

Thursday. Lessons of companionship and of dependence upon each other may be drawn from verses 15 and 17. The workmen and the princes were to work together. So it is in God's house now, all work together, helping each other.

Friday. Talk of the words of the Golden Text, meaning that all who love God's house and worship there are happy and sing songs of praise. The gladness which is in the heart finds expression with the tongue and lips.

NATURE WORK. Three of the days talk of the metals mentioned in our lesson, and let the children bring specimens of each. Lessons may be taught from their color, form, quality, uses, and so on. The other two days have the children talk of the different fruits of this season and of their appearance. Direct the thoughts of the little ones to the spring days when buds were unfolding upon the trees, and from that beginning all these fruits have developed. Talk of corn also as well as of trees, and explain the planting and growing and ripening and harvesting for the good of man and beast.

ART WORK. Interest the children in pictures of cathedrals (houses for the worship of God), and show what has been built of stone and iron, and also speak of decorations in other materials, and they will see how clay modeling may be placed in figures for decoration upon buildings.

HAND WORK. The children may be led to distinguish between "metal," "timber," and other materials in the use of the blocks, of their gifts, and the silver-colored rings. With these latter they may make windows of circles and curves such as they see in the pictures of different kinds of architecture. They may build columns and doorways of the blocks and invent other forms and pictures suggested by the talks.

The **TRANSITION CLASS** may outline the subject upon the lesson card.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH MOTHER. The workmen and the princes were to help each other, and so all, both those who work with their heads and those who work with their hands, meet together for work in the Lord's name in his house. Teach this to the children. Each person in the home has his own work to do, and those who do it "as unto the Lord" are happy in doing it. What a blessing it was to King David that he had a good son whom he could trust to do important work! This book says that "a wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother."

LESSON XI. (Sept. 13.)

DAVID'S GRATITUDE TO GOD. 2 Sam. 22. 40-51.

GOLDEN TEXT. "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer" (2 Sam. 22. 2).

Primary Notes.



We are to talk to-day about two words that are very long, and perhaps you may not understand them at first; but you will, I am sure, before the lesson is over. Here is the first. [Print "Deliverance."]

I read a story once about a fire that started in a house. Of what were the people living there in danger? The firemen came quickly with the engine and hose to put out the fire, but first they warned all the people, as they thought, to leave the house; just as they were sure no one was left they saw a woman leaning from a window in the top story; as soon as possible ladders were put up, and a brave man climbed through the hot flames, lifted the woman from the window and carried her safely to the ground. What did the fireman do for the woman? Saved or *delivered* her. How do you think she would feel toward him? Her heart would be full of *gratitude* to him for her *deliverance* from the danger of fire. [Print "Gratitude" and "From danger."]

I heard of a little boy who was coaxed by a man to run away from a good home; the man told him it was such fun to be a sailor that this foolish boy made up his mind to go to sea in a big ship. He went first to a strange city by the seashore, and then the little boy, left to himself, became very lonely and homesick. As soon as his friends knew he had run away they told the police about him and asked them to find and bring him back; so, while Dick (for that was his name) was wandering about, a policeman found and carried him off to the station house and locked him up. O what trouble Dick was in, and what a bad night he had! But in the morning a kind gentleman came and took him home. All his life Dick was grateful to the friends who did not leave him in his trouble, but delivered him; he had gratitude for deliverance from trouble. [Print "Trouble."]

Then deliverance means to save from danger or trouble, and gratitude means to feel thankful for what is done for us.

Who can tell me the name of a man who had many dangers and troubles, and who was delivered many times? [Print "David."] Who delivered him? [Print "God" at left of gratitude.] Let us talk over some of his dangers and troubles, and remember how God delivered him. [Review instances in David's life when he was delivered (1 Sam. 18. 6-14; 19. 1-20; 23. 1-14; 2 Sam. 15. 1-30; 19. 8-15).]

There was another thing from which God delivered David. What sad thing did we learn about him? You remember how he committed a dreadful sin, but God did not leave him; no, he showed him

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