

LESSON VI.—February 6th, 1898.

OUR FATHER'S CARE. MATT. 6: 24-34.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "He careth for you."

1. Peter 5: 7.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: Jesus Christ, God's Son, is our Saviour.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: How to trust.

IV. REVIEW:

1. Who asked Jesus to teach them how to pray?

2. Did Jesus ever pray? Where?

3. What prayer did He teach his disciples?

4. Repeat the Lord's prayer.

V. SYNOPSIS:

The whole lesson points to the Golden Text which is well chosen. He careth for you.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON:

1. Begin the lesson by calling attention to two kings or two masters. For the sake of gaining and keeping attention, hold in the hand two crowns.

Who are the two Masters of the world? God and Satan. Who cares the most for us, God or Satan? Teach here God's love for us; how that Satan only wants us to serve him by doing wrong. It is God who cares for us.

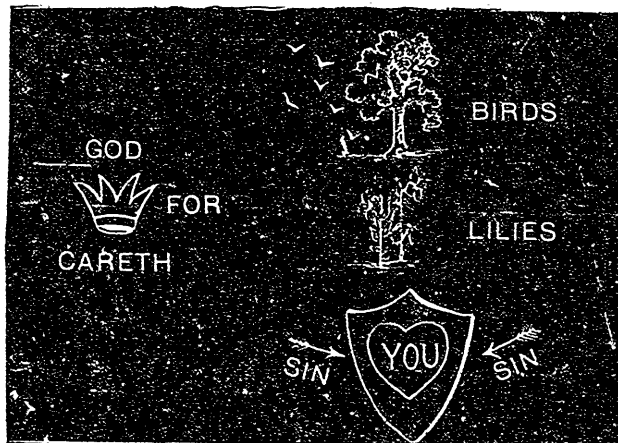
2. Here teach the Golden Text.

3. Who takes care of the birds? Who feeds, and clothes them, God or Satan? Who makes the flowers grow and the lilies so beautiful, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these, God or Satan? Change the word He in the Golden Text and make it read God careth for you. As you speak of the birds and lilies show some pictures of these and pin them to the black board.

4. Teach that if God cares for, feeds, clothes, and keeps warm, the birds and

the lilies, how much more will he care for us.

5. But more than this, when Satan wants to be our Master, and comes with his arrows of sin, then too God will take care of us. Draw a heart and write the word YOU inside of it, and rehearse the Golden Text. Now draw some arrows, and show how Satan tries to send them into our hearts. Have prepared beforehand, a paper shield, and when the proper time comes, cover over the heart with the shield and show how impossible it is for Satan's



Our lesson to-day is still a continuation of our Lord's teachings in the Sermon of the Mount.

Following the teaching on prayer, he speaks to them concerning fasting, and leads on to the subject of earthly possessions.

He wants to teach us absolute trust in Himself. He shows that no man can serve two masters, bid us to take no anxious care, and illustrates the thought by calling attention to the fowls of the air and the lilies of the field.