

" 'Tis not far to Jesus  
He is everywhere,  
Watching o'er His children  
With a tender care."

Here is Paul in the tower of Antonia (outline), v. 10. It is night. He is perhaps a little bit afraid that the Jews will kill him. Don't you think he talked to Jesus and told Him all about it?

*Golden Text*—Listen to Jesus' comforting words. Repeat (listening gesture).

*Lesson*—Here are forty Jews (strokes) all talking. They made a plot (explain) to kill Paul on his way to the Sanhedrim. Paul was brave. He knew who was his helper.

A little lad said, "Oh, I do love my Uncle Charlie." (Have you an uncle? and you? and you?) Paul was uncle to a little boy, his sister's son, and the lad loved his Uncle Paul, I am sure. He is now a young man. He hears of the plot to kill his uncle. He goes to the prison and tells Paul about it. Paul sends him to the chief captain. To him he tells his story. vs. 19-22. Picture vs. 23, 24. It is night. See Paul mounted on horseback, surrounded by seventy mounted soldiers, two hundred soldiers on foot. These have orders to take Paul safely to the Roman governor Felix at Caesarea (map). They carry a letter from the captain to Felix about Paul.

*Courage*—Speak of some things children fear. Thunder-storms and darkness are fright-some things to many children. Paul's life story shows that Jesus takes care of those who love Him. Mary used to be afraid to be left in the house if mother had to go out. But she learned the little verse we sang a little while ago. Then she was brave. The best cure for fear is to remember that we are under the care of a loving Saviour.

A little boy left in a dark room looked out of the window and saw the stars shining. "I'm not afraid," said he, "God is awake: for He has all His candles lit."

*Lesson Hymn*—

"There's no one like Jesus can cheer me  
to-day,  
His love and His kindness will ne'er  
fade away.  
In gladness or sorrow, in sunshine or  
pain  
My Saviour's affection is always the  
same."

*How Can I be an Epistle of Christ?*—On an envelope (or outline) print—LETTER NO. VI.—MY LIFE SHOULD SHED COURAGE IN THE PRESENCE OF DANGER. The blackboard outline for the day may be cut out and placed in the envelope for review, also a slip of paper having printed on it—I SHOULD BE BRAVE.

#### BLACKBOARD REVIEW

## A PLOT DEVISED DISCOVERED DEFEATED

Here is a story of a PLOT against the life of Paul. Who DEVISED this plot? Have the scholars describe the forty men who banded themselves together to commit the awful crime of murder. Not only they, but the religious leaders of the people, were responsible for this wicked plan. Who DISCOVERED the plot? Let the scholars tell about the shrewd, sharp-witted and courageous nephew of Paul, who kept his ears open to what was being talked of among the Jews, and at once made known what he learned to Paul? Who DEFEATED the plot? Question the school upon the interview between the chief captain and Paul's nephew. Be sure and leave time to impress the great truth, that the hand of God was in these things and that His power protected His servant. We, too, need His protection and may have it by putting our trust in Him.