

jumped, without looking where he was going, and down he tumbled to the bottom of an old dry well into which grandfather used to throw stones and rubbish. The next sheep never stopped to see what had become of him, but jumped right after him, and the next did the same, till the well was full. Then grandfather had to pull them out as best he could, and the sheep at the bottom of the well were almost smothered to death. "What silly sheep!" exclaimed Joe. Then he looked up at his mother and laughed.

Many boys and girls are like those silly sheep. They do just as they see others doing, never thinking into what trouble it will lead them. When we know that others will follow our example, we should be very careful to do nothing that will cause them to do wrong.

Lesson—Our Lesson is about being a good example. Paul, a true and faithful follower of Jesus, wrote a letter to the followers of Jesus at Rome. They had asked him, "Is it wrong to eat certain kinds of food?" (See Exposition.) Paul tells them there is nothing bad in the food itself; but if any one thinks it is wrong to use it, the follower of Jesus should not use it. (Why?)

Paul also told them they should never

blame one another, but leave everybody to God, the great Judge. He will one day ask, "Did you do that wicked thing?" (Repeat v. 12.)

Golden Text—Paul also told them they must not put a stumblingblock in anybody's way. (Repeat Golden Text.)

Stumblingblocks—What would you think of a boy who should put a piece of iron on a railway track and cause the train to run off the track, and perhaps many lives too be lost? What would you think of a boy or girl who should put a block of wood where baby brother would stumble over it and be hurt, or perhaps killed, by the fall? Paul did not mean that kind of stumblingblock; but he meant this (outline a block of wood named BAD EXAMPLE). A little sister heard her sister tell a lie, and soon fell over that stumblingblock, too. A boy sipped wine left in a glass by an older person. He fell over that stumblingblock, and, in turn, another boy, seeing him, sipped wine, too, and later became a drunkard. What a dreadful fall! (Repeat v. 21.)

Outline "stumblingblocks" named, Lies, Strong Drink, Bad Words, &c.

Something to Think About—I should set a good example.

FROM THE PLATFORM

THE CHRISTIAN'S LIBERTY LAW

Picture a Jewish and a Gentile Christian at Rome debating whether it is right or wrong to eat certain kinds of meat. Get from the scholars the Jew's argument, that these meats were forbidden by the law of Moses, and the Gentile's reply, that all such regulations were abolished when Christ came. With which of these did Paul agree? The scholars will tell you that he took sides with the Gentile. Print on the blackboard, THE CHRISTIAN'S LIBERTY, and emphasize our freedom from the laws about eating and drinking which were binding on the Jews before Christ came. Now, picture, Paul debating with the Gentile Christian about the same matter. This man argues, that he may eat and drink just what pleases him. But Paul replies, that if he eats meat forbidden by Jewish law, he may give offence to others, or even cause others to fall into sin. This, he argues, is a reason of the very strongest why the Christian should abstain. Print, THE CHRISTIAN LAW. In a few closing words, make the application to the use of strong drink.