

great rain that lasted forty days and forty nights and covered all the earth with water.

*Review*—Recall (by means of the Review Book) the first sin and the sin of Cain.

*Lesson*—As years went on there were a great many people in the world, but the people were not good. They did not live the good lives God wished them to live, and people became so wicked, that God became sorry that He had made them, and said, "I will destroy everything from off the earth."

*Noah and the Ark*—Outline the usual form of ark, or show one cut from paper or a toy Noah's Ark. Now we are going to hear a story you little people all love to hear, about Noah and the ark. Our story tells us there was one good man and his family who pleased God. His name was Noah. He had three sons, Shem, Ham, Japheth.

God told Noah He meant to destroy everything on the earth, and He told Noah to make an ark (describe it, ch. 6 : 14-16). God told Noah He was going to send a great flood of water to cover the earth and destroy all living creatures except Noah and his family and two of all kinds of animals and living creatures (tell ch. 6 : 17-22).

Here we see Noah and his family and the

animals all going into the ark. (The children will name some of the animals.)

*The Flood*—When all were safely inside the ark, then the rain came pouring down for forty days and forty nights. Here we see the water rising and covering everything (use blackboard)—houses, hills, mountains soon are covered, but here on the water floats safely the ark (use a paper one). Everything died on the earth except Noah, who pleased God, and those with him in the ark.

*Golden Text*—God must punish sin, but He saves those who are faithful to Him. Repeat Golden Text.

Our next story will tell us more about Noah and the ark.

*Our Review Book*—Cut out a paper ARK, and paste it on the page. Blue chalk will represent the water. Pictures of animals pasted around the edge of the page will recall the fact that God planned for the comfort and welfare of Noah and his family, as well as of all the new people to be born into the world. Animals, etc., were needed for food and for use in many ways. So He saved two of every kind of living creature.

*To Think About*—God punishes the wicked.

### FROM THE PLATFORM By Rev. J. M. Duncan, D.D.

## GOD'S SALVATION MAN'S SIN

Print on the blackboard, MAN'S SIN. Bring out, by a series of rapid questions, how great and widespread the sin of mankind had become in the days before the flood. Raise the question of how God could have saved that ancient world from sin. Get the scholars to see that, if men persisted in their sin, despite all the warnings of divine love, the world could be saved only through their destruction. Have the scholars tell you how this destruction was brought about by means of the flood. Now print, GOD'S SALVATION. Emphasize the truth, that God has always been desiring to save men. Question about the way in which He saved Noah and his family, with representatives of all the animal species. Use the salvation in the ark to illustrate the salvation from sin provided in Christ. Make it clear that His salvation is for all, and urge upon each one the responsibility for making that salvation his own.