

of special interest to them, and you will see that they recall previous teachings you have given them illustrative of God's care of his wonderful works.

**ART WORK.** Ask each child to bring to you a picture of some created thing and tell you what he knows about it.

**HAND WORK.** The different groups of children may imitate with the gifts and occupations some things which have been created. In drawing, paper-folding, or paper-cutting they may outline the moon, animals, etc.

The **TRANSITION CLASS** may write one of the Bible verses of this lesson with colored pencil.

**SCIENCE AT HOME WITH THE MOTHER.** Talk of the wonderful creations of heaven, earth, and sea. They do their work well. Read in connection the verses in Gen. 1, which tell us what were created in the six periods.

### LESSON XI. (December 12.)

#### PAUL'S LAST WORDS. 2 Tim. 4. 1-8, 16-18.

**GOLDEN TEXT.** "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4. 7.

#### Primary Notes.



When Willard was a small boy his mother read a book to him called *The Heroes*. It was all about men who were very brave and did not fear any danger so long as they were doing right. One day Willard

said, "When I am a big man I want to have a sword and a gun and go all round the world making bad folks be good." "You know Paul carried a sword," said his mother. "Did he?" said Willard, eagerly. "Was it a real sword, that could cut?" "Yes, and it was the best kind of sword in the world! It was the kind that I hope you will carry. It was the word of God!"

**Paul in Rome.** [Let some one find the city in which Paul was staying, on the map.] How long did he stay there the first time? Yes, two years. Do you know what he spent his time doing? Surely you remember how the brave, good man, chained to a soldier, yet preached Jesus to all who came to see him. Some people would have been too sad and discouraged to try to work for Jesus if they had been in prison, but Paul was not. He had a strong, brave heart, full of love for Jesus, and nothing could make him afraid or ashamed.

Now Paul was in Rome for the second time, and he felt sure that he would soon have to lay

down his life for Jesus's sake. The wicked emperor Nero had killed many Christians, and Paul did not hope to escape. He was in a lonely prison now, and was not allowed to see any of his dear friends. He wrote a letter to Timothy at this time, which is in the Bible. Can some one tell in which part of the Bible to look for this letter? [Some child might come forward and try to find it.]

**Paul Thinking about Others.** What did Paul write the Philippians about looking "on the things of others?" In this letter Paul thinks of the people to whom Timothy may preach, and he tells him how to do it in a way to help them the most. He tells Timothy to preach the Gospel every chance he has, and to try in every way to show the people that they are sinners and need a Saviour. O, how Paul's great heart of love did go out to all the world! Even when he was in great trouble, shut up in prison, and expecting that when he came out it would be to die, he could think of others and plan how to help them. The heart that has Jesus living in it can do this, but the selfish heart cannot put self last.

**Paul's Last Words.** [Print on the board in large letters, "I am ready."] What was he ready for? His work was all done, and he was ready to go and be with Jesus! He had fought for Jesus, not with such weapons as soldiers use in the army, but with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. He had not been afraid or ashamed to tell people what they must do to please God, and he had helped many people to find the way to heaven. He knew that a crown was waiting for him there, and that it would be full of bright stars.

[Show the blackboard.] Where was Paul when he wrote this brave letter? Do you think you could be happy in a prison? Suppose you were fastened with a chain to a big, strong soldier, who never let you out of his sight! The chain would hurt you, and the prison would seem very dark and lonely to you. But Paul had a Friend close by him all the time. The soldier could not see him, but Paul could. Do you know the name of this Friend? Yes, it was Jesus, and Paul knew that he could break the chains just as soon as he pleased. See what Paul says about being delivered and preserved. [Read verse 18.]

**For You.** Do you know there are prison-houses for little children? Yes, and chains, too! Someone more cruel and powerful than Nero is watching out for the dear children, and he means to have them if he can get them! His name is Satan, and he can kill the soul! Nero could only kill the body. See if you can think what some of these prison-houses are, and let us see if there is any way to be saved from them. [Print