

"Here am I." Have you ever thought how many things there are to do in this great, busy world? There is something for each one to do; and the reason that so many things are not done right is that very often the one who ought to do them is not ready to serve, but, instead of saying "Here am I," says, "Send some one else." Let us think a little about the kinds of work that God is calling his children to do. There are hungry people to be fed, thirsty who need a drink, naked to be clothed, sick to be visited, and sad hearts to be comforted. Little children can help to do all these things. Had you thought that the self-denial pennies you put into your mite box went to do just this kind of work? I will tell you how. The good missionaries find the hungry and thirsty and naked and sick and sad waiting for some one to help them. The missionaries are able to go and do this kind of work because good people give the money to send them, and so even your little pennies are helping to do the very kind of work that Jesus said we should do. If a little child can do nothing more, he can gather self-denial pennies to help on the Lord's work. Have you said, "Here am I?"

*The story of the cross.* But there is a story that every child can tell as soon as he has learned it, and that is the story of Jesus, who died on the cross to save us all. This is the very best news that ever was told, and so it ought to be easy to tell. Every child may tell this sweet story. Have you learned it? If you have, do you know some one who does not know it yet? Maybe you can bring that one to the church and Sunday school, where he can learn it too, and begin to tell it! Will you say to this call, "Here am I; send me?"



#### Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Isaiah Called to Service. Isa. 6. 1-13.

"For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk

in the way of this people, saying, . . . neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid." Isa. 8. 11, 12.

GOLDEN TEXT. "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isa. 6. 8.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER, Holy Bible, Isa. 6. 9. *Old Testament History* (Smith); *Illustrative Notes* (Drs. Hurlbut and Doherty).

#### ATTENTION STORY.

Not only kings tried to do what would please God, but many of the people prayed often and waited to hear the Voice speak in their hearts. You remember that sometimes we have talked of the Spirit or the voice of God speaking to us, and little children often hear the still small voice in their hearts. [Talk with the children in a simple and reverent way of the Holy Spirit speaking within us and no one else can hear.] The Lord spoke to Isaiah and told him that he was chosen to tell the people what would be by and by, so that they might be all ready for it. Isaiah loved God and wished to do what would please him, just as a boy loves his father and mother and is glad to obey them. He lived in the city where the great temple stood and where people went often to pray. They knew Isaiah, so did the kings, and they listened to his words. Though he lived in a city he was glad to go into the country, and he knew so much of trees and mountains that he wrote about them, and his thoughts were so beautiful that his words were too, and people liked to hear and to read them. When the Lord spoke to Isaiah he was taught (instructed) that he should not walk in the way where some people near him were walking, and he should not be afraid of them. Here we read about it. [Read as much of the lesson chapter as is printed at the beginning of this lesson, but read the words from the Bible, not from the JOURNAL.] Isaiah was so glad to obey God and to do something for him that he said this. [Repeat after the teacher the words of the Golden Text.]

In connection with the lesson verses tell the children of God's promises to instruct us, referring to "I will guide thee," etc. The promise of Jesus is that the Spirit shall lead us into all truth. Make clear the heartiness of Isaiah giving himself.

#### OUTLINE.

On Sunday dwell upon the call and the response. You may be able to inspire many little warm hearts to desire to serve our Father and to follow Jesus, the Spirit giving to both teacher and children great enthusiasm. "Here am I!" for service. Talk with the children, not wholly to them. When God says, "Who will go?" we will be ready for missionary service, patriotism, little errands in the home, or for whatever will help others to better living. The Gospel message of peace and good will touches home service, church service, and service for our country and our