

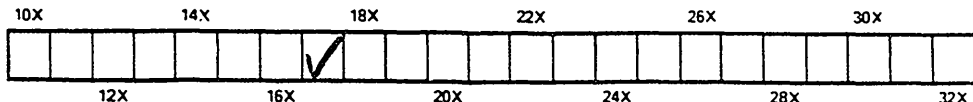
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OVER THE GARDEN WALL.

## NOT OUR OWN.

A little boy was debating what to do with some money his uncle had given him. He wanted to buy candy with it, but felt that he ought to give a part of it to the missionary society of which he was a member. At last he said, "I guess it is mine, and I can do as I please with it."

"No," said his brother, "you cannot do as you please, for you are not your own; I heard our minister say that we were all bought with the blood of Christ. If he has bought us, we are his, and the missionaries are his, and we must please him, not ourselves."

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 5.] PAUL'S VOYAGE AND SHIPWRECK. [OCT. 31.]

Acts 27. 13-26.

GOLDEN TEXT—Be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.—Acts 27. 25.

MEMORY VERSES, 21-25. (Read chap. 27.)—But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cæsar: and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

*To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.*

## LESSON STORY.

At last Paul set sail for Rome. There were other prisoners besides Paul, and all were in charge of a centurion, or Roman officer, and his soldiers.

After a time the ship went into a harbour because the summer was past and it was dangerous to sail. But soon they started off again, and before long were caught in a great storm. Everyone lost hope but Paul. He kept praying to God. In the night-time God sent an angel to comfort him, and then he spoke to the frightened men and told them that God had said that all should be saved, but they must first be cast upon a certain island. They could all see now that Paul was a servant of God, and do you not think he would tell them about Jesus who loved them enough to die for them?

## LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What happened to Paul's ship?

*It was wrecked.*

2. Who alone had hope?

*Paul.*

3. What did he do?

*He prayed constantly.*

4. Who came to comfort him?

*The angel of God in a voice by night.*

5. What promise did God make to Paul?

*That he and all with him would not be drowned.*

6. What message of comfort did Paul give them?

*Golden text.*

### THE SICK BOY.

Poor little Roy was out in the garden this morning when he received a sun-stroke. He was hoeing and weeding his flower-beds where the sun was blazing down, and before long it affected his head so that he had to go in the house.

He ran right to his mother, who saw at once that he was sick. She took him on her lap, and his sister Ruth ran for the camphor bottle and some cold water. Then his mother bathed the hot fevered forehead and Ruth fanned him, and before very long he felt much better. Little folk must be very careful about playing in the hot sun.

A teacher once said to his class: "There is a boy whom you all know who wishes to learn to swim; but, as he will not trust his weight to the water, he does not float at all. Now tell me, is the water able to keep him up?" "Yes, yes," they all said. "Yes," said the teacher, "the water will bear up any who are willing to rest upon it, but you must trust yourself to it. Now I ask you to have faith, not in a dumb thing, like water, but in God, who loves you, and has all power, and asks you to trust him." Some time after this the teacher and his class went out to the lake, and Tom made up his mind that he would try once more to learn to swim. He went into the water, and was soon lying quietly upon its surface, and before many minutes he was able to take a few strokes. By learning to trust he had learned to float. Soon he could swim in deep water. His little bit of confidence had grown into perfect trust. In some such way as this we come to the Lord Jesus. At first our faith is feeble, and we do not believe in Jesus' power to keep us from sin and trouble; but after awhile we find that he can save us and keep us, and our faith grows stronger.



THE SICK BOY.—(see third page)



Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

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