

and went to the side of the young leader. Without a word she handed him her own pretty little Bible and went away. Not another oath was heard, and the young man before he left the train went and told the child that he should always keep the Bible for her sake! The little girl was like the king of whom we learn to-day. See if you can tell in what way.

#### LESSON THOUGHT.

*To learn and obey God's word.* There was a new king of Judah now. His name was a long, hard one—Jehoshaphat. He was the son of King Asa, of whom we heard last Sunday. Who can tell something about King Asa? Do you think he would teach his little boy to be good and to do right? To be sure he would, for he knew it was the only safe way. The boys and girls who have Christian fathers and mothers, who teach them to love God and his word, ought to be very glad and happy.

When King Asa died his son Jehoshaphat, who was now thirty-five years old, became king. He had learned the lessons of truth and goodness which his father took pains to teach him, and so of course he made a good king. But his people were not all good and right, and he wanted to help them to become so. He knew a book which had all wisdom and truth in it. He knew if his people would love and study that book, it would be worth more to them than all riches and honor. What book do you think this was? Yes, it was the Holy Bible. [Roll paper into the form of a scroll, and explain what part of God's word was written then, and why it was not printed in books as now.]

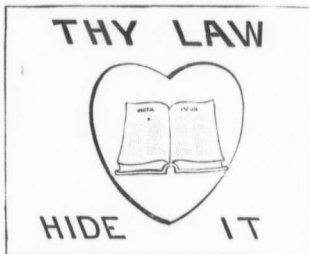
The Bible books then all had to be written by hand on sheets of parchment, and therefore very few people could have them. Now books can be so cheaply printed that even little children can have beautiful Bibles of their own. How many children here have Bibles that belong to them? Do you love your Bible and take good care of it? I hope you do!

*How the king taught God's word to the people.* [Read from the Bible Deut. 6, 6-9, God's command to teach the children the words of his law.] The people of Judah had not kept the command, and now the grown men, many of them, did not know the word of the Lord. So the king sent teachers out into all parts of the kingdom to gather the people together and read and explain God's word to them. Some of the princes—men who stood high in the kingdom, went with the priests and Levites who were sent out to teach God's word. We have the names here of five princes, nine Levites, and two priests who were

sent out to do this good work. This was the same kind of work which the missionaries are sent to do now. Do you not think this was a good king to give his people the word of God? He could not have given them anything else so good!

*What God's word did for the people.* It made them wise and kind and good. It kept them from having war with their neighbors. The people of kingdoms near by were afraid to touch them, because they saw that the power of God was with them. It is better to know God's word than to know all the wisdom of this world. [Sing "Praise God for the Bible," found in *Song and Study for God's Little Ones*.]

What does God want us to do with his word? Get it into our hearts; love it, believe it, practice its good teachings.



#### Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. The Good King's Son. 2 Chron. 17. 1-6, 9, 12-19.

GOLDEN TEXT. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3, 6.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, 2 Chron. 17, 18, 19.

#### ATTENTION STORY.

By and by King Asa's work was all done, and it was time for him to go away from this world, so his son became king. The son of a king is called a prince. While this prince was with his father he was learning how to be a king, for he saw how his father ruled, and he knew that his father asked God to help him in all his work. We remember that King Asa took away the images and taught the people to pray to God. When the son became king he tried to do what would be good for the people. He had many strong men placed in the cities which had fences about them, so that no one could come in and make trouble. He wished that all in his country might know God's laws and obey them. So he and many others who helped him went about