

the temple is a beautiful image of a false god, Athena, the beautiful young goddess whom all worship, after whom the city is named—an idol with no power to hear or help them. And many more temples are there, in which idols of all sorts are worshipped.

Review—(The children will tell you how Paul got to Athens.) Paul was sad when he saw how the people were wholly given to idolatry, and he preached and taught in the synagogues and outdoors in the market-place. "What is this stranger telling them? He speaks of Jesus. Is He some 'new God?'" the people say to one another.

On Mars' Hill—Next we see Paul on Mars' Hill telling about the Word of God. The people of Athens have him there to preach, so that everybody can hear about this new religion (vs. 19, 20), and what a sermon he preaches!

The Altar to the Unknown God—As Paul had been going about in Athens, he had noticed an altar "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD". The people were afraid they might have forgotten some god and that his anger might therefore come down upon them. So they made this altar. Paul tells them about the great God they have not known—one who made the world and all things, vs. 24-31.

He told them that our God is a living God, not one that can be made of gold or silver or stone or carved by men's hands. Paul told them that so long as they had not known about our God, they had not been punished for worshiping idols; but now God has sent a message by him to tell all men everywhere to be sorry for their sins (vs. 30, 31), and to turn from their idols to worship Jesus only.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text.

The Message Carried by the Missionaries—This message must be sent to all the heathen who set up altars and temples to "unknown gods", all over the world, to all who do not worship Jesus in our own land, to everybody the glad message must go.

A Prayer—

"For our own homeland we pray;

Blessed be Thy great kindness;

May Thy gospel have full sway,

Conquering darkest blindness.

Send Thy gospel far away,

To the lands of sorrow.

Let the light of God's sweet day

Bring a glad to-morrow."

Bible Outline—On the Bible outline print, LET THE HEATHEN HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.

To Think About—There is but one God.

FROM THE PLATFORM

GOD

MADE..
DWELLETH..
GIVETH..
OVERLOOKED..
WILL JUDGE..
HATH RAISED..

Print on the blackboard, GOD MADE... Question as to what it was that God made. V. 24 says, the world and all that it contains, and v. 26, "all nations of men". Call attention here to the phrase "of one blood", and emphasize the brotherhood of mankind. In this brotherhood we are united with all men, including the heathen, to whom, therefore we are bound to send the gospel which we have and which they have not. Similarly, print: God DWELLETH.., bringing out, by questions, the truth that He is a Spirit; God GIVETH.., dwelling on His independence of us and our dependence upon Him; God OVERLOOKED.., speaking about His mercy and compassion; God WILL JUDGE.., a very solemn truth to be impressed with great earnestness and tenderness; and God HATH RAISED.., the proof that Jesus is God's Son and our Judge. Emphasize the importance of accepting Him as Saviour for ourselves, and the duty of making Him known to others.