

by blood. The Lord appointed a night to go through the land and smite the Egyptians, and he made certain conditions by which his people should be saved. The first was that they should be *inside* their houses. The second was that the blood of a slain lamb should be against the entrance, for a sign of mercy and love. When the angel of death came swiftly, but silently, winging his way, on that night of destruction, he looked for the blood of the lamb, and when he saw it he stayed not to enquire as to who the persons were within, or what was their condition, but seeing the all-sufficient blood that had been shed for the salvation of the people, he passed by, knowing that God's people rested there.

The place for each one of us to be is *inside* the fold of Christ; there, only, is *life*. We are *saved by the blood* of Jesus, the Lamb of God, and on the door of our hearts the rich offering of his blood should be sprinkled, as a sign of his love and mercy, then to us the death angel will never come, but, instead, in that self-same day the Lord will bring us out from the land of our captivity here to our promised heritage in heaven.

#### *Blackboard Song.*

The cross ! the cross ! the blood-stained cross,  
The hallowed cross I see ;  
Reminding me of precious blood  
That once was shed for me.  
O the blood, the precious blood,  
That Jesus shed for me,  
Upon the cross in crimson flood,  
Just now by faith I see.

#### The Primary Class.

Review the last lesson, and speak of the plagues which followed the blood : frogs, lice, flies, murrain, boils, hail, locusts, darkness. In teaching the present lesson, explain, as they occur, such words as "hyssop," "intel," "side-posts," "ordinance," "passover." The Lord was now getting his people ready to leave Egypt. As a last plague on the Egyptians, he declared that the firstborn child in every family should be slain if Pharaoh did not let the Israelites go. Still the hard-hearted king refused. Then the Lord directed the Israelites to have the blood of a lamb sprinkled on the houses of the Israelites. Let the teacher here describe how this was done ; or better, get the class to tell. When, at midnight, the firstborn of the Egyptians were killed, the Israelites were saved, because the blood was sprinkled on the doors. At last Pharaoh's heart seemed to soften, and he told Moses and Aaron to take the people out of Egypt. God commanded the

Israelites to celebrate this event every year, and to explain it to their children. This has been done ever since to the present day.

In making the application of this lesson lead the children by questioning, (or, if necessary, tell them,) to the great fact of natural depravity, hardness of heart, rebellion against God. Illustrate by Pharaoh. Then bring out the idea of condemnation to spiritual and eternal death. Illustrate by God's determination to slay the firstborn. Next, the possibility of salvation through Christ : the Lamb of God. Illustrate by the blood sprinkled on the doorposts. Specially show that it was not enough that the Lamb was slain, the blood must be sprinkled. Depravity of soul by nature, and salvation by Christ alone, are among the first religious truths that ought to be taught our children. Show them how they may come to Christ in prayer, and have their hearts made clean.

#### Miscellaneous.

##### THEMES FOR BIBLE READINGS.

1. THE BLOOD SACRED. Gen. ix. 4-6; Psa. lxxii. 14; 1 Pet. i. 19.
2. SACRIFICES OF BLOOD. Heb. ix. 22; Lev. xvii. 11; i. 4, 5; Exod. xxx. 10.
3. WONDERS IN BLOOD. Exod. vii. 20; Joel ii. 30, 31; 2 Kings iii. 22; Rev. xix. 11-13.
4. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. Luke xxii. 44; Matt. xxvii. 24, 25; John xix. 34.
5. SAVED BY HIS BLOOD. Matt. xxvi. 27, 28; Mark xiv. 24; John vi. 53-56; Col. i. 20.
6. SAVED BY HIS BLOOD. Eph. i. 7; Col. i. 14; Rom. v. 9, 10; Eph. ii. 13.
7. SAVED BY HIS BLOOD. 1 John i. 7; Rev. i. 5; Heb. x. 19-22; Rev. vii. 14; xii. 10, 11.

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##### LESSON VIII.—The Exodus.

Exod. xiii. 17-22.

GOLDEN TEXT : Psa. xxxii. 8.

#### Berean Notes.

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##### I. GENERAL STATEMENT.

Ahio or Nisan, B.C. 1491. The death of "all the first-born in the land of Egypt" is quickly followed by Pharaoh's permission for Israel's departure. Exod. xii. 29-31.

##### II. NOTES AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

1. THE PILGRIMAGE COMMENCED, vers. 17-20.  
(1) God as their leader. Many looked upon