Primary and Intermediate.

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LESSON THOUGHT. The King Worshiped. Pin a crown and a scepter to the board. We are going to talk about a King to-day. Pin a large envelope to the board addressed to Timothy, Minister at Ephesus. Say that Paul was no longer a prisoner at Rome. After he was set free, he visited several of the cities in which he had formerly preached, and from one of these cities he wrote to Timothy, who had been left in charge of the Church at Ephesus. Tell who Timothy was, what a friend he had been to Paul, etc. Ask if children want to know what Paul wrote to Timothy. Take down envelope, open it, and read some passages from the lesson-verses 15, 17, 18; also 4 and 5, in chap. 2. Call for Golden Text, and tell that the name of our King is in it; ask what his name is, and let children give some reasons why he should be worshiped. Print, "Eternal, Immortal. Invisible, Only Wise." Tell simply the meaning of these words: "Eternal," King of all ages. Earthly kings die; this King is "Immortal," never dying, never changing, the King over all, for all time. "Invisible," not to be seen with our flesh-eyes, but only with the eyes of the spirit, and "Only Wise," the One from whom all wisdom comes. Does such a King deserve to be worshiped?

Make a cross on the board, or pin one up; ask to whom the crown and scepter belong, and tell that the cross belongs to the same King. Repeat the Golden Text slowly: "Came into the world." Where did Jesus come from? Yes, from heaven, where he was a King, to this earth, where he became a servant. What "To save sinners."



Print "All" in large letters, and talk about the meaning of the little word. Teach that Jesus is King over all, that he died on the cross for all, and that he wants to save all. Then will all be saved? Show that all may be saved if they will. I offer you a book; you may

have it, if you will come and take it. So Jesus offers salvation to every one; those who want it will come and take it.

This opportunity should not be lost to impress the fact that all are sinners-little children, too-and all therefore need salvation. The child who lets Jesus save him from his naughty ways shows that he has taken Jesus as his King. Jesus is our King. Some day we shall have to bow to him. Shall we not now take him for our Saviour-King? Sing, "Come, thou almighty King."

Lesson Word-Pictures.

I do not wonder that he cries "Faithful saying!" I saw him when he was in the distress of conviction. when the burden of ill-desert pressed upon him mountain-like, and he groaned "Chief of sinners!" I saw him when his soul sprang up joyfully in the rebound of forgiveness, and O how true and "faithful" he found in his experience that assurance "that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners!" I saw him when the tempter bent a hideous face down to his ear and seductively whispered that he might perhaps relax his efforts in "godliness and honesty," and take some needed vacation: I saw him when tempted to sleep over his duty to the church and on the rock of Neglect shipwreck his faith; I saw him when in an ugly, heated mood he was tempted to forsake his "quiet and peaceable life," and the flush of revenge colored his face. What would help him in these moments of hot solicitation? Ah, on the shield of that "faithful saying" he caught up these arrows of fire and quenched them all. When other trials come, I expect the same blessed doctrine will shield him then. And when the last enemy shall assault. I doubt not that the smile of victory will be on the believer's face, and stooping to his pallid lips, what wonder if I hear as his last whisper, "Faithful saying! Christ Jesus came into world to save sinners!"

Blackboard.

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EXPLANATION. The cross and spear and scourge symbolize the sufferings of Christ. Dwell on the one point, that the sole purpose of Christ's coming was to save sinners, and close with the question, earnestly asked, " Am I saved now?"

ANOTHER LESSON. Refer to verse 5 of the lesson. Ask. Who is the divine Mediator? Write on the board,

JESUS ONLY.

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LESSON IX. PAUL'S CHARGE TO TIMOTHY.

[May 31.

2 Tim. 3. 14-17; 4. 1-8. [Commit to memory

verses 15-17.]
14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto sal-

vation through faith which is in Christ Je'sus.

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly

furnished unto all good works.

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Je'sus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy min-

istry.
6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my

course, I have kept the faith : 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of right-cousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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