

It was about the middle of September, when the great Hebrew harvest home festival was held. So great were the multitudes that thronged Jerusalem that it required 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep to feed them while they were staying in Jerusalem.

Carefully, oh, so carefully, the priests took up the ark and carried it into the temple to the place prepared for it.

All the people were listening. King Solomon rose. He stood with his arms stretched toward heaven and said: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel. As He hath promised, I have built a house unto His name."

Then Solomon knelt before the altar and began to pray: "O Lord God of Israel, look down upon this house that I have built. If any man has sinned, and shall come to Thy house and ask forgiveness, hear him and forgive his sin. If we are in trouble, or hungry, or sick, help us, O Lord my God.

"And now, O Lord, come into Thy house."

Suddenly, as Solomon stopped praying, there was a great light in the sky. And the fire and the glory of the Lord came down upon the altar and burned up the offerings. This was a sign that God had come into His temple. Then all the land of Israel was filled with joy! The beautiful church was done! The people could go there and pray to God, and He would be sure to hear them.

Will you ask father and mother to bring you to our church next Sunday?

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was Solomon building? 2. What was the most beautiful part of the building?
3. What was to be kept here? 4. How long did it take to build the temple? 5. Where did it stand? 6. Of what was it built? 7. Whom did Solomon call together? 8. For what purpose did he gather them? 9. How great were the multitudes who came? 10. Who carried the ark into the temple? 11. What did Solomon then do? 12. What happened when he stopped praying? 13. Of what was this a sign? 14. What use were the people to make of the temple? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
While His wisdom guides your feet
Safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Amen.

—Hymn 145, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—38. How did Jesus spend His life, when He grew up to be a man? When Jesus grew up to be a man He went about doing good, and teaching men about God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 21-23.

The Question on Missions

4. How does the Settlement help to make good citizens? It organizes the boys and girls of the neighborhood into self-governing clubs, where they learn to get what they want in an orderly way. It helps the children and older people to discuss the problems of the country and to see their share in solving them.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*color*) shows King Solomon standing before the people in prayer on the



day when the temple was given to God. Remember that God wants to dwell in our hearts and that we ought to keep them pure and beautiful for Him.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE REVERENT IN
GOD'S HOUSE