

tell as much of the lesson story as can be remembered.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH THE MOTHER. Call to mind these things about Lydia. She was a business woman, she had a family, she did good in her home, and she was hospitable, inviting good people to her home and trying to make them comfortable. The Bible says much about entertaining people and being pleasant to them and helpful to all. Can you make your home a pleasant place for some one after you invite them to your house?

LESSON II. (July 11.)

PAUL AND THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER. Acts 16. 22-34.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16. 31.

Primary Notes.



[Print around the top of the symbol "Shining for Jesus." Ask what we learned last Sunday about the Great Light, and who we saw might be little lights.] Who were some of the little lights we heard about? Where did Paul and his friends get their light from? Where shall we go to get our lights lighted? What shall we be when they are lighted—helpers or hinderers?

Light in a dark place. [The blackboard is so simple that it can easily be made before the class, and as the teacher talks she may work, bringing out some of the lesson truths, as well as holding the attention of the children.] Who ever saw a prison? Do you think it can be a pleasant place? It is dark and gloomy and very lonely. Two of the "lights" we talked about last Sunday were in a horrible prison now in Philippi. [Make the two candles as you talk.] Had they been doing wrong? No, but some bad men were angry with them for doing right and put them into the jail and told the jailer to make their feet fast in the stocks. This was so they could not get away. Are you thinking how unhappy they must have been? But see—there is a light shining through the prison. Did the jailer let Paul and Silas have a light to cheer them in their gloom? No, but the good God let his light shine there, and it made the prisoners very happy. There is a beautiful hymn which says, "Prisons would palaces prove, if Jesus would dwell with me there." Paul and Silas found this prison a palace because Jesus was with them, and made the place bright with his presence. What do you often do when you feel glad? Yes, you sing, and that is just what Paul and Silas did. How strange it sounded to hear singing at midnight in the prison! The other prisoners

heard it. Maybe it made some of them believe in Jesus. We will hope so.

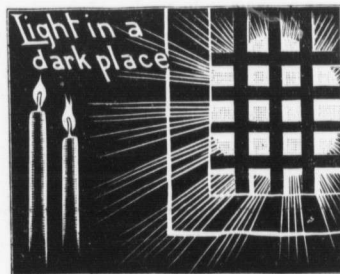
But now there came another and very different sound. It was the sound of an earthquake! It shook the prison, it opened the doors, and even unfastened the chains that bound the prisoners. Paul and Silas felt their feet free from the holes in the boards, so that they might easily have run away, but they did not.

Do you think Paul and Silas were frightened by the earthquake? No, they were not. I will tell you why: they knew that God was taking care of them, and that he would let no harm come to them so long as he had work for them to do. May we trust Jesus in the same way? Yes, if we love Jesus, and try to please him, we may trust him just as Paul and Silas did.

But some one in the jail was very much frightened! Can you think who it was? The jailer had been sleeping, and when the earthquake awakened him he was afraid, for he knew that if the prisoners ran away he might be put to death by the rulers. He was so afraid that he was about to kill himself with his sword when Paul called to him that they were all there. [Tell what he did then, and how his heart was turned to God, by seeing how brave and true believers in Jesus could be. Finish the story, calling attention to the fact that the jailer went to work for others right away.]

How can this lesson help little children who do not get put into prison or have any great troubles to bear? Let us see.

Who was a real prisoner in the jail that night? Not Paul, and not Silas. To be sure, they had their feet fast in the stocks, and did not know how they were to get free. But they were not the real prisoners, for no chains could bind their souls. Do you remember what the jailer was going to do because he was afraid? He was the real prisoner, for he was Satan's servant. Any little boy or girl who lets Satan be the master is a prisoner. [Show how the naughty spirit can bind the hands and feet, and even the tongue. Teach that there is



only One who has power to break the chains with which Satan binds little children. Teach also that