

THE CORAL.

UNDER the sea, in its sandy bed,
Grow beautiful corals, white and red,
Baby's rattle and necklace too
Once far down in the ocean grew.

Seamen gather these treasures rare,
Which people prize and so often wear.
But did you know in each starry cell
A tiny animal once did dwell?

Millions labour in harmony,
And build their cities under the sea,
Coral cities, of white and red,
Under the sea in its sandy bed.

—S. J. B.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

B.C. 1005.] LESSON V. [Nov. 2

THE TEMPLE DEDICATED.

1 Kings 8. 22-26. Commit to memory verses 22-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee. 1 Kings 8. 27.

OUTLINE.

1. God's Promise, v. 22-26.
2. God's Presence, v. 27-29.
3. God's Pardon, v. 30-36.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Solomon stand when he consecrated the temple? Before the altar of burnt-offerings.

Who were gathered together before him? A great congregation of Israelites.

To whom did Solomon offer all praise and glory? To the God of Israel.

What did he acknowledge? The fulfillment of God's promises to David.

For what did Solomon pray? That God would dwell with the children of Israel.

Can God dwell only in one place? [Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.]

What did Solomon desire? That God's eyes would be upon the temple day by day.

When did he ask God to hear the prayer of the Israelites? When they prayed toward the temple, or in the temple.

What did Solomon plead for the Israelites? Mercy and forgiveness of sins.

What always follows true repentance? God's pardon.

What do sin and trouble teach us as well as the Israelites? That we are forgetting God.

Why does God let us have our own way sometimes? To show us his way is best.

What did Solomon ask of God? That he would teach his people the good way.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Solomon's God is your God.

Pray to him, as Solomon did, to be kept from sinning.

Pray for his mercy and forgiveness.

Pray to him for a new heart and he will help you to live a new life.

Consecrate your heart and life to him.

"It shall be well with them that fear the Lord."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The omnipresence of God.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Joseph of Arimathea? A rich man who buried Jesus in his own tomb.

Who were the Four Evangelists? St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John; who wrote the Four Gospels.

B.C. 995.] LESSON VI. [Nov. 9

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON.

1 Kings 10. 1-13. Commit to memory verses 8, 9.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Behold, a greater than Solomon is here. Matt. 12. 42.

OUTLINE.

1. The Queen's Visit, v. 1-5
2. The Queen's Tribute, v. 6-12
3. The Queen's Return, v. 13.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who came to see Solomon? The queen of Sheba.

What had she heard about him? That God had given him great wisdom.

What did she want to do? Prove him with hard questions, or riddles.

How did she come to Jerusalem? With a great train of camels, that bore spices and gold and precious stones.

What did she tell Solomon? All that was in her heart.

What was Solomon able to do? Answer all her questions.

What did she say to Solomon when she had seen his great wisdom and the splendor of his house? "It is true what I have heard in mine own land of thy acts and thy wisdom."

What had exceeded her expectations? Solomon's wisdom and prosperity.

What did she think of his servants? That they should be happy to serve so great and wise a king.

Why did she think God loved Israel? Because he made Solomon king over the Israelites.

What presents did the queen bring to Solomon? A hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a great store of spices and precious stones.

What did the ships bring him from Ophir? A great plenty of almug trees.

What are almug trees? A kind of sweet-scented wood that is very valuable.

What did the king make of the almug trees? Pillars for the house of the Lord, and harps and psalteries.

What did Solomon give the queen? All that she asked, and royal gifts.

Who has greater power and wisdom than Solomon? Jesus Christ. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

The queen of Sheba came to Solomon to tell him all that was in her heart.

You may go to Jesus and tell him all that is in your heart.

He is always ready to welcome and help you.

He loves to have you go to him with all your wants and troubles.

He loves to give you of his love and wisdom.

"And Jesus said, 'Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me.'"

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The government of God.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who were Ananias and Sapphira? A man and his wife who were struck dead for lying unto the Holy Spirit.

Who was St. Stephen? The first who was put to death for Christ's sake.

"LITTLE BENNY."

So the simple headstone said. Why did my eyes fill? I never saw the little creature. I never looked in his laughing eye, or heard his merry shout, or listened for his step. I never held his little head in my lap, or washed his dimpled limbs, or fed his cherry lips with dainty bits, or kissed his rosy cheeks as he lay sleeping. I did not see his eye grow dim, or his little hand drop powerless, or the dew of agony gather on his pale forehead. I stood not with clasped hands and suspended breath, and watched the look that comes but once, flit over his cherub face. And yet, "Little Benny," my tears are falling; for, somewhere, I know there's an empty crib, a vacant chair, unused robes and toys, a desolate hearthstone, and a weeping mother. "Little Benny." It tells the whole story.

ARTHUR JONES is a bright boy seven years old. He goes to Sunday-school, and he loves his books. He studies the lessons, and he answers his teacher's questions nicely. I think Arthur will become a good and useful man.