

when David, the shepherd king, died.

Lesson Subject—Israel's king praising God. We'll draw a mountain and beside it a city. We'll print HEBRON, the name of the city where David lived when he became king of Judah.

Lesson—We now see the soldier King David with all his soldiers going to Mount Zion (outline), on top of which was a fort which King David took from the Jebusites, and here he made his new home and called it—The City of David, ch. 5 : 6-11. This was Jerusalem, "and David went on and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him". Here on Mount Zion (Jerusalem) we might have seen workmen bringing cedar to build a house for David. The cedar came from a long distance, and it was a great work to get it to Mount Zion, ch. 5 : 11.

The Ark—Show a picture or model of the ark (or outline), and tell about the building of it (Ex. 25). Explain especially that it was to be the place where God would be to meet with His people (explain). He would then always be in their midst while the ark was with them, v. 22. The ark had been taken by the Philistines in battle with Israel (1 Sam., ch. 4), and they felt that God was troubling them all the time they kept it, so they sent

it back (1 Sam. 5, 6, 7) to its own land. Here we see the ark of God at a place called Kirjath-jearim, in the house of Abinadab.

A Place of Worship at Jerusalem—There was no place of worship, no church, at Jerusalem when David went there. David made up his mind that he would go and bring up the ark of God to Jerusalem, and make a place of worship. Describe the way in which the ark was brought. Tell of the joy, the dancing, the music ; tell of the punishment of Uzzah for disobedience and irreverence. (A description of a "threshing floor" will be interesting in contrast to our way of threshing the grain, see Exposition.) Tell of the blessings the ark brought to the family of Obed-edom. God's presence always brings blessings. David had prepared a tent or tabernacle for the ark at Jerusalem (v. 17), and here he and all his people worshiped and praised God.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text.

Our Tabernacle—What do we call God's house ? How thankful we should feel when we go to church ! What should we do in church ? Where else will God meet with his people ? Where does God want to dwell all the time ? How can we worship Him best ?

Something to Think About—I should praise God.

FROM THE PLATFORM

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What shall I do with Jesus?

Several persons in the Lesson had to do with the ark. Bring out by questioning the way in which each of them treated it. David sets out to bring it from Kirjath-jearim to his own city, is turned aside from this purpose, but finally carries it out. Uzzah touches the ark ; and is slain by the Lord for his irreverence. Obed-edom gladly receives the ark into his house, and is greatly blessed by its presence. Now, write on the blackboard, *What shall I do with Jesus ?* Remind the scholars of the different ways of treating Jesus. We may let one hindrance or another (let some of them be named) keep us from accepting Him as our Saviour and Lord. Or we may treat His invitations with disrespect or indifference. Or we may willingly and gladly receive Him into our hearts, that He may save us and rule over us. Point out the joy that comes to all who so receive Him, and urge every scholar to open his heart to Him. Repeat Rev. 3 : 20.