

to find out came into his mind and he hurried out, saying as he went, "Eureka!" which means, "I have found it." You see just the one word meant what it took four to tell; since then people often use that one word when they want to say they have found something, so that whenever we hear the word "Eureka," we think of what it means, and know that something has been found. I have told you this story because I want you to know how much a word can mean, and because I want to teach you to-day a word that has a beautiful meaning, a word I hope you will say very often.

The Jews used to think a great deal of what a name meant. Whenever God helped them in some wonderful way they would call the place where they were helped by a name, the meaning of which would remind them of what had happened. [Illustrations: Gen. 22. 14; 32. 30; Exod. 17. 15.] Jewish children's names were chosen for their meaning. What was the title of our last lesson? What was the child's name? [Print "Samuel" at top, left-hand of board.] You remember the sweet story of the mother who prayed so earnestly for a little child, and when God gave her a boy baby she called him Samuel, because Samuel means "asked of God." Well, it was Samuel who used the word we are to learn to-day; it is printed on the board, a long, hard word, but one you will understand by and by. Just now I only want you to say the word. [Repeat till all can say Ebenezer.]

The child Samuel did what all children do; every day he grew a little, and so in time he became a man. While he was growing up he still lived in the tabernacle, and the Bible says—[1 Sam. 3. 19, 20]. Samuel was not only a prophet, but he became a judge [finish printing title] and led the Israelites; they needed a judge very much, for again they were in trouble. [Tell of the war with the Philistines and how the ark was taken from Shiloh, with the sad results (1 Sam. 4. 1-18). Tell what was done with the ark, and show in map the places to which it was taken, and its final resting place (chaps. 5-7. 2). Now give the event found in verses 3-11, making altar with lamb upon it, leaving Ebenezer on front side. Tell of the stone set up by Samuel and called Ebenezer because it meant "Hitherto," etc. Print Golden Text below altar.]

What does Ebenezer mean? You can say your Golden Text in just one word—Ebenezer—and whenever you say Ebenezer you think it means—what?

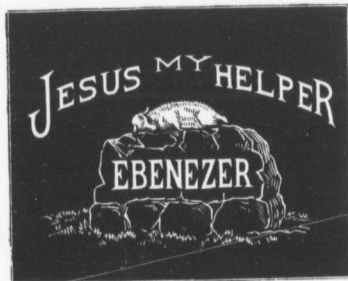
There have been many people since Samuel lived who have been able to say Ebenezer. Why? Because God has helped them. Who loves to help us? Jesus. [Print at left of altar.] That lamb and altar make me think of something Jesus did. What? Because he lived and died for us. We know he is our helper, and if you are his child you can say, "Jesus, my helper." [Print at right of

altar.] There is living to-day a lady who has had great trouble; her husband and four of her children have died, and she is very lonely, but she never complains and is brave and cheerful. If you should ask her how she can be so, she would say, "Ebenezer"—"the Lord hath helped me."

I know a boy who gets angry, O, so quickly! and yet when the angry feeling comes into his heart, and the angry words to his lips, he is able to overcome them and be pleasant and forgiving. If you should ask him how he did it, he would say, "Ebenezer"—"the Lord hath helped me."

Whatever way you need God's help, you can have it, and whenever you are able to overcome or bear trouble and disappointment, I want you to say as Samuel did, "Ebenezer"—"the Lord hath helped me." Suppose you try this week, and whenever you are helped make a round mark on a piece of paper to stand for a stone; then bring it next Sunday for me to see how many times you have said "Ebenezer."

SUGGESTIONS FOR COLORING. Title, yellow; altar, brown; lamb, white; "Ebenezer" and Golden Text, white; "Jesus, my helper," green.



Kindergarten Hints.

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KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. Samuel the Judge. 1 Sam. 7. 3-6, 12.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (1 Sam. 7. 12).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Psalms 20, 99; *Old Testament History* (Smith), pages 371-378; *Cambridge Bible for Schools* (Keil and Delitzsch); *Hours with the Bible* (Geikie), vol. iii; *Scripture Readings* (Chalmers), vol. ii.

ATTENTION STORY.

The little boy Samuel grew strong and large. He still worked away in the temple, serving God by being helpful to the minister and to the people. Everybody knew that he was good, and everybody loved him. By and by he became one of the judges whose work was to tell the people about the law and to help them to be good. He prayed very