

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, SECOND QUARTER.

CHRISTIAN FAITH LEADS TO GOOD WORKS.

LESSON 9.]

James 2. 14-23.

[MAY 30.]

GOLDEN TEXT.—I will show thee my faith by my works.—James 2. 18.

MEMORY VERSES, 14-17.—What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

James, one of the apostles, wrote a letter to the Jewish Christians, in which he told them many things about faith and works. What good, he asked, does it do a man to say he has faith if his acts are not right and good? It is as if a naked, hungry one should come to us, and we should say, "Go in peace, be warmed and fed," without helping to warm and feed him! That would be faith without works, which James says is dead.

Faith without works is not the kind that Abraham had. He offered up Isaac, his only son, on the altar because God bade him to. We must not have faith alone, or works alone, but the two must go together if we want to please God.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. About what did James write to the Jewish Christians?
About faith and works.
2. What did some people think?
That faith alone would save them.
3. What did others think?
That works alone would save them.
4. Which was right?
Neither.