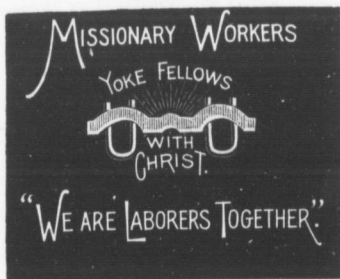


## Blackboard.



This blackboard design shows a yoke in the center of the board. A yoke is generally a symbol of captivity or oppression, but in this case it represents the binding together of two workers. The one who reviews the lesson may speak of the habits of affection and loving help that grow up between two oxen that are yoked together for work. These poor dumb beasts soon learn to help one another, and to regulate their steps together, and to lie down when one is weary. So in a higher sense is the worker with Christ. He lovingly helps to bear the burden; he assists over difficult places; he gives of his strength when we are weak; and with him do we find rest. Missionary workers are laborers together with God. He will not let one work by himself in his cause, but will bear one part of the yoke, and will carry forward the work. "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God." Close the review by earnestly urging every one to be a yoke-fellow with Christ in sending the Gospel "into all the world," and to "every creature."

## Primary and Intermediate.

LESSON THOUGHT. *Telling the Story.*

How many of you children love to hear stories? Our lesson to-day calls on every body, even the little children, to tell the most beautiful story that was ever told! What can it be?

[Sing one verse of "I love to tell the story."] Yes, it is the story "of Jesus and his love." What is this large book? Yes, the Bible. Can you tell me any other name by which it is sometimes called? [Children should be taught the other names of the Bible.] There are many little books that make up this big book. Who can tell how many? This part we call the Old Testament. How many books in this? I am going to open to one of the books in the Old Testament. It is called Isaiah. Who was Isaiah? Yes, a prophet to whom God often spoke. He let him see things that were yet in the future.

Jesus was not born when Isaiah lived. God let Isaiah look ahead seven hundred years and see him and the work he was coming to do!

To be taught: 1. That a Voice is speaking to us to-day. 2. That it calls us to get ready for our King. 3. That it calls us to tell others about him.

1. Print "Prepare." Talk about preparing or getting ready for a visit or a journey or to receive company. Tell how in old times some one was always sent to tell the people to get ready for the visit of their king. What King was coming now? Yes, King Jesus, and Isaiah wanted the people to get ready in their hearts to receive him. For King Jesus comes to rule over hearts.

2. Hark! It is God's voice telling us to get ready for our King!

Do we hear the voice? It is speaking to-day to us! If we do not hear it it is because our minds are too full of other things. Let us listen.

One night three children were taken in to see their sick mamma. They had not seen her for many days, and they were very happy to know that they might see her now.

"I am going on a journey, dear hearts," said the pale, smiling mother.

"O, mamma, can we go with you?" the children cried.

"No, my dear ones, for I cannot come back again; I am going to be with King Jesus."

"O, mamma, when did you get ready?" said the oldest child.

"I have been getting ready all my life," said the mother, "and I want my children to do something every day to get ready for this journey."

Do you know what the sick lady meant? And can you think how the children could get ready to meet King Jesus?

They did get ready. They thought about it every day, and they learned, while yet very young, that they must do more than just get themselves ready.



[3. Print, "Behold your God."] Who likes to hear good news? Who likes to be the first to tell it?

Isaiah thought it was good news when he told the people that Jesus was coming. Now, he said—tell of it:

"Lift up thy voice; be not afraid; say, Behold your God."

[Tell that a missionary is one who tells the good news about Jesus.] It may be some child in this class knows some little children who never heard of Jesus. If you do, you can tell them what you learn here to-day, and ask them to come next Sunday, and hear more about him. If you do this, you will be doing the work of a missionary.

[Tell simply of the great work of missions, both