

guard about us; no matter. The stars are shining, though the clouds cover them, and the angels are near though we cannot see them. How safe we are, because God cares for his own! All the lessons of this quarter show that God's angel "encampeth round about" to deliver from all evil.

Display all the shields and go rapidly over the lesson titles, texts, and duties, emphasizing the need of faith, hope, and love. Here are the "duties" upon the shields in their order: (1) Repent and return; (2) Say and do; (3) Do not fear, God is near; (4) Be humble and watchful; (5) Believe and be safe; (6) Ask and receive; (7) Hear the word of the Lord; (8) Drink and live; (9) Trust and follow; (10) Keep God's temple holy; (11) Join the encouragers; (12) Grieve not the Spirit; (13) God cares.

Now take the shields apart and distribute them to thirteen of the larger scholars. Turn to the picture roll, describe the pictures, and have class tell what persons and things are pictured, or show the pictures and ask the questions, drawing out in each case God's deliverance from evil, from sin, from fear, from danger, from captivity, and so on through, linking the Golden Text for review with each one. In connection with each picture call for the shield that belongs to that lesson. Do not designate it in any way. Let the scholar who thinks he has it bring it up, and the class decide if it is right or not. Keep each shield-bearer standing till all are upon the floor in front. Then, while the rest stand, let those holding the shields march once around the room while all sing some such stirring song as that old-fashioned one in the Golden Chain, "I am glad I'm in this army, and I'll battle for the school."

Close with prayer-hymn, "Father, help us in these lessons," etc.



Kindergarten Hints.

GOLDEN TEXT: "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in

us, because he hath given us of his Spirit." 1 John 4, 12, 13.

We divide our historical review into three topics:

1. Captives carried away. ["The Lord is mindful of his own, he remembers his children."] 2. Captives among heathen. ["God, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps."] 3. Captives brought home, comforted, set to rebuilding waste places. [God's promises are sure.]

Our topical review we arrange in parallel order:

1. Evil thoughts or evil companions may take us a long way over desert wastes, a long way from our home in the arms of a loving Saviour. Yet nothing can carry us beyond the Father's watchful care. 2. Captive souls brought home, set to rebuilding waste places defaced by sin. "We dwell in him."

We make a blackboard diagram, which, in points of outline and direction, shall be measurably correct and absolutely simple. For the sake of nearsighted members we make it large, with bold, clear lines. In the center is the big triangular desert [see map of Assyria and Babylon in Teachers' Bible]. On the left of desert the irregular oblong space marked "Home" [Holy Land]. On the right is an approximately correct outline of Babylon marked "Heathen Land."

On the outgoing line of travel, which we mark through the desert with arrows, we print, "God with them." On the homeward line, marked in the same way, we print, "God leads them." A picture of a camel marks the desert, and a cross marks Jerusalem, and should suggest that God was making home ready for the coming of Christ; making ready the land, the church, the people.

We speak of "captives studying in the heathen king's training school" (Lessons 2, 3, 4, 5). The children readily recall these fascinating stories, beginning at the point, "Soldiers carried these boys away from home to a heathen country," which we trace on map. Review beyond these first five lessons will be a little hazy and vague. This through no fault of the teachers, but because the lessons of prophecy and vision were too abstract for our beginners.

The simplest way to review is, by the aid of map, to show that God sent prophets to prepare the way, to teach how to get ready to go home, and then the Lord sent friends to lead the way home. The prophet Ezekiel shaped God's messages into most beautiful poetry, teaching of home and church. People listened, turned from attractive heathen ways, obeyed, made ready to go home. After speaking of the king who gave gold and silver to pay for their journey, and who sent soldiers to guide them, the children