

"In the hush of the sultry noonday,
When the flowers are athirst for rain,
And the birds hide away in the woodland,
And the grasshopper sings in the plain;
Then, Lord of the summer day,
Strengthen our hearts we pray,
While others may languish and leave thee
That we may thy precepts obey."

(Prayer hymn for morning, noon, and night, in *Junior Hymnal*.)

ART WORK. Study nature's beauty in color, as seen in the butterfly's wing, the changes in cloud and landscape, which is better than looking at a picture. As Mr. Longfellow said, children are living poems and better than all ballads and poems ever written or sung, so a living landscape with blooming flowers, buzzing insects, singing birds, and flying clouds is better than a gallery of imitations of life, of whatever merit.

HAND WORK. The children may be told on Sunday that some time during the week they may make some picture, or writing, or even a name of a person or a place which they can remember of the lesson, and let the same be done by the Transition Class.

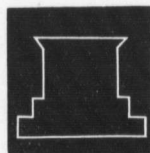
SCIENCE AT HOME WITH MOTHER. The lessons of promises. Truth is found in all God's dealing with us from the promise of seasons, and day and night, to the promise of his Son coming to the world. He is faithful that promised. Let us be true to each other.

LESSON IV. (July 25.)

PAUL PREACHING IN ATHENS. Acts 17. 22-34.

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

Primary Notes.



[Outline an altar on the board, and tell that wherever Paul went he found people who worshiped idols and offered sacrifices to them. What are people called who do this? Are there heathen in this land of ours who worship idols? Tell a little about the Chinese, the Indians, the Alaskans, and the many strange people in our great cities who do not know the true God, and teach that we may sacrifice self on the altar, as Paul did, so as to help others. Print on the altar, "All for Jesus."]

Review. [Print "More Noble" on the board, and ask why the Bereans were called more noble than some other people. Who gave us the Bible to read and study? What other names are given

to the Bible? What little text did we learn last week about searching? What is it to search? How many children search the Scriptures?]

Paul's journey. [Trace the way on the map from Berea to Athens. Tell that Paul left Silas and Timothy in Berea, but his good friends there did not let him go away alone. Some of them went with him to the seashore, about ten miles away, and even went on the ship with him all the long journey to Athens. Do you know why they loved Paul so much? Do you love those who try to help you to be good and happy?]

Athens. Paul was in Greece now. If you will look on the map you will see that he had left Macedonia. Athens was a very beautiful city. It is said that there was never a city with so many pictures and temples and statues and altars. Do you know what the altars were for? It is sad to tell, and it was sad for Paul to see, but the temples were for the worship of false gods and the statues were the images of false gods! Paul felt sad, though he was in such a beautiful place.

Paul preaching. What do think Paul would do in this beautiful, wicked city? What did he have to give away? Did he like to give it? Do you like to share your good things with others? There were some Jews living in Athens, and so there was a synagogue there. On the Sabbath Paul went to the synagogue and preached, and on week days he went to the market place where there were always wise men of Athens, talking and disputing. Some laughed at him and some were angry with him. But at last a plan was made which pleased Paul very much. It was to take him to the top of the high hill where the judges used often to sit to give judgment. It was called "Mars' Hill," after Mars, the god of war. Now Paul had a fine place to preach, and the wisest men of Athens to hear him. O, how much he did want to make them understand about the true God!

Letting the light shine. Would Paul dare to preach about Jesus here right where the heathen altars stood? He did not know what they might do to him, but he was not afraid, for he knew it was right to tell the truth about Jesus, his life and his death for us. [Show the blackboard.] Here is the Great Light shining. And here is the little light—what shall we call this? Can you see what the rays fall upon from the Great Light? Yes, they fall upon Paul and upon the cross, and they even reach out to the altars of the false gods. Do you think any would fall upon the mocking Athenians? Yes, I think so, for the kind heavenly Father loves and pities the poor heathen, and that is why we should think about them and try to find some way to help them. How do you think Paul would preach to these heathen people? What did they most need to know? He told them first about God. That is what we all need to know. He told them how God made all things, and that without