

day after day he disobeyed his mother. He listened to her words, but did not obey; and at last, one day while he was on the track playing, a great train came rushing up behind him, and before he had time to get off the track he was run over, and his two legs were cut off by the great wheels passing over them. He was taken to the hospital, and for many, many days Oscar lay not able to move. Next time we saw him not far from his own home. The poor little fellow was a sad sight. He was creeping along the street on his knees. He never would be able to walk or run again. He was a cripple for life.

Golden Text—This story makes us think of our Golden Text. Explain and repeat.

Review—God had told and told His people Israel, through His prophets, that their city would be destroyed and they carried away captive to a far-off land if they kept on disobeying Him. They listened to God's words, but hardened their hearts and turned away from Him.

Lesson—We are going to hear to-day about the great trouble that came to them at last. Outline a hill. Here is their beautiful city of Samaria. Here is their last king, Hoshea

(stroke with crown above). Here comes a great army (strokes) marching to Samaria. Here is their leader, the king of Assyria (stroke and crown). Describe Hoshea's going to meet him, giving him presents, as was the custom, and showing submission to him. Afterwards Hoshea tries to get help from another king. No more presents are sent to the king of Assyria, so Hoshea was taken and shut up in prison.

Samaria Besieged—And now again we see the army back around the walls of Samaria. Three years they camp there, trying to get the people of Israel to give themselves up. But no! they are great fighters, and will not give in. But at last they can fight no longer. See! the Assyrian soldiers march in their gates and take them all away captives to the far-off land of Assyria.

Captives—Here we see a great procession (strokes: 27,200 Israelites) marching slowly away from their beloved Samaria. The city is destroyed (Erase outline). God had been very patient, but at last the punishment is sent.

Something to Think About—God punishes sin.

FROM THE PLATFORM

What God Had Done

Eg. Ca. La. Co. Pro.

WHAT ISRAEL HAD DONE

Id. Ca. La. Co. Li.

Print on the blackboard, **What God Had Done**, and, **WHAT ISRAEL HAD DONE**. Bring out by questions the things referred to in the Lesson that God had done for Israel. He had (v. 7) delivered them from the bondage of Egypt (Write Eg.); driven out the Canaanites ("heathen", v. 8) from before them (Write Ca.); given them wise and good laws (Write La.),—"My commandments and My statutes" (v. 13); made a covenant (Write Co.) with them, promising them all needed blessings if they would obey Him; and sent them prophets (Write Pro.) to teach them, v. 13. Next, ask what Israel had done in return. They had fallen into idolatry (v. 7: write Id.); worshiped the gods of the Canaanites (v. 11: write Ca.); broken God's laws (Write La.); failed to keep their part of the covenant (Write Co.); and refused to listen to the prophets (Write Li.). Now ask about the punishment that came upon Israel for their sin. Press home the truth that God has done much for us, and therefore expects much from us.