

messages that flash from ship to ship in mid-ocean and from far-off lands? We do not know how, but we know that in some wonderful way our prayers reach God and He never fails to help us.

"Do you pray every night, mother?" a little voice piped out from under the bed-clothes. On being told that mother needed to pray for God's care and help just as her boy did, the next question was, "Mother, do kings have to pray to God?" "Yes, God is King of kings and Lord of lords, and to Him every knee must bow, kings and their servants as well."

Lesson—Our Lesson to-day tells us about a king who prayed to God, and the answer God sent. Do you remember good King Hezekiah, who sent letters asking all the people to come to worship again in the temple? (Recall.) Now we see this good king with a long letter (Outline a scroll) in his hands. Who wrote the letter? What is it about? It has caused Hezekiah much trouble and sorrow and fear, and he has gone to the temple and spread out the letter before the Lord in prayer (see vs. 14-20).

God's Answer to Hezekiah's Prayer—God sent him a very comforting answer through His prophet Isaiah, vs. 21-32. God would

defend them from the king of Assyria and give him the punishment he deserved, vs. 33-38.

Golden Text—Print and repeat Golden Text. God wants us to talk to Him often as we would to a dear, kind father, telling Him everything.

Hymn—Sing Hymn 404, Book of Praise.

What a Friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

Prayer Morning and Night—"Do you pray in the morning, Auntie?" said Benny. "I never do." "Oh! Benny, don't you ask God to take care of you through the day?" said Auntie. "No, I don't. I ask God at night to take care of me, but I can take care of myself in the daytime." Ah! Benny was wrong. We need to pray for God's care night and day. Although God knows all about us, He likes us to tell Him what we want. (See that every child in your class knows, "Now I lay me", and "Now I wake and see the light". Teach Hymn 572, Book of Praise. One of our great poets calls prayer the golden chain that binds the whole round earth about the feet of God.

Something to Think About—I should pray every day.

FROM THE PLATFORM

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HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER Protector

Print on the blackboard, HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER. Bring out, by questioning, the circumstances leading to the offering of this prayer,—the invasion of Palestine by Sennacherib, the sending of a force to Jerusalem with an insulting letter to Hezekiah demanding the surrender of the city, and Hezekiah's quick resolve to lay the whole matter before the Lord. Now print Hezekiah's **Protector**. The scholars will tell you that this, of course, was the Lord. Question out the name of the messenger by whom He sent a message to Hezekiah, and the contents of the message,—how the boastful Assyrians had been simply carrying out the Lord's purpose, and would, in His own time, be punished for their cruelty and oppression, while peace and prosperity would be restored to the Jews. Have the story of the destruction of the Assyrian army told. Dwell, in closing, on the power of prayer and the safety of those whom the Lord protects.