

(c) He gave God his whole heart.

(d) He taught God's "Testimonies" to others.

6. If we would be blessed, that is if we would be happy, we must be willing :

(a) To study God's Word.

(b) To obey it.

(c) By word and action to teach it to others.

VII. PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING AS APPLIED TO THIS LESSON:

1. REVIEW.

A similar thought is brought out in lessons 2 and 4. Therefore, review these lessons, and use over again the illustrations there suggested. Old illustrations are better than new ones.

2. ADAPTATION.

We seek to teach the child the need of learning, loving, and living, God's "Testimonies," if he would be happy.

3. DEFINITENESS.

The one central definite thought to be taught to the children is that contained in the Golden Text. One of the commonest mistakes we make in our Sunday-school work is endeavoring to teach too much.

4. CO-OPERATION.

The story of Josiah is a most interesting one. The fact that he was a boy king, only eight years old when he began to reign, will certainly win the co-operation of the children. Study the lesson story well.

5. SYSTEM AND ILLUSTRATION.

We seek to teach through this concrete illustration of Josiah, the boy king, that if our scholars would be happy, they too must follow God's "Testimonies" with their whole heart.

LESSON XI.—December 11th, 1898.

"TRYING TO DESTROY GOD'S WORD. Jeremiah 36 : 20-32.

I. GOLDEN TEXT : "The word of our God shall stand forever." Isa. 40 : 8.

II. REVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER. Pictures and Stories about Good Men of the Old Testament.

III. REVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON. Knowing God's Word.

IV. REVIEW QUESTIONS :

1. Who was Josiah ?

2. How old was he when he began to reign ?

3. What book was found when he was king ?

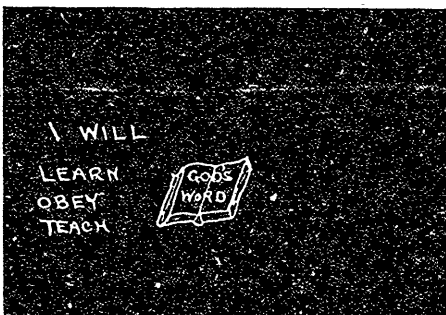
4. When the book of the Law was found, what did Josiah do ?

V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON :

Jeremiah, one of the chiefs of the Hebrew Prophets, was the son of Hilkiah, and of the sacerdotal race. He was very young when he was called to the prophetic office, and on that account declined it, but God promised him grace and strength sufficient for his work, and for forty-two years he persisted in this arduous service, with unwearied diligence and fidelity, in the midst of the severest trials and persecutions.

Towards the close of his life he was carried into Egypt against his will, by the Jews, who remained in Judea after the murder of Geda-

liah. On this occasion he was requested by Johanan and his followers to inquire of the Lord whether they should flee into Egypt. In answer, after accusing them of hypocrisy, he warned them in the most solemn manner, from the Lord, not to go down to Egypt, but they disregarded the commandment of God, and went, and took Jeremiah forcibly along with



them, where, in all probability, he died, some think a martyr.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON :

1. Begin with the story of a girl who learned and learned until she knew much of the Bible. One time a wicked man took her Bible