

gates. Do you remember who was the leader in this work? N ----- (Some of you little ones may print the other letters). At a street leading to the water gate of Jerusalem a crowd is gathered! In the midst is a rough board pulpit. On this stands Ezra, the scribe, with the great roll, the Book of the Law (Bible) in his hands, reading and teaching the people God's laws. In the crowd are men and women and children, all that could hear with understanding. It was a long Bible lesson, from morning till noon (v. 3), but the people were all attentive. (This is a good point to impress). Although their strong wall was built, the people did not trust alone in their wall for safety. God is their refuge and strength.

*Joy in God's Word*—God wants us to be joyous while we are reading and studying His Word, not noisy nor gloomy, but happy in hearing about Him and what He wants us to do, and thankful to our teachers.

*A Missionary Thought*—Not only are we to enjoy God's Word ourselves, but we should send it to those who have it not (v. 10), to those "for whom nothing is prepared." We should share our blessings with others.

*A Thanksgiving Feast*—Have ready a little booth made of evergreens to place before the children, while you describe the joy and glad-

ness of Thanksgiving time, their Feast of Tabernacles, when the people came from all parts of the country to Jerusalem and lived in tents of evergreens, olive and pine and myrtle branches. They would then remember very clearly that life in tents in that long wilderness journey, when God brought the children of Israel to the Promised Land. Here are booths on the street, booths on the housetops, booths in the courts of the temple! All the week long Ezra read and taught God's law to the people who lived in these booths. Day by day they became more joyous. What a happy Thanksgiving time these Jews had in the days of old!

*Our Thanksgiving*—Do we have a thanksgiving time? Every day should be a thanksgiving to God for giving us so many good things. Let us think of some of the things for which we should be very thankful—for fruit, and flowers, and grain, and vegetables, for life, and health, and home, and friends,

For { God's WORD  
God's SON.

Let the keynote of the Lesson be thanksgiving.

*Something to Draw at Home*—Draw an open Bible.

*Something to Remember*—I should study God's Word.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BLACKBOARD REVIEW

THE JOY — — — — —  
GREAT MIRTH — — — — —  
— — GLADNESS

The Lesson is full of rejoicing. There are in it three phrases which ring out sweetly and clearly their glad, exultant notes. Print these one by one. First we have THE JOY — — — — — (ask the scholars to repeat the words represented by the six dashes. Show that this joy comes from being sure that God is near us, watching over us, guiding us and helping us. What strength and courage this gives us for our work and our temptations! GREAT MIRTH — — — — —. This is the second phrase to print and have completed as before. Bring out the reason of the people's "mirth." They "understood the words," that is, they knew now, better than ever before, God's great love to them and desire to bless them. Print the third phrase — — GLADNESS, and have the omitted words supplied. Speak of the Feast of Tabernacles, the glad harvest-home festival. Impress the truth that God wants every day of our lives to be happy and joyful.