

for he is getting larger and can cry and laugh loud enough to be heard, so we shall have to think of some other way to take care of him." Then the mother made a strange little bed for her baby, like a basket, plaited of the strong rushes that grew by the river side. She put a lid on it that it might shut over the baby. After this she rubbed tar over the whole outside, that water might not leak into it, and then after fixing it soft inside, she laid the dear little baby in it and closed the lid. She had been just as careful as she could, for she loved him so much. Then she went down by the side of the stream where the king's daughter came to bathe each day, and in the tall bulrushes where the water was calm, she set the basket with her precious baby inside. And because she was a Hebrew, I am sure she prayed to our Father in heaven to take care of her son, whom she could not take care of herself because of the king's word. By and by the king's daughter came down to the stream to bathe and when she saw the basket, she lifted the lid, and there inside was the lovely baby, and it was crying, for it was lonely. She said to her maids, "Here is a darling little baby and I am sure he belongs to the Hebrews, but my father will let me keep him, for I love him already." Just then the sister who had been watching near by ran down to the stream and said, "Shall I find a nurse for you?" And the princess said, "Yes, I should like one right away." And whom do you think she brought? Why, the baby's own dear mother, and so the little fellow had his dear mother to take care of him there in the king's house. Who do you think the baby was? And who do you think took care of him while he was there by himself in the basket on the water?

THINK OF THIS—The same Father who cared for the little baby Moses, long ago, cares for you now. When we care for some one else, it is one of the ways we show that we are like our Father in heaven.

LESSON VIII.

GOD CARING FOR HIS SERVANT ELIJAH, 1 Kings 17: 1-6.

Golden Text: Same as for Lesson VII.

CENTRAL TRUTH—Every creature made by God has its place and uses in life.

POINT OF DEPARTURE—Child's love for birds and his observations of their habits.

SPIRITUAL RESULTS DESIRED—An awakening to God's care for the "falling sparrow" (which will help to save some birds their eggs and their young) leading up to God's love for me.

APPROACH—Did you ever see a nest with little birds in it? Can you tell me who feeds the baby birds? I love to watch the father bird bring food to the mother and then see her take it in her little bill and feed the babies; don't you? I want to tell you to-day about some birds that had learned how to feed their little ones, and then how they fed a big man who was very hungry.

LESSON STORY—Once upon a time there lived a good man whose name was Elijah. He was a prophet and told the people the words our Father in heaven had spoken to him.

Now the people had been doing wrong and God told Elijah to send word to the king that there should be no dew nor rain for a long, long time, and that the grass and grain would not grow. God knew that the wicked king would be angry and kill Elijah, so He told him to go far away from the city by a brookside, where there was plenty of clear, running water, and He would send him food.

So Elijah did just as the Lord said, and went down by the side of the brook. He did not worry any, for he knew God would care for him. Sure enough when the evening time came, there came some great black birds flying close to his side, and in their bills they carried food enough to last him until morning. They dropped it at his feet and Elijah ate all that he needed and then went to sleep. When morning came, here were the ravens again, carrying the food in their bills and they again laid it before Elijah and he ate enough for the day. Then he drank clear water from the brook and knew that the dear Lord was taking care of him.

THINK OF THIS—If God's friends, the birds, cared for God's friend, Elijah, do you think our Father likes to see us care for His birds? Let us think of what Jesus said of the sparrows: "And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. By the side of this put, 'He careth for you.'"