

*Place.*—Kirjath-jearim, or Baalah; here called Baale of Judah.

#### HINTS AND HELPS IN STUDY.

David now determined to bring the ark of the covenant out of the neglect in which it had lain since its return by the Philistines (1 Sam. 7: 1), and to set it up in Jerusalem, thus making that city the religious centre of the nation. With thirty thousand chosen men he went to Kirjath-jearim, and taking the ark out of the house of Abinadab, started with it toward Jerusalem amid great rejoicing, Uzzah, son of Abinadab, was struck dead because, contrary to God's command (Num. 4: 15), he put his hand upon the ark. David was so shocked by Uzzah's death that he carried the ark aside into the house of Obed-edom, where it remained three months. After that time he brought it to Jerusalem with gladness. See 1 Chron. 13: 1-14: 15; 1-23; also Psalm 24, which is thought to have been written for this occasion.

#### WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. If we would have God's blessing we must maintain God's worship.
2. We should serve God with gladness and praise.
3. Dishonoring God's name or worship is a grievous sin.
4. We should learn to be very reverent with God.
5. The house is blessed in which God is honored.

#### God's Promises to David.

25 July.

Lec. 2 Sam. 7: 1-13. Gol. Text, Ps. 71: 1.  
Mem. vs. 12, 13. Catechism, Q. 69.

#### LESSON OUTLINE.

- I. David's offer declined. vs. 4-7.
- II. David's Prosperity Assured. vs. 8-11.
- III. David's throne established. vs. 12-16.

#### HOME READINGS.

M. 2 Sam. 7: 1-17. . . . . *God's Promise to David.*  
T. 2 Sam. 7: 18-29. . . . . *David's Thanksgiving.*  
W. 1 Chron. 17: 1-27. . . . . *Parallel Passage.*  
Th. Ps. 72: 1-29. . . . . *Christ's Kingdom Promised.*  
F. Ps. 45: 1-17. . . . . *The Majesty of Christ's Kingdom.*  
S. Acts 2: 22-36. . . . . *Jesus Both Lord and Christ.*  
S. Acts 13: 14-41. . . . . *God's Promise Fulfilled in Jesus.*

*Time.*—B. C. 1042. *Place.*—Jerusalem.

#### HINTS AND HELPS IN STUDY.

David's kingdom was fully established. The Jebusite stronghold had become his capital. The neighboring king of Tyre was his friend. The Philistines had been driven to their own land. The ark had been set up in a new tabernacle in Jerusalem and made the centre of regular public worship, with Abiathar as high priest. David had built his palace on Mount Zion. He now proposed to build a temple to the Lord. The Lord, through Nathan the prophet, forbade him, however (see also 1 Chron. 22: 8: 28: 3), and said that David's son should build it. He foretold the future glory of David's kingdom, and promised to establish his throne forever. These promises referred first to Solomon; but they were also prophecies of the Messiah's kingdom.

#### WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. To every one his work. David's was not to build a temple.
2. God is the author of all our prosperity and blessing.
3. God's promises to his people never fail.

4. One plans, another builds. The temple was Solomon's work.

5. In Christ the promises to David were fully realized.

#### DAVID'S KINDNESS.

August 2.

Lec. 2 Sam. 9: 1-13. Gol. Text, Rom. 12: 10.  
Mem. vs. 7. Catechism, Q. 70, 71.

#### LESSON OUTLINE.

- I. The Old Friend Remembered. vs. 1-5.
- II. Kindness for Jonathan's Sake. vs. 6-8.
- III. The Lame Son Honored. vs. 9-13.

M. 1 Sam. 18: 1-11: 19: 1-7. . . . . *Jonathan's Love for David.*  
T. 1 Sam. 20: 1-23. . . . . *Their Oath of Friendship.*  
W. 1 Sam. 20: 24-32. . . . . *Jonathan's Fidelity to David.*  
Th. 1 Sam. 23: 1-18. . . . . *Their Last Meeting.*  
F. 2 Sam. 9: 1-13. . . . . *David's Kindness.*  
S. 1 John 4: 7-21. . . . . *Love is of God.*  
S. 1 Cor. 13: 1-13. . . . . *The Greatest is Love.*

*Time.*—About B. C. 1040.

*Places.*—Jerusalem; Lo-debar, east of the Jordan, probably near Mahanaim.

#### HINTS AND HELPS IN STUDY.

In 2 Sam. 8 we have a general summary of the wars by which David extended his dominions and established Israel's supremacy among the surrounding nations. The Philistines were subdued and their cities taken. The Moabites were conquered and became David's tributary servants. The Syrians in the north, and the Edomites in the South, were subjugated, and their countries were garrisoned. David was prosperous in all his undertakings, and he executed judgment and justice among the people. He had ruled in Jerusalem probably about seven years when he sought out Jonathan's crippled son as told in today's lesson.

#### WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. We should never forget a faithful friend.
2. We should show kindness to the families of those who have helped us.
3. We should be especially kind to those who are deformed.
4. We should not stop at any cost in our friendship.
5. David's kindness reminds us of Christ's to us.

#### BIBLE THOUGHTS.

"Where have I seen that thought?" asked the reader of a lovely poem the other day. Immediately a member of the family responded with a verse of Scripture. Since that time it is our custom, when reading the beautiful words of Bryant, Longfellow, Whittier, or other authors, to search out *the same truth in Bible language.* The Bible has a wealth of literature which is a constant surprise even to those who study it most. It has a thought for every hour of the day, yet for every moment, whatever that moment brings, of sorrow or joy, testing or triumph. My heart aches for those who are living without daily family worship, for well I know that if they had a clear intuition of what wealth they miss that not another morning sun would rise ere the family altar is erected in their households.—E.C.