

will be confusion, both in our study, and our teaching.

The Golden Text would lead us into emphasizing the idea of communion, for this lesson.

Our aim should be, to get the children used to talking to God in secret. God's word abiding in us, is just as much prayer, as our abiding in God. The promise is "if ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you."

Therefore let us teach, that when we read our Bibles, God talks to us, and when we pray, we should get near to Him, just as we would to an earthly father. "Prayer is the tuning of two strings."

1. Have printed on the blackboard before the class assembles the following:—

"To say my prayers, is not to pray,

Unless I mean the words I say,

Unless I think to whom I speak,

And with my heart His favors seek."

2. Take it up line by line.

As an illustration of lines one and two, tell the story of the pharisee's prayer. If this story is not known by the children, it will not be so helpful, as some simpler illustration, from home or church, that will touch the child life.

3. As an additional illustration for line two, tell of the little girl who made up her mind that she would not say anything in her prayer that she really did not mean, and one day got up from her knees without saying anything to God.

4. Keeping line three in mind, have the children repeat, either audibly or perhaps silently, the Lord's Prayer, asking them beforehand, to think only of God, and the prayer. At the close, teach the meaning of praying to our Father in secret.

5. Keeping line four in mind, teach the children the Golden Text.

Our Father knows our hearts, He knows whether there is love in them to Him, or not. Therefore when we pray let us think of Him, and seek His favor.

Note.

The Lord's Prayer should be taught, perhaps as a supplemental lesson, so that the meaning of each part of it, is understood by the children. There are many phrases, and thoughts in it, that are not understood by the children, and another method of teaching this lesson might be, the explaining the meaning of this prayer.

