

from their homes to a far-off land. (Recall.) They were very homesick.

Lesson—Our lesson tells us about their home going. Tell vs. 1-4. God put it into king Cyrus' heart to let them return to build again the house of the Lord at Jerusalem.

Picture the friends coming with gifts to those going away. The camels (describe, show picture) are laden with boxes and bales containing these gifts (describe). Tell v. 7. Describe the caravan as they journey towards Jerusalem. How excited the people are as they get near their old home!

Give and Work and Pray for Our Missionaries—Impress the thought of v. 6. We cannot all go away to work for God, but we who stay at home should supply well our missionaries, etc., who go to carry on the work of the Lord in our own land, and in foreign lands (speak of the boxes and bales sent by our W.M.S. and Mission Boards), just as those who cannot go to the front

should give money, etc., to the Red Cross for soldiers' comforts, etc.

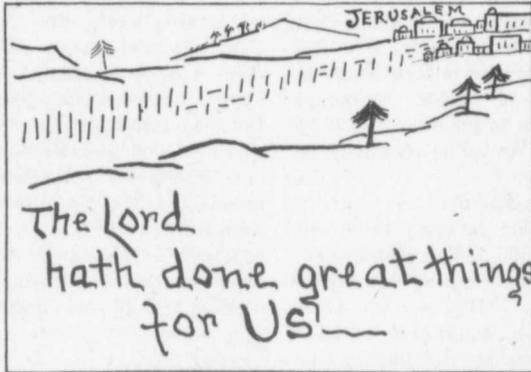
God's Power over the Hearts of People—God put into the heart of the heathen king, Cyrus, to desire to rebuild the house of the

Lord at Jerusalem. (In our own day God has wonderfully stirred the hearts of the heathen to serve him. They have built churches and formed missionary societies of their own to help others to know about Jesus.) God puts it into the hearts

of people to build churches and Sunday Schools in all lands and schools and hospitals and all helpful institutions in the world. Let us all help too.

Golden Text—Clap hands and repeat Golden Text. God's people sang this song of gladness long ago. We should sing it now, for he has done great things for us. He is full of lovingkindness and we should be kind to others for his sake.

What the Lesson Teaches Me—I SHOULD BE KIND.



FROM THE PLATFORM

THE FIRST SECOND EXODUS

Secure from the scholars their opinion as to what was the outstanding event in the history of Israel. They will probably agree that it was THE EXODUS (Print). It was the Exodus from Egypt which made the Israelites a nation. What does the word "Exodus" mean? It means a going out or departure. Ask whether the Exodus from Egypt was the only one in the history of Israel. We are told in to-day's lesson of another Exodus, this time from Babylon. So that there was really a FIRST (Print), and a SECOND (Print) Exodus. Question the School as to the respects in which the first and the second Exodus were alike. In both cases the Israelites went out from a foreign land, and in both cases they saw God's hand in it all. But there was also a contrast. Pharaoh tried to hold them back. Cyrus encouraged them to go.