

some of you think that was a strange thing to choose; let me tell you why Solomon said he would ask for wisdom. [Tell in simple language Solomon's reply, and then read the Lord's answer (1 Kings 3, 6-14).]

Next Sunday I am going to tell you about these gifts that were given to Solomon; how wise he was, and how he showed his wisdom; of his riches and the wonderful things his "gold" and "silver" bought; it will seem like a fairy story, and yet it will all be true.

God knows that it is not best to give every one great riches and honor and long life; but in this other gift of wisdom we may all have a share. Solomon, who surely knew, tells how we can have this precious gift. He says. [Repeat and print the Golden Text, and explain that fearing God means not to be afraid of God, but to be afraid of doing wrong and displeasing him—when we walk in his ways he makes us wise to know what to do and where to go.]

I think "Solomon's Wise Choice" shines like a star from the leaves of the Bible. [Make a star around the word "wisdom."] Won't you fear the Lord and so be wise?

**SUGGESTIONS FOR BLACKBOARD COLORING.** Star, yellow; Golden Text, white; "is better than," white; "Gold," yellow; "Silver," white; "Honor," red; "Long Life," green.



### Kindergarten Hints.

**KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT.** Solomon's Wise Choice, 1 Kings 3, 5-15.

**GOLDEN TEXT.** "I am but a little child" (1 Kings 3, 7). "Teach me thy paths" (Psalm 25, 4).

**AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER.** Holy Bible, 1 Kings 3, 4-15; 2 Chron. 1, 3-13. Books—reference to last week.

### ATTENTION STORY.

Solomon being king instead of David, he wore the crown and he sat upon the throne. He loved

God and obeyed his word. He prayed many times and asked God to help him in his work. He had not any church yet, so sometimes he went away to a place called Gibeon to pray. This place was about six miles from the city, and was a high hill, where Solomon's grandfather had often prayed. Once when he was there he had a dream—just let me tell you what it was: He thought that God asked him, "What shall I give thee?" He said, "God has been good to my father David, and kept him in great kindness, and let me, his son, sit on the throne; now I am but a little child;" and then he asked God to give him an understanding heart so he could tell the difference between good and bad. The Lord was glad that he had asked for this instead of asking for riches and other things; so he said that Solomon should be wiser and know more than the other kings if he would only keep the commandments of God's word, and then Solomon awoke. Was it not a nice dream? Then he went back to Jerusalem and stood beside that little golden box which had God's words (the Bible) in it, and he prayed. We may read all about it here. [Read 1 Kings 3, 3-15.]

Explain unusual words: "Sacrificed," "incense," "appeared," "according," "multitude," "discern," "judgment," "statutes," "covenant."

### OUTLINE.

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

**Monday.** Solomon remembered to pray; he knew that all strength comes from God; his father, David, had taught him so. Are you not glad that he did not forget this, even though he had gold and a palace, a crown and a throne?

**Tuesday.** He remembered that his grandfathers had prayed to God upon a certain hill, so he went there, far from the city, out into God's beautiful country to pray.

**Wednesday.** Talk about the dream, and of the choice which Solomon made. Though he was a man and a king, he felt that he needed a heavenly Father to show him what to do and where to go.

**Thursday.** God's promise was to make him wise, and to give him a long life if he would walk in his ways. That is like the promise given to those who love and obey their parents—repeat fifth commandment.

**Friday.** Talk of the Golden Text. It has the saying of the son and the prayer of the father. David had asked that God would teach him where to go and how to be good. That is the way it is now, the same loving heavenly Father leads the boys and the girls, and also their fathers and mothers; and all may pray to him and trust him.

**NATURE WORK.** Have a season topic of harvest; talk of the seed-sowing time which was long ago in the warm spring days, and now God's promise of harvest is true once more. Read Gen. 8, 22, to the children. Let them name some grains, and