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The Beginners' Course

For Children Under Six Years of Age

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Theme of Lessons XXVI. to XXX. : Lessons of the Resurrection

LESSON XXVI.

THE FLOWERS BLOOMING AGAIN, Song of Solomon 2 : 11-13, 4 : 16.

Golden Text : *Because I live, ye shall live also*, John 14 : 19.

TEACHER'S NOTE—It is suggested that the idea of "calls" could be used throughout this series. (1) The flowers called to life. (2) The shepherd calling His sheep into a safe place. (3) Jesus calling His friends to tell others of His resurrection. (4) Jesus calling His disciples to live with Him in heaven, as told by an eye-witness. (5) Jesus calling us all to His Father's house in heaven.

CENTRAL TRUTH—Through God's power do the beautiful flowers bloom each spring. So He calls them.

POINT OF DEPARTURE—A child's experience with seeds and growing plants.

SPIRITUAL RESULT DESIRED—A building of the thankful spirit, as we begin to recognize God's hand in the natural beauties around us. A strengthening of faith in His love and kindness.

APPROACH—How many would love to see things growing from these seeds and bulbs? All of us. Watch mother's garden and see if you can have a little plot this year and tell me if anything beautiful happens there.

LESSON STORY—In the Song of Solomon are words like these : "The winter is past, and the rain is over and gone, and the flowers begin to bloom, and the singing birds are coming back, and the animals are coming from their winter homes. The fruit trees are beginning to blossom, and the tender grapevines smell fresh and sweet. Come into my beautiful garden! Awake north wind, and come warm south wind, and blow upon my garden that it may grow and flourish." King Solomon wrote this song, and it is in our Father's dear book, the Bible.

THINK OF THIS—Our Father's sun and rain call to the flowers in the gardens every-

where—the king's gardens, the gardens of rich and poor and young and old. Shall we not thank Him for calling beautiful things to life right under our own windows?

LESSON XXVII.

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD, John 10 : 1-17.

Golden Text : Same as for Lesson XXVI.

CENTRAL TRUTH—Jesus calls each one of us to happiness here and safety hereafter.

POINT OF DEPARTURE—A child's knowledge of calls and what he must do when he hears them.

SPIRITUAL RESULT DESIRED—A confidence in listening for the voice of God in the heart.

APPROACH—Did mother ever call you into the house when you were playing in the yard? What did you do then? Ran right into the house. Can you tell any difference in mother's voice when she is just talking with you and when she calls? Yes, the call means a good deal more than mere talking, doesn't it? There is something for you to do then, as well as for mother or father.

LESSON STORY—Once when Jesus was on earth he said, "The shepherd knoweth his own sheep, and he calleth them by name, and they follow, knowing their shepherd's voice that leadeth safely. A stranger will they not follow, because they know him not. When they return to the sheepfold, he calleth them in and keepeth them safe from harm. A good shepherd would even lay down his life, rather than let any one harm the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd and I know my sheep by name and those that love Me know my voice, and when I call they will follow, and I will keep them safe.

THINK OF THIS—If the sheep know the shepherd's call, and the child knows the mother's call, do you not think the child can know the sweet call of Jesus the Good Shepherd that says, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven?"