

OUTLINE.

On Sunday commence with the Golden Text, to show that we are to "yield" and "go into the sanctuary" (Golden Text of last Sunday), then what we learn God will be to us is shown in the second text. An important lesson carried over from last week is church attendance; show its importance. This same king said once that he did not know how to view life or men until he went into the sanctuary, but then he understood. Make it plain that in church we get what we cannot find or learn anywhere else. The thought of unity, as spoken of last week, is a part of the lesson for to-day. When many people who have, each one, some of God's strength, ever so little, perhaps—come together they make a strong church. Many bits of gold or many, many pennies make a fortune, and the children will recall the thoughts about little drops of water and little grains of sand making something wonderful. So with the strength God gives, and if we love him and pray to him each day for a little of his strength, this daily gift will make our spirits strong and our natures beautiful, just as daily bread goes to make our physical life powerful. God's strength in people makes them strong in body, great in mind, and good in love and service. Who would like to be strong, and great, and good? All this will come if we live very near to God.

NATURE TALK. The lesson for to-day is full of topics. Find helpful thoughts in the nature books of Ruskin, Lubbock, and others. Earth, mountains, sea, waters, rivers, streams, are mentioned, and one alone of these will furnish more than you need for six talks in the circle six days of the week.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH THE MOTHER. Talk of trustfulness. Can we trust and depend upon this one? Some we know "trust in chariots and some in horses," some trust in themselves, but we, O, we will trust in our loving Father, who is so strong; in our dear Brother and Saviour, who is so loving, and in the Holy Spirit, who speaks in gentle, winsome tones to our hearts. Just as King Hezekiah asked the people to remember God's goodness to their grandfathers, Abraham and Isaac, so tell the children of his goodness to their fathers and mothers and grandparents. He will be their best friend, too; so teach them to trust him with a simple faith.

"Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life;
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!"

LESSON VIII. (November 20.)

MANASSEH'S SIN AND REPENTANCE.

2 Chron. 33. 9. 16.

GOLDEN TEXT. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1. 9.

Primary Notes.



Nellie Bruce tried to be a good and obedient little girl, but one day she was tempted to disobey, and then, to cover that naughty act, she told a wrong story! Of course all this made her very unhappy, and when at last she told the whole story to her mamma she said, "Mamma, I never knew that when you do one naughty thing you have to do a whole lot more!" This lesson shows how one step in evil leads to another. Manasseh found it out, and any child will find it out who tries it. The right and safe way is to let Jesus keep us from taking the first step.

Introducing the lesson. [Print at the top of the board "Hezekiah"—"Manasseh."] Call back from the class all you can about Hezekiah, and tell that now, after he had been king twenty-nine years, he died. His boy, Manasseh, only twelve years old, became king. You think he would be a good king because he had a good father, do you not? But he was not. He had a proud, foolish heart, and he began right away to do wicked things. Would you like to know some wrong things which he did? His father had broken down the places for idol worship, but Manasseh built them again. He built altars for Baalim, and worshiped the sun, and moon, and stars! He even built altars for idol worship in the Lord's house, and, what was still worse, he set up the carved image of an idol in the holy temple! [Read about it in 2 Chron. 33. 1-7.]

Manasseh must have had wicked friends and advisers to turn away so soon from all that his good father had taught him. How foolish he was, and how foolish all children are who think that they know better than father and mother what they ought to do!

[Erase "Hezekiah" and complete the title of to-day's lesson.]

This would be a very sorrowful lesson if it had only "Manasseh's Sin" to tell about. What is the other word in the title? Yes, "Repentance."