

make plain the difference between wilful and unintentional murder. We must remember that we have to teach from the known to the unknown, and must therefore begin with something that they know about. Show by familiar illustrations the difference between wilful wrongdoing, and mistake.

Harry was out playing one day with some other little boys. His mother watching them at the window, saw it had begun to rain, and called Harry to come in. He did not come, and when his mother called him again, he said, "I won't come in." His mother then went out and brought him in, and shut the door. Then Harry got very angry, kicked the furniture and pulled off a little vase of flowers that stood on a table, threw it down on the floor, and smashed it. Was not he a very naughty boy? and don't you think he deserved to be punished? Yes, his mother had to punish him, though it made her feel very sorry that she had to do so.

Jenny was one day helping mother to arrange some flowers in a pretty little vase, and when ready mother gave it to her to carry into the parlour. As Jenny went along talking to the pretty flowers and giving them a little smell now and then, her foot slipped and down she went, and spilled all the flowers and broke the vase. When she saw what had happened, Jenny began to cry and ran to tell her mother about it. When she heard it, her mother took her up in her arms, wiped her tears away and said, "never mind my little girlie I know you did not mean to do it," and I think she was more sorry for her little girl's trouble, than for the loss of the vase.

Now Harry and Jenny both broke a vase, Mother was very much displeased with Harry, and had to punish him. Why? Because he had let anger get into his heart, (see review application of Lesson II) and this anger led to something else, led him to throw down and break the vase. When Jenny broke the vase her mother was sorry but not displeased, and did not punish her, why? Because she had no anger in her heart, and did not mean to break the vase.

Now those cities of refuge were not for people who acted as Harry did, had anger in their hearts which led them to do something worse, even sometimes to kill one another, now God was very much displeased with people who acted in that way, and had to punish them, said that they would have to be put to death themselves. These cities were for people who like Jenny having no anger in their hearts, by mistake killed another and were very sorry for it.

VI. APPLICATION: In our lesson we see how kindly God provided cities of refuge for the Israelites, places where no enemy could harm them, and where they could be safe. Little boys and girls sometimes have troubles and need a city of refuge to run to. Jenny ran to her mother in her trouble when she broke the vase, and her mother was her refuge, took her up in her arms, said kind things to her, and wiped away her tears. But mothers are not always near and cannot always help us as a little boy knew whom I am going to tell you about.

Danny was a little cripple and sometimes used to have great pain. His mother was very kind and good to him and was with him whenever she could be, but she was very poor and had to go away in the morning and not come back till the evening, so that she might earn money to buy food and other things for Danny herself. So poor little Danny would be

left alone all day, and sometimes he used to be in great pain. Don't you think he needed a refuge, yes, indeed he did, and he had one too, and that refuge was Jesus. As he lay there on his bed he used to have "little talks with Jesus," and Jesus seemed to be so near to him and helped him so, that he did not seem to mind the pain half as much. This same kind Jesus will be our refuge too if we will only run to him and tell him all our troubles (make a cross or pin a symbol of one on the blackboard to represent Jesus). He is always near, and is always so glad to have us come. As the people in our lesson were only safe when they got inside the gates of the cities of refuge, so we are only safe when we keep close to this dear Jesus our refuge.