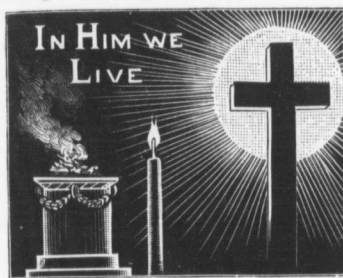


him we could not live at all. [Print the words into the blackboard, and talk a little about what we owe to God. Tell in easy words some other things Paul said, and call attention to the brave little light shining there all alone in the darkness. Paul was not afraid, for God was with him.]

*Lessons for me.* My little light may be kindled at the Great Light just as Paul's was, and I may let it shine just as Paul let his shine. Here is one way in which a little child let her light shine: Jessie has a very hot temper, but since she has learned to love Jesus she stops to count ten when she feels her temper rising. That gives the gentle Spirit time to help her, don't you see? This is one way she lets her light shine. There is a way for every one to let his or her light shine. Can you think of a way for you? You may try. And do not forget—Jesus helps each one who tries!



### Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Paul Preaching in Athens. Acts 17. 22-34.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Whom not having seen, ye love." 1 Peter 1. 8.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, John 14; *The Bible in the World's Education* (Bishop Warren), pages 287-320; *The Biblical World* (published by University of Chicago), February, 1897; *Inductive Studies in the Acts* (Clyde W. Votaw); *Attitudes of Worship in Greece* (A. Fairbanks, Yale University); Oratorio: *Woman of Samaria* (Wm. Sterndale Bennett), "God is a Spirit."

### ATTENTION STORY.

After leaving Berea, Paul went alone to another city named Athens, which was beautiful, and the people living there had read and studied much. They liked pictures and other beautiful things, and made forms of persons which they cut in marble and molded in gold and silver. Paul found that the people prayed to the images which they had made, and he was very sorry for this, because he wanted them to know of the heavenly Father and of his love for them. By and by he came to a little praying place which they had left without an image, but had written above it the words, "To the unknown God." Paul said this is the God he would tell them about, for he is the true God. Then he talked very beautifully to the people and said that

God made the world and everything in it, and he could not live in a temple, nor is he worshiped by touching him; so they should not think that God is made of gold or silver or marble, for he is our Father and we are his children. He knows all about us. This is what he said to them. [Acts 17. 22-34.]

Explain unusual words: "Superstitious," "altar," "ignorantly," "declare," "determined," "habitation."

### OUTLINE.

*Sunday.* Attention Story, Bible lesson, and Golden Text. The latter may be explained clearly to the children, for they know that they love absent, unseen friends.

*Monday.* These people of Athens, like all people, had a thought of God, though they did not know him. The religious instinct is given to everyone who comes into the world, but it must be cultivated and nurtured. Make this clear in simple language.

*Tuesday.* The thought of to-day may be of the Creator of all things: "God made the world and all things therein."

*Wednesday.* Let the unity of the race be the topic, "one blood all nations that dwell on the face of the earth." This is a good reason why we should care for everyone, and be interested to have all people helped and comfortable and good. Tell the children of some wonders of other people, and let some of the older children name the races and colors of men.

*Thursday.* The thought of verse 27, "he is not far from everyone of us," may be made clear and beautiful, causing a feeling of loving fellowship between the children and their unseen Friend. "Though unseen, I love the Saviour," may be the expression of each little child's heart. Once a good man wished that he might know where to find God, and he wrote this wish in touching words because he could not see him. He said that he went forward and backward, on his left hand and his right hand, but he could not see God. Then the man was glad after all that God knew him and the way where he was walking. You may read his words in Job 23. 8-10.

*Friday.* We are his children ("offspring," verse 28). Paul said that was a reason why the people of Athens should remember that they were neither gold nor marble, but would be like their Father and able to love. Their Father was not a stone. The heart is more than eyes, ears, or all the other senses, for here is one life force for this world and the love power which lasts forever.

NATURE WORK. Choose what of "all things therein" (verse 24) you would like to talk about. As there are many thousands of children living and visiting beside the sea these warm days, let us talk of a starfish or a shell or a snail. A starfish is the first animal low in the scale which has an eye. It has five arms, and upon each arm there are four