

"Jesus" above the crown.] He who delivered Paul from the prison and the chains, and kept him for a heavenly crown, is ready to deliver you from naughty tempers, and selfishness, and everything that will harm you. He will keep you for your heavenly crown if you will let him. How can you let him? Love him as Paul did. Work for him as Paul did, and he will keep you as he kept Paul.



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Paul's Last Words. 2 Tim. 4. 7, 8, 11.

GOLDEN TEXT. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4. 7.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, John 14; Heb. 11.

The thought of home and love for it may be sung as found in the words:

"The dearest spot on earth to me
Is home, sweet home;
The fairy land I've longed to see
Is home, sweet home."

—Junior Hymnal, 20.

ATTENTION STORY.

The real love for a real home was what caused Paul to say what we read in this letter to the people of Philippi. He said, we remember, that to be with Christ was far better than staying here. We cannot feel just as he did, for we are busy with our work now, but when it is done we may be able to say this, too. When people have great love for our Father and for our Saviour Jesus they are ready and glad to go to the home which Jesus says is prepared for them, and there they may be near to him. This beautiful world is where we stay now while doing our work, and by and by the work will be all done and we will go to the better land of joy and beauty. One day Paul's work was all done, and he sat thinking of that other greater life. He wished that his young friend Timothy might know what he was thinking about. Now Timothy was busy yet, for his work was not done; but Paul wanted to tell him that it was gladness and not sadness to be going home, to the sweet heavenly home, to rest after the long workday of life, and he wrote a letter to Tim-

othy. How glad we are! Many people for hundreds of years past have been glad that Paul wrote to Timothy that day. We will not read all the letter to-day, but here is a part of it. [Read 2 Tim. 4. 7, 8, 11, 18.]

Explain unusual words: "Henceforth," "righteousness," "profitable," "notwithstanding."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story and Bible Lesson. Encourage the children to talk of Paul, and of some events in his life, and some things in previous letters which they may recall.

Monday. The lesson about armor and strength may be reviewed. Paul had tried to take good care of his body, his mind, and his heart. Sometimes this was like a battle such as a little child may have now when trying to be good, and someone or something comes and asks that he do a naughty thing. Then he may choose not to do it.

Tuesday. The gladness, and joy, and rewards of right-doing are as a crown of righteousness—rightness. The children should not get the idea of a literal crown of certain shape and of material, as of leaves or flowers. Righteousness is a condition, not a material, and the spiritual significance may be shown. This is for all, not for Paul alone, he tells us.

Wednesday. Paul speaks of two friends, Luke and Mark. Luke was a doctor, and our lesson for next week will be of something which he wrote about a wonderful story. Both he and Mark had seen Jesus and talked to him, and they wrote upon the parchment some of his wonderful words.

Thursday. Paul says the Lord will take him to the heavenly kingdom. After all the sorrows and joys of the long helpful life, Paul was going to the better country, the Beautiful Zion we sing about.

Friday. Praise and joyful thanksgiving was the end of it all, and so to the good, and obedient, and true comes the same joy in the love and the life of Jesus. The assertion, "I have kept the faith," is of deep meaning, and to children of an age beyond that of the very small ones it should be dwelt upon. It may be made of deepest significance if associated with some passages in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and the hymn, "Faith of our Fathers." Impress the children with the thought that God was good and true to Paul and to all our fathers and grandfathers, and that he will be to us.

"O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who, through this weary pilgrimage,
Hast all our fathers led;