

the writer of the book. Show Book of Psalms.] This joyful song about the Church of God begins with

An invitation, and David said it filled him with gladness. "Come, let us go," was what was said, and David was very glad to go, but

Where? Unto the house of the Lord. Are you happy when you are asked to come to God's house? Do you come up here with "cheerful feet?" or do you have to be driven and made to go? O no. Surely you love to come.

Who go to God's house? David tells us that the tribes of the Lord are there. That means the families, all the households together, who love their Lord.

Why do they go? To give thanks and to pray, David says. What do you come to church and Sunday school for? Every day we should pray and give thanks, but once a week is not too often to come together to do it in God's house. And David tells us what to pray for. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem," he says, and that just means the peace of the Church, for the temple was in the city of God—Jerusalem. There should be no quarreling in God's house, nor hard thoughts, nor anything but quietness and love among God's people, little and big. Some Christians in Japan, where the Sabbath is not kept everywhere, used to put out a white flag to show that they were keeping the Lord's day. A white flag always means peace. If one is sent out in the midst of a battle, soldiers on both sides must stop shooting. No one dare fire on a white flag. So, if you pray for peace in this class, you must be careful not to break it by troubling or hurting your neighbor.

What is there to do? Our business is not all singing, learning, or even praying. David says



he will seek the good of the city where God's house is, and the good of those who are like brothers because they are children of the same

Father. Will you do that? Will you try to do good to everyone here?

Do we rejoice and give thanks here to-day? Jesus is here, his word is here, peace, rest, help, and comfort are here, and all is gladness.

Long ago sweet silver trumpets called God's people together to give thanks. We will make a trumpet on the board to help us remember that the sound of the church bell, the sound of music and song, all call us to praise God and to be joyful in his house.

Kindergarten Hints.

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GOLDEN TEXT: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18. 20.

HINTS ON METHOD.

If a lesson on "joy in God's house" can teach little children to be reverent in church, and to feel reverence for all things sacred, we have here a lesson much needed, and of value. Irreverence is one of the besetting sins of the rising generation; and our teaching experience shows us that to command reverence would be as ineffectual as to command obedience, which latter command always rouses open rebellion. We try to gently lead where the children may follow, knowing well that we may take them where we cannot drive them, and that the teacher's reverent attitude teaches far more than words.

LESSON DEVELOPED.

Whose house are we in? All the houses in the world are God's houses, though in a different way from this. Of what is your house made? "Wood and stone" we get where? Who made the trees to grow, and piled great ledges of rock mountain high? Who made the clay for our bricks? If we go on, we shall say that God made the skilled hand of the carpenter and the active brain of the man who planned your house, and gave your father skill to earn the home in which you live. The very breath of your life is of God.

When the children decide that their home seems altogether to belong to God, and to be of his providing, and when we show them that the nests of the birds, the dens and caves of the wild beasts, are God's houses given to the creatures his hands have made, and his breath keeps alive, we are ready for the next step.

When you have an honored and loved guest at your house you want other girls and boys to share the joy of seeing, hearing, talking with him. You say: "Come to my house to meet my guest. We have trimmed it with flowers for him. He will show us how to do things we never