

crawl in through this hole and get us some apples." Pierre thought a moment, and then said, "No I won't steal apples for you or anyone else." "Nonsense" said the men, "Go in and get us some of the apples or we'll duck you in the pond." Pierre looked at them, and bravely said, "Mother says its wrong to steal," and God says "Thou shalt not steal." The men would not listen to him, but took little Pierre and dipped him under the water. When they pulled him out they said, "Now go and get us some apples," "No," said little Pierre, and under the water he was put again. As they pulled him out again they saw by his face that he was determined not to do what was wrong, so left him and went their way. Brave little Pierre! he was not afraid to do what was right—for the Holy Spirit of Love lived in his heart.

4. Tell the story of the apostles. (a) The wonderful things they did after the death of Annanias and Sapphira. (b) The indignation of the leaders of the people. (c) The apostles put in prison and released by the angel. (d) The apostles brought before the council. Write marks on board to represent council, and write "man's voice," etc. (e) The bravery of the apostles as shown in verses 29-32.

5. Here introduce and teach the Golden Text.

6. What made the apostles so brave? What made little Pierre so brave? The Holy Spirit of Love living in their hearts.

7. Close the lesson by recalling some of the things the children said they were afraid of. Refer to little Pierre and the apostles as examples of courage. Teach the children not to be afraid of a dark room, etc., etc., and lead up to the closing thought, that they must not be afraid "to stand up for Jesus, and when the time comes, to speak out for him as little Pierre did, and as the apostles did.

8. How can I this week be brave and true. Call for suggestions.

9. If I allow the Holy Spirit of love to rule my heart, he will make me brave and true this week—always.

LESSON VIII—February 21st, 1897.

The First Christian Martyr. ACTS 6: 8-15; 7: 54-60.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2: 10.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER:

1. The work of the Holy Spirit of love in the heart.

2. Do not grieve or hurt the Holy Spirit of Love. (See Preview for *children in Little Folk's Quarterly*.)

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: The Holy Spirit of Love keeping me faithful.

IV. REVIEW: (These questions are only suggestive. The central spiritual truth and its teaching ought also to be recalled).

1. What did the leaders of the Jews do to the apostles?

2. Who opened the prison door and set them free?

3. What did the angel tell them to do?

4. What was last Sunday's Golden Text?

V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON: The story of the life and death of Stephen is full of interest. He was a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and endowed in a remarkable degree with divine power and grace. He was one of the seven Deacons. When his enemies found that they could not resist his arguments, they hired men to bear false witness against him, and stirred up the people, who came upon him and brought him to the council. The elders of the people listened to him, and he made his defence, contained in the 7th chapter, his face like that of an angel, shining as he spoke. When he told them that they were the betrayers and murderers of the Christ they were cut to the heart, and dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. He died, the first christian martyr in the spirit of the Saviour himself, praying "Lord lay not this sin to their charge, and when he had said this he fell asleep."