

loved him dearly; but I'm sorry to tell you he was not a good young man, and though he was the king's son and very dear to his father, there came a wicked wish into his heart; he was not satisfied to be only the king's son, he wanted to be king, and he began to plan how he could get rid of his father. [Tell what Absalom did (2 Sam. 15, 1-6), and while telling how the city gate was the place where people went in those days to have their wrongs righted, make a pair of gates on the board. Condense and tell the events formed in 2 Sam. 15, 7-37, and how Mephibosheth returned David's kindness (2 Sam. 16, 1-4). Tell how Absalom returned to Jerusalem and what was done (2 Sam. 15-23)].

How do you think it was possible for Absalom to have become so wicked and have done such a dreadful thing? Because he forgot and disobeyed the fifth commandment. What is it? [While it is being repeated, print "Honor" over the gates, and "Father" and "Mother" on the gate posts, and if time permits finish the Golden Text between and below the gates.]

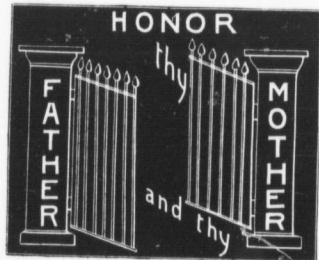
If Absalom had honored his father when a little boy, if he had always tried to please and obey him, if he had truly loved him, he never would have rebelled against him and become so wicked. It is to save us from falling into just such sinful ways that God has given us the commandments, and this fifth commandment, if obeyed, helps to keep us from becoming like Absalom; if we learn to honor our parents we will find it easier to honor the Lord.

[Explain the meaning of honor and show how men who spend many sad day sin prisons begin their downfall by rebelling against their parents.]

Why did cities use to have gates? I have put our Golden Text on these gates because, if we do what it says, it will help to keep us safe from many dangers. Close with an appeal to the children to begin, while they are little, to honor their parents.

Suggest that each child make a picture of the tables of stone and print the fifth commandment.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COLORING. Gates, brown; "Honor thy," white; "Father and Mother," yellow.



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Obedience to parents. Psalm 34, 11, 13, 14 (first clause); Eph. 6, 12 (first clause).

GOLDEN TEXT. "Honor thy father and thy mother" (Exod. 20, 12).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Prov. 3, 1-10; "The Integrity of the Home," *Public Opinion*, May 31, 1894; Whittier's poem, "Snow-bound," "The dear home faces where upon the firelight shone;" *Illustrative Notes* (Drs. Hurlbut and Doherty); *The Bible in the World's Education* (Bishop Warren).

ATTENTION STORY.

At one time, when David was singing a song of praise to God, he wanted to tell everyone that God is careful of all that they may have food and all they need, and so he called, "Come, ye children," and he asked them to listen while he should tell them how they might be glad in righteousness. He had children and grandchildren, and he was so much older than they were, that he knew more of the way through this world than they knew. I suppose that the children listened to what he told them, and it is written here—let us read it. [Read Psalm 34, 11 (first clause), 13, 14 (first clause).] How good these words sound! If we are not like horses and other animals we can guide our tongues and our lips, for they will obey us. There are two other verses here which will help us very much. [Read Eph. 6, 12, and the Golden Text.]

Explain unusual words: "Hearken," "guile," "depart," "obey," "honor."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story, Bible lesson, Golden Text, and conversation about the story.

Monday. Talk of the power of the tongue. The large and strong animals as well as the small ones have tongues, but they cannot use them as people can. They cannot speak. The largest tongue of an animal has not speech, but the little child can talk. Our lips are necessary for our speech, which is a great gift of God.

Tuesday. We must use this gift well and for the good of others. If it is such a precious gift we must be careful how we use it. Let us say good and kind and loving words, words good and true.

Wednesday. David said that it was right to keep far away from naughty ways and places and to do good.

Thursday. What is it to obey our parents? It is to do just what they tell us we should do. They have been in this world longer than we have, and they can tell us just what it is right to do. Just as anyone who has walked over a path for a long time knows all about it, so they know the right ways, and they tell the little children how to walk and where to walk and what to do.

Friday. Our Golden Text is a part of God's word which was kept in that beautiful gold box we talked about a little while ago. It is right, therefore, to love and to obey our parents because our

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