

earthly homes all day, and every day. His presence will bless every home if the fathers and mothers and children will follow him as gladly as these men did. We may follow him now by obeying his words.

**NATURE WORK.** Tell stories of bees and locusts, and talk of their habits.

**ART WORK.** Show pictures of bees and locusts, and whenever possible show something from the masters which may illustrate a point or description, but always show the best.

**HAND WORK.** In the kindergarten let the work be in the sand table. The river Jordan may be marked by drawing the finger irregularly through the sand.

Outline the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, then make a wilderness of cedar and fir twigs, pine cones, and rocks.

The **TRANSITION CLASS** will write the words of the Golden Text on the card, and bring it to show to their kindergarten next Sunday. They may use a colored pencil and choose the color they think beautiful.

**SCIENCE AT HOME WITH MOTHER.** There may be talks about bees, honey, hives, and comb or honey cells.

These bees in the wilderness did not have pretty little wooden houses all painted, and they were not owned by men; for their house was God's great, beautiful "out of doors," and their hives were the trees and rocks. The winds and storms and sunshine painted these hives beautiful shades of green and gray and other colors.

Curious facts about bees and locusts may be found not only in school books and natural history books, but in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, vol. iii, pp. 484-503; vol. iv, pp. 765-767. These two insects will furnish nature topics enough for one week. It is said that Cicero and Pliny record that Aristomachus devoted sixty years to the study of bees.

#### LESSON IV. (January 26.)

#### THE EARLY MINISTRY OF JESUS. Luke 4. 14-22.

**GOLDEN TEXT.** "His word was with power" (Luke 4. 32).

#### Primary Notes.



[Show a picture of a church; if possible, your own.] How many know what this is? What is it for? Who go here to worship God? When do you go? Do you think it is all right to go to church when you feel like it, and stay at home when you wish?

I have heard people say, "We never go to church

while we are on a vacation; we go away to rest, so we sit on the piazza, or take a walk, or lie in a hammock instead." What do you think of such a plan? Can you tell me any good reason why we should go to church whenever it is possible? I know a good many, but the one I want to give you to-day is, that Jesus taught us by his example that it was right to go to church on Sunday. You know part of his work on earth was to teach us how to live, by example, and this lesson about churchgoing was among the first lessons he taught.

After Jesus was baptized [review here if desired] he spent nearly six weeks in a desert, where Satan tempted him sorely. Do you suppose he yielded to the temptation? No; he was tempted that he might know just how we feel when tempted, and to show us how to be strong to say "no," and how to send Satan away. You might think after six such hard weeks he would come back among his friends tired and weak, but the Bible says—[read Luke 4. 14]. You remember how the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus [uncover picture of a dove]; and now this Spirit made him strong and full of power. He must have done and said wonderful things, for we read that all "round about" the people were talking of him; and when he taught in the synagogues or churches he was glorified or praised of all.

After you have been away from home a good while, where do you like to go? Jesus wanted to go home. Where was his home? I want you to listen very carefully while I read you a verse in our lesson [verse 10]. Did you notice where Jesus went? Do you think it was the first time he ever had been to the synagogue on the Sabbath? O, no; the Bible says it was his "custom" to go; that means he went every Sunday. [Now tell how it was customary for teachers to take part in the service, and how Jesus took the book and what he read.]

This was the first time Jesus had told the people plainly who he was; that he was the Messiah for whom they were watching. Though they said, "Isn't this Joseph's son," they could not help being moved by what he said, and our lesson says—[verse 22]. Yet in spite of this they became angry; hear what they did—[verses 29, 30]. Because he was God they could not hurt him till his time came; so, passing right through the angry crowd, he left Nazareth and went to Capernaum [point out on the map], and taught there on the Sabbaths. Here, as before, the people wondered at his teaching; they were astonished, and "His word was with power." [Print.] Why did they have power? Because he spoke with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Don't you wish you could have heard him speak? Is there any way we can still hear his words? [Draw a book around the dove.] In the Bible we still have his words, and they have never