

etc.; *Oratorio of the Elijah* (Mendelssohn), "Be not afraid, thy help is near."

## ATTENTION STORY.

David was brave. He had learned not to be afraid of people, of things, of darkness, or of animals. He was not afraid of anything. The reason all like to know what that was, for we want to be brave and without fear. That reason was, he remembered all the time that God cared for him. Now if anyone remembers just that—if we remember that God loves us and cares for us and watches to us many, many times, "fear not," and if we think of this when we begin to fear, the very thought of his words will make us strong. David said that God was the strength of his life—let us read the verse. (Read Psalm 27. 1.) When he said "of whom," that means—what people could make him afraid while God cared for him? so he that he was never afraid that he would not have food or anything else he needed; and we know a verse about his Shepherd. Let us say it! "The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want" (Psalm 23. 1). He was sure that God would provide for him. Do you have bread to eat every day? It is because God is good that you have had food and clothing every day.

## OUTLINE.

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

*Monday.* David was not afraid of people—why? Explain simply what it is to be strong in spirit. If a man or a boy knows that he is trying to do right, and he wants to do right, that very thought helps him to be strong.

*Tuesday.* David said he should not want, and many other people in all the years have said that verse which he said, and meant it, for they have had all they need given them of God.

*Wednesday.* Read of a good man being fed once by a bird which God sent (1 Kings 17. 6). God knew that the man was hungry and needed his care.

*Thursday.* Long after David lived Jesus came to this earth and told the people that God would surely care for them. He reminded them that God cares for birds, and he thinks more of them than he does of even the little birds, and he asked people not to fear. Let us read what he said. (Read Luke 12. 6, 7, and talk about it.)

*Friday.* David said that he had a Shepherd; so have we. We have the same dear loving Shepherd who will see that we do not want. He says to us the words of our Golden Text, "Fear not, little flock" (Luke 12. 32).

Explain unusual words: "Farthings," "value."

**NATURE WORK.** Talk of sparrows and of ravens. The sparrow is a small bird, and the raven is a large one which looks somewhat like a crow, but is much larger, though the shape and color are similar. The sparrow has a friendly chirp and has

less fear of people than other birds have. The raven is very large, usually two feet. He lives a long time, sometimes to be seventy or eighty years old. (See natural histories and encyclopedias.)

**ART WORK.** Show pictures of these two birds mentioned, and substitute nature for art during these days when the summer wanes and the days shorten. Have the children understand that all art is the attempt to reveal nature, and to preserve its beauties for the enjoyment and profit of mankind.

**HAND WORK.** The small children may have an invention lesson suggested by the many topics mentioned. Shepherd suggests folds, sheep, lambs, meadows, and waters. Sparrows and ravens suggest house tops and nests, also bird houses. In picturing these use sticks, blocks, rings, sand, and the blackboard.

The **TRANSITION CLASS** may outline the work upon the lesson card, using colored pencils.

**SCIENCE AT HOME WITH MOTHER.** Talk of bread, and of it being necessary for our life. Water, too, is something which all people need. God's care gave to Elijah the bread which he needed in the morning and in the evening (1 Kings 17. 6), and the same care was over David and the sparrows, and it is mindful of us also. To us he gives bread and water in the morning and in the evening, and his loving care knows all we need. Let us remember his love, and we know truly that we shall not want, for he is our Shepherd too. So we have some of the same victories which David had and each little child may remember the gentle Jesus and think of his tender words, "Fear not, little flock."

## LESSON VII. (August 16.)

### DAVID'S CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS. Psalm 32. 1-11.

**GOLDEN TEXT.** "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me (Psalm 51. 10).

## Primary Notes.



[Print "David's" at top of the board.] What have we learned about David? [Let the class give the events they remember in David's life.] What kind of a man was David? Why do you think he was a good man? Because he loved and obeyed

God; because he was forgiving and kind to those around him.

[Show a perfectly good and clean handkerchief.] You see this handkerchief is perfect; it is clean, it has no stain or soil on it; can anything happen to spoil its cleanness? What? [Dip a corner in