

of the young king, and he was interested still in the son. Some weeks ago we talked of David's interest in the lame young man because he had loved his father, Jonathan. The servants and the kings all worked together for the church. Now it is just so. Neighbors and friends are interested in each other and in each other's children, and all labor together for love in God's house because they love the name of the Lord. Show that "no man liveth to himself."

LESSON VI. (November 8.)

THE TEMPLE DEDICATED. 1 Kings 8. 54-63.

GOLDEN TEXT. "The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him" (Hab. 2. 20).

Primary Notes.



I know of a church which grew too small to hold the people who wanted to worship God in it. What was done, do you think? It was decided to build a new church, and everybody was asked to give money and to

help about the building in every way possible. For a long time the work went on, and at last there stood the new church, beautiful and large, with lovely windows and handsome furniture, all paid for, and all ready for what? One evening the building was filled with people, bright with lights and sweet with the perfume of flowers; there was much fine music, and many ministers were in the pulpit. For what were they all gathered in the new church? For whom had it been built? For God, and all these people had come together to give it to him; they promised that it should only be used for God's service and should be kept holy, because it was to be God's dwelling place.

There is a long word that means what these people did with their church. [Print "Dedicated."] To dedicate means to give a thing up to another to be used by the one to whom it is given. Perhaps you have been in a church when it was dedicated or given to God and remember what was done and said; if you have, that will help you to know what this means.

The building of what church did we learn about last Sunday? [Print "The Temple" and review.] When the building part was finished what was left to be done? It was still to be dedicated or given to God. [Gather out of 1 Kings, 8th chapter, the story of how the ark was brought and set up in the holy place, and how God showed he was pleased by the cloud that filled the house. Repeat the Golden Text. Tell of the music and what was sung (2 Chron. 5. 12, 13), and how Solomon knelt

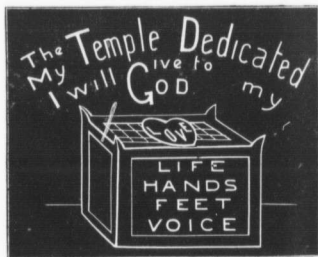
before the altar [uncover or draw one on the board], and as much of his prayer as the children can understand and listen to without tiring. Picture the scene of 1 Kings 8. 54-62. Tell of the feast that followed the dedication and the close of the celebration (verses 65, 66).]

What a beautiful thing it was to give this wonderful temple with all its gold and silver and precious stones to God! Does it make you feel as if you would like to have been there to have joined in giving it, or that you had something now you could give? Well, dear boys and girls, you have, and what you have to give is sometimes called a temple.

Did you ever go to church and see a little baby baptized? What were the father and mother doing? Dedicating or giving their child to God, and what fathers and mothers do for their children I want you to do for yourselves. St. Paul in one of his letters called our bodies temples for God to dwell in (2 Cor. 6. 16). Now it is your *body* that I want you to give God for his temple. What is your body made up of? It is these eyes and ears, lips, hands, feet, and heart that I want you to dedicate or give to God to be used by him.

[Print the names of these different members of the body on the altar, putting a heart with "Love" printed within on the top, then sing either Miss Havergal's "Take my life," or some similar hymn that may be familiar. Close the lesson by turning the blackboard work into a pledge by putting "I will," before "Give to God," and "My" after, and letting those children who really want to give God their bodies rise and repeat the completed sentence.]

SUGGESTIONS FOR BLACKBOARD COLORING. Altar, orange; pledge, "I will give to God my love," blue; title, white; heart, white. Different members each a different color.



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. The Temple Dedicated. 1 Kings 8. 54-63.

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