

A CHILD'S HYMN.

I will sing for Jesus;
With his blood he bought me,
And all my pilgrim way
His loving hand hath brought me.

Can there overtake me
Any dark disaster,
While I can sing for Jesus,
My blessed, blessed Master?

I will sing for Jesus:
His name, alone prevailing,
Shall be my sweetest music
When heart and flesh are failing.

Still I'll sing for Jesus!
Oh, how I will adore him
Among the cloud of witnesses
Who cast their crowns before him.

LESSON NOTFS.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

LESSON VI. [Nov. 7.]

PAUL IN MELITA AND ROME.

Acts 28. 1-16. Memory verses, 3-5.

GOLDEN TEXT.

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God.—Rom. 8. 28.

OUTLINE.

1. Saved, v. 1-6.
2. Honoured, v. 7-10.
3. Welcomed, v. 11-16.

THE LESSON STORY.

The terrible storm went on for fourteen days, and at last the ship was broken to pieces by the waves. But not one of the two hundred and seventy-six people on board was lost. They all escaped to an island called Melita. Its name now is Malta.

The people on the island were rough and ignorant, but they were kind, and they quickly built a fire on the shore to warm and dry the poor, shivering men. Paul gathered sticks to build the fire and a viper seized his hand. When the natives saw that it did not harm him they said that he must be a god.

A rich man named Publius lived on the island. He kept Paul and his friends in his own fine house three days. His father was sick, and Paul prayed and laid his hands on him and healed him. After this many sick people came to be healed, and Paul was treated with great honour. He stayed on the island three months, and when the ship came to take them all away his new friends gave him many presents. But they could give him nothing so good as he had given them, the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

At last Paul came to Rome, where he

found many friends and where he was allowed to live by himself with a soldier to guard him.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read the lesson verses. Acts 28. 1-16.
Tues. See what the barbarians found. Heb. 13. 2.
Wed. Learn what Paul proved true. Golden Text.
Thurs. Learn another promise he proved. Mark 16. 18.
Fri. Learn another promise Paul proved. James 5. 14, 15.
Sat. Learn a song for Paul (and for us). Psalm 27. 14.
Sun. Learn how to meet difficulties. Rom. 8. 31.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

What finally became of the ship in which Paul sailed? What became of the men on board? What was then, and what is now, the name of the island? How did the people receive the shipwrecked men? What happened to Paul? What is a viper? A poisonous serpent. What did Paul prove true? [See Helps for Thursday.] Who entertained Paul at his house? How was he rewarded? What made the people honour Paul? How long did he stay there? What had he taught while there? Where did he go from there? What did he find at Rome? How did he live there?

PAUL PROVED, AND SO MAY I—

That if I trust in God he will preserve me.
That if I love others I shall be loved.
That if I give I shall receive.

LESSON VII. [Nov. 14.]

PAUL'S MINISTRY IN ROME.

Acts 28. 17-31. Memory verses, 30, 31.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.—Rom. 1. 16.

OUTLINE.

1. Promptly at Work, v. 17-22.
2. Proclaiming Jesus, v. 23-29.
3. Preaching the Kingdom, v. 30, 31.

THE LESSON STORY.

After Paul had been in Rome three days he invited the chief Jews to come and see him in his hired house. He thought they might have heard evil stories about him from other Jews, and he told them that he had done nothing to deserve chains. He had displeased the Jews by preaching about Jesus and the resurrection. The Jews said that they would like to hear what he had to say, for everywhere they heard Christians spoken against.

So Paul fixed a day when they might

come again and a large number came to hear him preach the Gospel. They came in the morning, and Paul taught all day out of the Scriptures. Some believed, and some did not, and they disputed much together.

For two whole years Paul lived in Rome, and preached to all who came to hear him. Though he was a prisoner, yet he could teach and preach as much as he would, and many people became Christians through hearing him.

We do not learn more from Luke about Paul's life, but we know from other books that he was finally beheaded at Rome. He wanted to die for Jesus, and God gave him his desire.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read the lesson verses. Acts 28. 17-31.
Tues. Learn something to say with Paul. Golden Text.
Wed. Find what Paul meant by "the hope of Israel." Isa. 9. 6.
Thurs. Find comfort for those who are persecuted. 1 Peter 4. 12-16.
Fri. Read why all did not receive the word. Matt. 13. 1-8.
Sat. Learn the work that God gave Paul to do. Acts 26. 17, 18.
Sun. Think, "Was Paul wise to give his life for Jesus?"

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

How did Paul live in Rome? In his own hired house. Whom did he ask to visit him there? What did he think? What did he tell the Jews who visited him? What did they want to hear? How did Paul prove what he said? What was the result? Will all who hear the Gospel accept it? Why not? [See Helps for Friday.] How long did Paul stay in Rome? What did he continue to do? What else did he do? He wrote letters to the churches. How did Paul finally die?

LEARN FROM PAUL—

To be "not slothful in business;
Fervent in spirit;
Serving the Lord."
At all times and in all places.

LENDING.

"Mother," said Johnny, "haven't you a pie that you would like to lend to the Lord?"

"Why, Johnny, what do you mean?" she asked; for she thought at first it was a joke.

"Don't you remember," he said, "that the Bible says that he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord? I don't believe that old Betsy has had a pie for a long time, and I thought that perhaps you would like to have me take one over to her. Then you would be lending to the Lord, you know."

One of mother's best pies went to Betsy. She was only sorry that she had not thought of sending her one before.