

Lesson, 2 Chron. 14 : 2-12. Read 2 Chron. 14, 15, 16. Commit vs. 2-5.

2. And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God :

3. For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves ;

4. And commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

5. Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images : and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6. And he built fenced cities in Judah : for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years ; because the Lord had given him rest.

7. Therefore he said unto Judah, let us build these cities, and make about them walls and towers, gates and bars, while the land is yet before us : because we have sought the Lord our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side ; so they built and prospered.

8. And Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand ; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and four-score thousand ; all these were mighty men of valour.

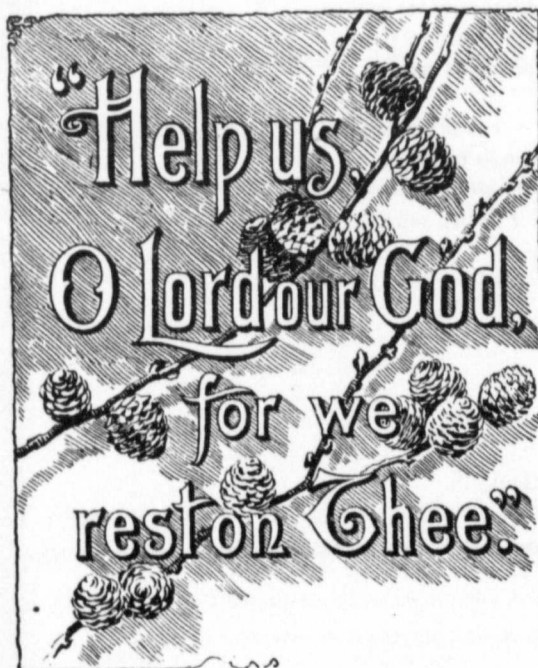
9. And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian, with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots ; and came unto Mareshah.

10. Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11. Then Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power : help us, O Lord our God ; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God ; let not man prevail against thee.

12. So the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah : and the Ethiopians fled.

GOLDEN TEXT : "Help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on Thee." 2 Chron. 14 : 11.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

Once upon a time there lived a good king whose name was Asa. He tried to please God, and did everything he could to honor him. The people had set up idols for worship, when they should have worshipped God, but king Asa had them all taken away. He was so good and wise a ruler that the people under him had peace and much happiness. At one time when an enemy came against him and his people to make war, Asa and his soldiers went against them ; but before the battle began he spoke to God and asked Him to help him. He said "Help us O Lord our God, for we rest on Thee." God heard his prayer, gave him the victory, and the enemies were driven away.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

CLEANSE my heart from every sin,
Make me beautiful within,
Then shall those about me see
That the Saviour dwells in me.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Prov. 18 : 10.
TUESDAY—1 Sam. 14 : 6.
WEDNESDAY—1 Sam. 17 : 45.
THURSDAY—Psalm 18 : 2.
FRIDAY—Psalm 18 : 6.
SATURDAY—Psalm 18 : 32.
SUNDAY—2 Chron. 14 : 11.