

*Lesson*—In the first place we shall see that God was the Friend of this king because the king was a friend of God and did not worship idols, but obeyed God and did not copy the wicked ways of the people who lived near. Everybody in the kingdom was also a friend of this good King Jehoshaphat, and all brought presents to him to show their friendship, so that he had riches and honor in abundance, and "his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord". He took away all of the places where idols had been worshiped.

*God's Word Taught*—King Jehoshaphat knew that learners need a book to teach them, so he chose the very best Book for his people (Here is a picture of it), and he sent out princes and other teachers along with them, to go out amongst the people and teach them God's Word.

*God Blessing the King*—V. 10 tells us that not only did his teaching help his own people, but the fear of the Lord fell upon all the people in the kingdoms around about, and they made no more war against Jehoshaphat; and some who had been enemies, brought Jehoshaphat presents of money, while others brought flocks of sheep and rams and goats, so that he became very rich and great and built castles and cities to store his riches. So you

see how God blessed this good king who made God first in everything, and took God's Word for his guide and taught it to his people.

*Golden Text*—Now we are ready to repeat our Golden Text. We see that riches, honor, friends all came to good King Jehoshaphat because he feared God, and God allowed him to have all these good things.

*God's Word Our Guide*—If we are looking for something, how nice it is to have some one guide us in finding it, to show us the way! God has given us a guide,—His Word, the Holy Bible,—to show us how to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

We should Love  
earn God's Word.  
Live

*My Verses*—All repeat.

"O may these heavenly pages be  
My ever dear delight;  
And still new beauties may I see,  
And still increasing light.

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord!

Be Thou forever near;  
Teach me to love Thy sacred Word,  
And view my Saviour there."

—Hymn 118, Book of Praise.

*Something to Think About*—I should obey God's Word.

#### FROM THE PLATFORM

REFORM

REWARD

Draw on the blackboard two frames. In one of these print REFORM, and question about the great reform which Jehoshaphat wrought in his reign. Bring out the nature of the idolatrous worship which had become all powerful in the Northern kingdom of Israel, and which was creeping also into Judah, the Southern kingdom. Have the scholars tell you how Jehoshaphat set himself to root out all idolatry from his land, and especially about the policy of education which he carried out. Emphasize the value of Bible study as a means of overcoming error. Now print in the second frame, REWARD, and turn the conversation to the reward which Jehoshaphat received for his faithfulness to God and his earnest efforts to destroy idolatry. Besides the favor of God Himself, the loyalty of his people, the growing power of his kingdom and the respect and homage of surrounding nations, are some of the elements in this reward. The lesson to emphasize is that no work for God against evil can fail to be rewarded.