

God's Warning—Josiah died, and his son Jehoiakim became king. He was not a good boy, and bad boys make bad men, you know. The people again forgot God. At this time God told Jeremiah, His prophet, to take a roll and write, etc., v. 2. Picture Jeremiah sitting beside the scribe, Baruch, telling him what to write.

Baruch carries the roll into the temple, and reads it to all the people gathered there. Some of the men of the king's household hear it, and go home and tell the princes about it. They send, asking Baruch to come to the palace, and read it to them. He goes. They are afraid when they hear of the punishment God will send upon all who disobey His laws. They say, "We'll go and tell the king about it." They go into the winterhouse of the king, where a fire is burning. The king orders the roll to be brought to him. One of the princes reads it to him. He does not want to hear nor obey God's laws.

Our picture tells us what he did with the roll, v. 23. Did this destroy God's word? God says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away," Matt. 24: 35. (Others have tried to destroy it, but in vain.)

God gave many messages to good men,

and told them to write them on these rolls. In time there were a great many rolls, and when men learned to print books, these were all printed and formed what we call the Bible.

R^{EFUSE}
E^{CEIVE} Which will you do?

Golden Text—Among the words on this roll were those of our Golden Text. Amend means make better. Be more obedient ("Children obey your parents"); more kind ("Be kindly affectioned one to another"); more unselfish ("In honor preferring one another"); more gentle ("A soft answer turneth away wrath"). (Give simple illustrations showing how a boy or girl did this.)

Irreverence—Are there ways in which we sometimes show almost as great irreverence as Jehoiakim showed? Do boys and girls ever talk and laugh while God's word is being read or taught? Do you obey what you hear? Do you always handle your Bible gently? One day I saw a boy tearing the leaves in his Bible in church. Sometimes they lie neglected and dust covered. These are some of the ways in which we may fail to honor God's Word.

Something to Draw at Home—Draw an open Bible. Print "BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD."

Something to Remember—I should obey God.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BLACKBOARD REVIEW

JEHOIAKIM'S

FOLLY
IRREVERENCE
RECKLESSNESS
ENMITY

In our Lesson to-day we are told about a FIRE (Print vertically as above). Where was it? Yes, in JEHOIAKIM'S (Print) palace. What did the king burn in it? The Word of God written by Jeremiah, part of our Bible. Now we are going to see some of the sticks that went to make up the fire. Would this roll have done the king harm or good if he had read and obeyed it? Could he prevent its being written again? By such questions as these bring out the FOLLY (Print) of the king's act. This is the first stick in the fire. Who had written the roll or book? And who had told Jeremiah to do this? Get the scholars to realize the greatness and majesty of God and the IRREVERENCE (Print) of Jehoiakim. This is a second stick. In like manner bring out the RECKLESSNESS (Print) of the king, and his ENMITY (Print) against God's prophet. Point out the warning to ourselves in the Lesson.