

think Bobbie did? He reached out his chubby hand and took a copper off the plate. Mother whispered to him, and at last Bobbie put the two coppers on the plate. You all know why the collection plate is passed. (Some one explain.)

The Treasury—In the great temple at Jerusalem they did not give money to God in the way we do. They dropped their money into a great big "collection box" which stood in the temple. Everybody who came in dropped a bit of silver "temple money" into the "treasury."

Moneychangers—People came there from all parts of the world. They had different kinds of money, but only temple money must be put into the "collection box," so there were men called "moneychangers" in Jerusalem, who gave them temple money in exchange for theirs. Explain also about the sacrifices offered in the temple. If you had been there you would have seen everybody going up to the temple carrying a pair of doves or leading a pretty white lamb or perhaps an ox, to be offered as a thankoffering to God. People who came from far away places could not bring these things with them. So they had to buy them in Jerusalem, and at last the sellers took the animals right into the temple courts to be sold.

Buying and Selling in the Temple—Picture the scene that Jesus looked upon that day. Listen to the noise of the animals! (What do the lambs say? What do the doves say? What do the oxen say?) All their noise besides the shouting of the sellers and the quarreling over prices, etc., etc.! (See vs. 13, 14.) What do the children think about this? Was it right to make God's house a "selling place?"

Jesus Angry—Our lesson tells us what Jesus thought about it, vs. 15, 16. The Jews were very angry when Jesus drove these people out of the temple. They asked him what right he had to come into their temple and do this. "Give us a sign to show us that you are really the one you say you are," they said. Jesus told them something they did not understand, but this is what he meant: "If you kill me, I shall become alive again in three days." Then they would know that he was really God's Son.

Golden Text—Repeat Jesus' words. Outline a church. Why is the church a holy place? The brick and stone and wood are just the same as other buildings are made of. What is the difference? How should we act in God's house?

Hymn—Hymn 385, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2.

What the Lesson Teaches Me—God's HOUSE IS HOLY.

FROM THE PLATFORM

GOD'S WORSHIP SON

Group the teachings of the lesson about the two central thoughts of God's WORSHIP (Print) and God's SON. Draw out from the scholars, by questioning, the evils that had crept into the temple worship in our Lord's day, as, for example, the lack of reverence in carrying on business for worldly gain within the sacred enclosure, the cheating that went on in connection with this business, etc. Emphasize the truth that God requires now, as always, reverence and purity in all who seek to worship him. Now ask the name which Jesus gives to the temple ("My Father's house"). Jesus, then, is God's SON (Print). Show how he loved God's house and its worship. Refer to his visit to the temple when he was twelve years of age (see Luke 2:46). Present him as an example in this regard. Take the opportunity of pressing home the duty and privilege of regular attendance in church services, and loving, reverent, earnest attention in the worship of God's house.