

few of us are "happy" enough.

*David's Joy in Bringing the Ark to Jerusalem*—Our Lesson story tells us about the joy of David and his people in bringing up the ark to Jerusalem. Picture the scene. Describe the clashing of cymbals, the music of psalteries and harps, or cornets and trumpets. Tell of the dancing and singing.

Read the Twenty-fourth Psalm to your class. Listen to that grand chorus of voices as the people climb the hill towards Zion, singing that God owns the world and everything in it, vs. 1, 2. Then listen to one sweet voice above the others asking, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?" (v. 3); and from the whole company comes the reply (v. 4), and the promise of blessing swells higher and higher, vs. 5, 6. Now the procession bearing the ark (God's presence) stands before the gates of Jerusalem! Listen to the great chorus now! (V. 7.) Hark! a voice is asking a question (v. 8), and the strong, proud reply comes from that great company, v. 8. They remembered God's power over the battlefield, and again comes the demand that the gates shall be opened and the king of glory allowed to come in and take up His abode in their midst, vs. 9, 10.

*First Truth*—God owns everything and everybody in the world. Our whole life

should be given to Him to use. A story is told of a party of hunters and their Indian guide. Sunday came. They spent the day quietly and while resting began to talk to Jake the Indian guide, asking if he knew about God.

*Jake's Sermon*—For a while Jake did not answer. Then slowly and with difficulty he said: "God is the boss of us fellows, every man, all of us. Us fellows have been mean to God, every man, all of us. Christ died for us fellows, every man, all of us. If we do right us fellows go to heaven, every man, all of us." Jake preached a very good sermon, don't you think so? Try and remember to tell it when you go home. (Repeat it together.)

*Second Truth*—If we would be friends of God, we must have "clean hands" (explain), pure hearts, be humble, be true.

*Third Truth*—God promises great blessing to those who serve Him.

*Golden Text*—David loved God's house. (Repeat Golden Text.) Do you love your church and Sunday School? Are there some little people who have no "God's house" near them? How can we help to build one for them? (Outline church.)

*What the Lesson Teaches Me*—I SHOULD LOVE GOD'S HOUSE.

### FROM THE PLATFORM

# THE PROCESSION PSALM

Begin by asking what had become of the ark since Eli's death. Where was it during Saul's reign? See if the scholars can tell what it contained and what its presence meant to the Israelites. Now ask some one to describe the route followed by THE PROCESSION (Print), and some one else to tell about the procession itself. How did the joy of the people show itself? Was David acting like a king in dancing "with all his might?" Lead the scholars to connect the joy of the procession with the words of the PSALM (Print). Ask for the Golden Text, and raise the question why we should go to church gladly. This should bring out such answers as, Because it is the house of God; It helps us to live better lives; It is a place of sacred song and music; It is a place where people are kind and friendly; It is a place where we can learn more about Jesus; It is a place where God likes us to be.