

**P**ETER IN PRISON.  
PRAYER BY MANY.  
ROMISE—"THE ANGEL OF THE LORD," etc.  
RISON DOOR OPENED.

*Light ray thought: Praying.* Recur to introductory story of the key of promise, and enforce the duty of using prayer to put the key in the lock because our Lord says this is the way to get out of trouble. Speak of other prisons—that of selfishness and sin, of trouble and difficulty. There is a way out. How shall we find it? Ask, Why? God has given us a promise for every case, for every time of need.

Review lesson points, Golden Text, and light ray thought, till certain that all are fixed in memory.

*Thought for teachers:* Dear comrades, how definite are we? Have we a definite aim in teaching at all? Have we a definite point to make in each lesson? In this one let us seek to make the belief that God answers prayer, and spreads light and help to others in answer to prayer, so specific, so emphatic that it will become a part of the child's being. Teach intercession for others as a means of helping them and the best means of helping.

## LESSON VII. (May 18.)

### THE EARLY CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES.

Acts 13, 1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." Matt. 28, 19.

#### Primary Notes.



*Truth.* Those who know about Jesus are glad to tell others.

*Impression.* I can help to tell the glad news.

*Expression.* Prayers and gifts for missions.

*Point of contact.* Review of Lesson V.

*Approach.* Something else that people who love Jesus always wish to do.

*Lesson story.* Expand and dwell particularly upon that part of the story which relates to the sending out of the missionaries by the Antioch Christians, as that will best emphasize our truth.

[If the fourth Sunday in the month is missionary Sunday in your school tell the children at the close of this lesson that next Sunday all the money they bring is to be used to carry the good news about Jesus to people who do not

know him. If the first Sunday is missionary day, then say "two weeks from to-day," and remind them of it again next Sunday. If no day is set apart in the Sunday school calendar let the children bring a *special* offering next Sunday for some missionary purpose, as otherwise the best teaching of this lesson will be lost. You cannot teach giving by precept alone.]

We are very glad to see Walter with us again to-day. It is too bad he had to be away two Sundays, but perhaps we can tell him some of the things we have been learning so he need not lose them all. [Recall by questions the story of Emma and her glad giving to Jesus as soon as she began to love him. Then speak of the Christians at Antioch.] Did they love Jesus? How did they show their love? When they gave to the poor Christians in Jerusalem were they giving to Jesus? O, yes, for he has said, [Matt. 25, 40.] I am going to tell you to-day of something else that all the people who love Jesus wish to do, and that is to tell other people about him. Our story is about those same Christians in Antioch. Saul and Barnabas had been preaching and teaching in that city for a long time and were very dearly loved by the people. I am sure that when Saul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem to carry the gifts to the people there the Christians in Antioch missed their teachers very much, and were very glad when they came back. But very soon after that those people heard the Holy Spirit saying something like this in their hearts: "Just think how happy it has made you to know about Jesus, and how much Barnabas and Saul have helped you! Are you not glad for yourselves? But there are a great many people who have never heard about Jesus at all; ought you not to do something for them?" Of course, you know what their answer was: "Yes, we ought to, and we will." So they gave up the two teachers that they loved so much; and, blessing them, sent them out to preach to others about Jesus, giving money, too, to pay all their expenses. [Tell briefly the rest of the story, and then get back to the main theme by asking] Do you suppose that our church is doing as that church in Antioch did, and sending people to tell the story of Jesus where it is not known? Yes, it is doing that all the time, and we are so glad to know that people are being told about Jesus; but, best of all, there is something every one of us can do to help. I suppose you think you are too little to do very much, but Jesus does not expect big deeds from little people. You can give some money, and that is a help;