

a flower or a stalk of grass with seeds upon its top, some fruit or vegetable, and examine its parts. The promise of God that seed-time and harvest shall not cease (Gen. 8, 22) has come true again. Review some of the thoughts about springtime and seed sowing as connected with this early summer harvest. Lead to the great truth that what we sow we shall reap in kind. Another lesson is, that the bringing forth is always multiplied. If goodness and truth are planted in lives, and if the love that "never faileth" is in the heart, a great harvest of gentle words and kindly deeds will be a harvest.

ART WORK. Get a print of Raphael's "Charge to Peter," and let the children see the face of Jesus full of love. Tell them the little story of the talk with Peter when Jesus said to him, "Lovest thou me more than these?" meaning all other things. So he says to each little child now, "Do you love me? Will you love me?" Teach the little ones how they may have toward him the love that "never faileth."

HAND WORK. Let the small children make the word "Love" with sticks and rings.

The **TRANSITION CLASS** may write the words of the last verse (13) of the lesson.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH THE MOTHER. Talk of the love that "beareth all things" in the home when little things, and things great also, go wrong and disappoint us. Love keeps the spirit sweet and the smile bright. Love gives willing service and is obedient to father and mother. An old song says:

"There is beauty all around,
When there's love at home;
There is joy in every sound,
When there's love at home."

The dear home place becomes dearer as the days and years pass, and to the children we may cause this sacred spot to have associations which will hallow all the life after childhood is passed. Lead the trusting little ones to the thought of a loving Father whose children live in this big and busy world. Though there are so many of us, we may help each other, and give service of good deeds which are the harvest of the seeds of his love planted in our hearts, the love that "never faileth."

LESSON IX. (August 29.)

PAUL OPPOSED AT EPHESUS. Acts 19, 21-34.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Take heed, and beware of covetousness." Luke 12, 15.

Primary Notes.



[Show an idol or image of some kind. If a map is available by which you can show how large a part of the earth is still given up to idol worship, do so by all means. Talk about idols. Show how easily they can be destroyed.

Ask what God says about them, and drill on the first and second commandments.]

Are these the only kind of idols people serve? Tell that some serve this kind [show a few coins], and show that people who care more about money than about pleasing God are making an idol of it. Which do you think is worse, to worship this idol or this money?

Paul was in the city of Ephesus now. The finest idol temple in the world was in Ephesus, built of white marble with green marble pillars all around it. This temple was built for the worship of the goddess Diana. The priests of Diana pretended that the idol by that name came down from heaven! How silly the people were to believe this! A great many came from all countries to worship Diana, and to share in the great feasts which were held in her honor. It was a common thing to carry home little silver images of the goddess to the children. These little idols stood in small silver shrines made to look like the temple. Of course the children were glad to get these pretty playthings, and very likely begged their friends to bring them from Ephesus. You like to have something brought you from a big city, do you not?

Now, would you think these playthings would make trouble for Paul? But they did. A man named Demetrius had grown rich making and selling these shrines, and after Paul had been preaching in Ephesus awhile he found that the people were not buying so many as they had before. Do you know why? Paul had been teaching the people how wrong it was to worship idols, and many of them had turned to the true God. This made Demetrius angry, and he thought he would stop Paul from preaching. What idol do you think Demetrius worshiped? He loved money, and he did not stop to ask whether Paul preached the truth or not. He wanted to stop his preaching for the sake of a little money.

[Describe the noisy meeting which was held by the silversmiths who were called together by Demetrius.] Most of the people did not know what they were crying out about, but they just stood and shouted, and would not listen to anything that was said. They behaved like a lot of naughty, angry children.

What could Paul do? His friends would not let him go and speak to the foolish people, for they knew that it would do no good. The Lord kept them from doing him or his friends any harm, and as soon as he could after this uproar Paul went away, for it was dangerous to stay longer.

CHOOSING. Do you know any play in which you have to choose? You know, too, what it is to choose in earnest, do you not? The Ephesians had to choose whether they would serve idols or the true God when Paul preached to them. Demetrius had to choose between money and God, and you have to choose something every day, do you not?