

Prove from Scripture

That we should shun idols.

The Question on Missions

Ques. 7. How does the Settlement make for a better home life among the people? (See also Scholars' Answer on page 382.) The children of immigrant parents are tempted to look down on them, because their ways are not like the ways of the new country. Also the fact that if the boys and

girls are to have space for a good time they must seek it outside the home, makes it very hard for their elders to understand and direct their interests. But when all the members of the family belong to clubs at the Settlement there is a new interest and sympathy among them. The home life of the Settlement, too, sets a standard for the homes about it, and the lessons of its dressmaking and cookery classes are put into practice and discussed by the whole family.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

A Look Forward—We are going to see King Jeroboam worshipping idols. Use outline maps as you recall the story of the divided kingdom. Here is SHECHEM where Jeroboam was made king over the ten tribes (the kingdom of Israel). Here is JERUSALEM where Rehoboam was made king over two tribes (the kingdom of Judah).

Praying to Images—How do we put our hands when we pray to God? I heard little Grace out on the lawn talking to her dolly which she had placed on a little chair beside her. Could the dolly hear Grace talking? Why not?

Have you heard of any people who fold their hands and bow their heads and kneel down before images made of wood and stone, etc., and pray to them, thinking that they can hear and will answer their prayers? Speak of the little heathen children in India and China, etc.

Golden Text—Repeat and explain Golden Text.

Review—Recall the harvest feast held every year at Jerusalem (the Feast of Tabernacles). Recall the crowds of men, women and children pouring into Jerusalem from all parts of the land of Israel to worship and thank God for His goodness to them in allowing the grain

and fruit, etc., to ripen for their food (as we do on our Thanksgiving Day).

Lesson Story—Tell the story. Jeroboam called his officers and great men and talked

the matter over.

"The grain is ripening, the fruits are hanging on the trees.

It will soon be time for the harvest feast at Jerusalem. Are we going to let our people go down to the temple at Jerusalem to the harvest feast? If we do they will meet

their old friends and maybe they will want to go back again to their old king, Rehoboam, and will forsake me and want to join again into one kingdom." Jeroboam had evidently forgotten the promise God had made to him through the prophet Ahijah, ch. 11 : 38.

Jeroboam Makes Images for Israel to Worship—Jeroboam took his own way,—a very wrong way and in direct disobedience to the Commandment of God (Golden Text). He ordered two calves of gold to be made (show picture). (Recall another golden calf, set up by Aaron.) One he set up in Bethel, and one in Dan (map). He told the people that these images would help them to think of God. "Bow your heads and fold your hands and pray before these," he said, but they soon forgot God and worshiped those images just as idol worshippers in heathen lands do now.

