

pitched their tents and rested at night.

The New Home—At last they came to the new land of Canaan (map) which God had promised to give to Abram and his children for ever.

Describe the dangers from wild beasts as they traveled along on foot. They had only clubs to defend themselves. There were wild tribes of people living in the land of Canaan. There was always the danger that they might pounce upon the

travelers. But God guided them safely (vs. 5-9), and the very first thing they did after they found a place to pitch their tents was to build—What do you think?—an altar where they might worship God and thank and praise him.

Golden Text—Just four words in it. Print and repeat these words which God spoke to Abram: "Be thou a blessing."

Obedying God—Suppose Abram had said, "No, God, I do not want to leave my old home and the neighbors whom I know so well.

I do not want to go amongst strangers to live in a new land." If Abram had said this we never should have heard of him. He would have "missed his chance" to be a blessing and to become the head of a great nation.

(Remember that Abraham was the great-great-great-grandfather of all the Jewish children whom you see.) But Abram obeyed God and had faith in God's promises.

God's Blessing

—Is there something you are in the habit of doing that you

know God tells you not to do? Obey God. Give it up. Is there something that God tells you to do that is hard to do? Obey God. He will help you and it will bring you a blessing.

A Blessing to Others—Think of ways in which you may be a blessing to others. You may help to feed the hungry. You may tell others of Jesus.

Something to Think About—I SHOULD OBEY God.



FROM THE PLATFORM

ABRAM'S FAITH FUTURE FRIEND

Print on the blackboard, ABRAM'S FAITH, and, by taking up the points in v. 1, bring out how that faith was tested. Ask what Abram was required to give up,—his own country, his kinsfolk and his home. Next, have the scholars tell you what was offered to him in place of these things,—simply a country of which he was told nothing. Raise the question why it was that Abram was willing to give up so much, without knowing what he was to get in return. It was only because he trusted, that is, had faith in, God. He knew that God would not disappoint him. Now, speak of Abram's FUTURE (Fill in). Bring out, by questions, that Abram was to become the father of a great nation and that, through him, all nations were to be blessed. Talk about the fulfilment of this promise. Lastly, fill in on the blackboard, FRIEND, and ask