

ers called of God. (2) People having faith in God. (3) Earnest work for God.... ILLUSTRATIONS. *Fraternal love.* "As the spokes of a wheel converge at the centre, so the nearer we are to Christ, the nearer to each other." *Unity of effort.* The strands of the great cables of the East River bridge, made of small wires, weak apart, yet mighty when woven together.... *God's message of freedom.* Compare the thanksgiving of Israel with the news of Emancipation Proclamation among the slaves of the south.... *Unbelief from ignorance.* Pharaoh, like a blind man, denying the existence of the sun because he cannot see it.

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Primary and Intermediate.

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REVIEW. Talk about a call, and turn the thought from an earthly to a heavenly call. Who was called? By whom? To what work? Who promised to be with him? Can we do anything without God?

LESSON THOUGHT. Faith is Wisdom.

1. Tell about the meeting of Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: how and where they met, and what Moses showed to Aaron. They talked over God's plan for the Israelites, and were both ready to do God's work in his way. Print on the board, "Moses and Aaron were wise," and see that the children understand the meaning of wise.

2. Tell about the meeting with the people, and what was done then. Many of the Israelites did not know Moses, as he had been gone from Egypt forty years. Did they believe his word? Tell that they believed the signs from God, and how they showed their faith by worshipping and praising God. Talk about captivity and freedom, comparing the captivity of sin to the bondage of the Israelites, and the joy of those who are made free

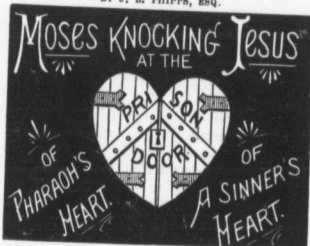
by faith in Jesus. Print, "The people were wise."

3. Describe the visit to Pharaoh, and his scornful unbelief. He asked, "Who is the Lord?" and show that we ask this question in our hearts when we are unbelieving and disobedient. Draw from children some reasons why they believe there is a God, and help them to some they do not think of, drawing attention to their own wonderful bodies and senses. Was the king wise? Print, "Pharaoh was foolish."

CLOSING THOUGHT. Question as to the difference between the Israelites and Pharaoh, showing that it was a difference of faith, or belief in God, and thus teaching the lesson thought, "Faith is Wisdom." Show that faith leads to obedience and love, and teach the verse, "They that be wise shall shine as the stars." Sing "Precious Jewels."

Blackboard.

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Pharaoh's heart was really the prison door that held the Israelites captive. If his heart can be opened then Israel will go free. Moses and Aaron, as God's chosen leaders, now knock gently at this door; if it will not open, God will make bare his mighty arm, and display his power. The application of the lesson is the knocking at the prison door of a sinner's heart.

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LESSON V.—MOSES AND THE MAGICIANS; or, Signs and Wonders.

July 31.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The period of preparation is ended, and that of struggle now begins; not between the armies of Israel and of Egypt, for the enslaved multitudes stand in silent awe while their God fights for them. Moses comes into the presence of Pharaoh, no more as a suppliant, but as one invested with divine authority. He is bidden to attest his mission from the Most High by a token. At his command Aaron casts his staff on the floor of the palace, and instantly it is transformed into a living monster, either a snake or a crocodile. The unbelieving king summons his magicians, and they show their art by imitating the miracle. Their rods are cast down, and become serpents also, but one by one king refuses to accept the message from Jehovah, and then begins that awful series of ten judgments swarms in earth and air, bringing defilement and breeding disease; lightnings cleave asunder the heavens, and hail sweeps over the fields; crops are devoured by locusts, and cattle perish by the pestilence, darkness covers the land, and, last of all, death enters every dwelling, until even Pharaoh's proud heart is crushed, and he bids Israel go forth free. The aim of all these signs and

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