, they take him in and care take of him, till he can be properly tried by the judges. Everybody was welcome to these Cities of Refuge, v. 9. God is not willing that any should perish, (2 Pet. 3 : 9, Repeat). There was one of these safety spots within thirty miles of every place in the land, within reach of everybody.

Repeat—

"To write the love of God to men,
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
If stretched from sky to sky."

Our Refuge—Print and repeat Golden Text:

MY REFUGE IS IN GOD.

Jesus is our Refuge. We can run to Him in all times of trouble (by prayer). We can run to Him, away from sin, and ask Him to keep us safe.

Repeat—

"Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you;
He is willing to aid you.
He will carry you through."

Hymn—Sing Hymn 585, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2.

Something to Think About—Jesus is my only Saviour.

FROM THE PLATFORM

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CHRIST OUR REFUGE

Tell the story of Luther's agony on account of his sin, and his longing to be saved from its guilt and power. Recall his visit to Rome and his climbing of the Holy Staircase, said to have once formed part of Pilate's house. Freedom from penance for a thousand years is promised to pilgrims who climb it on their knees. Luther began the ascent, repeating the usual prayers and hoping in this way to find peace; but when he was half way up, he remembered the text, "The just shall live by faith (Rom. 1 : 17). He rose from his knees, stood erect a moment, and then went down the stairs again. Like the manslayer, fleeing from the avenger of blood, he had found a REFUGE (Print) from his sins in CHRIST (Print). He saw, that by simply trusting in Christ, he could be saved. Press home the truth that Christ is OUR (Print) Refuge, that we, too, are saved by trusting in Him. Sing, "Just as I am without one plea" (Hymn 151, Book of Praise).