

## LESSON IV—July 26th, 1896.

### God's Promises to David. 2 SAM. 7 : 4-16.

I. GOLDEN TEXT : "In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust." Ps. 71 : 1.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT : David, the Trusting King.

III. REVIEW : What did David not forget to do when he made Jerusalem his capital? What do you know about the ark? Why was Uzzah smitten by God? What did David do with the ark? What was my prayer last week? (*See Primary Quarterly for Little Folks*).

IV. LESSON STORY : When David, the shepherd-king, brought the ark to Jerusalem he placed it in the tabernacle on Mount Zion. From the time the Israelites left Egypt, as they wandered about from one place to another, they could not have a temple or a church as we have to worship God in, but had to have a large tent or tabernacle, so that they could "pitch it" or put it up when they stayed at a place and take it down and carry it with them when they left for another. It was in such a tabernacle the people worshipped God in Jerusalem, and there the ark of God was placed. As from his own magnificent palace of cedar David looked upon this tabernacle, he perhaps thought to himself, Why should my house be so much more beautiful than God's house? Then he purposed to build for God a beautiful temple made of gold, silver, brass, iron, timber and stone, where the people could worship him instead of worshipping in the tabernacle as they did now. Although this wish of David's was good and right and pleasing to God, yet God did not see fit to grant it just as David had purposed. He told David that he could not build his house, for he had been a man of war, and much blood had been shed in his reign. Beside this he wanted him to do many other things for him, and told him that he could get all the materials ready for the temple and that Solomon, his son, who should come after him, whose reign should be one of peace, should build it. God also made many other kind promises to David and said, "Thy house and thy kingdom shall be established forever."

V. HOW TO TEACH THE LESSON STORY : As we tell of David wanting to build the temple, show picture of the ark (used last week), the tabernacle and the temple. Dwell upon the difference between the two places of worship. Tell of Nathan's visit to David, and his message that it was Solomon, and not he, who should build the temple.

VI. HOW TO TEACH THE APPLICATION : Our object to-day is to teach "trust in God." Show a shield and speak of truth as being a shield from danger. Tell how God reminded

David that in the past he had been with him, and taken care of him, and shielded him. The reason of this is shown in the words of the golden text, "In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust." Make a picture of the sheep-fold, put the shield of trust over it. If you have a picture of a lion and a bear pin them to the board. Make a long stroke for a giant. As each one of these is pinned on the board cover them with the shield and teach that as David trusted in God so God shielded him from each danger. As in the past so in the present. David, the shepherd-king, was shielded from his enemies. Cover "the crook and crown symbol" with the shield. As in the past and present, so in the future, as with David. God will shield us if we trust in him. Trust in God, his promises are sure!

