

and now Abraham's descendants (the children of Israel) were living in this Promised Land.

To-day we see JOSHUA (print under branches) placing a great stone (sketch beside "Joshua") under the oak tree; and our Lesson to-day tells us why Joshua placed the stone there.

*Bad Habits from Bad Companions*—You know that the children of Israel had got into some very bad ways, from being with bad companions, the Egyptians, and many of them worshiped idols such as they had seen the Egyptians worshiping.

Joshua is getting to be an old man, and he knows that God will soon take him to the home in heaven. Therefore, one day he gathered all the tribes and all their leaders together at Shechem, near the oak tree, and reminded them of all the great things God had done for them. ch. 24 : 1-13. He tells them to put away their idols and serve God only.

*Golden Text*—Print Golden Text and repeat, CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE (idols, or the true God?). Tell the reply of the people (vs. 16-18), and Joshua's warning, vs. 19, 20. All repeat the First and Second Commandments.

*The Choice*—We will serve the Lord.

*Something to be Done*—

Put away the Strange Gods

Incline Your Hearts unto the Lord.

*The Choice Recorded*—Joshua wrote their choice (decision) in "the book of the law" (see Exposition). Draw a roll, and print on it: THE LORD OUR GOD WILL WE SERVE (v. 24, repeat). Who would like to have their names printed under this promise?

*A Stone of Remembrance*—Now we see Joshua placing this great stone (outline) under the oak tree, to help the people to remember their choice and the promise they had made. We'll call it a Remember Stone.

*Decision for Christ*—Can the little ones make a choice? Here is what little ones, as well as big people, are asked to choose between:

SELF or JESUS

Explain that if we are selfish, we are making an idol of self. If we are sinful, we are making an idol of sin.

Let us choose Jesus, to-day, for all our life. God will write our name and our choice in His book of remembrance. We can set up a Remember Stone for ourselves.

*Something to Think About*—I should choose God's service.

#### FROM THE PLATFORM

CHOOSE YOU WHOM  
WHY  
WHEN?

Print on the blackboard, CHOOSE YOU. The scholars will tell, in answer to questions, whose words these were, and to whom and on what occasion they were spoken. Let the conversation gather round the questions WHOM? WHY? WHEN? (Print). In connection with the first of these questions, bring out clearly the difference between Israel's God and the gods of the heathen. The second question will be answered by recalling all that God had done for Israel since the days of their bondage in Egypt. The answer to the third question is, of course, "this day" (v. 15). Refer to the paragraph of the Application on these words. Picture vividly the great opportunities there are for serving God in our country. Indicate how our church is seeking to win Canada for Christ, especially by her Home Mission work, and urge all to enlist in this glorious enterprise. Emphasize the great importance of the present day, in this, as in other parts of the church's work.