

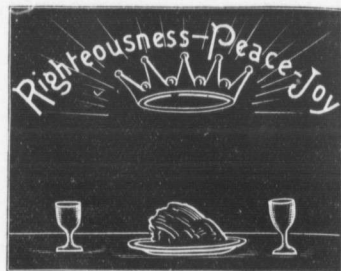
ness. Paul knew a rule which if they would only follow would make them happy and useful. Can you tell what this rule is? Yes, the very same that we have on the board. We may call it the "Love Rule." If this was a good rule for them it must be for us, so let us try to see how it can help us.

If you will look close at a rule you will see that it is all marked off into spaces. In the first of our "Love Rule" spaces let us write "Be Patient." The Gentile Christians did not worship [show idol] idols now, and they did not like to even see anything which had ever belonged to one. The Jewish Christians were willing to eat meats and drink wines which had been set before an idol, for they knew that an idol was not alive, and could not harm anything [show the lower half of the black-board picture]. But when the Gentile Christians saw meats and drinks which had been offered to idols it made them feel unhappy. They thought it was wrong to touch anything which had ever been offered to an idol. What they all needed was to learn to be patient. Were the Jewish Christians right? Then they must be patient with those who thought they were wrong. And so with the Gentiles. Do you think patient people are quick to find fault with one another?

"Be Loving" may go into the next space in our rule. Suppose some of the Jews did not find fault with the Gentiles, but just quietly went on doing the thing which seemed so wrong to these Christians. Would that be the loving way? No; Christ gave his life for the Gentiles just as he did for the Jews, and if the eating of meats and drinking of wines that had been offered to idols was going to hurt these Gentiles, then it would be the same thing as hurting Christ! The loving way would be to give up something for the sake of the weak brother.

Another measure of our rule may be "Be True." What is this on the board? Yes, a crown. Who have the right to wear crowns? Kings and queens. God has a kingdom waiting for each little girl and boy. Some day each one who has been faithful, and lived for the kingdom, shall wear a crown. [Sing the first verse of "When He Cometh."] Our little crowns will shine in his great crown if we have been his good children and have kept his word. [Print "Righteousness," "Peace," "Joy," and teach that we must have these if we are in God's kingdom, and that we shall not have them unless we take the Love Rule for the law of our life.] [Drill] on the Golden Text, and see that more is learned than the words of the text. It is often necessary that a bit of explanation or illustration be given to make clear the sense of the text. Show that if we let ourselves do wrong things, or say wrong words, we may make some other child stumble and be hurt, and that this is really hurting Christ. Talk about the pledge, and help children to see that this is the only way in which they

may help, by never touching or tasting wine or strong drink. Close by singing the last verse of "When He Cometh.]"



### Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Care of Others, 1 John 2. 10, 28; 3. 17, 18; 4. 21.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." Rom. 13. 10.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Job 28; *The Mind of the Master* (Watson); *Fatherhood*, pages 250-270; *The Spirit in Literature and Life* (Coyle); *Knowledge the Servant of Love*, pages 204, 205; *The Social Law of Service* (Ely), pages 249-276.

### ATTENTION STORY.

Last week we talked of a letter which Paul wrote to Timothy, saying he was glad that Timothy had learned of God's word while he was a child. Just before that we talked of part of a letter which James wrote asking people to be careful how they used the tongue. To-day we will read part of another letter written by a man who talked of love in all his letters. His name was John. He wrote to people in a very loving way, and called them "children" and "little children," and, as he lived to be very old, it may be that he thought of them as his grandchildren. His letters are beautiful, and in the first part of the one which we read to-day he speaks of both love and light. He says we have light through love, and this helps our thoughts to see the right thing. If we have plenty to eat and to wear we will not see our brother in need, but we will give some of our things to him. John speaks about the tongue, too. Let us read part of the letter. [Read 1 John 2. 10, 28; 17, 18; 4. 21.]

Explain unusual words: "Abideth," "confidence," "shuttesth," "compassion."

### OUTLINE.

*Sunday.* Attention Story, Bible lesson, Golden Text, and conversation about the lesson. Let several children write the Golden Text upon the blackboard.

*Monday.* Every little child knows what it is to stumble, and the letter says (verse 10) that he who loves his brother is just like a person who is in the light all the time, and so need not stumble, for when people do, or when they fall down, it is because they cannot see where they are going. Love opens the eyes of our mind and our thoughts.