

advice of the Prophet, the King of Israel had again and again, because of that advice, saved his army from destruction. The King of Syria could not understand this, and sought after the cause. He supposed that there was a traitor in his camp, but was told that Elisha the man of God was the cause. The king of Israel determined to kill Elisha, and when he found he was at Dothan, sent a great army to compass the city about by night. God was taking care of Elisha. When the Prophet's servant was risen early in the morning, he saw a host encompassed about the city, with horses and chariots, and he was afraid. The prophet told his servant that God and his army would keep them and that they need have no fear. As a result of Elisha's prayer, the Lord opened the young man's eyes and he saw that the mountain was full of horses and chariots, and presently the people were smitten with blindness, and Elisha and his servant were delivered.

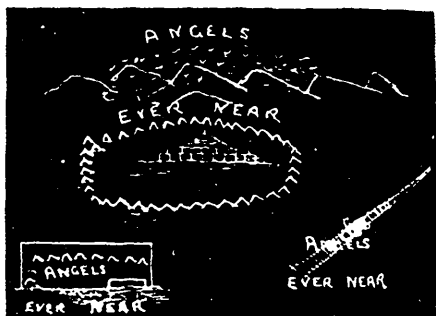
#### VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS:

We have a beautiful story to-day, and should reserve this lesson for special teaching. The Golden Text is well chosen, and we should seek to impress, not only the words, but the thought expressed therein. We often try to teach the children, that God takes care of them. Here we have an opportunity to teach them how he does it. How can we best do this?

1. Who is afraid in the dark, or of a dog, or of anything? The teacher should remember that as we begin the lesson by getting a child to admit that he is afraid in the dark, or of something of the kind, it will be much easier to teach the lesson truth. He who attempts to teach a child that God comforts the sorrowing, when the child really does not know what what sorrow means, has a difficult task before him. The dark room, or something of that kind will be a point of contact. Who takes care of us in the dark room? Yes, God. How does God take of us? Let us learn from our lesson to-day.

2. I know a person who is a little bit afraid to go in the railway train, fearful lest it runs off the track, and she be killed or injured. Only those who do not trust God are fearful of things.

3. Tell the story of the wonderful vision of Elisha's servant. Make it as graphic as possible. Draw a picture on the black-board of the city among the hills. Tell of the horses, and chariots encamped around the city so as to capture Elisha. Tell of the fear that came upon Elisha's servant. Ask the question here "Was Elisha not afraid? Tell of Elisha's prayer, and its answer...Describe as graphically as possible, the wonderful view that met



the sight of the young man when his eyes were opened.

4. Teach the Golden Text.

5. Who told Elisha and his servant when they were in danger? Who will tell us should there be any danger? Who is in the dark room to take care of us? Who goes before the quickest express train that runs, taking care of us? Repeat the Golden Text again.

6. God has given us many good gifts. His angels too are good gifts. Close with the Golden Text of the Quarter. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

