

Primary Quarterly for Little Folks.

DEAR CHILDREN :

For this Quarter we are going to have stories from the Old Testament. These are to be about nine men. They were all good men. Their names are as follows : Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Solomon, Josiah, Jeremiah, and Isaiah. We must try and learn so that we will not forget some one or two things about each of these great men.

1. Asa broke down the idols.
2. Jehoshaphat followed God's guidance.
3. Joash revered God's temple.
4. Isaiah listened to God's voice.
5. Isaiah pointed others to Jesus.
6. Hezekiah gave himself to God.
7. Hezekiah made God his refuge.
8. Manasseh repented after wrong doing.
9. Solomon spoke wise words.
10. Josiah loved God's word.
11. Jeremiah knew God's word.
12. Review Day.
13. Christmas Lesson.

As we learn the stories about these great men, we should seek to follow every good example they have set us.

Your loving Friends,

MR. & MRS. G. H. ARCHIBALD.

Write in the space below, (or get some one to do so for you) after Sabbath School each Sabbath, something you have learned about .

LESSON I. Asa the King.

LESSON II. Jehoshaphat the King.

LESSON III. Joash the King.

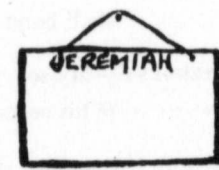
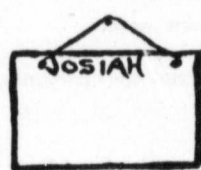
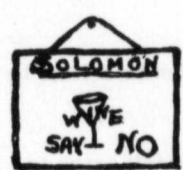
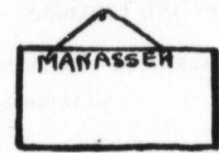
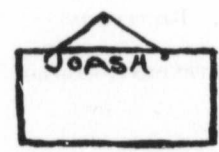
LESSON IV. Isaiah the Prophet.

LESSON V. Isaiah the Prophet.

LESSON VI. Hezekiah the King.



WE ARE LEARNING, THIS QUARTER,
ABOUT
SOME GOOD MEN.



SESSION PROGRAMME

FOR THE

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.



I. SILENCE.

II. PRAYER.

III. HYMN OF WELCOME.

IV. RECITATION.

SUPERINTENDENT.—Be not wise in thine own eyes ; fear the Lord and depart from evil.

TEACHERS AND CHILDREN.—It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

SUPERINTENDENT.—Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.

TEACHERS AND CHILDREN.—So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst with new wine.

SUPERINTENDENT.—My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord ; neither be weary of his correction.

TEACHERS AND CHILDREN.—For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

V. MOTION SONG.

VI. GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: "Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts." Mal. 3: 7.

VII. BIRTHDAY OFFERING. (With Birthday Prayer).

VIII. LESSON HYMN FOR THE QUARTER.

We are but little children weak,
Nor born in any high estate,
What can we do for Jesus' sake,
Who is so high and good and great?

When deep within our swelling hearts,
The thought of pride and anger rise,
When bitter words are on our tongues,
And tears of passion dim our eyes.

Then we may stay the angry blow,
Then we may check the hasty word,
Give gentle answers back again
And fight a battle for our Lord.

With smiles of peace and looks of love,
Light in our dwelling may we make,
Bid kind good humor brighten there,
And still do all for Jesus' sake.

There's not a child so small and weak,
But has his little cross to take,
His little work of love and praise,
That he may do for Jesus' sake.

IX. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON.

X. INTIMATIONS.

XI. COLLECTION.

XII. PRAYER HYMN (after collection).

XIII. TEACHERS' FIFTEEN MINUTES. (Roll taken, Golden Text, Lesson Story taught).

XIV. MOTION SONG.

XV. LESSON REVIEW AND APPLICATION. (By Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, or one of the teachers).

XVI. PRAYER.

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS, ETC., AND PREPARATION FOR DISMISSION.

XVIII. DISMISSION.

Lesson, 2 Chron. 14 : 2-12. Read 2 Chron. 14, 15, 16. Commit vs. 2-5.

2. And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God :

3. For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves ;

4. And commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

5. Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images : and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6. And he built fenced cities in Judah : for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years ; because the Lord had given him rest.

7. Therefore he said unto Judah, let us build these cities, and make about them walls and towers, gates and bars, while the land is yet before us : because we have sought the Lord our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side ; so they built and prospered.

8. And Asa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand ; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and four-score thousand ; all these were mighty men of valour.

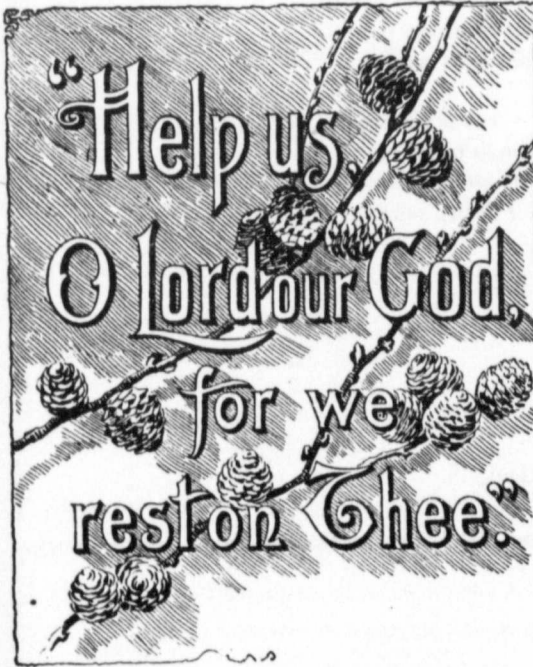
9. And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian, with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots ; and came unto Mareshah.

10. Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11. Then Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power : help us, O Lord our God ; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God ; let not man prevail against thee.

12. So the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah : and the Ethiopians fled.

GOLDEN TEXT : "Help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on Thee." 2 Chron. 14 : 11.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

Once upon a time there lived a good king whose name was Asa. He tried to please God, and did everything he could to honor him. The people had set up idols for worship, when they should have worshipped God, but king Asa had them all taken away. He was so good and wise a ruler that the people under him had peace and much happiness. At one time when an enemy came against him and his people to make war, Asa and his soldiers went against them ; but before the battle began he spoke to God and asked Him to help him. He said "Help us O Lord our God, for we rest on Thee." God heard his prayer, gave him the victory, and the enemies were driven away.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

CLEANSE my heart from every sin,
Make me beautiful within,
Then shall those about me see
That the Saviour dwells in me.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Prov. 18 : 10.
TUESDAY—1 Sam. 14 : 6.
WEDNESDAY—1 Sam. 17 : 45.
THURSDAY—Psalm 18 : 2.
FRIDAY—Psalm 18 : 6.
SATURDAY—Psalm 18 : 32.
SUNDAY—2 Chron. 14 : 11.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

YOU know there are men who make a business of sending children out to beg. When you remember that they teach the children to tell falsehoods to get people's pity, and that they are cruel to the children beside, it is dreadful indeed.

Beppo was a little Italian who had been one of his "boss's" best beggars. He had a delicate, pathetic face, and when he told his story in soft tones, with appealing aid from his brown eyes, few could help giving to him. He always had the best supper in the tenement for being such a good worker. His father and mother were dead and he had no home but the room in the tenement where his master lived.

One day Beppo stumbled into a mission school. He usually fought shy of such places but this did not look like a mission. Growing plants were on the low window shelves, and between the white curtains Beppo saw a bright room filled with ladies, and gentlemen, and children.

Thinking it a promising place to beg, Beppo tried the door. It opened and he went in. When he came out, his whole world had changed. He had learned that God hates lying.

Poor Beppo! He didn't know what else to do. He only knew, with his impulsive heart, that he could never lie again. That night, for the first time, Beppo went supperless to bed. In the morning when the master portioned their work to the children, Beppo refused to tell his tale. "What!" demanded the man. Beppo, shrinking, repeated that no matter what happened, he could not do that wrong, he would tell no more lies.

It would take too long to tell how the man tried to control Beppo, and how the boy at last went to the good people at the mission school and told his trouble. They pitied the little fellow, and soon found for him a happy home and honest work. Are you as determined as Beppo, that nothing, not even a wicked little heart, can make you disobey God?

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Asa?
2. Was he a good or a bad king?
3. What were some of the good things he did?
4. Who smote Asa's enemies?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY

ABOUT

ASA the KING



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! cleanse and purify our hearts by thy Holy Spirit of fire.

Lesson, 2 Chron. 17: 1-10. Read 1 Kings 14: 21 to 16: 34. Commit vs. 3-6.

1. And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.

2. And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

3. And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim:

4. But sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

5. Therefore the Lord stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance.

6. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord; moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

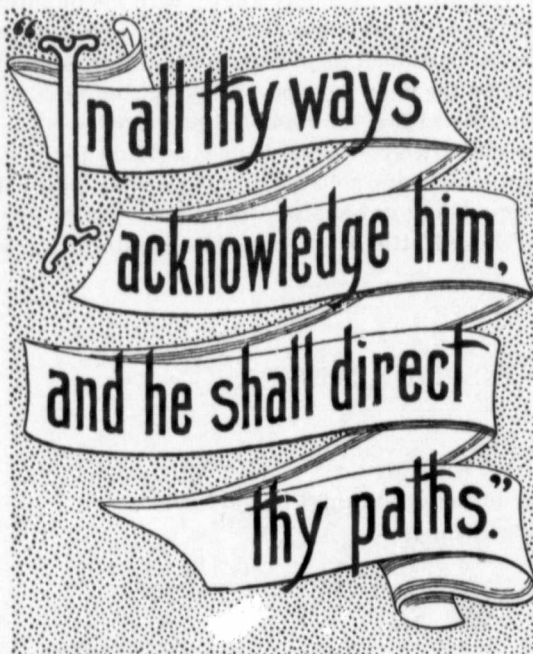
7. Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to Ben-hall, and to Obediah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaueel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

8. And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nathaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.

9. And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

10. And the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

GOLDEN TEXT: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."
Prov. 3: 6.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

After Asa died, Jehoshaphat his son became king. Like his father he was a good king, and tried to make the people happy and contented. God was pleased when he saw that Jehoshaphat was trying to do what was right, and he made him strong and happy. Not only was God pleased, but the people too were glad to honour him, and they brought him many beautiful presents. One thing that Jehoshaphat did shows us how good and thoughtful he was. He sent wise men, priests and Levites, throughout the country, who took with them the book of the Law of the Lord and taught the people everywhere about God.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

TENDER Shepherd, never leave us,
From Thy fold to go astray;
By Thy look of love directed,
May we walk the narrow way.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—1 Chron. 28: 9;
TUESDAY—Jer. 10: 23.
WEDNESDAY—Psalm 37: 3.
THURSDAY—Psalm 37: 5.
FRIDAY—Psalm 37: 39.
SATURDAY—Prov. 3: 5.
SUNDAY—Prov. 3: 6.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

A FARMER living on the edge of one of the many lakes of Minnesota, started to cross it in a small boat one evening after dark. The wind changed, and a gust overturned the boat when he was in the middle of the lake. The surface of the water was covered with large masses of floating ice.

The farmer was an expert swimmer, and struck out boldly toward that part of the shore where he thought his house stood; but he grew confused in the darkness. The ice formed rapidly over the whole lake.

He was in a small, quickly-narrowing circle, in which he beat about wildly, the chill of death creeping over his body. He gave up at last, and was sinking in the freezing water, when he heard a sound. It was the voice of his little girl calling him. "Father!" "Father!"

He listened. The sound of her voice would tell him which way home lay. It put fresh life into him. He thought, "If she could only call once more, her voice would guide me, and I would know in what direction to go. But she will be frightened at the dark and cold. She will go in and shut the door."

But then came the cry loud and clear, "Father!" "I turned," said the man afterwards in telling the story, "and struck out in the opposite direction. I had been going away from home; but guided by the voice of my little girl, and following in the direction which it came from, I fought my way. The ice broke before me. I reached the shore and home at last. But if my dear little girl had not persisted in calling me, though hearing no reply, I should have died there alone under the ice."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Jehoshaphat?
2. How do you know he was a good man?
3. What is the best guide to follow in this world?
4. What is the Golden Text?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

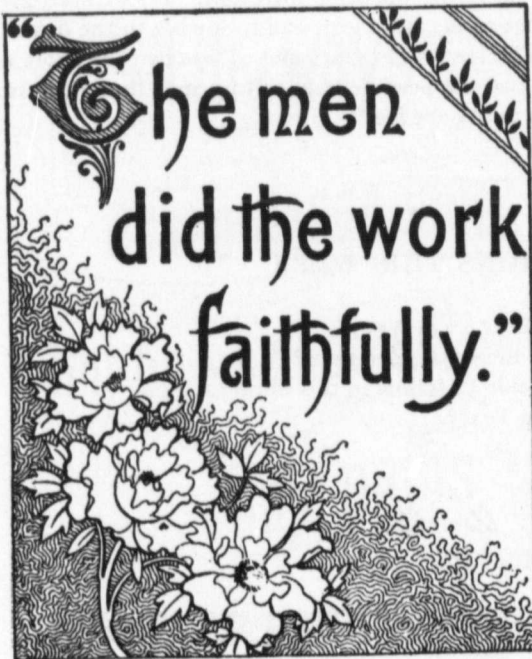
Oh God! Our loving Shepherd, lead and guide us every day.

Lesson, 2 Chron. 24: 4-13. Read 2 Kings, chaps. 11 and 12. Commit vs. 9-11.

- 4. And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the Lord.
- 5. And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not.
- 6. And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the Lord, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?
- 7. For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the Lord did they bestow upon Baalim.
- 8. And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the Lord.
- 9. And they made a proclamation through Judah

- and Jerusalem, to bring in to the Lord the collection that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness.
- 10. And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.
- 11. Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.
- 12. And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the Lord, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the Lord.
- 13. So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it.

GOLDEN TEXT: "And the men did the work faithfully." 2 Chron. 34: 12.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

Our story to-day is about a boy-king. He was only seven years of age when they put the crown on his head. His name was Joash. He was a wise and good boy, and grew up to be a kind and thoughtful man. He loved God and sought to know him. The temple that the people worshipped in needed to be repaired, and the king sent Priests and Levites to gather money with which to restore it. These Priests did not get the money quickly enough to please Joash and he told them to make a chest and set it at the gate of the temple. Soon the people brought much money until the chest was filled. Then the king emptied it, and it was filled over and over again. With this money the temple was repaired, and made to look very beautiful and God was worshipped therein.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

JESUS, can a child like me,
Thine own living temple be?
Yes, Thy spirit, day by day,
To my heart will come and stay.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

- MONDAY—Num. 12: 7.
- TUESDAY—1 Sam. 2: 35.
- WEDNESDAY—1 Sam. 22: 14.
- THURSDAY—2 Sam. 20: 19.
- FRIDAY—Neh. 7: 2.
- SATURDAY—Luke 16: 10.
- SUNDAY—2 Chron. 34: 12.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

ONE Sunday afternoon, Willie and Jenny started out early for Sunday-school. When they got to the church they could not go in, but after a while the door was opened, and they were the first in the school. As there was no superintendent, or teacher there they thought they would like to take a look round at things generally, and so they did. Soon another boy came in, and then some more boys and girls, until there were about a dozen of them in the Sunday-school.

I'm afraid they forgot where they were though, and what day it was, for when the superintendent of the Primary Department came to the door a few minutes later, she heard such a noise of running about, and screaming, and knocking things over, that she said to herself, "My, whatever can be the matter?" As she entered the door what did she see but Willie, and Jenny, and some other boys and girls playing "tag," and a confusion of chairs, and tables with bibles and hymn books, and chalk, scattered all over the floor. Oh! my, was this God's house, and this His day?

It was quite a little time before the Superintendent could get the children sobered down. Then a lot of work had to be done—chairs had to be set in order, all the bibles and hymn books lying with open pages on the floor, had to be gathered together and put in their proper places, bits of chalk that had been trampled on and broken and strewn around, had to be gathered up, the blackboard cleaned, the tablecloth picked up from under the table, and neatly arranged upon it, and several other things to be set right.

When all was in order, and the children in their places, their kind Superintendent told them how grieved she had been to see how they had forgotten, and been so irreverent in God's house, and on His day, and after a quiet little talk with them, the children seemed sorry for being so thoughtless, and I hope after this they will remember to be more reverent in God's house.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Joash?
2. How old was he when he was crowned king?
3. What were some of the good things he did?
4. How did they get the money with which to repair the temple?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT

JOASH the KING



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! make our bodies fit temples for Thy Holy Spirit.

Lesson, Isaiah 6: 1-13. Read Ezekiel, chaps. 2 and 3. Commit vs. 5-8.

1. In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

6. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thy iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

9. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

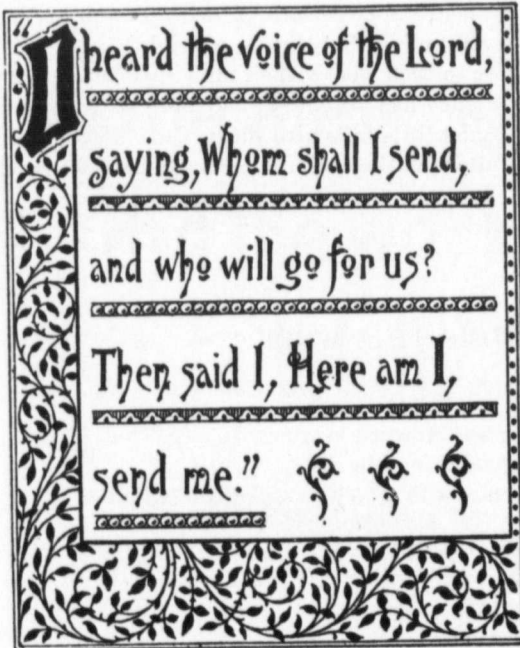
10. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and convert, and be healed.

11. Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate.

12. And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13. And yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me." Isa. 6: 8.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

Once upon a time there was a great man. He was great because he obeyed God. He was willing to do whatever God told him to do. His name was Isaiah. One time God had some special work that he wanted somebody to do and he spoke to Isaiah and said "Whom shall I send?" When Isaiah heard God speaking thus to him he said, "Here am I, send me." Then God told him the work He wanted him to do. He was to be a prophet, that is, he was to listen to God's voice and whenever God had a message to the king or to the people he was to convey it. Sometimes when the king was a wicked man and did not like the message, he would threaten to kill the prophet, but Isaiah was never afraid, for he knew God would take care of him.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

KEEP me, Lord, for I am weak,
Make me hear when Thou dost speak,
And be ready to obey
All Thy wishes, every day.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Matt. 9: 37.
TUESDAY—Matt. 9: 38.
WEDNESDAY—Luke 10: 2.
THURSDAY—John 4: 35.
FRIDAY—2 Thess. 3: 1.
SATURDAY—Eph. 6: 19.
SUNDAY—Isaiah 6: 8.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

"**M**ANY years ago, a little girl went with her mother to visit a neighbor. The country around where Lilly lived, for that was the little girl's name, was very new, and she had no nice toys like you to play with, not even a rag doll, for her mamma was always too busy to find time to make one. It was impossible to buy such a thing as a toy at the country store where her papa did his dealing, even if they had had the money to spare. Thus you see, dearie, Lilly had to be content to play with flowers, mosses, and the little acorn cups which she found in the woods. Sometimes she would play for hours in the sand, and it was great fun to build a mountain, or scoup out a well, or make a wide desert, or a little crooked furrow for a brook. There was no end of things she could do with the sand.

On this day of which I speak, Mrs. Beach, at whose house they were visiting, gave Lilly a little sugar bowl to play with. Lilly thought she had never seen anything quite so pretty. How she longed to have it for her own! and after a while the wish to possess it became so very strong, that Lilly thought to herself, "Now, if I put this little bowl into my pocket and take it home with me, Mrs. Beach will never miss it, and if she does she will think that it has been mislaid."

But a small, still voice, which we call conscience, and which is God's voice in the heart, whispered softly to Lilly, "If you take the bowl it will be stealing, and how can you say your prayers to-night? Then you will not enjoy playing with it, for it will remind you of your sin."

For a long time Lily hesitated, but at last determined to obey the voice of conscience. She put the bowl up on the cupboard, and soon after was playing merrily with the baby. Our hearts are always light when we do what is right.

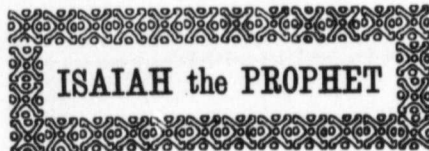
As they were getting ready to go home, Mrs. Beach taking the cup in her hand, said: "You can have this, Lilly. It belonged to a little set of dishes mother gave me when a child." You can imagine how thankful Lilly was then that she had listened to God's voice.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Isaiah?
2. What is a prophet?
3. When God called Isaiah, how did he answer?
4. Does God ever speak to people now? How?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! incline us not only to listen, but obey Thy loving voice.

Lesson, Isaiah 11: 1-10.

Read chap. 2; also 2: 2-4; 9: 1-7.

Commit vs. 2-4.

1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord:

3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,

and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fating together; and a little child shall lead them.

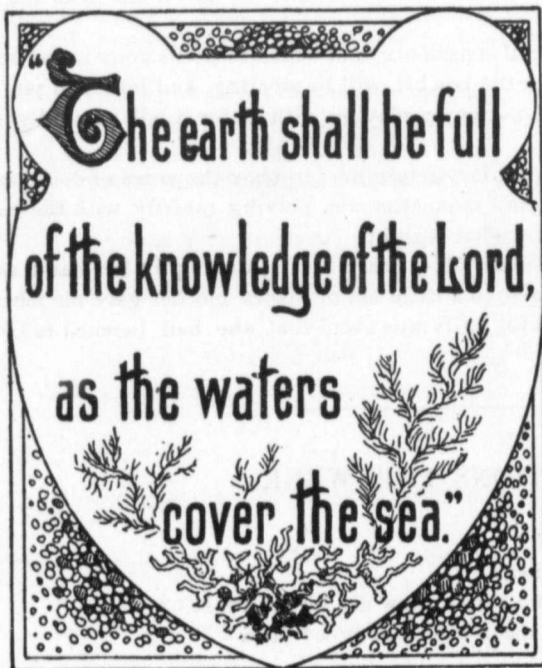
7. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters over the sea.

10. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people: to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious,

GOLDEN TEXT: "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Isa. 11: 9.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

Long, long ago, many years before Jesus was born, God spoke to his prophets and told them to tell the king and the people that some day Jesus would come to the earth and be the Saviour of the world. God only gave this message to his faithful servants. One of these faithful ones was Isaiah the prophet, about whom our story was last week. Altho' Isaiah lived nearly eight hundred years before Jesus was born, yet God gave him such wisdom that he was able to tell about Jesus, so exactly, that when the Saviour was born the people who lived at the time of his birth, knew at once that he was the very Saviour that Isaiah told about so many years before.



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

LITTLE tongues may talk of Jesus,
Gentle words of kindness say,
Little hands may point to Jesus,
Scatter truth along the way.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Hab. 2: 14.
TUESDAY—Isaiah 2: 11.
WEDNESDAY—Isaiah 2: 17.
THURSDAY—Isaiah 5: 15.
FRIDAY—Isaiah 5: 16.
SATURDAY—Isaiah 13: 16.
SUNDAY—Isaiah 11: 9.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

ONE day, lovely and bright with spring sunshine—and there was no school that day—Mary's father invited her to take a ride with him, as he was going far up into the country to look after some woodland. But he was to call for another man, a neighbor, who had the promise of going too. The little girl was delighted, and dressing herself quickly, she helped her father to harness the horse, and fix the carriage. She thought she was a great help, and so she was, for she brushed out the carriage very neatly, and held the harness, piece by piece, for her father, to save his steps, as he was lame. It was a narrow buggy, and her father said, "Mary, perhaps when we take in Mr. Owens we shall find there isn't room for three. What shall we do then?" "I don't know, father," was the quick reply, "unless I get out to make room."

"Well then," said he, "we will see when we get there, but if it is too crowded I should like for you to give up your ride for this time, as it is necessary that Mr. Owens should go with me." "All right, father, I will" said the dear child.

Sure, enough, when they reached their neighbor's, it was discovered that there was not room enough for three, and Mary obeyed her father without saying another word. She stayed, and played with Ella Owens till the carriage came back, and had a delightful time.

This was a good example for Ella, for she was not in the habit of minding so easily. "I should think you would make a fuss," said she, "unless you didn't really want to go."

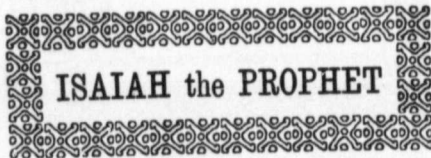
"I did want to go, but if I had made a fuss, and been selfish about it, that would not be pointing to Jesus," said Mary. "You know I am trying to see how often I can do that now, and every time I do it, I am very happy."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who told Isaiah what to do?
2. What was he to do?
3. What did he tell the people about Jesus?
4. What is the Golden Text?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! help us in thoughts, words, and actions, to point others to the Saviour.

Lesson, 2 Chron. 30: 1-13.

Compare 2 Chron. 35: 1-19.

Commit vs. 10-13.

1. And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the Lord God of Israel.

2. For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month.

3. For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

4. And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation.

5. So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the Lord God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.

6. So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

7. And be not like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the Lord God of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see.

8. Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified forever: and the Lord your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

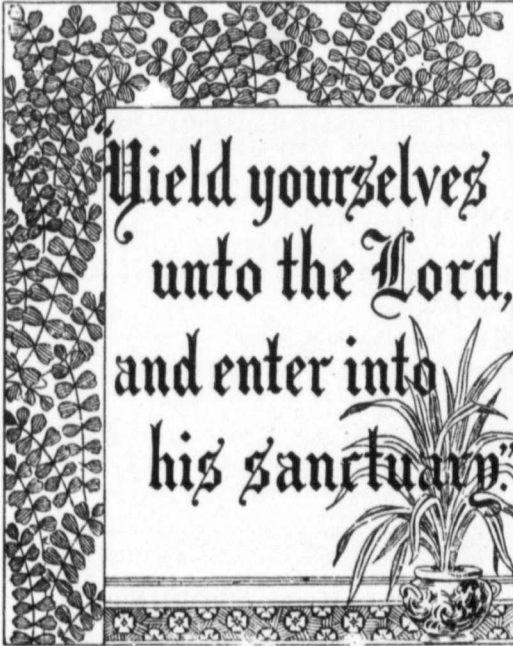
9. For if ye turn again unto the Lord, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

10. So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11. Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

12. Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the Lord.

13. And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

At the time Isaiah the prophet was living Hezekiah was king. Hezekiah was a good man and a good king. Two of the kings who lived just before Hezekiah were wicked men, and when Hezekiah was made king he found that God was not honoured nor worshipped, and the people were forgetting about Him. When Hezekiah saw that this was so, he wrote letters and sent them all over his kingdom, telling them that he had appointed a time for the keeping of the Passover at Jerusalem. Everybody was bidden to come. Some of the people would not come, but a great many did. Great crowds gathered at Jerusalem, kept the feast of the Passover, and worshipped God.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

TAKE my heart and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee,
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—1 Chron. 29 : 24.
TUESDAY—Deut. 6 : 13.
WEDNESDAY—Deut. 10 : 12.
THURSDAY—Deut. 11 : 13.
FRIDAY—1 Chron. 28 : 9.
SATURDAY—Psalm 101 : 6.
SUNDAY—2 Chron. 30 : 8.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

"I WOULD like to have been that little boy ; but Jesus isn't here any more, and I'm a little girl." Jeanie France had just been reading about the little lad who gave his loaves and fishes to Jesus, who with them fed five thousand people. Her mother smiled and said, "Even if Jesus had stayed upon the earth, he might never have lived just where we live, while now in heaven he hears every word we speak to him, and sees everything we do for him."

"I would like to do something for him, I would like to give him something. Mamma, tell me what I can give Jesus." Mamma was thoughtful for a little while, and then said, "Well Jeanie, I am sure that Jesus would rather have yourself than anything else you could give him. Give him your life and ask him to manage it for you, and he will do it and guide you all the time. He will send his holy spirit into your heart to burn up all the sin, and will make you patient, gentle, and loving."

Jeanie did give herself to Jesus. Sometime after this, one day Jeanie's mother went to spend the day at Grandma's, and Jeanie was left to take charge at home. Paul came home at noon in a great hurry for his dinner. Paul was a little orphan cousin who had lived with them nearly a year.

At first Jeanie thought it great fun to take care of him, but by and bye she grew tired of washing his face so often, and mending his clothes, and her mother had heard her speak sharply to him more than once.

But since she and her mother had had that little talk, it was different, and now instead of teasing Paul and keeping him waiting for his dinner, Jeanie was so kind and patient, that Paul put down his knife and fork more than once to see what was the matter. Why auntie had left two little cups of custard for their dessert and Jeanie gave him the biggest. She was so kind that when she said, "Paul, I'd like to wash your face and hands, and put on a clean collar before you go back to school," he tried hard not to grumble.

Jeanie found it was quite a different matter to wash and dress Paul for Jesus. She tried to be as gentle as possible, and felt so full of love and peace, that when she tied his ribbon she kissed him. He ran off and told Charlie Dunn that his cousin Jeanie was "as good as her mamma," but he did not know, as we do, who made Jeanie kind and patient.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Hezekiah?
2. Was he a good or bad man?
3. Why did he send letters by post?
4. What feast did the people keep?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT

HEZEKIAH the KING



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! make us willing to put ourselves altogether in Thy loving hands.

Lesson, 2 Kings, 19 : 20-22, 28-37. Read the chapter and Psalms 46 and 48 Commit vs. 32-34.

20. Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

21. This is the word that the Lord hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

22. Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.

28. Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

29. And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

30. And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

31. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this.

32. Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

33. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the Lord.

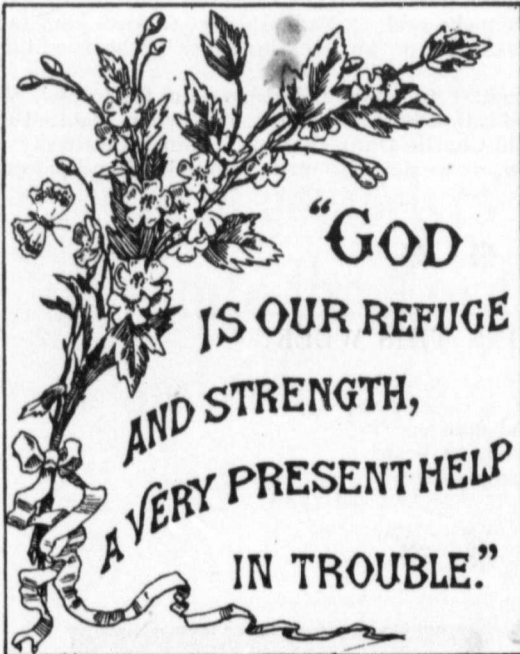
34. For I will defend this city, to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

35. And it came to pass that night that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand; and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

36. So Sennacherib King of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

37. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



While Hezekiah was king and Isaiah was prophet there came up against Jerusalem, which was the chief city, a great army of soldiers called Assyrians. For every one of Hezekiah's soldiers inside of the city there were about four Assyrian soldiers outside trying to capture it. There were high walls around Jerusalem in those days and therefore the soldiers outside found it difficult to take the city. They waited outside thinking that the people inside of the city would starve. This almost proved to be true, and the time came when Hezekiah's soldiers had nothing to eat. Besides this there was no water to drink, and they were dying from hunger and thirst. Then the people came to Hezekiah and Isaiah. The good and wise Isaiah said to them, "God is our judge, He will take care of us." That night the angel of the Lord killed the Assyrian soldiers and the people in the imprisoned city were set free.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

GOD is our refuge and our strength,
In straits a present aid,
Therefore, although the earth re-
move
We will not be afraid.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Psalm 62 : 7.
TUESDAY—Psalm 62 : 8.
WEDNESDAY—Psalm 91 : 2.
THURSDAY—Psalm 142 : 5.
FRIDAY—Psalm 46 : 7.
SATURDAY—Psalm 37 : 39.
SUNDAY—Psalm 46 : 1.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

THE following story is told by one of the women who cared for the suffering soldiers in the great civil war :

On entering the hospital ward one morning, she was attracted by one of the new faces she saw there. It was a child's face and it wore a smile.

"His name is Henry, not yet twelve, but he has been in the army over three years," the attendant said.

The nurse went to the cot where he lay. "Good morning, mother," he said cheerfully holding out a thin hand. "You dear little fellow, how came you here, you are so young?" "My father was drafted and I got them to take me with him for a drummer boy. I've got no mother, no brothers, no sisters." "Ah! so you called me mother. You do need some one to take mother's place, I'm sure." "Yes'm. The boys told me you would take care of me." "And where is your father?" "He was killed three months ago at Antietam. I was wounded then in my hip—same ball that killed my father. The surgeon says I shall be a cripple always."

The eyes of the nurse were growing moist. "My little boy looks very happy after all. What makes you so?" she asked.

The child pulled a little Bible from under his pillow and replied, "In the Bible it says, 'When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.' If I get well and am good, I guess I shall have a home somewhere. If I don't get well, I am sure I shall."

There was more than one deeply interested listener now, and each had some new question to ask the lad. One day a surgeon came to the nurse and said, "Here is a man looking for a soldier orphan boy to adopt, tell him all you know of Henry." The nurse told him of the lad's brief life, his beautiful spirit, and his longing for a home and education.

"You have interested me greatly," said the man with moistened eyes. "My wife and I had planned to go to Camp Denison, but we both dreamed on the same night that we should come to Camp Chase. I think God has led us. I am sure she will wish to take the boy."

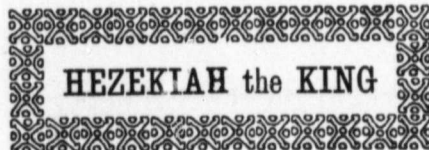
In a few minutes the lad's weak arms were twined around the man's neck. He was crying for joy. To those who clustered around to bid the little fellow good-bye, the child said, "I was sure God had a home for me."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What people came to fight against Hezekiah?
2. Who defended Hezekiah and the city?
3. How many persons were killed in one night?
4. Who smote them?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! we thank Thee that we can go to Thee at all times and be sure that we are welcome.

Lesson, 2 Chron. 33: 9-16. Read 2 Chron. 33. Commit vs. 12, 13.

9. So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10. And the Lord spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

11. Wherefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12. And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

13. And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him

again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord he was God.

14. Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish-gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

15. And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the Lord, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.

16. And he repaired the altar of the Lord, and sacrificed thereon peace-offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel.

GOLDEN TEXT: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1: 9.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



After Isaiah and Hezekiah were both dead, there lived a king named Manasseh. At first he was not a good king, and did many things to lead the people to do wrong. God spoke to him through another prophet named Micah and told him he was doing wrong, but he would not listen to God's voice but still continued his wicked actions. Then God sent enemies against Manasseh and bound him and took him away captive to a far off city. Here Manasseh became very sorry for what he had done, and asked God to forgive him and allow him to go back and be king again in his own country. He promised God that he would put away the strange gods and the idols, and that he would have the people to worship and serve the living God. God heard his prayer, brought him back to his kingdom, and Manasseh kept his promise to God.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

JESUS, Saviour, wash away
All that has been wrong to-day,
Help me every day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Psalm 32 : 5.
TUESDAY—Prov. 28 : 13.
WEDNESDAY—Isaiah 65 : 24.
THURSDAY—Luke 15 : 18.
FRIDAY—Psalm 51 : 2.
SATURDAY—Psalm 32 : 5.
SUNDAY—1 John 1 : 9.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

SHE sat up in bed. The curtain was drawn up and she saw the moon, and it looked as if it was laughing at her. "You needn't look at me, moon," she said, "you don't know about it, you can't see in the daytime, besides I am going to sleep."

She lay down and tried to go to sleep. Her clock on the mantle went "tick-tock," "tick-tock." She generally liked to hear it, but to-night it sounded just as if it said, "I know, I know, I know." "You don't know either," said Minnie opening her eyes wide. "You weren't there, you old thing! You were upstairs."

Her loud voice woke the parrot. He took his head from under his wing and cried out, "Polly did." "That's a wicked story, you naughty bird!" said Minnie. "You were in Grandma's room, so now." Then Minnie tried to go to sleep again. She lay down and counted white sheep, just as grandma said she did when she couldn't go to sleep. But there was a big lump in her throat. "Oh, I wish I hadn't."

Pretty soon there came a very soft patter of four little feet, and her pussie jumped upon the bed, kissed Minnie's cheek, then began to purr-r-r-r. It was very queer, but that too, sounded as if pussy said, "I know, I know, I know." "Yes, you do know, kitty," said Minnie, and then she threw her arms around kitty's neck, and cried bitterly, "And-I-guess-I-want-to-see-my-mamma."

Mamma opened her arms when she saw the little weeping girl coming, and then Minnie told her miserable story. "I was awful naughty, mamma, but I did want the custard pie so bad, and so I ate it up, 'most a whole pie, and then, I-I-oh! I shut kitty in the pantry to make you think she did it. But I'm truly sorry, mamma."

Then mamma told Minnie that she was very sorry too, but she was glad that her little girl was sorry for what she had done and had come and told her all about it. Then she kissed her little girl, and said, "We are friends again, are we not? But you want to be friends with Jesus too, for in doing wrong you have sinned against him." Minnie then knelt down at mamma's knee and told Jesus all about the wrong she had done, and how sorry she was, and asked him to forgive her. She kissed mamma again and then went back to bed a much happier little girl than she was before, and was soon fast asleep.

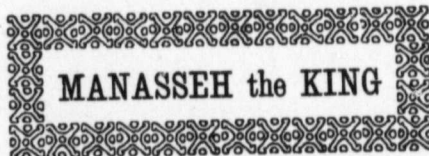


MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Manasseh?
2. Where was he taken as a prisoner?
3. Who brought him back to Jerusalem?
4. What good things did Manasseh then do?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Make us sorry when we sin against Thee and anxious to have Thy forgiveness.

Lesson, Proverbs 4: 10-19. Read the Chapter. Commit vs. 14, 15.

10. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

11. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

14. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

15. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16. For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

17. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19. The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble.

GOLDEN TEXT: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." Prov. 1: 10.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

Solomon was one of the wisest men who ever lived. He was David's son and like David he too was a king. Not only did he show his wisdom by wise actions, but also by many wise words which he wrote. Some of his beautiful sayings are found in our bibles, and are called The Proverbs of Solomon. His Proverbs are full of kindly counsel to the young, he speaks to them as a loving father, and in our lesson to-day he warns them against the danger of bad company. We would do well to heed his wise words of warning, and especially to remember the golden text: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not."



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

HARK! it is the Saviour calling
Little children come to Me;
Jesus keep our feet from falling,
Help us all to follow Thee.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Psalm 1: 1.
TUESDAY—Prov. 1: 15.
WEDNESDAY—Prov. 4: 14.
THURSDAY—Prov. 4: 15.
FRIDAY—Rom. 6: 21.
SATURDAY—Eph. 5: 11.
SUNDAY—Prov. 1: 10.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

LEO had a slight cold, and the hint of croup in his hoarse cough, decided mamma to keep him out of school that rainy afternoon.

Mamie, Leo's older sister, was to bring a friend to luncheon, and as it was Mamie's birthday, mamma baked a generous supply of doughnuts with which to surprise her little girl. Leo had been playing in the library all the morning, but shortly before noon mamma called him to the dining-room with the request that he should keep kitty off the prettily laid table, while she ran down to the grocery for a basket of nice, fresh peaches.

The first thing that Leo's bright eyes spied when he entered the door was the heaping dish of tempting doughnuts. Now Leo liked nothing better than his mother's doughnuts, and not content with feasting his eyes on the crisp beauties, reached across the table, and touched one of the plumpest with his little fat fingers.

"I'll just smell it," he said to himself, but before he had lifted it from the plate, the little voice within him sounded a note of warning, and hastily stepping back, he clasped his hands behind him, saying, "No, I'll just look at the whole of them till mamma comes."

But looking at the tempting cakes only made him more anxious to taste them. "I must not look any longer," he declared; and turning away, he sat down on a little stool with his back to the temptation, and there he sat facing a dark corner until his mother came home.

"Are you watching a mouse, Leo?" asked mamma, catching a glimpse of the little figure sitting so straight on the uncomfortable stool in the corner. "No," answered Leo, hesitating, "I was looking at the doughnuts, and looking made me want them more, and more, so I turned my back upon them. You know that verse, mamma, about turning away."

"Yes," replied mamma, gently laying her hand on Leo's sunny hair, and then she repeated: "Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away." "That is it," said Leo, "and that is what I am doing."



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Solomon?
2. What kind of a man was he?
3. What book in the bible did he write?
4. What does he say in our Golden Text?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT

SOLOMON the KING



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

"Oh God! when Satan speaks, make us strong not to listen to him, but ready to hear and obey thy voice."

Lesson, 2 Kings 22: 8-20. Read 2 Chron. 34. Commit Verse 19.

8. And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord: and Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

9. And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord.

10. And Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book: and Shaphan read it before the king.

11. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

13. Go ye, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14. So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah,

son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

15. And she said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17. Because they have forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18. But to the king of Judah, which sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard;

19. Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation, and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the Lord.

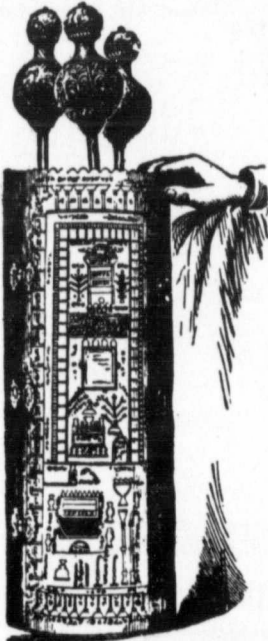
20. Behold, therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart." Psa. 119: 2.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

Our story to-day is about a boy who was king when he was only eight years of age. His name was Josiah, and he is called "the good boy king." The people chose him to be king, and he lived for thirty-one years after he was king. He lived a beautiful life. When he was sixteen years of age he made up his mind that he would serve God with all his heart. He destroyed the idols and repaired the temple. At this time the book of the Law, which had been given to the people from God, and which had been lost, was found again. Josiah was glad when he found this book and he listened to it being read and obeyed its teachings. Josiah was killed in battle before he was forty years of age. He was a good king and his people loved him.



BOOK OF THE LAW, (closed.)

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

LET Thy Holy Word instruct us,
Guide us daily by its light,
Let Thy love and grace constrain
us
To approve whate'er is right.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Psalm 128 : 1.
TUESDAY—Psalm 112 : 1.
WEDNESDAY—Psalm 119 : 16.
THURSDAY—Psalm 119 : 35.
FRIDAY—Psalm 119 : 47.
SATURDAY—Psalm 119 : 144.
SUNDAY—Psalm 119 : 2.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

OLD Captain Glass lived in a little cottage close by the shore, in the fishing town at the bay. His home had but two rooms, one opening on the street or lane in front, and the other where he slept was always closed, so no one knew what he had there. But there was no place where the children so loved to go as over to call on Old Captain Glass.

Perhaps it was because there was so little to amuse the fishermen's children in that rough town, but at all events, you could find half a dozen visitors, more or less, anywhere between the ages of six and twelve, almost any time you chanced to pass through the lane leading by Captain Glass' cottage.

And he always had something interesting to tell while he worked over his nets by his open door, while the children looked at the curious old things about his front room. He had such a collection of odd things that many a thrifty housewife wondered why in the world he kept it all, and their words had in some way reached his ear, for he got into the habit of telling children when they came to see him why he kept this, and that, which they greatly enjoyed.

On the day of which I write four guests were exploring his realm, and as he talked with them, never waiting for their childish answers, you could have heard him away out in the road, so strong and clear was his voice. "Do you know," said he, "what thing in all my house I care for the most? No, it ain't shells, nor fine specimens nor coral, nor moss, nor any such thing, and it ain't my boat out yonder, nor my fishing traps, neither, no," he continued, as he looked up from his work, "it ain't any of the things people like to come and see, but it's what's on that stand over by the window," and he pointed one big brown hand over toward a small table on which lay a small red covered book. The children made one turn all together toward the book, and the small girl who had first grasped it looked very much disappointed as she read its title.

"Why its only a Bible," she cried in surprise, and the others looked like echoes of her words. Captain Glass seemed not even to have heard them as he went on talking. "Yes," they heard him say, "many a time I was laughed at for reading from that book every day on shipboard, but my mother's bible has been the only power that could have saved me many a time, and now I'm mighty glad I never was ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

"I love it. It has been a good friend to my children. It is the most precious thing I have. Begin early to get acquainted with it, so that you may have a long time to love it."



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Josiah?
2. How old was he when he began to reign?
3. What book was found while he was king?
4. When the book of the Law was found what did Josiah do?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT

JOSIAH the KING



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! give us love for our Bibles so that we may want to read them every day.

Lesson, Jeremiah 36: 20-32. Read Jeremiah 36. Commit verse 32.

20. And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21. So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll; and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber: and Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22. Now the king sat in the winter-house, in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.

23. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

24. Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

25. Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah, and Gemariah, had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll; but he would not hear them.

26. But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Aziel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe, and Jeremiah the prophet; but the Lord hid them.

27. Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah,

(after that the king had burnt the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah,) saying,

28. Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burnt.

29. And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the Lord, Thou hast burnt this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast?

30. Therefore thus saith the Lord of Jehoiakim king of Judah, He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

31. And I will punish him, and his seed, and his servants, for their iniquity, and I will bring upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them: but they hearkened not.

32. Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein, from the mouth of Jeremiah, all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burnt in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.



MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.

Jeremiah was a prophet. He was brave and fearless. God often spoke to him and gave him messages for the king and the people. He always delivered them faithfully. Sometimes the good prophet was wrongly punished, sometimes he was put down in a deep, dark dungeon, but he was always faithful and true to God. One time God told him to write the words that he gave him, and send the writing to the king. The king was angry and when he had heard some of the words read, he took the writing and cut it with his pen-knife, threw it in the fire, and it was burned up. Then he tried to put Jeremiah in prison, but God hid him. Again Jeremiah wrote the words and many others beside, and took them to the king and told him that he would be punished for what he had done, and so he was.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

O H wonderful, wonderful word of the Lord,
Unchanging, abiding, and sure,
For we know that when time, and the world, pass away,
God's word shall forever endure.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—1 Peter 1 : 25.
TUESDAY—Luke 16 : 17.
WEDNESDAY—Isaiah 51 : 6.
THURSDAY—Matt. 24 : 35.
FRIDAY—Matt. 5 : 18.
SATURDAY—Psalm 102 : 26.
SUNDAY—Isaiah 40 : 8.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

NOT very long ago I went to a colliery village to speak for the Bible Society at the annual meeting. Just before the meeting commenced some of the collectors brought in their money. One little girl, not looking very strong, brought in fifteen shillings. Surprised at the amount, I said, "Where ever did you get all this money?" She replied, "I got a pin-card first and got that full." "Yes," I remarked, "I have that card here with sixty holes in it, and that, of course, means five shillings." "Then," said my little visitor, "I got another pin-card and I got that half full." "Yes," I replied, "that is here too. But that only makes seven and sixpence, and you have fifteen shillings. I want to know how you got the other seven and sixpence." "Oh, I work for the Bible Society," was the reply. "Work," I said, "don't you go to school?" "Yes, of course I go to school, but I find time to work as well." "Then," I remarked, "you get no fun." "Oh, yes I do," said my visitor, smiling, "I get plenty of time for fun."

"Why is it you are so anxious to earn money for the Bible Society?" "Because there are so many people who have no Bibles and do not know God's word. I have one and read it every day, and when I do as God tells me I am always happy, and I want to get as many people as I can to read and know his word, so that they may be happy and love him too."

"What do you work at, may I ask, and how do you do it?" "I do knitting," was the reply. "I make mittens and comforters, and mufflers, for the colliers. They know I just buy the wool and put all there is over into the Bible box, and they keep me going all the year." "How old are you" I asked. "Eleven," was the answer. "And did you do anything for the Bible Society last year?" "Yes, I got fourteen shillings last year." "I am sure," I said, "if our committee knew, they would be very grateful for the help of such a worker. And though our committee may not happen to know, your heavenly Father knows, and he will be pleased to see that you are working and doing all you can to let others know of his great love. May he bless you richly."

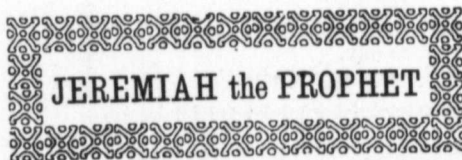


MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who was Jeremiah?
2. What did he write?
3. Who destroyed it?
4. What did Jeremiah then do?



I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! We thank Thee that Thy word cannot be destroyed, and we have it, and know it, and love it, and live it.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts."
Mal. 3 : 7.



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

COME to the Saviour, make no
delay,
Here in His word He's shown us
the way,
Here in our midst He's standing
to-day,
Tenderly saying "Come."

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—2 Chron. 14 : 11.
TUESDAY—Prov. 3 : 6.
WEDNESDAY—Isaiah 6 : 8.
THURSDAY—John 1 : 9.
FRIDAY—Prov. 1 : 10.
SATURDAY—Isaiah 40 : 8.
SUNDAY—Mal. 3 : 7.



(Please read again letter on page 97-)



OUR PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! We thank Thee for all we have learned this quarter, may we show our thanks by being better boys and girls.

Lesson, Hebrews 1: 1-9. Read Luke 2: 1-20. Commit vs. 1, 2.

1. God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
2. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
3. Who, being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
5. For unto which of the angels said he at any time,

Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

6. And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8. But to the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



Christmas day means Christ's birthday. It is over eighteen hundred years now since on the first Christmas morning the infant Saviour Jesus came to the world. He was born in Bethelhem. Bethelhem was called "the city of David." At the time Jesus was born the city was full of strangers, and there was no room for Mary, his mother, in the inn, therefore Jesus was born in a stable, and was laid in a manger. Very early before daylight, on the Christmas morning, some shepherds were watching over their flocks on the hills near Bethelhem. Presently an angel stood alongside of them and a great light shined all round about them. They were frightened, but the angel said, "be not afraid, I have good news for you. There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." The shepherds then saw a great multitude of the heavenly host and heard them praising God. After that they went into the city and found the child Jesus just as the angels had told them.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

HARK, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long,
Let every heart exult with joy,
And every voice be song.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Isaiah 9: 6.
TUESDAY—Matt. 1: 16.
WEDNESDAY—Matt. 1: 21.
THURSDAY—Isaiah 7: 14.
FRIDAY—Matt. 1: 23.
SATURDAY—John 1: 14.
SUNDAY—Luke 2: 11.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

FOR several weeks Peter had been "saving up." It wasn't easy to save much when one sold only a few papers, and when there were three mouths to be filled every day, and only Peter and mother to earn anything. And mother's work did not bring much money when she had to make cotton gowns for a dollar and a quarter a dozen.

Peter felt the care of his family; but he had determined that Christmas Day he had a right to a real treat for himself and for his chum, Tom Bird, pink and white ice-cream; it was to be a twenty-cent plate, and cake with frosting all over. Fifty cents must be raised for this fine spread and every day Peter jingled the coins in his pocket and then counted them.

The day before he had the needed sum all in pennies, and Christmas Eve he went whistling up the stairs full of joy. But his whistle soon changed when he entered the room that was kitchen, dining-room, sewing-room and living-room all in one.

His brave mother was sitting with her head bowed on the table sobbing. "Why mother, what's the matter?" The poor mother lifted her head and made an effort to check her tears. "It is the Christmas Eve," she said, "and no tree and no present for the little one there," pointing to the inside room where Gretel was sleeping. "It is the first time we have had no Christmas. The father always used to bring the tree home on Christmas eve with candles and toys, and a fine cake too, and the little one will never know a Christmas now."

"Now cheer up mother, and never mind," said Peter, as a sudden idea came into his mind. "Just supposing somebody should bring us a tree now." "No, no," said the sad woman, "there's no one." "I must be off a minute," Peter declared, "to see Tom Bird, but I'll be back in an hour. Now, mother, go to bed, for you are tired."

Peter ran down the stairs again, and went to Tom Bird first. "Its all up for tomorrow, Tom," he said. "I can't treat. You see I'm the only man now, and I must buy some Christmas things for my little sister." Then he was off quickly to make his purchases before stores and markets closed. He soon reappeared on the narrow stairs, carrying a big bundle and a tiny green tree. He put them down outside the door to make sure that the room was empty.

When he found his mother had gone to bed, he softly brought in his package. The baby tree was planted in a tin cup on the table, two red candles were fastened upon it, and on the top a beautiful gilt angel. A small rubber doll with a knit gown was laid on one of the branches, and a strip of apple cake wrapped in brown paper, on another.

"Won't she be s'prised?" he said, and he too crept into bed and slept, to dream of trees reaching to the sky glittering with a hundred stars.

The mother was up early the next morning. Peter was awake too, to enjoy the surprise. "Oh my! Oh my!" he heard her saying. "Gretel, Gretel, come quick and see the beautiful Christmas tree." When Gretel jumped about the tree with screams of delight, Peter jumped for joy too, for he was glad and happy, as those who make others happy always are.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is the meaning of Christmas day?
2. Where was Jesus born?
3. To whom was his birth announced?
4. Which is better, to give or receive?

I AM LEARNING
TO-DAY ABOUT



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! We praise Thee for Thy greatest gift to us, Thy dear Son, our loving Saviour.

Write in the space below, (or get some one to do so for you) after Sabbath School, each Sabbath, something you have learned about

LESSON VII. Hezekiah the King.

LESSON VIII. Manasseh the King.

LESSON IX. Solomon the King.

Lesson X. Josiah the King.

LESSON XI. Jeremiah the Prophet.

LESSON XIII. Jesus the Greatest King.