

5. Tell the story of Annanias and Sapphira. God saw into their hearts and punished them very severely for their untruthfulness.

6. God by his Holy Spirit of Love is reading our hearts, he knows all about us. We never can do anything that he does not know. Let us be careful not to "hurt" the Holy Spirit of Love for he lives in our hearts,

LESSON VII—February 14th, 1897.

The Prison Opened. ACTS 5 : 17-32.

I. GOLDEN TEXT : "We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 4 : 29.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER :

1. The work of the Holy Spirit of Love in the heart.

2. Do not "hurt" or grieve the Holy Spirit of Love. (See Preview for *children* in *Little Folk's Quarterly*).

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON : The Holy Spirit of Love making me brave.

IV. REVIEW : These questions are only suggestive. The central spiritual truth and its teachings ought also to be recalled).

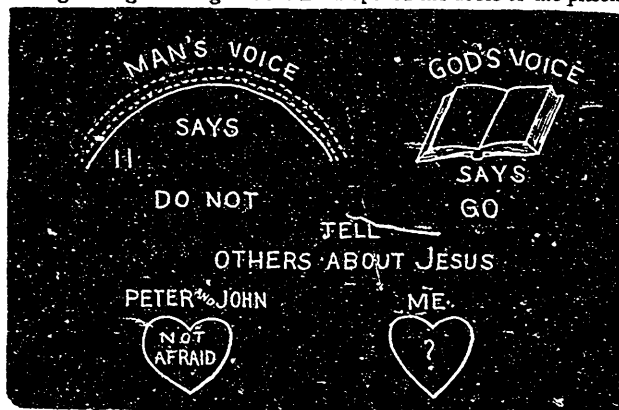
1. Who sold their possessions and brought the money to Peter?

2. What sin did they commit?

3. What happened to them?

4. What was last Sunday's Golden Text?

V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON : Following the sin and punishment of Annanias, and Sapphira, the apostles wrought many signs and wonders among the people, and were magnified by them. Multitudes of believers were added to the Lord, and the sick and those having unclean spirits were healed. The popularity of the apostles, stirred up opposition on the part of the leaders of the Jews, and they laid their hands upon the apostles, and put them in prison. During the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison and said to them, "Go



stand and speak in the temple all the words of this life." In the morning this miraculous release was reported to the council, and the apostles were once more but without violence brought before them. Peter in his defense spoke to them the words of our Golden Text, "We ought to obey God rather than men. The leaders then sought to kill the

apostles, but the wise council of Gamaliel prevailed, and they were set at liberty.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON :

1. Have the Golden Text printed on the blackboard beforehand.

2. Does anybody here ever feel afraid of anything? Tell us about it.

3. I want to tell you the story of a little boy who was not afraid to do right. Little Pierre was fishing one day out of a deep hole in a pond. The pond was near the roadside. Just across was an orchard, and the apples were ripe. Three tramps came along and tried to get into the orchard. They found a hole in the fence, but it was too small for them to get through, so turning to Pierre, they said, "here you boy