

International Bible Lessons.

SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON I (April 5.)

PAUL'S FAREWELL TO EPHEBUS. Acts 20, 28-38.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20, 35.

Primary Notes.

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Hymn-verse for Quarter. Tune, Dornance.

"Lead us, tender Saviour, lead us,
By thy hand along the way;
May we trust and love thee truly,
May we follow day by day."



Approach. An appropriate unifying thought for this quarter is that of a safe path. Note Golden Text for review, "The Lord shall deliver me" (2 Tim. 4, 18),

and see how the twelve

lessons show Paul's safety in danger and his trust in Christ. Take as symbol a long path. Draw it upon board and preserve it. Each Sunday set up a Memory Stone, with lesson thought written in red or yellow chalk. Tell of Samuel's setting up a "stone of help" (see 1 Sam. 7, 12) to show how God had helped to that place and time, and to make the people remember it. Lead up to this thought in first place by a talk on paths, safe paths, rough and dangerous paths, strange and unknown paths, which we must take if we wish to reach the place they lead to. Impress need of Guide and Helper every day and every week, for living each day is like walking along a way. We often forget the help we have had, but this is wrong and ungrateful. The memory stone each week which we will put along the way will help us to remember the lesson learned. Encourage all who are old enough to do at home each week what is done in Sunday school, keeping the same paper and writing the lesson thought on a memory stone as soon after going home as possible.

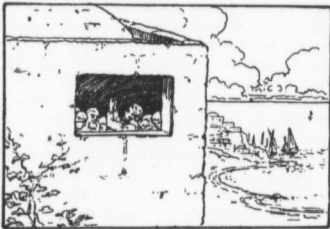
Speak of Paul, the messenger, going about on Jesus's errands. Refer to mob at Ephesus and

text, "The Lord preserveth the faithful." Review briefly message to Ephesians and to us, who must "Trust always." Could Paul keep on visiting and writing to these friends? No. He must go his way, and now we come to

The Good-bye. The lesson title gives another word, "farewell." A little talk about good-byes, meaning, reason for them, pain and love in them, and how we say "Don't forget." Explain keepsakes, little tokens given or words spoken, to keep for sake of the dear one going away. Paul was now on his way to Jerusalem to keep a feast there. He had been in Macedonia since that mob in Ephesus, and now, stopping at a place called Miletus, on his way to Jerusalem, he called for some of the chief men of the church in Ephesus to come there for a last talk and good-bye, as he had not time to go to them.

It was a sad good-bye, for Paul told them that God had shown him that he should come that way no more, and that in every place he went troubles would come to him. Yet he was not afraid. He knew the path would be safe after all, although it might be a hard way. What he cared for most of all was to have the Ephesians keep in mind what he had taught and showed them. He gave them a word, a message, for a keepsake, something to think of and to keep him in mind. We will write it on our

Memory Stone: Remember. Why should they "remember"? How long? And what should they remember? First, they must not forget how for three years he had not stopped teaching them, even with tears, begging them to love and trust and please Jesus. He had even worked with his hands that he might have money to live on, and take nothing from them. Now they must work for others and take care of the weak. For most of all they must "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus." Here teach Golden Text, and follow with little lesson



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