

THE CHILDREN'S RECORD.

Aug. 27. PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA.

Les., Acts 26 : 19-32 Gol. Text. 1 Cor. 1-24.
Mem. vs. 22-23 Catechism Q. 76-77.

HOME READINGS

M. Acts 25 : 1-12. Paul's Appeal to Cæsar.
T. Acts 25 : 13-27. Festus and Agrippa.
W. Acts 26 : 1-18. Paul Before Agrippa.
Th. Acts 26 ; 19-32. Paul Vindicated.
F. Acts 9 : 19-30. Paul's Early Ministry.
S. Luke 24 : 1-35. Christ Risen Indeed.
S. Luke 24 : 36-53. The Promise of the Father.

Paul was kept a prisoner at Cæsarea for two years. The Jews renewed their charges against him before Festus, the successor of Felix, but no crime was found against him. When Festus proposed to transfer the case to Jerusalem, Paul protested against this, and appealed to Cæsar. Herod Agrippa II., king of Chalcis, with his sister Bernice, visited Festus, a few days after, and Paul made the defence before him, a part of which is the subject of this lesson.

How long was Paul held a prisoner at Cæsarea? What new trial was given him? What did he say in defence? What did Festus propose? Who now visited Cæsarea? What account did Festus give Agrippa? What took place the next day? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

1. *Paul and his Preaching*, vs. 19-23.—Before whom was Paul now speaking? What account did he give of his early life? Of his persecuting the disciples? Of his conversion? For what purpose did Jesus appear to him? What did Paul do? Where did he preach? What duties did he urge? Why did the Jews seek to kill him? From whom had he obtained help? To what had he borne testimony? What had the prophets said of Christ? What had they foretold about the Gentiles?

2. *Paul and Festus*, vs. 24-26.—What did Festus say to Paul? What did Paul reply? Who of those present knew the truth of what he said about Jesus? Why could not these things be hid from him?

3. *Paul and Agrippa*, vs. 27-32.—What appeal did Paul make to Agrippa? What did Agrippa reply? What did Paul then say? What followed this defence? What was Agrippa's decision about him?

1. The Old Testament bears witness to the truth of the New.

2. Christ crucified is the great theme of the gospel.

3. One may believe the truth, and yet wholly reject it.

4. We may be very near the kingdom, and yet never get into it.

Sept. 3. PAUL SHIPWRECKED.

Les., Acts 27 : 30-44. Gol. Text. Ps. 46-1
Mem. vs. 42-44. Catechism, Q. 78.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 27 : 1-26. Paul's voyage.
T. Acts 27 : 27-44. Paul Shipwrecked.
W. Matt. 14 : 22-36. Christ in the Storm.
Th. Mark 4 : 35-41. Christ Stilling the Storm.
F. Psalm 89 : 1-6. The Ruler of the Storm.
S. Psalm 93 : 1-5. Mightier than the Waves.
S. Psalm 107 : 21-35. The Storm a Calm.

Soon after his defence before Agrippa, Paul, with other prisoners, was put in charge of Julius, a centurion of the Augustan cohort, and sent to Rome. The voyage and shipwreck are described in the chapter of which our lesson passage is a part. Study carefully the entire chapter.

What followed Paul's defence before Agrippa? At what places did they touch? What happened after they sailed from Crete? What cheering words did Paul speak? How did he know this? What did they find out on the fourteenth night? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

1. *The Apostle's Help*, vs. 30-38.—What were the sailors about to do? What did Paul say to the centurion and soldiers? How were the sailors prevented from leaving the ship? What did Paul do at daybreak? How long had they been without their regular meals? What promise did Paul give? What example did he set? What did he do before eating? What effect had Paul's words and example? How many were there in the ship? What did they do after their meal?

2. *The Wreck of the ship*, vs. 39-41.—What did they see at daybreak? What did they undertake to do? How? What was the result?

3. *The Escape of All on Board*, vs. 42-44.—What did the soldiers advise? Why did they give this advice? Why were the prisoners saved? How many persons escaped to land? How?

1. Confidence in God gives peace in danger.
2. While we trust in God, we should work with all our powers.

3. Though we trust and work, our salvation is of God.

4. We should always take time to thank God for our food and all our mercies.

5. All Christ's people shall reach heaven : not one shall be lost.—*Westminster Q. Book.*

Hide me, O my Saviour hide,
Till the storm of life is passed,
Safe into the heaven guide,
O receive my soul at last—