

7. Review the story of the spider's net. One of the nets that Satan spreads in which to catch people is riches. As you speak of this, with colored chalk, draw a picture of a bag of money, as shown in the cut, and show how people are often caught by Satan in this net.

8. Satan wanted to catch Solomon in this net, but Solomon was wise and chose wisdom.

9. Why did Solomon thus choose?

10. Because he feared the Lord. Make the meaning of "feared the Lord" plain. Refer to last Sunday's Golden Text. He wanted to follow his father's advice and walk in God's ways. Therefore he feared the Lord and chose wisdom. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

11. How shall I choose wisdom? Take Jesus into my heart.

LESSON III—October 18th, 1896.

Solomon's Wealth and Wisdom. I KINGS 4: 25-34.

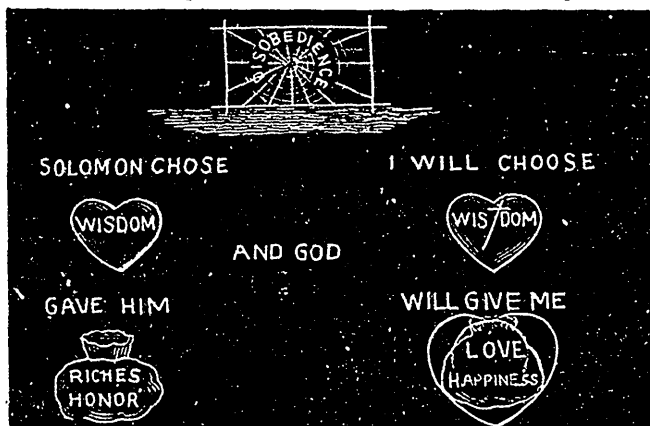
I. GOLDEN TEXT: "Them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. I Sam. 2: 30.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: Honor God.

III. REVIEW: What did Solomon do soon after he became king? What did God ask Solomon when he spoke to him in a dream? What did Solomon choose? How did God show that he was pleased with Solomon's choice?

IV. LESSON STORY: In to-day's lesson some of the things that God told Solomon about have come to pass. Peace was now in the land. The people were no longer obliged to live in fortified cities, for the enemies had been driven out and now they dwelt safely all over the country. They had their own homes and gardens, and cultivated the land and got plenty of food for their cattle. God was true to his word; he made Solomon a great king, and gave him much wealth. He was king over all the land; he had much gold and silver, and very many servants, and horses, and chariots, and beautiful cities and buildings. His own palace took thirteen years to build, and was of polished marble overlaid with cedar. He planted trees of all kinds, and

had vineyards, and gardens, and orchards, and so much and so many beautiful things that it would take a long time to tell all about them. God also gave Solomon the wise heart that he asked him for. He made him very wise, much wiser than any one else who lived in the world. He said many wise



things, which are called proverbs. He spoke of trees and all kinds of animals, and many, many other things. Kings and people far and near heard about him, and came to see and hear this great and wise king.

V. SUGGESTIVE STEPS FOR TEACHING THE LESSON:

1. Have the Golden Text printed on the blackboard beforehand.
2. Have a picture of a spider's net on the blackboard beforehand.
3. Introduce the Golden Text.