go; but they said, 'Oh, let us go father, we'll take care of ourselves, we won't get into any mischief.' Well, so it went on. He did not say 'You shan't go,' and he did not say 'You may go,' he kept hoping they would think better of it. At last the day before the fair he found they all meant to go, and he was troubled.

"When that old farmer had a doubt or a trouble he looked into the Bible for advice and comfort. Now it so happened that this time he turned to the eighteenth chapter of Genesis, and the verse that caught his eye was, 'I know Abraham that he will *command* his children and household after him.'

"'Ah!' said he, 'that's where I was wrong. I advised them. I should have "come Abraham" over them, and *commanded* them.' So the next morning he read this chapter at prayers, and showed them how it was his duty to command them to keep out of harm's way, and their duty to obey. He forbade any one of them to go to the fair. They all obeyed, and he told a friend afterwards, 'I never had any trouble after I learned to "come Abraham" over them.'

"I have told you this story to help you to obey cheerfully when you are told to do what you don't like. Now let us hear what the Lord had to tell Abraham.