

more to say. [Print and read "Keep the — of the Lord" on the left and right of "Charge," and "Walk in God's ways" and "Keep his commandments" below "man."] Do you suppose Solomon knew what charge the Lord had given? I think so, but David tells him again; this was it. [Repeat the Golden Text.] With the charge, God had given a beautiful promise which David repeats to Solomon. [Read 1 Kings 2. 4.]

This charge which David gave to Solomon was kept and written in the Jew's Bible. Their Bible was not like ours, but was in the shape of a roll, and so let us draw one around these words David spoke so long ago.

Do you think this charge is a good one for any besides Solomon? For whom? Yes, it is a good one for each of us, and do you know I find that many years later Jesus gave a charge like it to his disciples—I find it in our Bible. It was long after David died Jesus and his disciples were sitting together in an upper room. He, like David, was soon to die and leave these men he loved so dearly. He talked much with them that night; he told them he was going away and gave a charge, something they were to be sure to do and why they should do it; this is the charge: "If ye love me keep my commandments."

The disciples who heard Jesus speak kept his charge. They have died and gone to the home he went to prepare; but there are still many disciples in the world—to them he says through the Bible. [Read John 14. 15.]

I give you his charge to-day—you know his commands—will you keep them? If you love him you will. [Have printed beforehand the following verse—read, learn, and sing:]

"A charge to keep I have,  
Which God to me has given—  
To walk his way, his words obey,  
Till I am called to heaven."

[Tune, Laban.]

BLACKBOARD COLORING. Roll, white; title, orange; Golden Text, green; "Charge," orange outlined with green; rest of lettering, white.



## Kindergarten Hints.

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KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Solomon Anointed King. 1 Kings 1. 32-39.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways" (1 Kings 2. 3).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, 1 Kings 3. 5-15; *Jewish History* (Stanley); *Daily Bible Illustrations* (Kittó); *Solomon: His Life and Times* (F. W. Farrar); *The First Three Kings of Israel* (Tuck); *Illustrative Notes* (Drs. Hurlbut and Doherty); *The Child's Dream of a Star* (Dickens); *Oratorio of the Creation* (Hayden), "The heavens are telling the glory of God."

### ATTENTION STORY.

As David, the king, had become old, he knew that another king could do more for the people than he could. There must be some one to rule after him, so he decided that his son Solomon should be king. He sent for the mother of Solomon to come, and they talked about it, and then sent for the ministers and some of their friends to come to the king's palace and make the young man, Solomon, king. They all came, and David made a speech, and said what should be done. Then the ministers and some friends went to where Solomon was and they brought him home. He came riding on a mule. The ministers went to the tabernacle, where the holy things were kept, and got a horn of oil and anointed Solomon king. That was as the good minister Samuel had done for David years before. Do you remember about it? This minister's name was Zadok. Then the people blew the trumpet, and everyone was joyful, and said, "God save King Solomon!" We will read about it now. [Read 1 Kings 1. 32-39.]

Explain unusual words: "Prophet," "anoint," "throne," "appointed."

### OUTLINE.

*Sunday.* Attention Story, Bible lesson, Golden Text, and conversation about the story.

*Monday.* David sent for his son, just as years before his father had sent for him, and Solomon came. David knew that some time he was going to his heavenly home, and he wanted a good king to rule over the people.

*Tuesday.* David thought that he could trust Solomon because he had been a good and obedient boy, and he was to build the church. You remember that David had everything ready for the church, and had told Solomon about it.

*Wednesday.* Talk of David's love for God, love for the people of the kingdom, and love for his son, reviewing some events of his life.

*Thursday.* Talk of the accord of spirit between the king, the priests, and the people; the harmony between the nation and the church, and the expressions of joy voiced by the trumpets.

*Friday.* David said to his son, "Now show thyself a man," and then he told him the words we have in our Golden Text. Let us say it: "Keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways." This means, obey God's word and walk in right paths, doing good and being good.