

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Who showed the little ant the way  
Her narrow hole to bore,  
And spend the pleasant summer day  
In laying up her store?

The sparrow builds her clever nest  
Of wool and hay, and moss;  
Who told her how to weave it best;  
And lay the twigs across?

Who taught the busy bee to fly  
Amongst the sweetest flowers,  
And lay his feast of honey by,  
To eat in winter hours?

'Twas God who showed them all the way,  
And gave their little skill;  
And teaches children, if they pray,  
To do his holy will.

## LESSON NOTES.

## THIRD QUARTER.

B.C. 1042.] LESSON II. [July 13.

## THE ARK IN THE HOUSE.

2 Sam. 6. 1-12. Commit to memory verses 11, 12.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

He blesseth the habitation of the just,  
Prov. 3. 33.

## OUTLINE.

1. The Ark of God, v. 1, 2.
2. The Joyful Procession, v. 3-5.
3. The Error of Uzzah, v. 6-9.
4. The Blessed Household, v. 10-12.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did David wish to do? Bring the ark of God up to Jerusalem.

Where was the ark? In the house of Abinadab.

How long had it been there? Nearly fifty years.

Who did David gather together to go with him? Thirty thousand chosen men of Israel.

How was the ark carried out of the house? On a new cart.

How should it have been carried? Upon the shoulders of the priests.

Who drove the new cart? Uzzah and Abio, the sons of Abinadab.

Who went before the ark? David and the house of Israel, singing and making music.

What did Uzzah do when the oxen shook the ark? He took hold of it with his hand.

Why was the Lord angry with him? Because the ark was holy, and man might not touch it.

How did God punish Uzzah? With instant death.

Why was David displeased with himself?

Because he had not consulted with God about carrying the ark.

What did he do with the ark? He carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom.

What came to Obed-edom and his household? Blessings from the Lord. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]

What did David do when he heard this? He went and brought the ark up to the city of David with gladness.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

The ark in the house was a blessing to Obed-edom.

Christ in the house is still a greater blessing to us all.

But he cannot stay in a house where the hearts are shut against him.

Have you Christ in your heart?

Have you Christ in your house?

Every true child of Christ will show something of Christ.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The holiness of God.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

*Who was Moses?* The deliverer and law-giver of the children of Israel, who led them through the wilderness.

*Who was Aaron?* The brother of Moses, and the first high priest of Israel.

B.C. 1042.] LESSON III. [July 20.

## GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID.

2 Sam. 7. 1-16. Commit to memory verses 13-16.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Thy throne shall be established forever,  
2 Sam. 7. 16.

## OUTLINE.

1. A House Proposed, v. 1-3.
2. A House Refused, v. 4-10.
3. A House Promised, v. 11-16.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did David wish to do? Build a house for the ark of God.

Who encouraged him to do this? Nathan the prophet.

What came unto Nathan by night? The word of the Lord.

Where was the ark kept? In a tent.

Had God asked the people of Israel to build him a house of cedar? No; he dwelleth not in temples made by hands.

Where is his dwelling-place? In our hearts.

What was David when the Lord called him to be ruler over Israel? A tender of sheep.

How had the Lord prospered him? He had made his name great upon the earth.

Over whom had he given David the victory? Over all his enemies.

What did the Lord promise David? That he would bless and continue his house.

Who did he say should build a house for the ark? The son of David.

What did the Lord promise to be to David's son? A heavenly Father.

How would he chasten him when he sinned? With mercy.

What would he establish forever? David's house and kingdom. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God blesses—

Those who trust him.

Those who honour him.

Those who love and obey him.

"Surely it shall be well with them that fear God."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The promises of God.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

*Who were the Priests?* Those who were set apart to offer sacrifices to God, and who taught his laws to men.

*Who was Joshua?* The leader of the children of Israel, who brought them into the Promised Land after the death of Moses.

## LUCK AND LABOUR.

DON'T charge your failure to "bad luck," my boy. I'll tell you what your trouble is—you are lazy. Learn Mr. Cobden's proverbs about "Luck and Labour:"

"Luck is waiting for something to turn up.

"Labour, with keen eyes and strong will, will turn up something.

"Luck lies in bed, and wishes the post-man would bring him news of a legacy.

"Labour turns out at six o'clock, and, with busy pen or ringing hammer, lays the foundation of a competence.

"Luck whines.

"Labour whistles.

"Luck relies on chances.

"Labour on character.

"Luck slips down to indigence.

"Labour strides upward to independence."

## KEEP THE WORDS OUT.

"I DON'T want to hear naughty words," said little Charlie to one of his school-mates.

"It does not signify," said the other boy; "they go in at one ear and out at the other."

"No," said Charlie; "the worst of it is, when naughty words get in they stick; so I mean to do my best to keep them out."