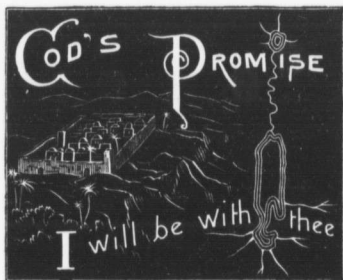


right, and I won't let any of you boys trouble him. After that there was no temptation to stop praying, and God made the way easy because Percy had gone bravely ahead.

Another thing that comes to all is trouble [print]. [Tell some personal experience.] The third thing is death [print]. You and I must each go through it to enter our promised land. But we need not fear; Jesus will be with us. [Christian crossing the river in *Pilgrim's Progress* is a good illustration, or some happy death the teacher may have seen or known about.]

Dear children, we need not fear temptation, trouble, or death, though we must go through them all. Why? Because of the promise. [Repeat Golden Text.]



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. "Crossing the Jordan." Josh. 3, 6, 11-17.

GOLDEN TEXT. "I will be with thee" (Isa. 43, 2). AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Josh. 1, 7, 8; *Beauties of Ruskin*, "The Interrupted Stream," pp. 64-67; *Literary Attractions of the Bible* (Halsey), "Sublimity," *The Providence of God*, pp. 371-383; *The Cry of the Christian Heart* (Pressensé); *What is the Bible?* (Ladd), pp. 153-174.

ATTENTION STORY.

When the people were going out of the wilderness they had God's law, or word, which was to them what this Bible is to us. In that "once upon a time" long ago, there were not any books printed as they are now, and the writing was made in signs on stones and on skins and other surfaces. This word of God, or Bible of the people in the wilderness, was very precious to them, and they wanted to be very, very careful of it that nothing should harm it. They were going to cross a river at one time, and they had not any ferry or boat, but they must get across in some way. God understood about it, and he saw that they were very careful of his word, for the men had made a little box, covered with gold, which they called an ark. They made pictures of angels for the top of the box, and all this was to be a sign to show them that God's loving presence

and care went with them. When the time for crossing the river came, Joshua told some of the other ministers to carry the precious ark and go first, and the people would follow. They did so, and as soon as their feet were in the water God caused the river to stop its running until they passed safely over, and their Bible did not get wet. We read about it here in Josh. 3, 6, 11-17.

Explain unusual words: "Covenant," "passeth," "tribes," "heap," "midst," "Israelites."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story, Golden Text, and Bible lesson.

Monday. Talk of the ark being made of wood and covered all over with gold, that the word of God might have a safe place. Do we think very much of God's word? Are we careful of our Bibles? Do we think them precious?

Tuesday. Explain what is meant by "Lord of all the earth" in verse 11. There are other lands than this fair land of ours. We talked of our country last week, but there are other countries across the seas, and there are little children there who live and eat and sleep very differently from what we do. Jesus loves them, and says, "Suffer them to come unto me;" that means let them come. God loves them as much as he loves us, but some of them do not know it yet, because they have not this Bible to tell them. Wherever this is found the people are better and their lives are brighter than they could be without it.

Wednesday. Talk of the customs of some of the people who live in other lands. Some of them eat with sticks instead of spoons, and others sit on matings and rugs on the floor, and do not use chairs.

Thursday. God made the rivers and the oceans, and they obey him. No man can cause the rain to fall or to stop falling, and no man can cause a river to have a great deal of water or a little water; but God guides the rivers and the tides of the sea. We cannot stop even a tiny brook in its joyful play over the rocks; but Jesus once quieted the waves of the sea in a great storm by saying, "Peace, be still." He could do it because he was God's dear Son.

Friday. Talk of the Golden Text: "I will be with thee." God is near to us, and he will be always; no matter where we are, or whether we are sorry or glad, he is near us to care for us because he loves us very dearly.

NATURE WORK. Talk of what we find growing beside brooks and rivers—the cresses and forget-me-nots; and of what is so different which we find beside the sea—the bright, colored mosses, the seaweeds and grasses, and the pretty shells washed upon the beach.

ART WORK. Show interior pictures of homes in other lands, and also representations of outdoor life, of children in countries North and South, East