

NATURE WORK. There is a large field in this "goodly land," but let us talk of our little friend the robin, for he is heard so often during these summer days. He is one of the first birds to come in the spring, and he stays with us as long as he can in the autumn until the cold days send him South.

ART WORK. The robin's nest you may study, for he is a little builder. His house is not as daintily artistic as some birds make, but it is a strong little house.

HAND WORK. The kindergarten children may cut flags of paper, color them, and paste them on sticks. They may draw flags upon their slates.

The TRANSITION CLASS may outline and color the robin upon the lesson card.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH MOTHER. Explain that a hand flowing with milk and honey means a country with pastures for the cattle that give milk, and with flowers full of honey. There are many uses for milk. Talk of some of them, and show that God's goodness never fails, and he provides for us every day. If his loving-kindness is remembered in the homes of our great land, and if we thank him for his wonderful bounty, the children and the older ones in the homes will be peaceful, contented, and happy.

Try to have each child understand that he is part owner in the home, be it ever so humble, and thus promote interest in the details of home life. The children may help the mother in keeping the rooms orderly. A clean little home where each one loves all the others, and where all try to be helpful, is the sweetest place on this earth.

LESSON VIII. (August 25.)

CROSSING THE JORDAN. Josh. 3. 5-17.

GOLDEN TEXT. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee" (Isa. 43. 2).

Primary Notes.



Did you ever go away to visit? What did mamma say before you went? She told you how you were to behave, what you should do and what *not* do, and I am sure she said almost the last thing, "Remember what I have told you." I think Moses felt something as your mamma would feel if you went away without her when he knew the Israelites were going into Canaan, and going without him. Now I am sure you want to know why Moses was not going with them. Once he displeased God, and God said because he did wrong he could not enter Canaan, but he let Moses see the land from a mountain just before he died (Num. 20. 10-12). It was

because Moses knew he could not go with them that he had the review of which we talked last Sunday. After reviewing he went on to tell them what they must do and what they must not do when they reached Canaan. Over and over we read these words: "When ye are come into the land" *do this or don't do that.*

It took a long time to say all that was in his heart, but he told them last not to be afraid, that God would be with them and never forsake them. After Moses had finished God spoke to him and said (Deut. 32. 48-52). [Describe Moses's death and how the Israelites wept for him (Deut. 34.1-8).]

What would they now do for a leader?

Moses chose one for them before he died (Deut. 34. 9)—Joshua, who had been with him in Mount Sinai; Joshua, the brave spy, who brought back the good report; Joshua, the wise man.

God spoke to Joshua after Moses died, and told him to lead the people over Jordan, promising to be with him as he had been with Moses. He told him not to be afraid, because God would be with him "whithersoever he went" (Josh. 1. 1-9). And now there was a great stir among the Israelites, for Joshua told the officers to go through the camp and tell the people to get ready, for in three days they were to go over Jordan and into Canaan. [Try to picture the preparations, and then tell story as found in Josh. 3. While talking uncover picture of Canaan and river.] Why were they not afraid to cross Jordan? Our Golden Text tells. Who said it? What is it? A promise [print]. Whose promise? God's [print]. What does he promise? "I will be with thee" [print]. When? See, I have printed it across the river. Did God keep this promise?

Perhaps you think there are no rivers to cross in our journey to heaven. Well, there are none like Jordan, but there are things for us to do or bear that are as hard for us as crossing the Jordan was for the Israelites. I want to tell you of three things which will surely come to every one who is on the journey to heaven—things we could never get through if we did not have this same promise.

The first is temptation [print]. This comes to everyone, and unless we have Jesus's help we will be overcome by it, just as the Israelites would have been by Jordan if God had not helped them.

I read a story of a boy who went to live at a school. At night when he knelt down to pray the boys made fun of him and threw shoes at him. He was very much tempted to give up praying, but he knew what he ought to do, so one night he turned to these boys and said, "Boys, I am going to say my prayers no matter what you do. You may throw all the shoes and make all the fun you want, but I'm going to keep right on."

Now see how God helped him. Some of the boys began to laugh, and one picked up a shoe. But the biggest fellow said, "Let Percy alone; he is