

Primary Department.

HELPS FOR TEACHERS OF LITTLE FOLKS, BY MR. & MRS. G. H. ARCHIBALD, MONTREAL.

LESSON X.—December 4th, 1898.

THE BOOK OF THE LAW FOUND. 2 Kings 22, 8-20.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart." Psa. 119:2.

II. REVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: Pictures and stories about good men of the Old Testament.

III. REVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: "Loving God's Word.

IV. REVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Solomon?
2. What kind of a man was he?
3. What book in the Bible did he write.
4. What does he say in last Sunday's Golden Text?

V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON:

Josiah, the son and successor of Amon, king of Judah, began to reign when he was but eight years old, and was remarkable for his integrity and piety. He gradually abolished the idolatrous customs of his predecessors, and in the eighteenth year of his reign began a thorough repair of the temple.

In the progress of this work, Hilkiah, the high priest, found a complete copy of the law of Moses, a rare treasure in those days of degeneration and corruption, when God and his institutions were forsaken and condemned on every side.

Josiah himself was but imperfectly acquainted with its contents until they were read to him by one of his officers, and then he was overwhelmed with grief to find how far they and their fathers had departed from the right way. He, however, humbled himself before God, and received the most precious promises of the divine favor. He then assembled the people and published the law in their hearing, and they all united with the king in a solemn vow of obedience.

After this he utterly destroyed every vestige of idolatry, both images and temples, and then by divine command, caused the feast of the Passover to be celebrated with unusual solemnity.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON:

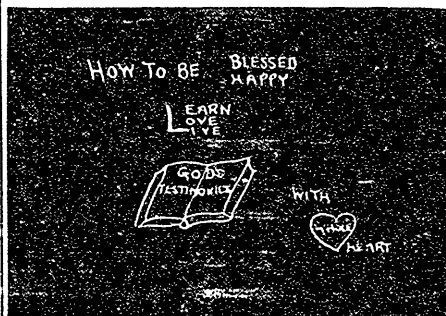
1. What is this book I hold in my hand? Here review past lessons, especially 2 and 4 of this quarter. What are some of the names by which the Bible is called?

(a) God's Word.

(b) God's Book.

(c) Lead up to the idea of the Guide of Life, and then refer to the Golden Text of the day. Bring out the other name of the Bible, "His Testimonies."

2. Read together the Golden Text. What is the meaning of the word "Blessed"? Bring out the thought that it means happy. Of course, the word means *more* than happiness, yet the word happy will convey to the children the real meaning of the word perhaps better than any other idea we could give them.



The lesson, therefore, of the day is "How to be happy."

3. There are two kinds of people—happy and unhappy. There are two kinds of children. So in the olden times, the Bible tells us there were two kinds of kings.

4. Tell the story of Josiah, the good boy king, who, although surrounded by many bad influences, yet learned to follow God's "Testimonies." Study the story of Josiah's life. See synopsis.

5. What was it made Josiah such a good boy and man?

(a) He learned God's Testimonies.

(b) He obeyed.