

exclaimed. "Who am I to dare to go to the great Pharaoh and tell him to set his slaves free?"

God answered: "I will be with thee." (Write.)

Moses, however, was still doubtful. "Perhaps the people will not believe me when I say I have come from the Lord," he said.

God answered, "what is that in thy hand?"

"A rod," Moses answered.

"Cast it upon the ground," God commanded.

Moses obeyed, and, behold, it became a serpent. Moses fled before it.

And now God commanded: "Put out thy hand, and take it again."

But Moses loved God and trusted him. Without waiting a moment, Moses obeyed; he stretched out his hand and caught the writhing creature. And, behold, it became his own rod once more. In this way Moses

showed how he trusted God.

So Moses went with a good courage to help his people. God had told him to go and help his people, and best of all, God had promised to be with him every step of the way.

(The following poem might be written on the board before the School and now read:)

"Lead us, heavenly Father,
Lead us, Shepherd kind;
We are only children,
Weak and young and blind.

"All the way before us
Thou alone dost know;
Lead us, heavenly Father,
Singing as we go."

Show the picture in the Roll. Teach the Golden Text; also, "Certainly I will be with thee," Ex. 3:12.

The class may copy, "Lead us, heavenly Father."

FROM THE PLATFORM

GOD SEEING
SYMPATHIZING
SENDING

Twice in the lesson God says, "I have seen." Get the School to turn up v. 7 (first clause) and v. 9 (last clause). Bring out what it was that God saw—the sufferings of his people Israel at the hands of the Egyptians. Print on the blackboard, GOD SEEING. Now ask the scholars to show from the same verses, that God sympathized with his people in their sufferings. (See the expressions, "have heard their cry," "know their sorrows," "the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me.") Print, (God) SYMPATHIZING. Then, ask what was God's plan for delivering Israel. It will require a little questioning to bring out what he intended to do for them, and also who was to be sent to carry out the divine purpose. When you have drawn from the scholars the answer that Moses was to be sent, print, (God) SENDING. Save a minute or two at the close for an earnest, tender word about God's sending one greater far than Moses, his own blessed Son, to be our deliverer.

Lesson III.

THE PASSOVER

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Exodus 12:1-14. Study Exodus 11:1 to 12:36.

GOLDEN TEXT—Our passover also hath been sacrificed, even Christ.—1 Corinthians 5:7 (Rev. Ver.).

1 And the Lord spake unto Mo'ses and Aa'ron in the land of E'gypt, saying,

2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of

months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Is'rael, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to