

build a house for Me ; for I will never take away My mercy from David or his family, as I took it away from Saul, but will establish them as kings in Israel forever."

Nathan carried these promises to the king, and David's heart was filled with joy, and he praised God for His great goodness.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was the ark at first kept when it had been brought back to Jerusalem ?
2. What was the new tabernacle like ?
3. What did David feel he would like to do ?
4. To whom did he speak about this ?
5. What did Nathan say ?
6. What did God tell Nathan that night ?
7. Why was David not to build the house ?
8. Of what did God tell Nathan to remind David ?
9. What promises did God make ?
10. Who was to build a house for Him ?
11. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

Tommy and Bob were staying at a seaport town, and spent most of their time down at the shipyard, where great ocean vessels were being built. One day, they made friends with an old sea captain,—“ who tells fortunes”, whispered Tommy, in an awestruck whisper. And then out loud Bob besought eagerly, “ Won't you please tell our fortunes ? ”

Captain Grant looked very sober. “ I don't really tell fortunes ; I only know from looking at a boy, what kind of a man he is going to be. See that ”;—and he pointed to the ribs of a great vessel that was being built. “ Suppose those men put in some worm-eaten beams and some rusty spikes, would I be fortune-telling to say she'd soon go to the bottom ? Put only the best into your lives, boys, and you'll surely turn out all right.”

Lesson Hymn

All glory, laud, and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King !
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou, David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessèd one. Amen.
—Hymn 541, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—117. What command did Jesus give about the gospel before He left the world ? Jesus told His disciples to go and preach the gospel to all the world.

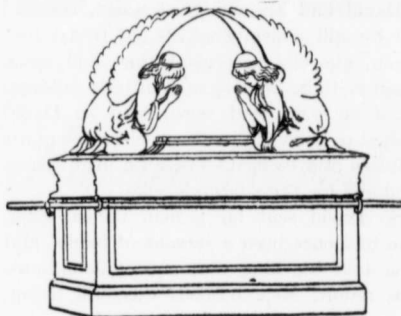
SHORTER CATECHISM—102. What do we pray for in the second petition ? A. In the second petition (which is, *Thy kingdom come*) we pray, That Satan's kingdom may be destroyed ; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it ; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

The Question on Missions

2. What mission schools does the New Hebrides child attend ? The early morning class of one hour, where men, women and children are taught to read the Bible in their own language, and to sing hymns. At most stations, children are now taught reading, writing, arithmetic, and English daily for a couple of hours.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

God did not permit David to build a house for the ark. But He was glad because David



had given Him a place in his heart. And that is what He wishes us most of all to do,—to receive Him into our hearts, loving Him and doing His will. *Color the picture.*

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD'S PROMISES ARE TRUE