

splendor, its gardens and terraces, its soldiers, its great military storehouses, etc., its beautiful public buildings, palaces and temples, made of brick and white alabaster, ornamented with gold and silver and precious stones. Tell about its broad walls upon which two chariots could drive, side by side. Tell of the great trains of camels that came and went every day laden with all sorts of precious goods from the far east, but this great, beautiful city was a very wicked city.

Jonah Preaching—One day a crowd of people gathered to hear a stranger talk. (We have seen him before. It is Jonah.) His words frightened them. "At the end of forty days your beautiful city will be destroyed" (v. 4), was the message God sent to them. God was giving them a chance to repent and be forgiven before it would be too late.

Nineveh Mourning and Forgiven—Tell the rest of the story. (Describe the mourning customs.) Show how willing God is to forgive when people turn to Him. Jonah was not very well pleased when God forgave these people after all. The children will be interested in the story of the gourd (sketch). (Explain; see Lesson Explained.)

Golden Text—God is still sending preachers (through us) to foreign lands. God wants everybody to know about Jesus. God is Father of all people. God could have sent Jesus to every land but that was not His plan. He gave part of this work into our hands. Let us think of some ways in which little ones have helped or can help missions.

Sing Hymn 564, Book of Praise.

What the Lesson Teaches Me—I SHOULD WORK FOR MISSIONS.

FROM THE PLATFORM

FOUR GREAT THINGS

Ask the scholars how many chapters are contained in the book of Jonah. They will readily answer four. Next tell them, that in these chapters are mentioned four great things, and that the conversation will be about these FOUR GREAT THINGS. Have the scholars open their Bibles and find the great thing in ch. 1 : 12,—a "great tempest"—and bring out the story of Jonah's flight and shipwreck. In like manner have them find "a great fish" in ch. 1 : 17 and call for the story of Jonah's prayer and deliverance. The third great thing is a "great city" (ch. 3 : 3), and the story to elicit is that of Jonah's preaching and its results. In ch. 4 : 2 we have "great kindness." Here the emphasis should be placed on God's love for all mankind and His purpose that we should carry the knowledge of His love to the ends of the earth.

Lesson IX.

AMOS, THE FEARLESS PROPHET —HOME MISSIONARY LESSON

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Amos 5 : 1-15. Commit to memory vs. 14, 15.

GOLDEN TEXT—He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.—Jeremiah 23 : 28.

¹ Hear ye this word which I take up ¹ against you, even a lamentation, O house of Is'rael.

² The virgin of Is'rael is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is ² forsaken upon her land; *there is none to raise her up.*

³ For thus saith the Lord God: The city that went ³ out by a thousand shall ⁴ leave an hundred, and that

which went forth ⁵ by an hundred shall ⁶ leave ten, to the house of Is'rael.

⁴ For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Is'rael, Seek ye me, and ye shall live:

⁵ But seek not Beth'-el, nor enter into Gil'gal, and pass not to Beer-she'ba: for Gil'gal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth'-el shall come to nought.