

leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whithersoever thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part me and thee." When Naomi saw that she had fully made up her mind to go with her, she did not say any more about it, but let Ruth go along with her, and they got to Bethlehem in the beginning of the barley harvest. (Make a road on the board between Bethlehem and the land of Moab; cut out three small pieces of paper (perhaps red) for Naomi, Ruth and Orpah. As you describe them leaving Moab, pin them on the road, and then when you come to the parting scene, move them to the place you think suitable for that (perhaps not very far along the road). As you speak of Orpah going back, move one piece of paper back, and let the others stay where they were, until you speak of Naomi and Ruth going on together, then bring them along the road to Bethlehem.)

VI. APPLICATION. In this beautiful story we see the two ways that lay before Ruth, the one back to the land of the Moabites, and where idols were worshipped, and the other to Bethlehem, where the true God was worshipped. What made her choose the way to Bethlehem? Because she loved Naomi, and it was the way she was going and she thought it was the right way. Living with her all these years she had seen that the way that Naomi had lived was different from the way the Moabites lived, so knew that Naomi's God was better than their gods. It did not seem the easiest way to choose, for Naomi

told her she was poor and sorrowful, but love made it easy. When we hear about the rest of the story, we find that God rewarded Ruth for choosing this way, by giving her kind friends, and making every thing right for her, and her mother-in-law to live very happily afterwards. We too have to choose between two ways. One is God's way, and the other is Satan's. (Draw two paths on the board, and write "God's way" in one, and "Satan's way" in another). Which



should we choose? Satan's way? Oh! no, we don't love Satan, and his way leads to unhappiness. God's way is the one for us to choose. Why should we choose it? Because we love God, and it is His way, and if it is His way it must be the right way. Is it always the easiest way? Not always, but love makes it easy. What does it mean to choose God's way? It means to love God with all your heart, and because you love Him, to do joyfully what he wants you to do. This way leads to heaven. If we choose it, it will bring us by and by, always to live happily with Jesus. Which way will you choose?

LESSON IV—October 27th, 1895.

The Child Samuel. I SAM. 3: 1-13.

- I. GOLDEN TEXT: "Speak Lord; for thy servant heareth." 1 Sam. 3: 9.
- II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: Listening to God's voice.
- III. REVIEW: Tell the names of some of the people in last day's lesson. Who was Naomi? Who was Ruth? Why did Ruth choose to go with Naomi? What two ways are there for us to choose? Which one should we choose? Why? Which one have you been walking in last week?
- IV. INTERVENING EVENTS: Hannah, the wife of Elkanah, desiring a son, prayed unto God for one, and made a vow that if He would grant her request, she would consecrate him to His service. God did grant her request, and when her son was born she called him Samuel, which means "asked of God." When he was two or three years old, his mother took him as an offering to the tabernacle at Shiloh. There she presented him to