

and chariots of fire, which the Lord had sent to guard Elisha.

The Syrians did not see this host, however, and came up to seek Elisha, when suddenly the Lord struck them all with blindness, and they groped about not knowing where they were. Elisha then went up to them, and offered to lead them to Jehoram, whom they wished to take prisoner. And he brought them, blind and helpless, not into Dothan, but into the city of Samaria where Jehoram was; and when their eyes were opened again, behold! they were in the midst of their enemies. Jehoram wished to slay them there and then; but Elisha bade him instead to give them food and treat them kindly. This Jehoram did, and afterwards they were allowed to go back to their own land. Not for a long time did they again make war against Israel.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who made war against Israel? 2. What did he plan with his officers? 3. How was Jehoram always able to save himself from the Syrians? 4. What did Ben-hadad think was the reason? 5. Who told him the real reason? 6. What did he then do? 7. What did Elisha and his servant see in the morning? 8. What did the servant cry? 9. Why did Elisha say he need not fear? 10. What did God let the servant see? 11. How were the Syrians made helpless? 12. What did Elisha offer to do? 13. Whither did he lead them? 14. What did Jehoram wish to do? 15. What did Elisha command instead? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Philip of Macedonia was a very brave king who won a great many victories. After conquering the kingdoms all around him, he thought he would frighten the Spartan people into surrendering without fighting them; so he sent a letter to their king saying, "If I come down into your country, I will level your great city to the ground." Brave as Philip was, the Spartans were braver. They soon sent a letter in reply, and Philip found to his surprise only one word in the answer, the little word "If". The Spartans did not fear the great commander, because they trusted in the power of their own king.

Lesson Hymn

He shall charge His angel legions
Watch and ward o'er thee to keep;
Though thou walk through hostile regions,
Though in desert wilds thou sleep. Amen.
—Hymn 314, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—22. In what way did God make man to differ from the animals? God gave man a soul, or spirit, that can never die.

SHORTER CATECHISM—89. *How is the word made effectual to salvation?* A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

The Question on Missions

2. How many Japanese are there in Canada? About 18,000, chiefly in British Columbia. By mutual consent of the Canadian and Japanese Governments, not more than 600 emigrants are allowed to leave Japan for Canada in any one year.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing, and remember that God's angels are round about us, protecting



us from harm, as the young man in the Lesson saw the horses and chariots of fire around Elisha in the city of Dothan.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT ANGELS ARE GUARDING ME