

was he not afraid to speak the truth to governors and kings? Are you ready to "tell the story?"

Can you close your eyes and make a mind picture of a ship at sea in a great storm. Paul was on board; where was the ship going? [Let some one volunteer to tell how Paul knew that the lives of all would be saved.]

[Lesson 6 is a part of the same story. Call on some one to tell the story of the viper, and recall especially Paul's cheerful helpfulness while on this island among strange people. Teach that there is no place where we may not find something to do for Jesus.]

Did you ever hear of a prisoner preaching? Paul was in the prison now, in the city of Rome. He was chained to a soldier, but he lived in a house which his friends had hired for him, and he preached Jesus to all who came to see him. Was he not brave? Many learned to believe in his Jesus, and Paul was happy, for he was doing his Master's work. We shall always be happy when we are doing that.

While Paul was in Rome he wrote a letter to the Christians at Ephesus. Do you know why Paul had to think about soldiers a great deal those days? There was one always close to him! In this letter he tells about the kind of armor a Christian must wear. What can you tell about it?

Who can tell anything that Peter wrote to the Christian Jews who were scattered around in different cities? They were in danger of being led into sin by wicked people about them. Paul warns them (and us) not to allow this. Shall we listen to his warning words?

Do you remember where Lydia and the jailer were converted? [Call some child to point out

Where did Paul lay down his life, and for whose sake? What did he know was waiting for him in heaven? To whom did he write his last words? Where are the letters to Timothy found? Do you think it pays to lead a good, true life?

Who can tell the name of the "beloved disciple?" He sent a message from God to the churches, and his message is for us too. Do you know what it is to "walk in the light?" [Call back the teaching that God is love and light, and that if we do what he wants us to do, we are walking in his light, and need not be afraid that we shall miss our way.]

Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. The Christmas Story. Luke 2. 15-20; Matt. 2. 1, 2, 7-11.

GOLDEN TEXT. "We have seen his star!" Matt. 2. 2.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Heb. 11; Psalm 23. *Oratorio of the Messiah*. "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

The Golden Text may be taken figuratively for us. Have you seen the sign of the coming of Jesus to the earth? All men and all nations are being drawn toward him.

ATTENTION STORY.

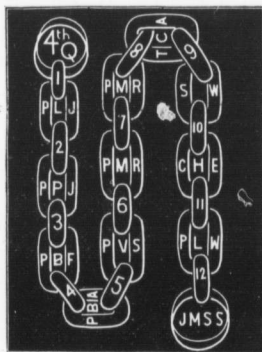
After the angels had gone away the shepherds said that they would like to go and see what they had heard about; so they started off for Bethlehem. This was a pretty little place, with mountains and hills surrounding it. King David was born in Bethlehem, and it was near there that he had cared for his sheep and lambs, watching the flocks days and nights in the field, just as these shepherds did who heard the song of the angels. The shepherds found the place, and saw the wonderful child Jesus. They returned to their flocks, thanking God for all they had seen and heard. The good doctor Luke, of whom we read in Paul's letter, has told the story here. [Read Luke 2. 15-20.] Another part of the story about the star is written over here. [Read Matt. 2. 7-11.]

Explain unusual words: "Privately," "inquired," "diligently," "exceeding," "myrrh," "frankincense."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Put in most attractive form the Christmas wonder of the great gift to the world. So much has been said of Santa Claus, and of receiving gifts, that too many children associate Christmas only with this and an evergreen tree. The true spiritual significance should be the only thought given by the Church. Read the story and let the children talk of it. Guide the impulses so that the expression will be other than "what I am going to have!"

Monday. Everyone was interested in this story of the star—the king as well as the shepherds;



Philippi on the map.] Who had the peaceful, lowly, loving mind? May we have the same kind of mind that Jesus had?