

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Hab. 2; *Solomon's Temple* (T. O. Paine); *The Temple of the Hebrews* (J. F. Bannister); *Illustrative Notes*.

ATTENTION STORY.

By and by the day came when the beautiful temple was finished and all the people were to go there with the king, and they would worship God together. The ministers took the golden box, called the ark, with God's word safely within it, and they put that in the best and most beautiful place in the temple. All the fathers and mothers and children and neighbors went to the temple.

How glad they all were, even the little children, to see the church all ready at last!

After the service began King Solomon prayed to God. He thanked God for his promises, so true that they never, never, fail and that all had been kept which were made to David and to him and to the people. He asked God to be in his temple, and to bless all the people who should go there to worship him. He asked God to hear their prayers and to forgive all their naughty ways and words. After he had prayed he turned to the people and told them of God's love and goodness, and he asked them to remember God always and to have their heart just right and to keep God's commandments. Here is something about it. [Read 1 Kings 8, 54-63.]

Explain unusual words: "Supplication," "congregation," "according," "maintain," "statutes."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story, Bible lesson, Golden Text.

Monday. Solomon reminded the people that "there hath not failed one word of all his good promise" (verse 56). Teach the children that God is true to us all now as he was then, and get into their thoughts some idea of the unchangeableness of God's goodness. "His goodness faileth never."

Tuesday. He will help us to walk in right paths, simplify "statutes" and "judgments," which mean his words, as a father or mother in loving words tells a child what is right to do and what should not be done.

Wednesday. Solomon prayed day and night. So did his father David. So do people now. Many little boys and girls do. Impress the children with a desire for morning prayer. The evening prayer is said more usually than the little morning prayer, which is forgotten. One little girl said, "I can take care of myself in the daytime, 'course!" But little children, as well as kings, need God's help in the daytime.

Thursday. Solomon wanted everyone on earth to know that there is no one like God—so loving, so true, so dear! Do you feel as if you want everybody to know him and love him?

Friday. This last verse may remind us of the command which Jesus gave to us, that we love God with the heart, strength, and mind. The king reminded the people that their hearts should be perfect; that means they were to love God, and

they were to use their strength while walking in his ways, and they were to use their minds to remember his commandments.

NATURE WORK. Now has come "harvest and cold," just as God promised in Gen 8, 22. Talk to the children of this, and impress them with the fulfillment of this great truth. Set them to talk of harvest foods, naming and describing them. Teach them to observe the connection between these short dark days and the long warm days of spring, when seeds were planted.

ART WORK. The children may find among their colored papers shades of gray which remind of the sky as seen on these short cloudy days.

HAND WORK. Set the children to model a favorite fruit in clay. An apple or pear, grapes, or a little squash. This will remind us of God's care for our bodies in providing plenty of food for us.

The **TRANSITION CLASS** may write "The Lord is in his temple" under the picture upon the card.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH THE MOTHER. Talk of the church life being connected with the home life. All children are interested in the older ones in the home, asking where they go and what they do. The assembling of people has an importance to the child; and when he may be a part of the gathering, and may share the occupation of his elders, he is delighted. All this may be used for good, and the little ones may be taught very early in life to love God's house of prayer. The child's love for rhythm is gratified in listening to music, and he may be educated to love what is best and purest in taste and expression.

LITTLE BUILDERS.

Little builders all are we,
Building for God's eye to see;
Not with hammer's cheery ring,
Not with outward chiseling;
Back and forth no plane we draw,
Never need we use a saw,
Though no tools our hands may show,
All the while the buildings grow.

Little builders day by day,
Building with the words we say;
Building from our hearts within,
Thoughts of good or thoughts of sin;
Building with the deeds we do
Actions ill, or pure and true;
O, how careful we must be,
Building for eternity!

LESSON VII. (November 15.)

GOD'S BLESSING UPON SOLOMON. 1 Kings 9, 1-9.

GOLDEN TEXT. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. 10, 22).