

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 2.] PAUL A PRISONER AT JERUSALEM. [OCT. 10.

Acts 22. 17-30.

GOLDEN TEXT.—If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.—1 Peter 4. 16.

MEMORY VERSES, 22-24. (Read chap. 21. 18 to 23. 9).—And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,

The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

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

LESSON STORY.

There was great joy among the Christians in Jerusalem when Paul came. But it was soon turned to sorrow, for, as he had been foretold, the Jews seized Paul and began beating him. He was taken away and put in prison. The angry people kept crying, "Away with him," as they had done in the time of Jesus, and said that he ought to be killed. The captain ordered to have Paul scourged. Paul knew this was against the law, for he had the rights of a Roman, though he was a Jew. He told the officer this, and when the captain heard it he was afraid, and sent away the soldiers. The next day he called a council of the Jews to come and examine Paul.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. How was Paul received in Jerusalem?

With great joy.

2. Why was the joy turned to mourning?

Because Paul was taken prisoner.

3. What did they do to him?

Beat and scourged him.