

nesses," v. 32.... ILLUSTRATIONS. Courage. It was said over John Knox's coffin by the regent of Scotland, "There lies one who never feared the face of man!"... Duty to God, v. 29. Socrates' answer to his judges, "I honour you, O judges, but I honour God more!"... Faithfulness. Said Anacharsis to his enemies, "You may break the bones of Anacharsis, but you cannot break his will!"

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#### Primary and Intermediate.

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**INTRODUCTORY.** When we see an engine at work we know there is power somewhere, though it may be out of sight. So the people saw the wonderful acts of the apostles, and felt sure that God must be doing these things, and the Church grew very fast. Tell how the apostles lived, and what they did.

**LESSON THOUGHT.** "God greater than all." To be taught: Why the apostles were persecuted. How God showed himself to be on their side. How they showed their faith in him.

1. Show what persecution is. A little boy who had been taught to pray went to a large school. At night he knelt by his bed in the long dormitory where the boys slept to pray. The boys laughed, called him names, threw things at him, and tried in every way to keep him from speaking to God. This was persecution. Show that they persecuted him because his act reproved them. It was so with the priests and rulers. If the apostles were right, they were very wrong, for they had killed the Jesus, who these men said was the Son of God!



2. Teach that the prison could not hide the apostles from God. He can enter the darkest prison as he can the darkest heart. He wanted these men to be about his work, and he took them from the prison, and put them in his temple to speak about him. Show that God thinks about us when we are in the darkest places. Print on the board "Words of Life," and give the angel's command, "Go, speak." He did not say,

"Speak the words of this book, of this Church," but "of this life." Show an empty purse. Can I give money to a beggar from this purse? No, because there is none in it. So we cannot give this life unless we have it. Show that it is the life of Jesus, and to be had by all who ask for it.

3. Tell of the surprise of the priests when they heard that the apostles were preaching again, and the conversation that followed. Teach that God is over all, and that the apostles really believe this, for they said they must obey him. Where do we find his laws? Compare this world's rulers with God, showing that everything of this world dies, while God never changes. Make plain the truth that God is a real Being to be obeyed and loved more than even father and mother. Show that his laws are wise and good, and lead to life. To follow this world's laws may lead away from God, and to sin and death.

#### Blackboard.

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This diagram illustrates the suffering of the apostles for the sake of Christ. Their path of duty was made the path of persecution. It led to the prison door. If the blackboard is large enough write the Golden Text over the top. The words suffering and persecution may be red, the other words in blue or yellow; the stone wall in brown, and the prison door in white outline.

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TAKES CARE OF

HIS APOSTLES. | YOU.

Though cast down, never forsaken.