

sheet of paper, and print at the top, DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS, and at the bottom, PAUL. Where do we find this letter? As we read the letter, we'll print some of the things Paul tells us to do, if we want to be real Christians. In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he uses some big words that are not easy for little people to understand. We'll just print simple words which mean the same as the big words. Paul's letter was a long one, but we are only going to hear a little bit of it,—just the part that will help us most. We'll just think that Paul is writing to us.

*Love to Teachers*—Who reads God's Word and preaches to us in church? Who teaches you in Sunday School? The first thing Paul tells us in this letter is (print), LOVE YOUR MINISTERS AND TEACHERS (v. 12), BE AT PEACE AMONG YOURSELVES (v. 13), BE PATIENT AND HELPFUL AND KIND TO EVERYBODY (v. 14). If you see a companion doing wrong, tell him it is wrong and beg him not to do so. (Tell simple story of few words.) DO NOT GIVE BAD FOR BAD (story). Repeat Golden Text, v. 15.

*Some Good Rules*—BE HAPPY AT ALL TIMES, v. 16. A little girl was so bright and happy, making everybody around happy by her obedience and love, that her friends called her "Little Sunbeam" (sing, "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam"). PRAY ABOUT

EVERYTHING. Even if we only "think our prayers", God will hear. Repeat, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths." "Mother, will God hear, if I ask Him to make the day bright for our picnic?" "Yes, God will listen to every word you pray, and will send the answer that is best, not always just what you would like, but what God knows will make you happiest in the end" (v. 17). BE THANKFUL (story). Sing a verse of Hymn 518, Book of Praise. STUDY GOD'S WORD, vs. 20, 21 (story). KEEP FROM ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL,—from bad boys and girls, from bad places (story). Paul ends his letter with a prayer that God may make us all true and good like Jesus, and keep us safe till Jesus comes (explain). Then Paul tells us how faithful and true Jesus is. We can trust Him to do as He promises, vs. 23, 24. What a beautiful letter! Let us remember it and obey it.

*Repeat—*

"May our thoughts be undefied,  
May our hearts be true and mild,  
Make us each a holy child:  
Hear us, holy Jesus."

*Something to Think About*—I should do good to all.

*Bible Outline*—A LETTER FROM THE WORD OF GOD.

### FROM THE PLATFORM

XΑΡΑΚΤΗΡ

Print on the blackboard XΑΡΑΚΤΗΡ. Explain that this Greek word is the same as our word "character" (X stands for CH; P for R; K for C; H for E). Tell how the Greek word meant at first the sculptor's chisel with which he carved his beautiful marble statues. Then it came to mean the image itself chiseled out of the marble. Now, God desires to see His own image in each one of us. God has shown us His perfect image in Jesus Christ His own Son. Turn to Heb. 1:3, and read the first clause. Tell the scholars that the two words "express image" represent the single Greek word on the blackboard. Have the scholars read together v. 23 of the Lesson. This prayer of Paul expresses in other words his desire that God would form in the Thessalonians a perfect character, like that of Jesus Christ. This God will do for each of us if we yield ourselves to Him.