

shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that has this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

Primary and Intermediate.

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LESSON THOUGHT. *Because Jesus lives, we shall live.*

Show a letter, and get children to tell what letters are written for, etc. Paul had preached at Thessalonica, and many had believed in Jesus. After he had been away from the city for several months, some of the Christians wrote to him asking him to tell them what to do about some things, and then Paul wrote a letter to them, from which our lesson is taken.

Recall briefly the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Tell story of a child who was afraid to go through a long, dark passage, until her father went before, and held her by the hand. So Jesus went through the dark passage-way of death before us, and now we need not be afraid. Teach that he rose from the dead to show us that we, too, should rise, and that when we die, God takes the body off us, as we take a glove off the hand.

Print on the board, "Children of the Night," and opposite, "Children of the Light." Ask questions about the night. Children do not love it. Teach that God calls sinners the children of night, because evil deeds always try to hide; when children do naughty things they do not want to have them known, and so try to cover them up. God can see in the darkness as well as in the light, and people who try to hide from God do not know what they are doing. Print list of things that children of the night do, such as Lie, Steal, Grumble, Swear, Covet, etc., and tell that the only way to keep from doing these things, is to come into the light which Jesus came to bring. Talk about children of the light, showing how open, honest, right-minded they try to be. Teach that Jesus tells what the children of the day should wear, and pin up a breastplate, cut from paper, with "Faith" and "Love" printed upon it, and a helmet bearing on it "Jesus, our Hope." Teach that Jesus has taught us that he is coming again, and since no one knows when he will come we shall not be safe at any time unless we are the children of the light, wearing the breastplate and the helmet which he has told us to put on.

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LESSON XII.—CHRISTIAN DILIGENCE.

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2 Thess. 3. 1-18.

HARD AT IT


*¶*1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord *a* may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: *a* May run; Matt. 9. 38.

ALWAYS AT IT

*¶*2 And that we may be delivered from *b* unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

Absurd.

*¶*3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and a keep you from evil.

a John 17. 16; *2* Peter 2. 9.

*¶*4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

*¶*5 And *b* the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and *c* into the patient waiting for Christ.

b 1 Chron. 29. 18; Matt. 22. 37; 1 John 4. 16.

c Or, the patience of Christ; 1 Thess. 1. 3.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that *c* ye withdraw yourselves *d* from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

c Rom. 16. 17.—*d* 1 Cor. 5. 11; 1 Tim. 6. 5; *2* John 10.

7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for naught; but *e* wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

e Acts 18. 3; 30. 34.

9 Not *f* because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample *g* unto you to follow us.

f Matt. 10. 10; 1 Tim. 5. 17.—*g* 1 Peter 5. 3.

10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that *h* if any would not work, neither should he eat.

h Gen. 3. 19; 1 Thess. 4. 11.

11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you *i* disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

i Isa. 56. 10.

12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, *j* that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

j Rom. 12. 11.

13 But ye, brethren, *d* be not weary in well-doing.

d Or, faint not.

14 And if any man obey not our word *e* by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

e Or, signify that man by an epistle.

15 Yet *k* count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

k Lev. 19. 17.

16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

17 The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.