

time); and the darkness? (Night). Can you tell me some of the things you do in the daytime? Play, work, mother sews, father ploughs in the field, or works in the shop, or attends to whatever business he has; the children go to school. We do so many things by the light of day. Then when night comes we go to rest. Our Father in heaven knows that we need to rest as well as to work; so He made the beautiful nighttime, when work and play stop long enough for us to sleep and rest.

How thoughtful and wise our Father was to make things just right for us! The light and the darkness, the earth and the seas, the fishes, birds, and beasts, the plants and trees and flowers, the image of man like Himself and the beautiful soul that He gives to every one. Could any person you have ever seen do such wonderful things?

LESSON STORY—On the first day of all, our Father made the light, and He divided the light from the darkness, calling the light "day" and the darkness "night." Did you know that God Himself had given us the names, day and night? On the second day He made the beautiful blue sky that stretches over people all over the whole earth, and He called this "sky," and the great wide place beyond it "heaven."

Then God said, "In this wide sky I will set lights to rule the day and the night. The brighter light shall rule the day and it shall be called the sun; and the lesser light shall rule the night and it shall be called the moon; and with the moon I will put the stars to twinkle in the sky." Then God made the sun and the moon to help to show summer and winter and fall and spring: to make some days warm and sunshiny and bright, some days cold and snowy, some still and clear, others windy and cloudy. The next time we feel cross over a rainy day, remember our Father makes all the weather. So it must be the right, kind, even if all days are not bright enough to play outdoors. It makes the sunny days brighter, because it rains now and then. And the beautiful snow that helps to keep the wheat warm and to remind us of our Father as it comes down so pure and white. All these things started from the

fourth day, when our Father made the sun, moon and stars.

THINK OF THIS—

"God our Father made the night
Made the moon and stars so bright,
All the clouds so far away,
The shining sun and golden day."

LESSON VII.

GOD'S CARING FOR THE BABY MOSES, Exodus 2: 1-10.

Golden Text: *He careth for you*, 1 Pet. 5: 7.

God having created man, did not cease to care for him. The three present lessons deal with three distinct phases of life, all under the personal care of God. First, a baby, helpless, endangered—cared for by the Father of us all. Second, a man, alone, hungry, in a wilderness, cared for by the same loving Father. Third, a nation wandering without food, helpless as the baby or the man, the great nation fed by the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Truly, "He careth for you."

CENTRAL TRUTH—The best use of strength is in helping the weak.

POINT OF DEPARTURE—A child's interest in the baby at home.

SPIRITUAL RESULT DESIRED—A joyful sense of God's care for each child, however small—for me, for you; a ready disposition to help in the care of the baby at home.

APPROACH—What does your baby at home lie in when mother puts him down to rest or sleep? A crib or a cradle, or a little bed of his own. Is it as large as mother's bed? No, the baby would be lost in such a big place, wouldn't he? I want to tell you to-day of a strange bed a mother made for her little baby, and of a stranger place still where she put the bed.

LESSON STORY—Long ago there was a beautiful baby born into a Hebrew family. The cruel king of that country had said, "If any little Hebrew boys are born in my country I will not have them here, but I will get rid of them." So when this baby came, his mother said, "We must not let the king find our little son, or surely he will kill him." So the mother hid him away for three months, where the king could not find him.

At the end of this time she said to his sister, "We cannot hide the baby any longer,