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A Bible Given to Our King—A copy of our Bible beautifully bound was presented to our King George this year, because it is its three hundredth birthday year. King George thanked those who gave it to him, and said it is the source of all true power and of all good.

A Bible Given to King Josiah—Our Lesson tells us about a Bible ("book of the law": see Exposition) being brought to King Josiah. (Recall.) When they were repairing the temple, the high priest found this book in the temple, where it had been lost during the time when the people had forgotten God and were worshiping idols. This Bible given to King Josiah did not look at all like our Bible. It was written on long strips of skin (Explain), and rolled on wooden rollers something like this. (Outline an ancient book or roll.)

The Book of the Law Read to the King—Here we see King Josiah, and before him Shaphan the scribe or writer, with this Bible roll in his hands, reading it to the king. Tell of Josiah's sorrow when he heard God's laws,

and remembered how God's people had sinned and disobeyed God and turned to the worship and service of idols.

God's Message of Comfort to Josiah—Tell of the message that God sent to Josiah (see vs. 26-28).

God's Word Obeyed—Here we see King Josiah with the roll, reading to a great company of his people, and he makes a promise to God that he will obey God's Word, and makes all the people promise to do so too. And all his life they served and worshiped God.

The Great Message of the Bible—We'll outline a Bible. It is

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The great message this Bible brings to the world is about our Saviour, the blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

A Bible for Everybody—There are more Bibles in the world than copies of any other book. It is the most loved book in the world. Tell of the great Bible Society with its headquarters in London, England, that is printing and sending out Bibles by the millions in more than four hundred different languages spoken in different parts of the world.

Something to Think About—I should love God's Word.

FROM THE PLATFORM

THE SCRIPTURES FOUND READ OBEYED

Tell of the good King Alfred, who "expressed the wish that all the free-born youths of his kingdom should employ themselves on nothing until they could first read well the English Scriptures", and who, "in order to make the way easy for those who would do as he wished, began a translation of the Psalms", but died before the work was completed. Before he died he had, however, made the Ten Commandments part of the law of the land. Call now for the Lesson Plan, and emphasize our duty in relation to the scriptures. Point out that we do not need to "find" the Bible; it lies to our hand. All the greater reason, therefore, is there that we should read it diligently and obey its teachings from the heart. Refer, in closing, to the blessings that follow from the study of the scriptures (see 2 Tim. 3: 15-17).