

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. The Bible has the best and all needed help for you in this lesson. You might read *Myths and Myth-makers*, by Mr. John Fiske, but these things have no place in our Sunday school work. Verities are better than fairy tales, and the teacher who tried to teach the lesson of the Good Samaritan by telling first of a good fairy and a bad fairy, and likening the Levite and the Samaritan to these, made a mistake. The Bible illustrates itself. The grandeur of its child-lore is its very simplicity, and it is unscientific, unnecessary, and irreverent to try to lead up to its sublime heights through an ordinary tale which is not related to the topic. A study of the relationships and proper recognition of the principles of pedagogy is a necessity in the primary department. So the better way to begin the lesson of to-day is to be very brief with the

ATTENTION STORY.

Elijah had been at the brook and on the mountain, and to-day we will see what happened to him in the wilderness. He was sad and very, very tired—so tired that he laid himself on the ground under a tree and went to sleep. It was a juniper tree, which is like a bush, but taller, and has a sweet smell. While Elijah was lying under the tree something beautiful happened. [Read 1 Kings 19, 4-8.]

NATURE WORK. For nature topics this lesson has the wilderness, tree, and coals, following the mountains and the brook of the two previous lessons. Connect the nature thought with the continued care God had over Elijah. First, the ravens fed him, then a woman, and now an angel. God knew Elijah needed strength for the journey. Call attention to the great weariness of Elijah. He ate and then went right to sleep again, but a second time the angel awakened him and gave him food, and then he was so rested and refreshed that he took a long journey without food, and went to another mountain. The topics sleep and physical exercise are fruitful. In Whitney's *Handbook of Bible Geography* the teacher will find an interesting account of Mount Horeb (Sinai), to which Elijah journeyed. Perhaps God's angels watch us and help us sometimes. When Jesus was in the garden that night after the supper, while he was sad, the book says, "There appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him" (Luke 22, 43). Our Golden Text tells us that God's angels guard us.

HAND WORK. The small children may outline a picture of a tree or of a cup (cruse), and tell them about the tree and of what the angel had for Elijah.

The TRANSITION CLASS may write the Golden Text.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH THE MOTHER. Tell of the need of some one to administer to others by preparing food.

Mother is the angel of ministry in the home. A good book to read about angelic ministry in the home is *Blessed be Drudgery*, by George Ganneth.

LESSON V. (July 31.)

NABOTH'S VINEYARD. 1 Kings 21, 4-16.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house." Exod. 20, 17.

Primary Notes.



Arthur lived in a fine, large house on a beautiful street, and little Joe lived in a small house in a narrow street, just back of Arthur's home. One day Joe found a beautiful new ball in his back yard. He knew well enough that it was Arthur's ball, but he did not want to give it back to him. "I haven't any ball," he said, "and he has so many things he'll never miss a ball?" "But it does not belong to you, Joe," said his mother, "and so you do not want it, of course!" Then she told her little boy the true story of Naboth's vineyard, and showed him that it is just as mean for a poor boy to covet a rich boy's things as for a rich king to want something that belonged to one of his subjects. "Mamma," said Joe, when she had finished the story, "isn't it queer how the Bible stories help a fellow to see what is right?" "That is because they are the word of God!" said mamma, reverently.

About coveting. To want what is not ours is to covet. God knew that we would want many things that do not belong to us, and so he made a command that we should not covet. How many commandments are there? Which one tells us not to covet? A part of this command is given in our Golden Text. Who can say it? In what book do we find this? Yes, in the Bible. Who can tell in which part of the Bible? [Let some child find the book of the Bible in which it is written, and another the chapter and verse. This is a good time for a short drill on the commandments.] This lesson tells how a king coveted something which was not his own. Perhaps you think that if you were rich and great, you would have all you wanted, and would never covet. But it would not be so unless you had the kind of a heart that Jesus gives to his children. The natural heart is selfish and wants its own way and its