

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON : God's word teaches us TO BELIEVE.

IV. REVIEW:

1. What did Paul see in a vision ?
2. To what city did he go ?
3. Who heard the word and obeyed it ?
4. What does the Bible say about God's word giving light ?

V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON: The missionaries, Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke continued their work in Philippi for some time and established a church there. Amongst other things, Paul here, in the name of Jesus Christ, performed a miracle by casting out a demon from a woman who followed them from place to place. Paul being grieved said, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." The woman seems to have been a slave and brought her masters much gain by sooth-saying. For this act Paul and Silas were put into prison. The jailer put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. At midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing there was a great earthquake, and but for the intervention of Paul the jailer would have killed himself. He soon became a seeker after truth and Paul told him that if he would be saved he must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. He believed and was baptized, he and all his house, and having washed the wounds of the disciples he sat meat before them.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON :

1. Have the Golden Text printed on the blackboard beforehand.
2. Illustration No. I. Hold in the hand a blank sheet of paper as the lesson is begun and say "Boys and girls I want to tell you a story." A little girl named Helen, eight years of age, who loved her father dearly and believed everything he said, one day brought him a sheet of paper, it was blank, except that she had signed her own name at the bottom. Looking up into his face trustfully, she said "Papa I will do anything you want me to do, write what you would like to have me do upon this piece of paper, for you see I have signed my name, which means I have promised to do it." That little girl believed in her father; she trusted him.

Illustration No. II. Tell the story of Jesus and the man born blind. Emphasize the thought, that he believed in Jesus and that he trusted him. How do we know this? Because

he did what Jesus told him to do. If we truly BELIEVE in anyone, in the sense that believe is used in the New Testament, we will do what that person tells us, just as the little girl and the blind man did.

NOTE.—In beginning a

lesson it is usually well to gain attention. Illustrations which only gain attention, however, are not worth much. They should be referred to again and again. They should be pegs on which to hang the truth. Use the two suggested above for this purpose, and each time the word "believe" occurs, or as often as is necessary to make the truth clear, refer back to the two stories to emphasize the meaning of "believe." This is one of the secrets of good teaching.

3. Tell the story of Paul and Silas in prison.

(a) The multitude rise up against them.

