

acquainted with other builders.

Review—If we print, PAUL—ATHENS—IDOLS, you will remember that our story last Sunday left Paul at Athens (on his Second Missionary Journey), where the people all prayed to idols (recall Lesson). Paul told them of the (to them) unknown God who is the true God. The people of Athens were slow to believe, and did not want to give up their idols and temples. So Paul leaves them, and goes to Corinth (Map). There are a great many ships and sailors here. It was the greatest business place in Greece.

Lesson—When Paul arrived at Corinth, he, of course, went to the synagogue. Is there a boy or girl who can tell me what Paul's trade or business was? When we put these tents on the blackboard, you will all remember that Paul was a tent-maker. So, when Paul went to the synagogue, he went and sat beside the other tent-makers, and there he found a tent-maker Aquila, and his wife Priscilla. These became great friends of Paul, and took him to live with them, and they all worked at tent-making (see Light from the East). Every Sabbath Paul preached and taught in the synagogue.

A Helper and a Shield—Have you ever been doing some task and got so tired, and

felt as if you would like to give it up? Perhaps it was only tidying up the room, after you had cut a lot of paper and the small bits were scattered all over the floor. You are discouraged! Then comes mother's voice, "I will help you." How bright everything seems now! How easy! It was not easy for Paul to be a servant of Jesus. He had several times been nearly killed for preaching about Him. Now in Corinth Paul had trouble and discouragement, but one night Jesus came to him in a vision and spoke to him, vs. 9, 10. Ah, now Paul is brave again! No need to fear with Jesus helping him. He goes on preaching and teaching. The Jews took Paul before the governor to try to have him punished (vs. 12-17), but Jesus was with Paul, and no harm came to him.

Golden Text—Repeat and explain.

The End of Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Paul now says good-by to the people in Corinth, and starts on his way back to Antioch. But first he means to visit Jerusalem. He takes Aquila and Priscilla with him as far as Ephesus, and leaves them there.

Something to Think About—Those who trust God need not fear.

Bible Outline—On the Bible outline print, AQUILA AND PRISCILLA AND THE CORINTHIANS HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.

FROM THE PLATFORM

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PAUL AND HIS FRIENDS

From what city had Paul come? In what city was he now? Whom did he find there? Questions like these will prepare for telling the scholars that the talk is to be about PAUL AND HIS FRIENDS (Print). The first of these mentioned are Aquila and Priscilla. Question about them and about Paul's life in their house. Two other friends of Paul came to Corinth. Ask for their names and for the effect their coming had on Paul. But the Lesson speaks of a **Friend** (Print) of Paul's far greater than those already spoken of. The scholars will readily tell you that this Friend was Jesus. Question about the vision of v. 9, bringing out the facts that it came to Paul when he was discouraged, and cheered him for his work. The points to make are, that we should value our wise and kind friends, and, especially, that we should seek to have Jesus as our Friend. He who made Paul strong will do the same for us.