

*A Message from God*—Zerubbabel had been getting the temple rebuilt. The foundation was laid (recall last Lesson). It was a great building, and away up on the hill, and the stone and wood and other material had to be brought so far. It was slow work. Perhaps Zerubbabel was getting discouraged.

*Golden Text*—Repeat. The angel gives Zechariah this message from God to Zerubbabel. God said that all the difficult work would be done, and Zerubbabel would finish the temple and even put on the very top stone (as we finish our churches with a tower or spire), and there would be great rejoicings amongst the people.

*God can use the Smallest Things in His Work*—God meant the message for us too. We must never be discouraged when doing work for Him. Even if the beginnings are small, He can make them big enough if the workers are filled with His Spirit. Nothing is too small for God to use. He will give the Holy Spirit to all who ask Him, and then work will go on. Big things, or big people, cannot do God's work unless they have the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

*The Power of a Seed*—In far away India there is a heathen temple in which idols are worshipped. On the roof, some years ago, a

little seed was dropped (outline seed with roots growing from it. It slipped in between the stones. God made it grow, and it sent its roots away down through the mortar, slowly, silently, separating the great stones, until now that idol temple is ready to fall into a mass of ruins.

*A Missionary Thought*—Even little ones, with God's Spirit to help them, may do great work in helping to crush out idol worship amongst the heathen people, and teaching them to love our God. God can make you as useful as he made the little seed in destroying the idol temple. (What can you do?)

*The Golden Candlestick and Olive Trees*—

God wants his people to shine like lights in the world. This they cannot do unless He gives them power, as the oil came from the olive trees.

*Giving of Ourselves for God's Use*—Pipes or tubes lead from the olive trees to the candlestick. God sends His Spirit to give His people power, and they, in turn, do their part, by giving themselves and all they have for God's Use.

*Something to Draw at Home*—Draw a seven branched candlestick, with a tree at each side.

*Something to Remember at Home*—God will make me strong.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S BLACKBOARD REVIEW

— — — THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS?  
 — — — O GREAT MOUNTAIN?  
 NOT BY —, NOR BY —, BUT BY —  
 SAITH — — — — —

Print on the blackboard,—THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS? Get the scholars to complete the sentence. Remind them how it was the day of small things with Zerubbabel—"small beginnings, a small people, a small kingdom, small wealth." Next print,—O GREAT MOUNTAIN? and have the sentence completed as before. Point to some of the difficulties that rose up like a mountain before Zerubbabel, such as the poverty, the ruins, the indifference of many Jews, the opposition of the Samaritans, etc. The outlook was surely dark and discouraging enough. But all the same success was certain. Why? Print, NOT BY —, NOR BY —, BUT BY —. The scholars will once more fill in the missing words. Who was on the side of Zerubbabel? Print, SAITH. Who is the Speaker? None other than "THE LORD OF HOSTS." It matters not what the difficulties are when we have His strength. Impress the truth that with the very smallest resources, we can do great things with God's help.