

Paul Before Felix

of soldiers, but there was an unseen Guard, Ps. 34:7. There was a Helper above, around, beside him all the time.

Golden Text—Print and repeat.

Repeat—

I will fear no evil, Lord,
I am trusting in Thy word,
With us all unto the end,
Jesus is a faithful Friend.

Lesson—Picture the scene—Paul before Felix. With wooden blocks make a throne (or use blackboard outline). A tall block will represent Felix on his judgment throne, another block, Paul standing before him. The high priest, Ananias, is there and several Jewish elders. They have brought with them a great speaker, Tertullus. (Use blocks and strokes to represent all these.) They tell untrue stories (lies) about Paul (see lesson), so that Felix might order him to be put to death.

Paul is not afraid. Listen! while he tells his story to Felix, vs. 10-16.

Standing Up for the Right—Paul does not fear to tell wicked Felix and his wife Drusilla about Jesus, and what He taught about a good life, and about punishment for a wicked life, and about the resurrection of the dead. The prisoner spoke so boldly and plainly that his judge trembled for fear.

There are many ways in which little peo-

ple may stand up for the right and set their faces against evil. Every boy and girl has some influence over others. Let them try to use it always for good.

Lesson Story—"A man was swearing angrily at the corner of the street, when a little girl came along. She stopped a moment, looked up to him and said, 'Please, sir, don't speak God's name that way, because He is my heavenly Father, and it hurts me to hear you.'

"It was now the man's turn to stop and look, and soon he said, 'Thank you, little one, my mother taught me that He is my Father too. I will not swear again; no, never!' And he walked away with his head down."

Too often we stand quietly by when we see others doing wrong things. We should tell them of their sin, or we should leave those who thus dishonor our heavenly Father or Jesus Christ. (Apply this story to any other sin.)

How Can I be an Epistle of Christ?—On an envelope (or outline) print, LETTER NO. VII. —MY LIFE SHOULD SHOW BOLDNESS IN **STANDING UP FOR THE RIGHT**. The blackboard outline for the day may be cut out and placed in the envelope for review, also a slip of paper having printed on it, I SHOULD RESIST EVIL.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

DE^{LAY}
OR
EC^{IDE}?

What a great opportunity came to Felix that day on which he listened to the preaching of Paul! He was told plainly and lovingly what he ought to do. His own conscience said that he should forsake his sins and begin a better life. But he was not ready to give up his pleasure and his gains. Satan whispered to him that he might enjoy himself a little longer and then enter the new path. And so he delayed. He intended, perhaps, to decide sometime. But we know that, if we keep on day after day, intending to do the thing sometime, we shall do it—never. But if we decide to give up sin and follow Christ to-day, we shall decide forever. For if we once give ourselves to Him, He will never let us go. Poor, foolish Felix! He delayed that day, and we do not know that he ever decided. Let this day be our "Decision Day."