

us if we need his help, as surely as he stood by Paul that day so long ago.

Paul not alone. Paul stayed all night in the prison, and the next day he was taken before the Jewish council. But the judges soon began to quarrel with one another, and Paul was taken back to the prison. He had a happy night there, for the Lord came and spoke to him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul." Then he said that Paul should go to Rome and be his witness there, and that made Paul glad, for he wanted to speak for Jesus in the grand old city of Rome. How strong and brave it made Paul feel to know that he had such a wise, strong Friend to stand by him! We may have this Friend to stand by us, if we, like Paul, will stand by him!

Paul before his enemies. It was not easy for Paul to "stand up for Jesus" before the great Jewish council that day! It is not always easy for us to let others know that we have taken Jesus for our Master, but we must do it if we want Jesus to stand up for us! [Tell how Paul's judges soon began to quarrel among themselves, and then the Roman captain took Paul back to the prison to keep him safe. Finish the story, telling why and how he was taken to Caesarea to appear before Felix.]

Paul a witness. [Sing the second stanza of "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," and make a word-picture of Paul before Felix, with his angry accusers there to accuse him. Tell that the high priest was there and the elders of the Sanhedrim; they had brought with them a fine speaker to speak against Paul.] They could not see the mighty Friend and Helper who stood by Paul! Do you know who it was? It was the Friend and Helper who will always stand by us, if we will stand by him. When it came Paul's turn to speak it looked as though he was standing alone. How poor and helpless he looked! There were chains on his wrists and on his ankles, and his enemies could not see that he had a powerful Friend and Helper standing right by his side! But he had, and so does any child have who will "stand up for Jesus." Anyone who will tell the truth about Jesus may have him stand at his side, as he stood at Paul's side that day so long ago. A little child can be a witness for Jesus, as truly as Paul was. Have you ever stood up for Jesus?

[Tell how Paul not only stood up for Jesus that day with the scowling Jews looking on, but on another day when Felix and his wife Drusilla asked him to tell them about Jesus. Tell what Felix said to Paul, "Go thy way for this time," etc. Tell how sad a thing it is to send the Spirit of God away from our hearts, and urge children to listen to him now!]

Our lesson. [Show the blackboard.] Who was ready to stand up for Jesus? Yes, Paul, and just as he was ready, so we may be ready if we come to Jesus and let him put his love and strength into our hearts. It is noble to stand up for Jesus, and if we begin while we are young it will grow to be easy.

[Close with singing the last stanza of "Stand up, stand up for Jesus."]



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Paul Before a Governor. Acts 24, 10-14, 16, 22, 24, 25.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee." Isa. 41, 10.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Acts 23, 24. *Paul the Missionary* (Taylor); *Daily Bible Illustrations*, "Acts" (Kitto).

ATTENTION STORY.

The chief captain said that Paul must meet the ministers and the men who had made laws for the people. These men, met together, was called a council. Paul talked with them, and yet many of the people would not be patient, and would not listen to him. The captain was afraid that the crowd would harm him, so he was taken back to the castle. Well, Paul was having a very hard time, and might have been greatly troubled if he had not prayed to God and trusted in him. Our loving heavenly Father watched over him all the time, though, and the night after he had been taken to the castle the Voice spoke to him. He knew that Voice and heard it gladly. You hear it too sometimes, do you not? It said beautiful words to him—these words, "Be of good cheer, Paul." Was it not a comforting message? The Voice said that he was to go to Rome and tell the same story he had been telling in Jerusalem.

The next day some men decided that they would injure Paul, but his nephew went to the castle and told him, so the chief captain said that two hundred soldiers and seventy horsemen, besides other men and beasts, were to take Paul in safety to the governor. They started off on their jour-