

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS. THIRD QUARTER.

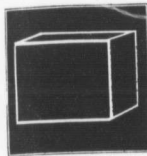
PAUL'S MINISTRY IN CORINTH. Acts
18. 1-11.

LESSON V. (August 1.)

GOLDEN TEXT. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3. 11.

Primary Notes.

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Freddy stood with his papa looking at the great building that was going up on the corner. "How tall it is!" said the little boy; "I should think the wind would blow it over." Then his papa told him about the strong foundation, much of it hidden out of sight, but which held the great building firm when the winds blew and the storms raged. "There are two kinds of houses," said papa; and then he told Freddy that even little children began very early to build their life-houses, and that if they did not lay a good foundation their house would fall down some day. Do you know what he meant? If you do not, will you not ask some one to tell you?

Review. [Make a word picture of Paul preaching on Mars' Hill, and the people standing about, laughing and talking and asking questions. The review talk may bring out the character of the people—fond of talk and of new things—and the more informal and spontaneous it is the better. But this does not imply that such a talk, even though it be of the briefest, does not demand earnest study.]

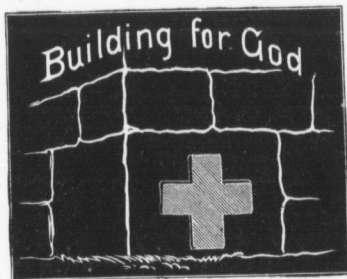
Paul following. When people go traveling in strange countries they need a guide to tell them where to go. The Lord himself was Paul's guide, and he told him just where to go and what to do. Can you think of some of the ways in which he guided him? Now, Paul's guide told him to go to Corinth, a large and very beautiful city about fifty miles from Athens. This was a great place for games and feasts. Once in three years many people came to Corinth from far away to see the games, and there was much sport and wine drinking at these times.

It did not seem as if this could be a good place for Paul, but he was following his guide, and he knew it must be the right place. Have you a guide, and do you follow him? It is the only safe way!

[Fold two or three little paper tents, and show. Tell them that when Paul was a boy he learned to weave the cloth for tents. This was his trade. Every Jewish boy was taught to do some kind of useful work.]

Paul working. Aquila, a Jew, and his wife, Priscilla, were tentmakers. They let Paul come and stay in their little house, and every day they sat and worked together, while Paul talked to them of his dear Master, Jesus Christ. It was not long until they took Jesus for their Master, too. When the Sabbath came Paul went to the synagogue, or church, and there he talked to all who would listen about Jesus. Do you want to know why he wanted the people of Corinth to hear about Jesus? It was because they were building their lives, and he wanted them to build on the right foundation. [Show the blackboard.] It was Paul's work to show them how to build. [Tell some of the trials that Paul had, and show how the Lord came and told him to keep on, and he would stay with him and keep him from harm.]

Building for God. Can you not almost see how badly the Corinthians were building? "Idolary," "Pleasure," "Gluttony," "Drunkennes"—these were some of the stones they were building into their life-houses! Can such houses stand? No, they will be sure to fall down some day because they are not built on the right foundation. What is the right foundation? Yes; we can find it in the Golden Text, and it is true, for it is God's word. [Print "Jesus" into the cross, and in a familiar talk call out from the children the names of stones which we should build into our life-houses, such as "Honesty," "Goodwill," "Love," "Truth," etc. This lesson may be vividly impressed by using the song, "Little Builders," on page 28, *Special Songs and Services*, by Mrs. Kennedy.]



Kindergarten Hints.

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KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Paul in Corinth. Acts 18. 1-5, 7-11.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Be not afraid." Acts 18. 9.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Joshua 1; *New Testament History* (Smith), pages 481-484; *Bible Geography* (Whitney), pages 70, 71; *Oratorio of Elijah* (Mendelssohn), "Be not afraid, thy help is near."