

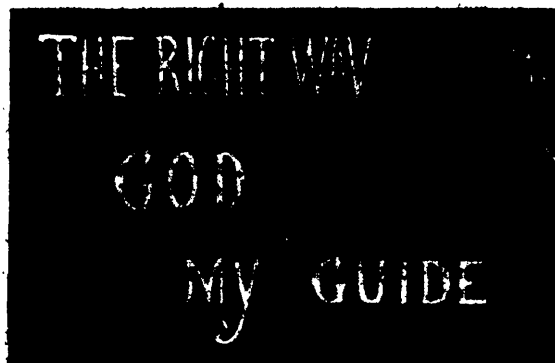
pose). Shew this to the children and tell them this was the way all books were made then. There was no printing; there were no books like ours. Everything was written on parchment rolls by men called scribes. We are going to hear about one of these scribes. His name was Ezra. (Write it). He is the man who told us about the children of Israel going home to Jerusalem. He was a very good man and loved and trusted God. He lived in Babylon. (Draw a square). He was one of the children of Israel who had stayed in Babylon. He was a teacher.

This story I am going to tell you happened 15 years (ten fingers and five more) after Queen Esther saved her people.

You remember a great many of the children of Israel went back to Jerusalem — (another square). They got very careless after a while and forgot God, after all His care over them. Ezra knew that they were not keeping God's laws, not doing what was pleasing to God. So he asked the king to give him men and money to go to Jerusalem to teach the people and lead them to serve God again. He got a great many people to go with him—fathers and mothers and little children, too. They all gathered on the banks of the river Ahava, and fasted and prayed to God that He would show them the right way for themselves and for their little ones before they set out on their journey.

There were enemies along the road, but Ezra would not ask the king to send soldiers to guard them from these enemies, because he had told the king (Golden Text), and he wanted the king and everybody else to know, that God would take care of the people who loved Him and would show them the safe and right way to go.

Tell the lesson story simply, impressing the



thought of the guiding hand of God, when we do not know what is the right thing to do. Illustrate the meaning of a "guide." Speak of the "still, small voice" of conscience. If we listen to it, we shall always be guided aright. That is the way God speaks to us now.

**Practical Thoughts**—God is my guide. I shall pray to Him at all times. He will show me the right way to do in everything.

The "benefit" block is "His guiding hand."

**NOTE BY EDITOR.**—The lesson for October 29, PSALMS OF DELIVERANCE, is held over for want of space. It will be found in the November TEACHERS' MONTHLY, which will be sent out in good time for the last Sabbath of October.

