

tions. Once more he is sent back to his work, and is specially instructed to appoint Elisha to be prophet in his place.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS :

1. We are going to have for our lesson to-day, one, two, three, stories. As we say this, write on the black-board the figures 1, 2, 3. This would appeal to the love of story characteristic in the child.

2. Tell, in part, the story of the Twenty-third Psalm, specially emphasizing the words "He restoreth my soul." Make for the first story (as suggested in the cut) the sheep fold, a paper crook, to stand for the shepherd, and the hills. Have a small piece of paper to represent a lamb. Tell of the shepherd standing at the door, and counting the sheep, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, but one is missing. It is this lamb. It has wandered far away from the shepherd, and the fold. It is missed by the shepherd, and although it is night, he hurries away, and looks for it.

3. Have the children repeat the following verse:—

"Lord, Thou hast here thy ninety and nine,
Are they not enough for Thee?
But said the Shepherd, "This of mine
Has wandered away from me,
And, although the road be rough and steep,
I go to the desert to find my sheep."

4. Tell how the shepherd kept on searching till he found it. Make the story as graphic as possible. Tell of the bringing back of the lost lamb, and repeat the following verse:—

But all through the mountains, thunder
riven,

And up from the rocky steep,
There arose a glad cry to the gate of Heaven,
"Rejoice I have found my sheep."

And the angels echoed around the throne,
"Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own."

5. Tell the story of Elijah's flight :

- (a) The distress of the prophet.
- (b) The run to Jezreel.
- (c) Jezebel's threat.

(d) Elijah's fear and flight.

(e) The Juniper tree.

(f) The angel's visit.

(g) The food.

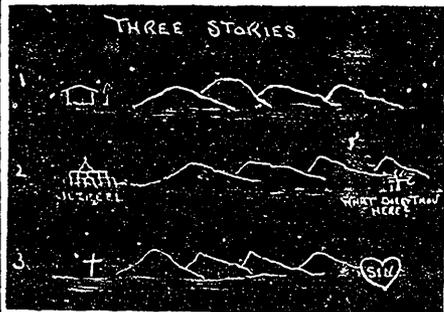
(h) The second visit.

(i) Searching for God.

(j) The still, small voice.

(k) God again speaks to Elijah.

6. Another story. Tell the story of a boy who having done something wrong got away, away off from God. How did he get back again? Suppose you or I ever did anything wrong, how will we get back to the happy place again? Now the teacher can use the two illustrations in pictures No. 1 and No. 2, and apply this beautiful lesson with great force to the child's life. "He restoreth my Soul." No matter how far we go away from the Saviour, he is searching for us. Sending his angel for us. Coming himself to bring us back, for the Lord is my Shepherd.



7. We have friends seen and unseen. Those we see love us, and will do much for us, but let us remember that the angels are near at hand, and that Jesus is really our shepherd. Though we cannot see him, he is seeking as the shepherd for the lamb, and as God did for Elijah, to bring us back to himself.

8. No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

