

be like Him. Heaven is open to all who go in through the door. (When you got to grandma's house some one had to open the door and let you in.) Jesus died on the cross to open the door of heaven to let us in; then He rose from the dead and went to heaven, and is now preparing a place

there for each little boy and girl here, for everyone who will love Him.

Practical Thought.—Let us be bright and happy and helpful, and show people that we are sure that Jesus is the way to heaven and that we are trying to follow Him.

LESSON V.—April 30, 1899

THE COMFORTER PROMISED, John 14: 15-27

PREVIEW THOUGHT: Christ Jesus saves by His life and death

Golden Text.—"I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter."—John 14: 16.

To-day's Lesson Thought.—Jesus dwells in our hearts by His Holy Spirit.

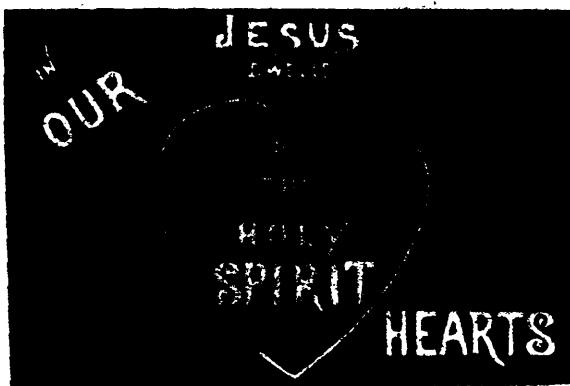
Connection.—Ask the children to raise their right arms and point upward. Where did our blackboard signboard last Sunday point? Recall the lesson. For two Sundays we have heard about Jesus in this upper room in Jerusalem with His disciples. To-day we are going to listen again to Jesus as He still talks with His disciples at the table.

Lesson Story.—Do you sometimes climb up on mother's lap, and put your arms around her neck and say, "Oh, mother, I do love you," and does mother sometimes say, "If you love me you will obey me"? If we love people very much we love to do the things that please them. Jesus said to the disciples, "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments." (Explain.) When mother goes away and leaves you at home sometimes you feel very lonely and sad and you cry, and mother takes you in her arms and kisses you and tells you not to cry, that she will send some one to stay with you till she comes back, some one who will not leave you so you need not be lonely or afraid. Mother comforts you:

Jesus was going back to His home in heaven and He wished to comfort His disciples. He tells them just the same as mother told you. He says: (Golden Text.) They would not be able to see this friend, but he would be in their hearts. (Draw outline of a heart.) They would feel that

He was near to comfort and help at all times.

Would this Comforter come to everybody? (Just to those who love Jesus). Jesus told them that in a little while He was going away (He was going to die on the cross for us); but that those who love Him will see Him again and live with Him forever. (Teacher should study John 16: 5-20). He said the Holy Spirit, whom God would send in His place, would help them to remember all that He had taught them, would help them to love Him more and to understand His great



love for us, and would teach them all they need to know.

Jesus said if people love Him they will obey Him and remember His words and God the Father, and He Himself will love them and will be near them all the time.

Practical Thought.—If we love Jesus very much and ask Him to send the kind, gentle Holy Spirit into our hearts, we may be sure that He will send Him. Without Him in our hearts we can do nothing good.