

FROM THE PLATFORM

JOSIAH RESTORES REPAIRS GOD'S WORSHIP HOUSE

We are told to-day about a wonderful young king of Judah. What was his name? **JOSIAH** (Print). We are told in our lesson of two great things which **Josiah** did in order to show his interest in the religious life of the nation he ruled. What were they? In the first place he **RESTORES GOD'S WORSHIP** (Print). In order to do that he had to destroy certain things. What were they? Point out to the School that if we are going to give God the place in our lives which is his by right, we must get rid of the things which are displeasing to him. While Judah had been so busy with idolatry, what had happened to God's house? The second great thing that Josiah does, then, is that he **REPAIRS GOD'S HOUSE** (Fill in). Ask the School for some reasons why we should honor the house of God.

Lesson VIII. FINDING THE BOOK OF THE LAW August 19, 1917

2 Chronicles 34 : 14-19, 29-33. Study 2 Chronicles 34 : 14-33. Scripture Memory Verses.

GOLDEN TEXT—I will not forget thy word.—Psalm 119 : 16.

14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilki'ah the priest found ¹a book of the law of the Lord given by Mo'ses.

15 And Hilki'ah answered and said to Sha'phan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilki'ah delivered the book to Sha'phan.

16 And Sha'phan carried the book to the king, and ²brought the king word ³back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it.

17 And they have ⁴gathered together the money that was found in the house of the Lord, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and ⁵to the hand of the workmen.

18 ⁶Then Sha'phan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilki'ah the priest hath ⁷given me a book. And Sha'phan read ⁸it before the king.

19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

20 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Ju'dah and Jeru'salem.

Revised Version—¹the ; ²moreover ; ³Omit back ; ⁴emptied out ; ⁵into ; ⁶And Shaphan ; ⁷delivered ; ⁸therein before ; ⁹to ; ¹⁰both ; ¹¹that were ; ¹²found ; ¹³Omit and.

LESSON PLAN

- I. Finding the Law, 14-17.
- II. Reading the Law, 18, 19.
- III. Obeying the Law, 29-33.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Finding the book of the Law, 2 Chron. 34: 14-21.
T.—Finding the book of the Law, 2 Chron. 34: 22-28.
W.—Finding the book of the Law, 2 Chron. 34: 29-33.
Th.—Remembrance of the Word, Ps. 119: 9-16. F.—Love of the Word, Ps. 119: 97-104. S.—Guidance of the Word, Ps. 119: 105-112. S.—Value of scripture, 2 Tim. 3: 10-17.

Primary Catechism—*Ques. 42. What did Jesus do to save us from our sins?* A. Jesus obeyed God's law perfectly, and died for us.

30 And the king went up ⁹into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Ju'dah, and the inhabitants of Jeru'salem, and the priests, and the Le'vites, and all the people, ¹⁰great and small ; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the Lord.

31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and all his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant ¹¹which are written in this book.

32 And he caused all that were ¹²present in Jeru'salem and Ben'jamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jeru'salem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Josi'ah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Is'rael, and made all that were ¹³present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the Lord their God. ¹⁴And all his days they departed not from following the Lord, the God of their fathers.

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 100. What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?* A. The preface of the Lord's prayer (which is, *Our Father which art in heaven*) teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us ; and that we should pray with and for others.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : Memory Hymn—Primary, 17 ; Junior, 96 (Ps. Sel.), 116, 111, 118, 119.

Special Scripture Reading—Ps. 48 ; given also in Departmental Graded Teacher's Quarterlies. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Hymn for Opening Worship—Hymn 388, Book of Praise ; given also in Departmental Graded Quarterlies.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 1094, The Book of the Law Found. For Question on Missions, K. 56, Ward in Hospital. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto.)