

Primary Notes.



[Print "Blessing" at the top of the board.]

Who was the man whose life God saved when he sent the flood to destroy the earth? After Noah came out of the ark, the Bible says, "God blessed Noah and his sons."

[Give the blessing in a few words. (Gen. 9.1-3, 7-17.)] Who was it blessed Noah? [Print "The Lord" after "Blessing."] What did the Lord's blessing bring to Noah? Happiness and safety. I think it made him rich. [Call out from class "it maketh rich."]

A little farther on in the Bible is the story of Abraham, and one of the first things we read of him is (Gen. 12.1-3). Perhaps some of you remember the story of Abraham and how God's blessing brought him power and a great name. [Repeat the Golden Text.]

What was Abraham's son's name, the son whom God saved from being offered as a sacrifice? Of Isaac we read (Gen. 26.24). Isaac became a great and rich man; why was it? Because he had [repeat first part of the Golden Text].

If you should look through the Bible you would read how God blessed Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and others. What kind of men were they? They were all great and good men because God blessed them. There is something beautiful about the blessing of the Lord. [Call for remainder of the Golden Text.]

When you are thirsty what do you want? Water is a great blessing to a thirsty person; but suppose you should ask me for a drink and I should give you a glass of water, but should first put something into the water that made it taste bitter, something that would not hurt you but would add something that you would not like to the blessing of water. The Bible says, When God gives a blessing he adds nothing to it that will give sorrow, but instead he often does a wonderful thing—when a sorrow is taken to him, he knows how to change it into a blessing, and how to turn it into happiness.

What thing did God bless? [Recall the lesson of July 26 (2 Sam. 7. 8-16).] One of the things God promised David was a son. What was his name? Tell me what you know about Solomon? What did God's blessing bring him? How true it was of Solomon that "the blessing of the Lord made rich." What did he build for God? After the temple was finished and dedicated God came to Solomon again at night as he did when he first became king; this time he did not say, "What shall I give thee?" but he told him how he should be blessed. [Go through verses 1 Kings 9. 2-5, picking out and simplifying God's promises.]

God said he would bless Solomon in this wonderful way if he and his children would do what

God said something else. [Tell the other side, found in verses 6-9.] You see it would be their own fault if they lost God's blessing. As long as they obeyed his commandments the blessing was theirs.

It is wonderful to remember how God blessed these men, but it is just as wonderful to see how God blesses to-day those who keep his commandments; he gives joy and comforts, and often riches, to such. What is the greatest blessing God has given to the world? Jesus, his dear Son, and because he gave Jesus we can have the blessing of sins forgiven and a home in heaven.

Once when David was thinking how God had blessed him, he said [repeat in concert the 23d Psalm]. I wonder how many feel like saying with David, "My cup runneth over." [Make a cup and print on it any blessings the children tell you God has given them, crowning the whole with the name of Jesus.]

SUGGESTIONS FOR BLACKBOARD COLORING. Cup, white; "Jesus," yellow; blessings given by the children in different colors; Golden Text, red, outlined with white.



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. God's blessing upon Solomon. 1 Kings 9. 4, 5, 26-28; 1 Kings 10. 18, 19-24.

GOLDEN TEXT. "The blessing of the Lord maketh rich" (Prov. 10. 22).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, 1 Kings 8, 9; "The Temple and its Services," *Land and Book* (Edersheim), Vol. I. pp. 500, 502, 522, 524; *Illustrative Notes* (Drs. Hurlbut and Doherty); *Orations of St. Paul*; "The Lord is mindful of his own; he remembers his children," Contralto Solo.

ATTENTION STORY.

How glad must all the people have been when the new church was ready for worship. Solomon's heart must have been happy too! God's promise to him was that if he would keep his heart true and his actions good that the throne of David, his father, should last forever. This means that those who came after them should be rulers who served God, and that he would bless Solomon and all his children. We have talked about many things which Solomon had, but we find something in our story for

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