

# THE CHILDREN'S RECORD.

## Sabbath School Lessons.

July 16. PAUL AT ATHENS.

Lesson, Acts 17 : 22-31. Gol. Text, John 4 : 24. Memory vs. 30, 31. Catechism Q. 67, 68.

22. *Mars' hill*—"the Areopagus," a rocky height in Athens, opposite the western end of the Acropolis. The council of the Areopagus met here in the open air, sitting on seats cut in the rock. *Too superstitious*—Revised Version, "somewhat superstitious."

23. *Your devotions*—Revised Version, "the objects of your worship." *To the unknown God*—Revised Version, "an unknown God."

24. *Dwelteth not in temples*—according to the heathen idea of an idol in a temple. Compare Acts 7 : 48, 49. 25. *Worshipped*—"served," ministered to. 26. *Of one blood*—of one common parentage. *The times*—"the appointed seasons." 27. *Might feel after him*—like one groping in imperfect light. *Not far*—very near. Rom. 10 : 6-8, Isa. 59 : 2 ; Jer. 23 : 23, 24. 28. *Like unto gold*—thus to deify matter is to make God the Creator, inferior to man the creature. 30. *Winked at*—"overlooked," bore with. *Repent*—turn from every evil way, especially from the sin of idolatry. 31. *The world*—the whole human race. *In righteousness*—on righteous principles. *Ordained*—chosen, appointed for this purpose. *Assurance*—conclusive evidence.

*Introductory*—What did Paul and Silas do when released from prison at Philippi? Give an account of their visit to Thessalonica. Of their work in Berea. Where did Paul go from Berea? What do you know about Athens? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *The Unknown God*, vs. 22, 23.—Where did Paul preach in Athens? What did he say to the Athenians? What altar had he found? What did he say about this *unknown God*? What is God?

II. *The Living God*, vs. 24-29.—What work did Paul attribute to this living God? How does he differ from idols? What else did Paul claim for him? What has he done for all nations? What then is their duty? What reason did he give for not worshipping idols?

III. *The God of Judgment*, vs. 30, 31.—In what respect did Paul say the times had changed? What is meant by God's winking at ignorance? What does God now command? What is repentance? How is this command enforced? What effect had Paul's address on his hearers? vs. 32-34.

God is Creator, Preserver and Lord of all. All nations belong to one family.

He commands all men everywhere to repent and render Him a pure and spiritual worship.

He has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.

July 23. PAUL AT CORINTH.

Lesson Acts 18 : 1-11. Gol. Text, 1 Cor. 1 : 13. Memory vs. 9-11. Catechism Q. 69.

1. *Corinth*—forty-five miles from Athens, on the isthmus that joins the Peloponnesus to the mainland of Greece. 2. *Pontus*—the north-eastern province of Asia Minor. *Claudius*—the Roman emperor. 3. *Craft*—trade. Every Jew was required to teach his son some trade, Sec. 1 Cor. 9 ; 6-12 ; 2 Cor. 11 : 7-9. 5. *Were come*—Silas from Berea (Acts 17 : 13, 14), and Timothy from Thessalonica (1 Thess. 3-2). *Pressed in the spirit*—Revised Version, "constrained by the word." 6. *Your blood*—the guilt of your destruction ; I am clear, free from blame. 7. *Departed thence*—from the synagogue. *Entered*—as his preaching place. *Joined herd*—was near. 8. *Crispus*—one of those baptized by Paul. 1 Cor. 1 : 14. *Chief ruler*—president of the board of elders. *Many of the Corinthians*—among them Gaius and Stephanas, both of whom Paul himself baptized (1 Cor. 1 : 14-16). 9. *Be not afraid*—Christ thus assured him of help, protection and success in his ministry. 10. *Much people*—many yet to be converted and saved.

What was the subject of the last lesson? Where did Paul preach in Athens? What was his text? What do you remember about his sermon? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *Working with his hands*, vs. 1-3.—Whom did Paul find at Corinth? Why had they left Italy? Why did Paul live with them? Why was Paul taught the trade of tent-making? What further mention do you find of Aquila and Priscilla in the New Testament?

II. *Rejected by the Jews*, vs. 4-6.—What did Paul do on the Sabbath? Who came to him? How was Paul affected? What did he testify to the Jews? Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? How did the Jews treat Paul's testimony? What did he then do? To whom did he say he would go?

III. *Received by the Gentiles*, vs. 7-11.—After leaving the synagogue, where did Paul preach? What effects followed his preaching? What ordinance was administered? What special encouragement did Paul receive? What assurance was given him? How long did he remain at Corinth?

Working with the hands is no shame.

Week day work should not interfere with Sabbath-day work for Christ.

Those who refuse the gospel bring ruin upon themselves.

If Christ be with us, we have nothing to fear.

Christ has "much people" even in the worst places, and it is ours to find them.