

had been one of the worst of the kings of Judah. He had let the people build altars for the worship of idols, although he must have known that God would punish them for turning away from him. His heart was bad, and so he would not think about God and his law.

But the young Prince Hezekiah had some one to teach him the law of God. Perhaps it was a good mother. And so, when he became king, he began at once to try to get the people to be right and good. He knew that his feet were in the right way, because it was God's way, and so he thought he would invite all the people to come into that same way. A little boy in the primary class once gave his heart to Jesus, and right away he began to ask his little friends to come to Jesus too. It was the same spirit in his heart that was in Hezekiah's heart. Hezekiah was a good king. We will read in the Bible what God says about him. [Read 2 Chron. 29. 2.] When a king or a child in the primary class does "that which is right in the sight of the Lord" God and the good angels are pleased.

Come to a feast. It was the feast of the pass-over to which Hezekiah called the people. It was a glad feast, a time of rejoicing, and it was one of the feasts which the Lord himself had established. [Read about it in Exodus 12.] It was the Lord's feast, but he used Hezekiah to call people to it, just as now he uses his children to call others to come to him. Have you said "Come" to anyone?

[Tell how the invitation was sent out; how the "posts," or messengers, went riding through the land, calling all the people to come, and how some would not come, but laughed and made sport of the invitation, just as some people do now. But a great many came and sought God, and he heard and blessed them.]



The lesson for us. We are all invited to come to a feast to-day. What does it mean? Just what

it meant to the Jews who lived so long ago. Here is the sun on the board. What does it stand for? Yes, for light. Where the sun shines there can be no darkness. If we come to God, we shall be in the beautiful light, for God is a sun and a shield, and he shines on our way and keeps harm away from us.

Of what does the cross remind you? Yes, of the "love which led Jesus to die" on the cross for us.

And what does the crown promise? Heaven to each one who says, "I will come to Jesus, who will be my light and my love, and who will one day take me to heaven to live with him."

This is "my invitation." Is it yours? Yes; God sends it to each child here to-day.

Sing "Come to Jesus just now."

Kindergarten Hints.

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KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. A King's Great Feast. 2 Chron. 30. 6, 9-12.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into his sanctuary." 2 Chron. 30. 8.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, 2 Chron. 30; *Handbook of Bible Biography*, page 209 (Barnes).

ATTENTION STORY.

To-day we will talk of a king named Hezekiah. As soon as he was crowned king he took away all images and also a serpent to which the people had prayed, and he opened the temple that people might go there and pray. Then he called together the princes and other great men of the kingdom, and they planned to have a great feast that all the people might come together and remember God's great love to them and to their fathers and grandfathers and (keep the passover) thank him for his love to them all. The kings and princes wrote letters of invitation to the people, and these were carried to them all through the country. The letters spoke of the grandfathers, and asked the people to turn toward the Lord, who loved them and who brought them out of trouble. Part of the letter said that God was kind and loving and would not turn away his face if they came to him. [Read verses 6 and 9.] Well, the people heard the king's message and invitation, but some laughed about it and did not care to go. Others were glad to go to the feast. [Read verses 10 and 11.] But in one part of the country called Judah all the people thought alike about it as if they had one heart. [Read verse 12.]

Explain unusual words when you read them, such as "posts," meaning persons, in this connection. The definition may be found in the

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