

but you made a mistake, and soon got out of the way and so was lost. As you use these two illustrations, draw the bottom part of the cross, so that thus far it will look like the signboard commonly used on the road. At the same time, roughly sketch two roads as suggested in the cut.

4. Point to the Golden Text on the board, and have it repeated. Show that the people in the time of Amos made a mistake through drinking wine and strong drink. As these two things are referred to, hold up a wine-glass and bottle, cut out of white paper, and pin them to the blackboard. This is how they get out of the way, of God's right way, into Satan's wrong way. The Bible teaches us that we should not use wine or strong drink, but if we do err as these people did, if we make mistakes as the little boy did, and as

the teacher did, we too will get lost. Here introduce a lesson of self-control concerning eating, speaking, etc. All these things, as well as wine and strong drink, take us out of our way.

5. We must learn to follow our guide. The Bible says, "Touch not, taste not, handle not." Follow the guide or we will get out of the way.

6. As a last thought in the lesson, with the flat of the chalk, quickly draw the top of the cross, and write the word—Safety. The best guide of all is Jesus, the Saviour. Every boy and girl who is willing to follow him, and do as he bids, will not go out of the way. His way is the only safe way.

7. God's guidance is one of his best gifts. "No good things will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

LESSON XII.—September 18th, 1898.

CAPTIVITY OF THE TEN TRIBES. 2 Kings 17: 9-18.

I. GOLDEN TEXT. "If thou seek him, he will be found of thee: but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever." 1 Chron. 28: 9.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: God's good gifts.

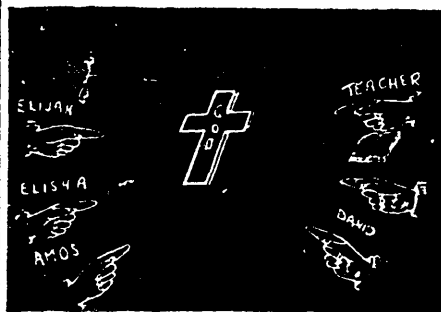
III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: Jesus our Saviour.

IV. REVIEW:

1. What is the meaning of the word "erred"?
2. How did the people in the time of Amos, err?
3. What effect did that have? (See Golden Text).
4. What was the Golden Text last Sunday?

V. SYNOPSIS: The last lesson in the Quarter brings us to the end of the history of the Kingdom of Israel. It is now 253 years since the Kingdom was divided, and the two kings, Rehoboam and Jeroboam, crowned. The Southern Kingdom of Judah continued 135 years longer, but was finally carried into captivity. The words of our lesson show us the cause of God's anger against Israel. It is a catalogue of the offences of the people against Jehovah, amongst other's, secret sins, high places in all the cities, images and groves everywhere, the burning of incense, the serving of idols, causing the children to pass

through fire, and in all this, the Lord raised up prophet, after prophet, Their necks were hardened, and they would not believe in the



Lord, their God. Therefore, the Lord was angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS:

The thought that we want to teach to-day would seem to be contained in the Golden Text. We cannot help but make this somewhat of a warning lesson. While, of course, we always prefer positive, rather than negative, lessons, yet in this case, a lesson of this kind, if carefully taught, will be sure to prove helpful.