

and serve to emphasize strongly that Paul was ready for whatever came to him, because he knew that he belonged to God, and that God would take care of him.]

In time of danger. Are you ever afraid of the dark? I will tell you what the great king David said once. Will you not learn it, and say it to yourself the next time you feel afraid? This is it: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." He was speaking to God, and you may say the same words to him if you really mean them.

Paul was sailing away now to Rome in a ship. He was a prisoner, you know, and there were many other prisoners too. They were in the care of a captain and some soldiers. They did not have steamships in those days, and it took a long time to go to Rome. On the way a dreadful storm came up and the ship was not strong enough to stand it. Was Paul ready for this? Yes, he was ready not only to trust God, but to do all he could to help. One night an angel came to Paul and told him that all on the ship should be saved. Then Paul told the good news to the frightened soldiers and sailors, but he said that they must all be cast upon an island, and it was just so.

"Ready." God would not have put this story in the Bible for us to read if he had not wanted us to learn a lesson from it. [Show the whole of the blackboard.]

We are all little sailors on the ocean of life. There are sure to be storms during our voyage. If we have "Faith" on our sail, as Paul had, we shall come safely through the storms of life, and be able, as he was, to cheer and comfort other people. Paul did more than just to cheer and comfort them. He helped them to believe in God. We may help others to believe in him by our example. But we must have real faith, that



keeps us from being afraid, that makes us earnest to do all we can to help, and that trusts God all the way through! Are you ready to take the shield of faith, and to keep it with you all the

time! God has it ready for you if you want it, and it will make your life voyage a very safe and happy one. That is not all; it will make it a very useful one. Do you not like to help others? [Sing, "God make my little life a light."]

Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck. Acts 27. 18-25.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Be of good cheer; for I believe God." Acts 27. 25.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Acts 27; *Life and Words of St. Paul*, vol. ii. (Canon Farrar).

ATTENTION STORY.

Paul knew that he did right, and when the governor and the king had heard him speak they knew it too. The king said he would let him go, but Paul wished to see the greatest ruler, Caesar, and have him understand all about it. So he was put in care of a soldier, named Julius, who was captain of one hundred men, and they all sailed away to Italy, to go to the great city of Rome. The day after they sailed Julius let Paul visit some friends, which made him feel happy and fresh for the journey. After they had sailed many days they came to a very dangerous place, and could not sail very fast. Paul told them that the ship, and all the freight and the people were in danger, and he asked them to stay there safely for a while, but the captain said there was not much danger, so away they sailed. By and by a great wind came down upon the ship, and they all had to work to keep it from sinking. Paul tells what they did. Read Acts 27. 18-25.

Explain unusual words "Exceedingly," "tackling," "abstinence."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story, Bible lesson, and Golden Text. Before teaching the latter allow the children to tell some incidents of this story about Paul. See what different points have impressed different children.

Monday. Talk about the people doing all they could, but it was not enough, and they thought all was no use. The word says hope was taken away. They needed some one to help them. Only One could quiet the wind. The children may be taught this without being overawed, and taught that the strongest man, and all men on this earth cannot stop the rain of even a summer shower from falling. We are dependent upon the constant care of our Father.

Tuesday. After waiting patiently for a long time without speaking, Paul reminded them that they should have taken his advice, and then this would not have come. It is right now for people to listen to those who are older and wiser, and be willing to try some plans which loving friends make for them.

Wednesday. Paul told them that an angel had spoken to him, and said those wonderful words, "Fear not," and said that the God whom he loved and served would bring them all to land.