

lullaby to the bulbs, grasses, and flowers, giving to them winter sleep. The voice of nature in the song of the rain is very beautiful. All life forces, even in the trees, the sap of which has been busy all the spring and the summer days and nights, is going to rest in a long nap, and after waking can do better work, just as boys and girls are freshened and strengthened by sleep. The night of the seasons is winter, and when the morning of spring comes the vines, grasses, and trees will be stronger to keep on growing and doing their work. Is not this like the life and sleep and growth of children?

ART WORK. Show a picture of a knight in armor. The picture of the knights in the *Mother Playbook* may be used. Let the children name objects in the picture. The small children of the kindergarten may illustrate this lesson about the armor and the knights by working with the gifts and occupations according to either the dictation of the teacher or by invention.

The **TRANSITION CLASS** may find here stories of those who had truth, righteousness, peace, faith, prayer, as their armor. They may choose knights from the texts given, or any others, and write some parts of the story which they read, or at least the name of the knight and the place where the story is found. Noah wore the shield when he did as God told him, and this story you will find in Gen. 7. 1-10. Moses had the breastplate of righteousness, or rightdoing, and you find this story in Exod. 16. 4-31. A wonder story is found in Josh. 4. 1-24. Twelve stones made a monument to truth, which guided Joshua.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH THE MOTHER. Talk of the use and the beauty of this armor in the home.

LESSON IX. (November 28.)

SALUTARY WARNINGS. 1 Peter 4. 1-8.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." 1 Peter 4. 7.

Primary Notes.



"Please, teacher, may I have all I want?" asked a poor little boy of the deaconess, as he sat down to the picnic lunch. "Yes, indeed, Johnny," said the deaconess heartily, and for the first time in his life, perhaps, Johnny had all he wanted to eat, and knew what it was to have an overflowing cup! This is what the cup running over means—plenty of it. And you see what we need plenty of—LOVE. Even a little love sweetens life, and what do you think a

plenty of it would do? We may each one have plenty if we will take it. There is but one place where we can get it, and that is at the feet of the loving Jesus, the Lord of love.

Introductory. Paul was not the only apostle who wrote letters to the Christians. Our lesson to-day is taken from a letter written by Peter to strangers living in different countries. He wrote two such letters, and they are in the Bible. [Call on some one to find the part of the Bible in which these are found. If children know that they will now and then be called upon to locate the lesson, it will lead them to notice more carefully.]

A Letter to us. This letter was written to all who should ever read or hear it as long as the earth shall stand. So of course it was written to us. God thought about us when he gave Peter these words to say. God thinks about the children, and he wants them to learn all they can while they are little about him and his work. When you get a letter from some one you love, you want to know all that is in it, do you not? This is God's letter to you, written by his servant Peter. Let us see what it teaches us:

Some one asked a little girl three years old what she found to do to keep her busy. "O, I run and play, and say my prayers," said the little one. There is more for children to do than just to run and play. Peter says, "Watch unto prayer." What does he mean? We must pray to God to make us good, and to keep us from sin, and then we must watch ourselves to see that we do not hinder God from doing as we ask! When Grace prayed to Jesus to help to remember to mind mamma all day, and then ran away the first time she had a chance, she hindered God from answering her prayer. Don't you see she did not watch as well as pray? [Have children read the first line as you point to words and pictures on the board—"Little children, watch and pray."]

What is this? Maybe you do not know that it is something we read of in the Bible. It is not strange that you call it a road, and a path, but the Bible calls it a "way," the "narrow way." Whose way do you think it is? Yes, it is the way for the friends of Jesus to walk in. It is not wide enough for evil ways and words or even thoughts, to come in. It is the narrow, beautiful way of love in which Jesus walked, and everyone who walks in that way walks with Jesus. It does not always look like the pleasant way, and that is because the bad spirit keeps our eyes shut to its real beauty.

Dick was a Christian boy and his cousin Fred was not. Fred came to visit Dick, and he told him so many things he was allowed to do, which Dick never did, that he began to think he had but little pleasure in life. One day Fred bought a