

then God did His part, and sent the rain and sun to help the things to grow. If you do not take care of your garden, what happens? Weeds spring up, and the flowers and vegetables cannot grow well. God doesn't come down and pull up our weeds for us when we can do it alone; does He? Do you know who made the first seed that ever was?

LESSON STORY—Long ago our Father in heaven made every plant of the field before the seed was put into the earth, and every herb before it grew, for He had not yet made rain to help them to grow. He took care of them Himself until they were strong, and then He made a gardener to help Him to take care of these dumb children of His. After He had breathed a mist over the earth, He watered them; then He made man out of the very dust of the earth. Did you know dust was used for such a wonderful thing? When God had made man like Himself, He put a beautiful soul within him and then the first man breathed and lived.

Then God Himself planted a lovely garden in the East and called it the garden of Eden. In this garden of Eden there was every kind of tree that grows, and there was food growing in the garden also. In the midst of the garden God put the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God then took man and put him into the garden of Eden and made him the gardener of all the trees and plants and flowers therein.

THINK OF THIS—As God gave the garden of Eden to the first man for his home, so He has given you your home to live in and to help to make beautiful and happy. He does not like to see weeds growing up. Now cross words and frowns and naughty and disobedient ways are the weeds in the home garden. Shall we pull up some of these weeds this week?

LESSON IV.

GOD MAKING PLANTS, Gen. 1:9-13.

For Golden Text see Lesson III.

APPROACH—Can you tell me what this is? (Show an apple). On what did it grow? A tree. What kind of tree? An apple tree. What did the tree grow from? A seed. What kind of seed? An apple seed, If we plant an apple seed we will have an

apple tree. If grass seed, blades of grass. If pansy seeds, purple and yellow and blue pansies. If sunflower seeds, a tall green plant with yellow flowers with brown centres. Some seeds seem to scatter themselves, and yet it is our Father who scatters them. His winds carry the downy seed through the air, so that it may grow up in a new place next year. His waters carry the seed along, and elm and ash trees grow up miles away from their home. Yes, wherever the little seed lodges it will bring up a tree after its kind. Suppose you plant some seeds and try it.

LESSON STORY—On the third day God made all the waters to gather together, and He formed the seas and the dry land. Then He said, "This dry land must be a useful as well as a beautiful place, and I will start plants growing here. Then I will make seeds to all the plants, so that they will keep on growing from these seeds year after year, and there will be more beautiful and useful things upon the earth forever. And all these things shall be for man."

What do you suppose our Father made first? Something that you see a great deal of, for even in the crowded cities nearly everybody has a little plot of it. I think our Father liked it because He made so much of it. Yes, you are right; it was grass. And He made the grass to grow up and go to seed, that the seed might be scattered over the earth and grass grow up in the bare places. Next He made vegetables, bearing seed, and after that fruit trees and bushes, then shade trees, to make the earth beautiful.

When our Father had finished this He saw that it was good, and it pleased Him and He said again, "All these seeds and plants and trees are for the use of man."

THINK OF THIS—If God gave us the seed and the plants and the trees in the earthly gardens, He has also put seeds into the garden of our hearts. These seeds are named Love, Trust, Faith and Hope. If we are careful to obey God's words, the Love and Trust and Faith and Hope seeds will grow up into a beautiful boy or girl with a shiny face and a singing voice and a happy heart. How shall we begin taking care of our garden within?