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**VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON:**

1. Have the Golden Text printed on the blackboard beforehand.

2. Our lesson to-day is about two cities, and two boys. There was a great difference between these two cities, or rather the people who lived in them. Let me draw these two cities for you (make rough sketches on board). The people who lived in this city were called Thessalonians, those who lived in this were called Bereans. Now what is the difference between the people living in these two cities? This we will learn in our—

3. Golden Text. Repeat it together. Our Golden Text is about the Bereans, they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily. Most of the Thessalonians would not receive the word when Paul and Silas brought it to them, but drove them out of their city. The people of Berea were more noble than those of Thessalonica. Let us call the people of Thessalonica proud, for so they were, but let us call the people of Berea humble, for they received the word with all readiness of mind.

4. I want to tell you a story about a boy who thought he was very big and very smart. His father wanted him to go an errand across the city for him and told him that if he would follow certain streets he would not lose his way. But Harold did not pay much attention. He said "I don't want anybody to tell me the way, I know it myself." He was a proud boy, Harold was, we will have to write that word in his heart. Harold lost his way and it was a long time before he found his way home and the errand was undone. When Harold grew older and was leaving home to go to another city to work, his mother gave him a Bible and said "Harold read it, it will guide you through life," but Harold still proud said "I don't want any guide," just as he had said once before. I am afraid Harold may lose his way in the journey of life if he does not take God's word for his guide. He is like the people of Thessalonica. Another boy I know was so different. When Harry was leaving home he promised his mother that he would read his Bible every day, and I am sure if he does, he will not lose his way, but it will be a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path.

5. The Bereans received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily. So should we.

6. God's word is a light, but it cannot shine into unwilling hearts. Its light could not get into the hearts of many people in Thessalonica, for they would not allow it. God's light could not get into Harold's proud heart, for he was not willing to receive it. Let us open our hearts and receive the word readily, and if we can help it, never allow a day to pass without learning something more from it.

NOTE.—As you tell of the light not shining into the Thessalonians, or into Harold's heart, with a dark colored piece of chalk draw a sort of a cloud around each.

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## **LESSON IV—July 25th, 1897.**

### **Paul Preaching in Athens. ACTS 17: 22-34.**

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4: 24.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: God's word giveth light.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: God's word teaches us HOW TO WORSHIP.

**IV. REVIEW:**

1. What was last Sunday's Golden Text?
2. What is the meaning of Scriptures?
3. What is the meaning of readiness of mind?
4. How often should we read our Bible?

V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON: Leaving Silas and Timothy at Berea and Thessalonica, Paul went to Athens alone. Athens was the centre of the literary and artistic world at that time,