

CROWN OF SALVATION.

Lesson XII. Matt. 2. 1-12.

Show on the map or sand chart Bethlehem and Jerusalem, and mark direction from the East.

Pin to the blackboard a house, with a star above it, and three wise men. Tell the beautiful story of the lesson. God gives us light to lead us to our great King and a book that tells us about him. The truly wise seek him. We must worship him. Offer him our gifts, praise, prayer, service. He is King of kings, Lord of lords, and Saviour of the world. Place crown of Salvation on one. State that it is for all.

REVIEW.

Lesson XIII.

We suggest a Christmas exercise to be made with the crowns.

Write a brief statement for each crown, to be recited by twelve little girls who shall afterward crown the little boys chosen. The class to answer questions on the lessons, and sing an appropriate song,

"Crown Him, all ye little children."

The crowns to be made of stiff white paper, with three points on the front, and made narrow at the back. Get a set of Golden Text chains for the quarter [Nevins & Kane, 40 West Thirteenth Street, New York], and paste according to lesson, one on the front of each crown; then tie the crown at the back with ribbon of the same color. Name each crown with large letters over text band. Twelfth crown to be covered with gilt paper with star.

(This may be made a beautiful and most suggestive Christmas exercise if the teacher will carefully follow the directions given by Mrs. Ostrander.)

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 1. (October 4.)

SOLOMON ANOINTED KING.—1 Kings 1. 28-39.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways" (1 Kings 2. 3).

Primary Notes.

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I know a young girl whose mother was to leave home for two or three weeks. Just before going, she said to her daughter: "I want you to take my place while I am gone; try to make the family happy, give up your own pleasure to make the home pleasant; be a comfort to your father and a good care-taker of your little sister." Now there is one word that tells what this talk was. [Print "Charge" on what will be the top of the roll.] It was a charge, and a charge is something that one person gives another to do. A master charges a servant to be faithful in his work; a teacher charges his scholars to be diligent and obedient; and I'm going to tell you to-day about a father who gave a charge to a son.

This father had been a king for many years. His life had been a hard one; he had fought many battles, and had many troubles, but through all he had loved and served God. What was his name? [Print "David" above "Charge."] We have come now in our story to the time when David was old: he did not know very well what was being done in his kingdom and things were going wrong; only think, one of his sons said, "I will be king." [Tell what he did to bring this about (1 Kings 1. 5-10).]

Nathan the prophet saw the wrong that was being done. He knew God had chosen the one who should be king in David's place. Who was it? [Print "Solomon" on the right side of the roll.] It was Nathan's work to set things right, and this is how he did it. [Give the events of 1 Kings 1. 11-37.] It did not take Nathan and Zadok long to find and tell Solomon the great news, and very quickly Zadok brought the horn of oil from the tabernacle and, pouring the oil on Solomon's head, anointed him king. Then the trumpets were blown and the people shouted, "God save King Solomon." What a day of rejoicing that was! the air was filled with the shouts of the people and the sound of music. [Now tell how these happy sounds reached Adonijah and what happened (verses 41-53).]

So Solomon was anointed king and David's life drew near its end, but before he should die he had some loving words to say to Solomon; he wanted to tell him how to be a good king; he had a charge to give him. I can imagine the old king, very weak and feeble, his hair white, and his eyes dim; I can see the strong, handsome, young king standing before his father. Hark! the father says, "I go the way of all the earth" [that meant he was soon to die]; "be strong therefore and show thyself a man." Let us write these two things on the board. [Print "Be strong" and "a man."] But David has

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