

A Great Leader—We remember good King Asa as the king who led his people out of sin and back to God. (Outline a banner BACK TO GOD.)

We have a greater king than Asa, one who has led His people out of sin and back to God. Print JESUS. Let us follow Him. Let us promise to love and serve Him.

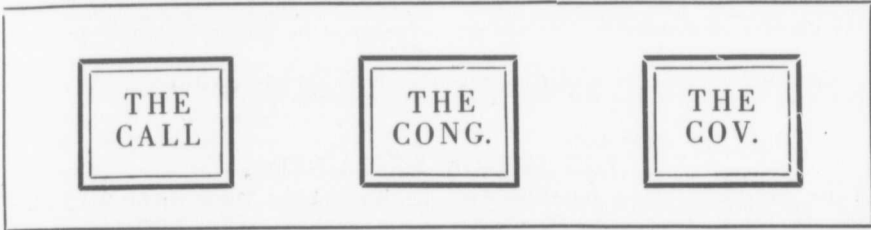
Your Work Shall Be Rewarded—Are you trying to be good for Jesus' sake? Are you trying to do something to help the "Jesus work" in the world? Listen to the promise to Asa. It is for us, too,—“Be strong. Let not your hands be slack: for your work shall be rewarded.” All repeat this.

Sing—“O, what can little hands do, To please the King of Heaven?” etc., Hymn 532, Book of Praise.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text. How do we draw nigh to God? Are we sure that He will bow his ear to listen to our prayer and praise? Do not father and mother hurry to you when they hear your cry? Our heavenly Father is even more ready than they are to come to you. Let us bow our heads and close our eyes and draw nigh to God in prayer. Repeat a simple prayer, or sing verses 3 and 4 of Hymn 528, Book of Praise.

What the Lesson Teaches Me—I SHOULD SEEK GOD'S BLESSING.

FROM THE PLATFORM



The platform talk may follow the Lesson Plan. Draw on the blackboard three squares. In the first of these print THE CALL. Question about the call which King Asa received on his return from the great victory over Zerah, bringing out: to what he was called,—the rooting out of the land the evils which had sprung up in it; the one through whom the call came,—Azariah, a prophet of God; and the influence under which Azariah spoke, that of God Himself. Next, print in the second square, THE CONG. (for “Congregation”), and bring out, by questioning, the story of the gathering of the people in Jerusalem to put away from them all that was displeasing to God. Now, print, in the third square, THE COV. (for “Covenant”), and get the scholars to give you an account of the solemn covenant into which Asa and his people entered, with the attendant circumstances. Press home the thought that God is calling each one of us to put all evil out of his life and to serve God only.

Lesson IX.

GOD'S CARE OF ELIJAH

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1 Kings 17 : 1-16. Commit to memory vs. 14-16.

GOLDEN TEXT—Casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you.—1 Peter 5 : 7 (Rev. Ver.).

1 And Eli'jah the Tish'bite, who was of the inhabitants of Gil'e'ad, said unto A'hab, As the Lord God of Is'rael liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Che'rith, that is before Jor'dan;

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Che'rith, that is before Jor'dan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zar'ephath, which belongeth to Zi'don, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zar'ephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called