

you ever know what made the cross?" It is because "God's way" and "our way" are so different. Jesus loved us so much that he gave his life, so that he might take us out of, and keep us from, Satan's net.

9. Listen to the voice of the wise man, "My son, walk in God's way." Hold up the envelope and draw from it the central truth and pin both to the board.

## LESSON II—October 11th, 1896.

### Solomon's Wise Choice. 1 KINGS 3: 5-15.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Ps. 111: 10.

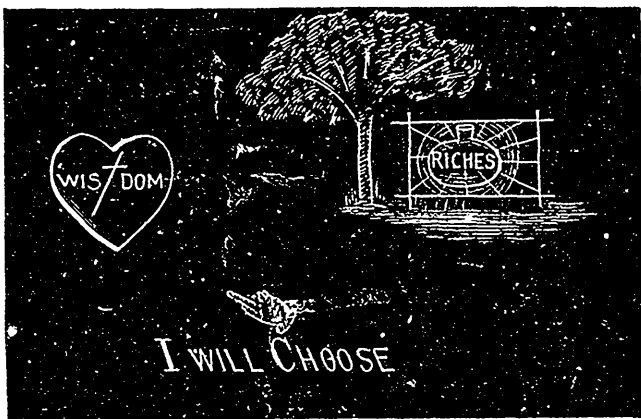
II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: Choose wisdom.

III. REVIEW: About whom were our lessons last Quarter? Who are they about this Quarter? What was David's wish about Solomon? What did all the people say when Solomon was made king?

IV. LESSON STORY: Solomon, the new king, was the wisest man who ever lived. What made him so wise? We shall see. Soon after he became king Solomon made a great feast at Gibeon and invited all the people to it, for he wanted to show them that he was going to serve God as David his father had done. There God spoke to him in a dream and asked him what he would give him. Solomon might have asked God for riches, or honor, or something else all for himself, but he showed a humble spirit and told God that although he had made him king in the place of his father David, he was but a little child and did not know how to rule over such a lot of people, and asked God to give him an understanding heart to do this. Solomon chose the best of all gifts—a wise heart, wisdom. His choice pleased God and God said to him "Because thou hast asked this thing and hast not asked for thyself long life, neither hast

asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thy enemies: I have given thee an understanding heart, so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee." God told him that he had also given him what he had not asked, both riches and honor, and

promised to give him long life too if he would love and obey him as David his father had done. Solomon awoke, but all these things he had dreamed about came to pass. Soon after this he went home to Jerusalem, sacrificed to God, and made a great feast to all his servants.



#### V. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON :

1. Have the Golden Text printed on the blackboard beforehand.
2. Have drawn on the blackboard beforehand a picture of the spider's net.
3. This is a lesson about choosing.
4. Who ever made a choice? Tell us about it.
5. Solomon's dream in Gibeon.
6. If you were allowed to have anything you wanted what would you choose? That was the privilege God gave Solomon.