

we must follow our Leader. Who is he? Let us follow him every day.

Wednesday. Let us repeat to-day some of the words of our Leader. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Do we really love him, and are we obeying his words? We may help each other to remember his words, and if we love him we will be glad to show the love of our hearts in two ways: First, by being obedient to our parents and teachers; second, in being gentle and helpful to them and to our playmates.

Thursday. Repeat the Golden Rule and the great commandment, and talk about these, for they are the words of Jesus. It is not just what others do to us that we are to do, but "what ye would." That means what we would like them to do and to say to us. If we would like to have people gentle and helpful to us, let us treat them in this same way. Let us sing together the Golden Rule song, beginning:

"To do to others as I would
That they should do to me,
Will make me always kind and good,
As children ought to be."

Friday. The Golden Text says that David thought he would never be afraid, no matter what happened, even though crowds of people were camping all around him, for his heart would still trust in God.

NATURE WORK. Talk of wheat and name its uses. Explain how it is harvested, and how Gideon was working at his threshing. Nature does her work with the grain, then men and women and children must do their part of the work. God leaves something for us to do, because nature and people, even little boys and girls, all work together.

ART WORK. Study harvest fields and fruit-gathering scenes. Encourage the children to name objects which they see in a picture.

HAND WORK. Model pitchers and trumpets in clay, and upon the network slates the children may outline both forms, thus having practice in curved lines.

The TRANSITION CLASS may outline the word on the card, and following this pattern may try (on different pieces of paper) to draw a pitcher.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH MOTHER. Talk of barley and of the different grains which are harvested from time to time. No one in this world could get along without other people. Even things we do not like work together for our good if we love God. See Rom. 8. 28: "All things work together for good to them that love God." Gideon was busy working for his father when he saw the angel. If he had been lazy and asleep he would have missed that. It is when we are busy at our work that we see beauty and find happiness. A lesson of industry may be taught here.

Primary Notes.

LESSON III. (October 20.)

RUTH'S CHOICE. Ruth 1. 14-22.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" (Ruth 1. 16).



Suppose I put on the table this picture paper and a card, and tell Johnnie he can have one of them. What is he doing while he thinks which he will take? Choosing. If he takes the card, we say the card is his choice [print]. I suppose many of you have big brothers. When these brothers become men they have to choose what they will be. Perhaps yours will choose to be a carpenter, and yours a painter, and yours a doctor or a minister. Whichever it is, it will be his choice.

How many have had a sister get married? What did she do after the wedding? Did your father say she must marry the man she did, and leave home to go away and live with him? No; she chose to go—it was her choice. I know a dear girl, with many friends and a good home, who will soon leave all and go to a strange land and strange people to live with and tell them about Jesus. Does anyone make her go? No; it is her choice "to leave all for [print at right of the picture of Bethlehem] Jesus's sake." I could tell you of many others and what they chose to do; but there is a beautiful story of a young girl and her choice that you must not wait longer to hear.

During "the time of the judges" there came a year when the barley and wheat did not grow in Canaan, and there was a famine. What is a famine? Because of it a man named Elimelech, who lived in Bethlehem [uncover or make a city], took his wife Naomi and their two sons and went to Moab to live [show on the map and print the name at the bottom of the board]. Elimelech died soon after, but Naomi and her sons still stayed in Moab, and in time the sons chose wives for themselves of the women of Moab. Their names were Orpah and Ruth. For ten years Naomi with her sons and their wives lived together in Moab, and then trouble came again. Both sons died, and there must have been three sorrowful women in that household. But the trouble made Naomi think of her old home in Bethlehem, and she longed to go back to her own land and her own people, where she heard the famine was over. [Tell of her starting and what she said to her daughters-in-law (Ruth 1. 7-9).] Now, you see these two had a choice to make—either to stay in a heathen country or go to Canaan, where they would learn to know and love the true God; either to leave Naomi or go