

him into their home to live with them. Jacob loved Rachel and took her to be his wife. After a while Jacob became a very rich man. He had many flocks and herds of his own. At last he made up his mind that he would return to his own land, for he remembered that God had promised to give him the land of Canaan for a home for himself and his children forever.

The Journey Home—We see Jacob starting on his journey, with his family and servants and flocks and herds—a great procession. (Show picture.)

Will Esau be friendly to him when he gets back or will he still seek to kill him? We shall see. He sent messengers to tell his brother Esau that he was coming back. He also sent a present to Esau—a great many cattle and sheep,—hoping in this way to win Esau's friendship. When the messengers returned they brought back the news, "Esau is coming to meet you with 400 men." Jacob was afraid! Esau must be angry still and is coming with his servants to kill him! Jacob prayed to God to bless him, ch. 32 : 24-32.

A Happy Meeting—Continue the story. Using blackboard or letting the children act the story—represent the meeting of the two

brothers. Describe the humble, gentle approach of Jacob and the affectionate way in which Esau greeted him. Then all Jacob's family came forward and bowed to Esau.

Tell vs. 8-11. "To find favor in Esau's sight," was Jacob's reason for being so humble and gentle.

Golden Text—Print and repeat.

Some Good Rules—1. Do not quarrel. 2. Always try to be the first to "make up" a quarrel.

Our Story—Once upon a time there was a little old man who always carried a little oil can (outline) wherever he went. If he passed through a "creaky" door, he poured a little oil on it. If a gate was hard to open, he poured a little oil on the latch. People said he was "odd" and "queer," but the little old man kept on refilling the oil can and oiling up every hard place he found. He never left his oil can at home. It was always ready.

Here is the name of a little oil can which you all should carry with you everywhere you go. It will help you to open many hearts and will help you to get through many hard places in life. Beside the oil can print GENTLENESS.

What the Lesson Teaches Me—I SHOULD BE GENTLE.

FROM THE PLATFORM

JACOB'S
PLAN

JACOB'S
PRESENT

Draw on the blackboard two squares, and tell the scholars that these are meant to stand for two parts of the lesson. In the first square, print JACOB'S PLAN. Question out the details of vs. 1-7, which describe Jacob's plan for meeting his brother. Next, print, in the second square, JACOB'S PRESENT. Get the scholars to tell you what this present was, the way in which it was presented and the way in which it was received. Ask the scholars with what feeling Esau had come to meet Jacob. Follow this with a question about the effect which Jacob's way of approaching Esau had. Call for the Golden Text, and impress the teaching that the best way to turn aside the anger of others against us is to be kind and gentle ourselves.