

our beautiful city of Jerusalem."

The king and his followers went to the house where the ark was. They took a new cart drawn by oxen, and placed the ark upon it. Then the journey was begun.

It was pleasing to God to have the ark brought from its hiding place, but David disobeyed God's directions concerning the way in which it was to be carried. God had said that the ark must be carried upon the shoulders of certain chosen men. It must not be touched except by the handles.

The oxen moved along. Presently they came to a stony place. They stumbled. The ark seemed about to fall. Uzzah, one of the men driving the cart, put out his hand to steady the ark. He touched it. Punishment came immediately. He fell to the earth—dead. David and his followers were grieved and frightened. They carried the ark to the home of Obed-edom and left it there.

After a while David again set out to bring the ark to Jerusalem. This time the precious thing was carried in just the right way. David and his followers obeyed God's will.

There was great rejoicing when the ark reached Jerusalem. The air was filled with the music of harps and cymbals and happy songs.

As the procession bringing the ark, climbed up the hills leading to the city of Jerusalem and gathered together before the city gates, they sang together in the beautiful words of the psalm given in the Lesson,—a psalm which we still love to sing in our churches.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the ark like? 2. What were kept in the ark? 3. Why was it so precious to the Israelites? 4. Who had captured the ark in battle? 5. Why did the Philistines bring it back to the land of Israel? 6. Where was it kept? 7. Whither did David wish to bring it? 8. On what was it carried? 9. Why was this not right? 10. What happened when the oxen stumbled? 11. Whither was the ark then taken? 12. What did David again set out to do? 13. How was the ark carried this time? 14. What happened when the ark reached Jerusalem? 15. What sign was seen as it

was brought into the city? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Lord of the worlds above,
How pleasant and how fair
The dwellings of Thy love,
Thy earthly temples, are!
To Thine abode
My heart aspires
With warm desires
To see my God. Amen.

—Hymn 387, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—30. When do we sin against God? We sin against God when we do what He tells us not to do; or when we fail to do what He tells us to do.

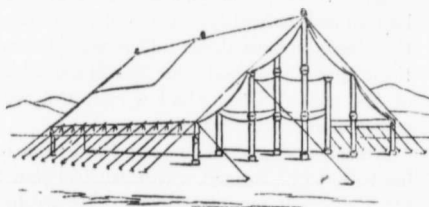
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 15-18.

The Question on Missions

9. What medical mission work is our church doing? Our medical mission work is carried on in India, Formosa, China and Korea, where, in our 14 hospitals and 17 dispensaries, over a quarter of a million treatments were given during the year 1913-14 by our 14 doctors and 7 nurses, with their native assistants.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here we have a drawing (*color*) of the tabernacle. This building reminded the Israelites that God was always with them as their



friend and helper. So, whenever we go into the church, which is God's house, we should remember that He is near to us and is ready to do us all the good we need.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD'S HOUSE