

for many years and to stay in one place, so it was to have stone walls. Now listen while I read what David did. [Read 1 Chron. 22, 2-5.] David not only prepared material for the building but he prepared Solomon for the work; he had an earnest talk with him about the work. [Tell what David said (verses 7-16).] One thing more David did: he knew Solomon could not do this great thing alone. (Verses 17-19.)

David shewed his love then for God's house in what way? [Print "Gave to freely."] How much David gave! How generous he was! Love for God made him glad to give to his house.

David never lived to see this house built, but he had always shown his love for God's house by going to the place that was used for worshipping God. I know this from the psalms he wrote. [Repeat Psalm 122, 1; Psalm 84, 10.] I am sure we can say that David went often to God's house. [Print "Went often."] In the last psalm we find our Golden Text. [Learn and explain.]

David was not the only one who loved and gave to God's house. Many years afterward when this house that Solomon built had been destroyed I read how another was built (Ezra 1, 1-11; 2, 68, 69). From that day to this God's children have loved to give and to go to houses that are built for him. All cannot give as David or as Cyrus did, but God is pleased when we give what we can. I know a little church that is being built in the mountains of North Carolina. The people are very poor, but they have given what they could. The men have given their time and work; the women and children have earned what money they could and have given it. Friends have come to their help, and it won't be long before that house for God will be ready for his worship. I know how through all the years to come many will be praising God in that building.

What are you doing for God's house? Do you give to it of your money and your time? Do you love God's house? Do you go as often as you can to worship him in his house? Ask yourselves this

feel as David did when he said, "Blessed are they," etc.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR BLACKBOARD COLORING.** Church, white; "David loved God's house dearly," blue; path, brown; "Gave to freely," yellow; "Went often," green; "Am I like David?" white.

## Kindergarten Hints.

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**KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT.** David's Love for God's House. 1 Chron. 22, 11-16.

**GOLDEN TEXT.** "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee" (Psalm 84, 4).

**AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER.** Holy Bible, Psalm 100; *Old Testament History* (Smith), pp. 467-479; *Illustrative Notes* (Mrs. Hurlbut and Doherty); *Hours with the Bible* (Geikie), vol. iii.

## ATTENTION STORY.

Let us talk again about the house or temple which David said he would build. You remember that the ark, with God's word, was in a tabernacle—that is, a tent without doors—and the king felt very sorry about that. King David was getting to be old, and he was not quite as strong as when he was young, but he was very busy for a long time getting everything ready for the building of God's house. He had masons get the stones all together, and the blacksmiths prepared the iron and the nails. The carpenters and the joiners prepared cedar trees, and all the fine strong wood was made ready for use, and by and by there was plenty of everything to work with. David had many children, but one of them, who was young and strong, he called to him one day, and told him that he had wanted to build a house unto the name of the Lord, and that now he had everything ready and it would please him and please God to have the young man build it. The name of this young son of the king was Solomon—let us say it. The king commenced by saying: "Now, my son." Did you ever hear your father say those words? We will read them. [Read 1 Chron. 22, 11-17.]

Explain unusual words: "Prosper," "understanding," "concerning," "mayest," "statutes," "judgments," "talents," "abundance."

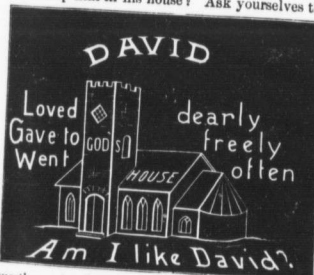
## OUTLINE.

**Sunday.** Attention Story, Bible lesson, Golden Text, and conversation about the story.

**Monday.** David knew that with God's help his son could build the house, and he reminded him that he should keep the law of the Lord—that means obey God's voice. He told Solomon that God would give wisdom—that means would help him to know just what to do, and would help him to understand how everything should be done.

**Tuesday.** He said, "be strong, and of good courage" (that would be as an eagle, wouldn't it?) and do not be frightened or dread anything. (Read verse 13.)

**Wednesday.** David then spoke of the trouble he had taken to get the things ready. Let us name them and count them on our fingers. Gold, silver, brass, iron, timber (wood), and stone. Do you know what all these look like? Tell me their colors.



question: Am I like David? [Print the question below the church.] If you are I know you will