

## WHAT THE WIND SAYS.

When Willie goes upstairs to sleep  
A wakeful ear he's sure to keep  
Upon the wind, who always knows  
What Willie does, and where he goes:  
If he's been good the whole day long,  
The wind sings over the same song  
In sweetest, softest lullabies  
As Willie gently shuts his eyes:  
"Good and true, good and true!  
Willie, you—Willie, y-o-u!"

But sometimes—ah, the truth is sad—  
Poor Willie's wilful, cross and bad;  
He breaks his mother's strictest rule,  
And even slips away from school;  
Then when he creeps into his bed,  
And pulls the pillow o'er his head,  
And listen—hark! the mad wind knows;  
Hear, how it whistles, storm and blows:  
"So untrue! so untrue!  
Willie, you—I mean y-o-u!"

Oh, then his heart begins to quake,  
And one long hour he lies awake,  
And wonders how the wise wind knew—  
The wisest wind that ever blew—  
Till something inside speaks out bold:  
"I am the monitor who told!  
O yes, 'twas I who told the wind,  
And both of us know you have sinned,  
Willie, you—Willie, y-o-u!"  
Wind and Conscience both say you!

## LESSON NOTES.

## THIRD QUARTER.

## STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

## LESSON II. [Oct. 10.]

## PAUL A PRISONER AT JERUSALEM.

Acts 22, 17-30. Memory verses 22-24.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.—1 Peter 4, 16.

## OUTLINE.

1. Saul the Persecutor, v. 17-21.
2. Paul the Persecuted, v. 22-30.

## THE LESSON STORY.

There was great joy among the Christians in Jerusalem when Paul came. But it was soon turned to mourning, for all that the Holy Spirit had said by Agabus came to pass. The wicked Jews seized him and began beating him. They would have killed him, very likely, but the Roman captain took him away and bound him and led him to the tower, or castle, where prisoners were kept. The people were angry and kept crying, "Away with him!" as they did in the time of Jesus. As they went up the long stairs to the tower Paul asked the captain to let him speak to the people, and the captain said he might. Then Paul told the wonderful story of his life, how once he hated the

Christians until Jesus spoke to him and changed his heart, and how he had preached Jesus in Jerusalem until God had sent him to preach to the Gentiles.

Then the people began to cry out again that Paul ought to be killed, and the captain ordered a centurion to have him scourged to make him confess. Paul knew this was unlawful, for he had the rights of a Roman, though he was a Jew. He told the centurion this, and when the captain heard it he was afraid and sent away the soldiers. The next day he called a council of the Jews to come and examine Paul.

## LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Find how Paul was welcomed at Jerusalem. Acts 21, 17-19.  
*Tues.* Learn the good advice they gave him. Acts 21, 20-25.  
*Wed.* Read how a great uproar was raised. Acts 21, 26-31.  
*Thur.* Read Paul's speech on the prison stairs. Acts 22, 1-21.  
*Fri.* Read the rest of the lesson verses. Acts 22, 22-30.  
*Sat.* Find why Paul was not ashamed? Golden Text.  
*Sun.* Find why Paul was not to be pitied. Matt. 5, 10-12.

## QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

How was Paul received in Jerusalem? Why was the joy soon turned to mourning? What did the apostles advise Paul to do? [See Helps for Tuesday.] What excuse did the Jews make for seizing Paul? Acts 21, 28. What unlawful deed did they do? Who put a stop to it? Where was Paul taken? Who gave him permission to speak? What story did Paul tell? How did the Jews receive it? What order did the captain give? Why was it not carried out? What right had a Roman citizen? Not to be punished before being tried and found guilty. What did the captain call the next day?

## IN TIME OF DANGER—

Stand firm, trusting in God.  
Never be ashamed of the right.  
Do not be afraid; God knows.

## LESSON III. [Oct. 17.]

## PAUL BEFORE THE ROMAN GOVERNOR.

Acts 24, 10-25. Memory verses 14-16.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee.—Isa. 41, 10.

## OUTLINE.

1. A Good Confession, v. 10-16.
2. A Plain Statement v. 17-21.
3. A Long Delay, v. 22-25.

## THE LESSON STORY.

Paul was brought before the Jewish council, but the seventy judges fell to quarrelling among themselves, and the captain took Paul back to the prison. That night the Lord stood by him and told him that he should be his witness at Rome.

So Paul knew that the Jews could not kill him at this time. But the Jews did not know this, and forty cruel men made a plot to fall upon him when he was next brought to the council, and kill him. Paul's sister's son heard of the plot and told it to the captain, and he sent Paul in the night, with a strong guard of soldiers, to Caesarea. This city was thirty-five miles from Jerusalem, and the Roman governor, Felix, lived there. Five days after Paul left Jerusalem the high priest, Ananias, and the elders of the Sanhedrin came to accuse him. They said that Paul went about trying to stir up rebellion among the Jews, and that he came to Jerusalem to profane the temple. Then Paul said that he had done no wrong, and that nothing could be proved against him except that he believed in the resurrection of the dead. Felix did not let the Jews take Paul back to Jerusalem. He kept him in Caesarea, and was kind to him. One day he and his wife, Drusilla, sent for Paul to speak to them of Jesus, and Felix trembled as he listened. But he would not repent then; he put it off till another time.

## LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read the charges against Paul. Acts 24, 1-9.  
*Tues.* See how Paul replied in the lesson verses. Acts 24, 10-25.  
*Wed.* Find why Paul was not afraid. Golden Text.  
*Thur.* Learn why the captain sent Paul to Felix. Acts 23, 25-30.  
*Fri.* Learn why Paul made Felix tremble. Heb. 4, 12.  
*Sat.* Read of others besides Felix who waited. Matt. 25, 1-10.  
*Sun.* Find the danger of putting off repentance. Prov. 1, 24-28.

## QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

What was the Jewish council before which Paul appeared? The Sanhedrin. What did the judges do after Paul spoke? Where did the captain take Paul? Who lived at Caesarea? What right had Paul as a Roman citizen? To be tried before a Roman judge. Where was Paul's trial held? Why did the Jews want Paul sent back to Jerusalem? So as to kill him. Where was he kept? Who trembled at his words? What mistake did Felix make?

## AM I LIKE PAUL—

Always ready to hear God speak?  
Always ready to acknowledge a fault?  
Always ready to speak the word of God?

Johnny had been out in the yard playing ball, and suddenly came in and sat down to read. His father looked up, and seeing that Johnny had his Sunday-school book in his hand, thought it time to question him. "What did you do with the ball?" "It went over the fence into Mr. Brown's yard." "Did you go over after it?" "No, sir." "Why not?" "Because it went through the window."