

come to live in His House. While the cloud remained upon the tabernacle, the people knew that God wanted them to stay where they were, and when the cloud lifted and moved on, the people knew that they were to march to the place where the cloud should again rest, and there they were to pitch their tents again. Was not that a wonderful guide? How safe the people would be in following it!

The Journey—For a long time, about a year, the tents of the children of Israel were round about Mt. Sinai; but one day God told Moses to make two trumpets of silver (outline a trumpet), and when the people should hear the blowing of the trumpets, they were to gather in front of the tabernacle. The priests, the sons of Aaron, were to blow the trumpets. These trumpets were used at all the special services in the tabernacle. What do we use to call our people to church? Yes (outline) a bell. Those people were to use these trumpets. One day—look! The cloud slowly rose from the tabernacle and moved onward. The trumpets were blown, the people gathered about the tabernacle, and soon all was in readiness for the journey. What a procession that was! One tribe after another, with their captains, marched along, each tribe with its flag (or standard) carried before them, and amongst them, to

show the way, was the ark with the tabernacle, carried by members of the tribe of Levi. There goes that great procession marching through the wilderness!

The Tribes—First outline a banner with "JUDAH" on it, and a number of strokes following, and so on till all the tribes are named. (Vs. 14 to 28 of the Lesson chapter give the order of the tribes.) Moses invited the stranger Hobab to go with them. "Come thou with us," etc. (We should ask others to come with us to our church, etc., to follow our Leader Jesus and get all the blessings promised to those who lovingly and faithfully follow Him.)

A Great Army—There are hundreds of Sunday Schools in the world. Let us think of them as part of a great army, marching on to the Promised Land (heaven). Your teachers are your captains. You are all following the great Leader, Jesus. Be like the children of Israel, quick to obey, ready to follow your Leader, orderly in the march. Hymn 583, Book of Praise, may be sung, or the children may stand and "mark time", (or march, if possible).

Something to Think About—I am safe when God is leading me.

God gave the children of Israel	God gives us
A CLOUD	JESUS
to lead them	to lead us

FROM THE PLATFORM



Here is an illustration that will help. Zwingle, the famous Reformer of Switzerland, was born, soon after Luther, in Germany, in the little hamlet of Wildhaus, situated exactly on the central watershed of Europe, so that the rain falling on one side of the red-tiled church roof finds its way to the Danube, and that which falls on the other side, to the Rhine. The Lesson tells of a man who came to the point where he must choose one of two ways. He was called to decide whether he would go with Israel as their guide, or return to his own desert home. Get the name of the man from the scholars, and print, HOBAB'S CHOICE. Bring out by questions, the reasons urged upon Hobab by Moses for going with Israel, and Hobab's decision. Now print, OUR (choice), and emphasize the fact that God is calling each of us to some service for Him and His church. Point out the blessedness and joy of such service, and urge upon all the right choice.