

the light from God, and by and by the light shone into the father's heart and showed him Jesus. You can tell your texts to some one, maybe!



### Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Paul in Berea. Acts 17, 10-12.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Search the Scriptures." John 5, 39.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, John 5; Isaiah 40; *New Testament History* (Smith), pages 471-474; *What is the Bible?* (Ladd); *Influence on Individuals*, pages 431-433; *Literary Attractions of the Bible* (Halsey); *Sublimity and Beauty in the Bible*, pages 371-390.

### ATTENTION STORY.

After Paul and Silas had stayed at Lydia's house for a little visit they started off again to tell the wonderful story of the love of Jesus, and of this love being for all the people. After passing by two other cities they came to one which was large and had many people living in it, and here they stayed for some weeks, going to church three Sundays. The name of the city was Thessalonica. Is not that a long, hard word? Would you like to see how long it is on the blackboard? Six boys and six girls may go to the board and write it. The teacher may speak each letter and the children, one at a time, may take the crayon and make the letter named, joining the letters together to form the word. This was the name of one of the cities of Macedonia, and it was named for a king's daughter. The city of Philippi, where Paul and Silas had been, was named for the king himself. His name was Philip. It was here in Philippi that the first church in Europe was formed of those who were trying to obey the words which Jesus had spoken. In Thessalonica the second church was formed, because many men and women believed the story and said that they would follow Jesus. This city was one hundred miles from Philippi, and it took three days for Paul and Silas to reach it. They rested at night, and traveled on the water during the day. The people at that time thought this was fast traveling. Ships could not go as fast then as they can now; and all because the story has spread so far, and now so many people have heard it that it has helped them to know more and to see how to do things. King David said this word is a lamp, and it has helped men to see how to do wonderful things. Now a man can carry good news very fast in many ways. Paul and Silas started off for a city called Berea, and there they were made very happy by

finding people who read the Bible every day. We will find something about it here. [Read Acts 17, 10-12.]

Explain unusual words: "Thither," "synagogue," "readiness," "daily," "honorable."

### OUTLINE.

*Sunday.* Attention Story, Bible lesson, Golden Text, and Conversation.

*Monday.* Talk of the people whose minds were all ready to hear the story of Jesus, for they had been reading the Bible. The Old Testament had been written for a long time, and it is full of beautiful stories and promises which people read long ago, and they found just as we find that what is promised is sure to come. They had read about darkness and light, summer and winter, which should never cease, and they found the promise true. Repeat it from Gen. 8, 22.

*Tuesday.* Once there was a good man whose name was Isaiah. He heard God's voice in his heart telling him that by and by One who loved all men would come to this earth and make all places light. He would help the naughty people to be good, and he would make the weak to be strong and the lame to walk. Isaiah wrote the promises in his parchment book and they were remembered and looked for, and truly came to be. Read Isa. 35, 1, 3, 5, 6, 10.

*Wednesday.* Another time Isaiah wrote a message saying that people were to be comforted, and that the Lord would come and care for his people as a shepherd would feed his flock, caring tenderly for the little lambs. He would smooth the rough places and make crooked ways straight, and help everyone to be good. Isa. 40, 1, 4, 10, 11.

*Thursday.* By and by all these promises which the people of Berea had been reading came true. The Saviour, Jesus, came and lived among men and gave himself for them. After he had told all who love him to tell the story of his love to all people he went away to heaven, and his disciples told the story; so when Paul and Silas came to Berea they found that the people were all ready to hear more about Jesus, for they read their Bibles every day.

*Friday.* Before Jesus went away he had said to the people, "Search the Scriptures," and that is our Golden Text for this week. In searching the Scriptures we find precious things—truth, light, joy, peace, and the love which is everywhere.

NATURE WORK. Let the children choose for topics something in either the animal or vegetable kingdom which has an interest for them and is connected with the season. One insect, the grasshopper, is mentioned several times in the Bible, and is interesting to children always. During these warm July days you may hear him sing in the field and park and country roadside. How does he make the song? Not with his mouth.