

how wicked he had been, and when David repented God forgave him. So, besides deliverance from danger and trouble, he had deliverance from sin. [Print "Sin."] How did he feel toward God?

Sometimes when we are grateful for a kindness we write our thanks in a letter. One way David showed his gratitude was by writing beautiful psalms and songs full of thanksgiving to God. In these he tells the story of what God had done for him. Hear how one begins (2 Sam. 22 1). Pick out and read from the chapter such verses as the children can understand. Verses 2, 3, 4, 18, 40, 48-50, could be easily made plain.

What was the instrument upon which David used to play? I think he may have sung this song of gratitude to music he made on his harp; so let us make a harp on the board.

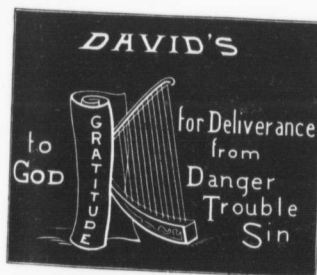
Have you and I any reasons for gratitude to God? [If possible tell some personal incident of deliverance in danger or trouble, and try to make the children remember some time when God has delivered them.]

God has delivered each of us from different dangers and troubles, but every body needs deliverance from the last thing of which we have talked. What is it? How can God deliver us from sin? [Call attention to the word "Sin" and close by singing:

"Jesus, tender Saviour,
Hast thou died for me?
Make me very thankful
In my heart to thee," etc.,

or some appropriate hymn.]

SUGGESTIONS FOR BLACKBOARD COLORING. Harp, golden; "David's gratitude to God for deliverance from," white; "Danger," red; "Trouble," purple; "Sin," orange.



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. David's gratitude to God. 2 Sam. 22. 47, 50; Psalm 107. 8.

GOLDEN TEXT. "The Lord is my rock" (2 Sam. 22. 2).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, 2 Sam. 23. 1-23; *Illustrative Notes* (Drs. Hurlbut and Doherty); *Hand Book of Bible Manners and Customs* (Freeman), pp. 39, 311; *Old Testament History* (Smith), pp. 468-470; *The Jewish Church* (Stanley).

ATTENTION STORY.

David had gladness in his heart, and so his lips sung many songs of praise which were beautiful. In this book the songs are written, and we may read them. One reason why David was happy and joyful was because he thanked God every day for the gifts and blessings which were in his life. You may remember that we read once, "forget not all his benefits;" and David never forgot the benefits—the gifts of God's love. It causes everybody, even little boys and girls, to be happy, if they only take time to think of all the gifts of God to them. David said that God was a strength to him as a rock. You know how firm and strong a rock is, like that to him. He said that even when he was with people who did not know of God he would be thankful just the same, and then he wished that everybody would praise God. He felt as you do when you say, "O I wish he would!" We will read it here. [Read 2 Sam. 22. 47, 50; Psalm 107. 8.]

Explain unusual words: "liveth," "exalted," "salvation," "therefore," "wonderful."

OUTLINE.

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

Monday. David said, "The Lord reigneth." Though he could not see God, he knew that he was living over all and caring for all. (The teacher may tell the thought of the poem, "A Child's Thought of God," by Mrs. Browning, "I cannot see our God, and why?")

Tuesday. No matter whether other people thanked God or prayed to him, David knew this was right; so he would do it. Each little child should do the right thing whether others do or do not. David sang his song of joy and asked other people to sing with him.

Wednesday. David wanted all kinds of instruments to be used in the thanksgiving songs, too. A few weeks ago we had a picture upon our lesson card which looked like the harp David played upon. It is supposed that this had seven strings, but once David wished that he had "an instrument with ten strings," that he might make a more "joyful noise" (Psalm 33. 2).

Thursday. In verse 50, David meant by "heathen" those who did not pray to God. If they had not heard of God, but prayed to the sun and to other objects which they could see and touch, they did not know whom to thank for all their blessings. David was sure that whatever he did he could do because God gave him strength. Once he said that God helped him to leap over a wall (2 Sam. 22. 30).