

LESSON XIII. (September 27.)

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Psa. 27. 1.

Primary Notes.

Sing hymn verse for quarter to tune "Little Drops of water:"

"Father, teach and lead us
Ever in the light;
May these precious lessons
Shine like stars at night."



The Star Thoughts for the quarter in order are as follows: 1. God only. 2. God will save us. 3. Serve God. 4. True obedience. 5. God sees the heart. 6. God on our side. 7. Help in trouble. 8. My Brother-

Friend. 9. Good for evil. 10. The true way. 11. Love each other. 12. A touch is too much. 13. Light.

Cluster the lesson teachings about the thought of light, and explain again the significance of the Star Thoughts. As stars shed their light in the darkness, so these great and beautiful truths from God's word shine on our way to help us to understand what is right. Who made the stars? Who gives these truths? Could any man make a star? Could any man show us such wonderful truths as God shows?

After talk about stars and Star Thoughts teach Golden Text. Impress thought that God himself, not even the Bible, or prayer, or any of the helps we have, can give light and can save, except as God is our loving Lord and is himself our light and Saviour.

If the stars cut from silver paper, hung on pin ribbons put through holes punched in them, and lettered with the lesson thoughts, have been used from week to week in the lessons, they may now be taken down and given out to scholars who may give the lesson thoughts in turn and again place the stars, as the review proceeds. After giving title and the Golden Text let the "star scholar" give Star Thought and then the class repeat it. If possible, have tiny hooks arranged on pasteboard or on frame of black-board, in form of a cross, and hang the stars upon these hooks, thus giving them a new position by way of arresting attention. Explain that this is only to make us think of Jesus and

that all light comes from him. Beware of bewildering by this symbol, but remember that the cross is associated with Christ, and if we can associate light and salvation with it we have gained a distinct advantage in the spirit of the child. Seven stars in perpendicular line and six at right angles forming the cross will serve to give the form. Then ask the children to think of light—of the brightest, purest, loveliest light they know—shining from these stars. Leave this to the imagination, without trying to simulate light in any way. What is the light that Jesus gives us? It is the light of love. Love makes things plain and clear to us, as the sunlight makes the dark path plain. It is Jesus's love that saves us, and so he is our light and our salvation, as the text says. The sun gives us light by day, but at night we are in the dark. The sun shines on another part of the world. Jesus is always shining in his love everywhere.

As the lessons are passed in review bring up such historical points as are needed to revive the knowledge, being careful to take what was especially impressed in the first study that it may be a review indeed and not a new lesson. But be brief and bright, and concentrate the thought on light.

Thought for Teachers. Perhaps we cannot too often remind ourselves of the risk we run in using symbols. We must always guard against wrong impressions and confusion of thought. Let us be careful not to mix our metaphors. If we use stars and light let us not bring in links of a chain, for instance, in our review. We need to consecrate and use our mental powers as well as our spiritual influence.

"The simplicity that is in Christ" should be study of our Lord's teachings reveals the fact the primary teacher's watchword. A careful



that he was always simple in a high degree. Let us study his example lovingly and reverently.