MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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MONDAY—Prov. 3: 5.

TUESDAY—Nah. 1: 7.

WEDNESDAY—Dan. 3: 28.

THURSDAY—Ps. 23: 1.

FRIDAY—Isa. 26: 4.

SATURDAY—Ps. 62: 8.

SABBATH—Ps. 71: 1.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

HEN 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 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 for ever."



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- What do you know about the tabernacle?
- What did David wish to build?
- Why did God not allow him to do it? 3.
- What are some of the promises that God made to David?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

GR God! give me a trusting Reart, that & may believe all Thy promises.