

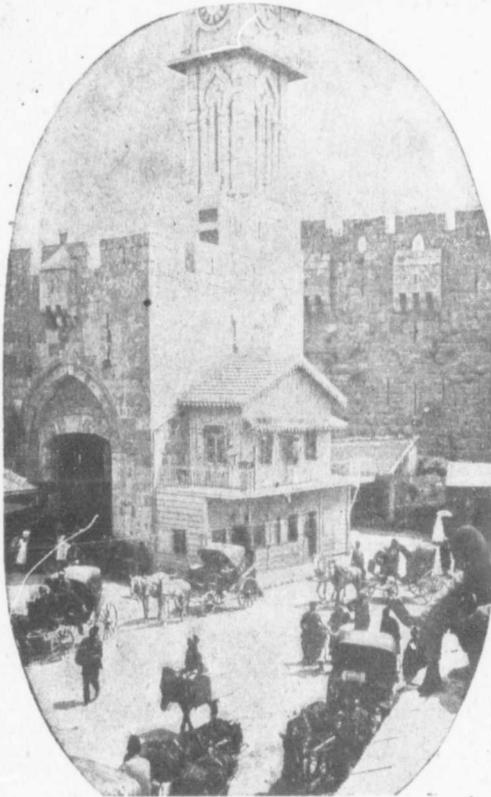
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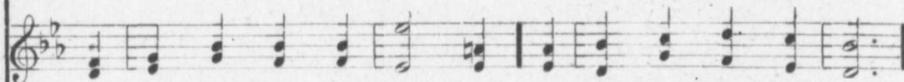
# WE THANK THEE, OH, OUR FATHER

Anon.

Lausanne Psalter. Altered



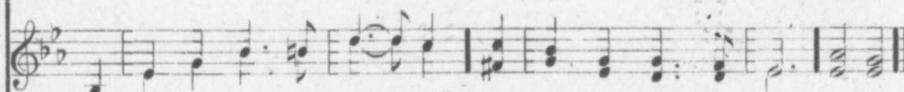
1. We thank thee, oh, our Fa - ther, For all thy lov - ing care;  
 2. Out in the sun - ny mead - ows, And in the wood - lands cool,  
 3. And in the dust - y cit - y, Where bus - y crowds pass by,  
 4. And wheth - er in the cit - y Or in the fields they dwell;



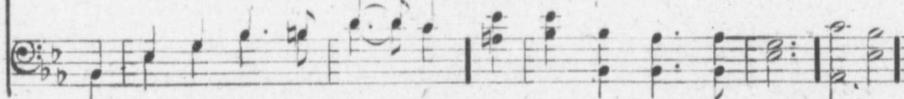
We thank thee that thou mad - est The world so bright and fair.  
 Up - on the breez - y hill - side, And by each reed - y pool,  
 And where the tall, dark hous - es Stand up and hide the sky,  
 Al - ways the same sweet mes - sage The fair sweet flow - ers tell.



We thank thee for the sun - shine, And for the pleas - ant showers;  
 And in the qui - et pas - ture, And by the broad high - way;  
 And where through lanes and al - leys No pleas - ant breez - es blow,  
 For they are all so won - der - ful, They show thy power a - broad;



And, oh, our God, we thank thee, We thank thee for the flowers.  
 All pure, and fresh, and stain - less, They spring up 'ev - ery day.  
 E'en there, O God our Fa - ther, Thou mak'st the flow - ers grow.  
 And they are all so beau - ti - ful, They tell thy love, O God. A - MEN.



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## *A Letter to the Pupil*

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:



Some of you will be going away during these vacation months, but wherever you are, be sure to read the wonderful stories about the kings of Israel. Even if you should be out on a farm or some other place where you could not go to Sunday school, you can read the stories and make the "scissors pictures."

This letter is sent to wish you two things—a happy vacation in God's beautiful out of doors, and when September comes, a happy beginning for a happy year in school.

Your loving friends,

*The Editors*

## DAVID IN CAMP AND COURT

I Samuel 17:1 to 18:9



After Samuel had anointed David to be king of Israel, David still stayed quietly at home taking care of the sheep; for King Saul was still ruling the country. But King Saul was not well. He could not sleep, and he was so unreasonable and unhappy that at last some of his friends sent for David to see if he could quiet him with his sweet music. But David's stay in the beautiful palace was not long, for the Philistines came again to fight

Israel, and the king was so busy with his army that David was not needed, so he went back again to his sheep.

David's three brothers were in Saul's army, and one day David's father sent him over to the camp with some good things for the brothers to eat. As David came near, he heard a great shouting; he ran forward and saw a strange sight. On one side was the army of Israel and on the other, the army of the Philistines. And coming out from the Philistine camp was a man, Goliath, who was perhaps the tallest and strongest man in the world. He shouted to the Israelites to send a man to fight, but they were afraid.

David heard the giant making fun of God and God's people, and he offered to go out and fight him, but his big

brothers told him he would better go home and take care of his sheep.

Goliath laughed when he saw just a boy coming. "I come in the name of God," said David, and when Goliath with a fierce shout ran toward him, he took from his bag a small, smooth stone that he had picked up, and, putting it quickly into his sling, he sent it straight into the forehead of the angry giant, who fell down and died.



When the Philistines saw that their great fighter was dead, the entire army turned and fled. There was great joy in the army of Israel, and Saul took David back to live with him at the palace.

There is room here to tell only a very little of this story, so every boy and girl should be sure to read it all in the Bible. When we read what David said to Saul and later to Goliath (beginning at verse 32) we shall all be stronger to fight some of the giants that we meet every day. Some of our giants are "Bad Temper," "Carelessness," "Selfishness," "Disobedience." Try to fight your "giant" this week.

TWO VERSES TO HELP US TO OVERCOME OUR GIANTS

**"David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and Jehovah was with him."**

—I Samuel 18: 14.

**"My help cometh from the Lord."** —Psalm 121: 2.

## JONATHAN BEFRIENDS DAVID

I Samuel, chapter 20



Not many weeks ago, we had a story about the brave prince, Jonathan, Saul's son. You remember how he and his armor-bearer crept up to the outer camp of the Philistine army, and all alone won a great victory. He was with his father when David was brought to Saul, after killing the giant. Everyone was praising David and showing him honor; and David was just as quiet and modest about it as Jonathan had been. Jonathan loved

David at once, and instead of caring because here was some one else receiving more honor in his father's camp than he, he took off his prince's coat and gave it to David, together with his sword and his girdle.

Very soon King Saul began to be angry because the people seemed to praise David more than they praised him. He took David to live in his palace, yet one day, when David was sitting quietly before the king playing on his harp, the king threw a spear at him. David escaped and soon he forgave Saul and came back, but the king did the same thing a second time, and though David had never wronged him in any way, he tried to get his servants to kill David. He even tried to get Jonathan to do this wicked thing.

At last there was to be a great feast, and Jonathan promised to find out at that time whether or not David could come back to the king's court. But Saul raged and scolded, and said that David should be killed.

Out in a field David was hiding behind a great rock. Jonathan went as if he were going to practice shooting at a mark with his bow and arrow, but this was his signal to David. When he shot his arrow far beyond the boy who was to run and bring it back, David knew that he must go away.

Jonathan sent the boy back to the palace, and he and David sadly, lovingly said good-by, promising that as long as they lived they would be true friends. They asked God's blessing on each other. Then David went away to wander many, many months without a home, and Jonathan went back to the palace which was no longer a happy place for him.

The little boy in our picture is giving up his own comfort to help his friend. And that shows real friendship.



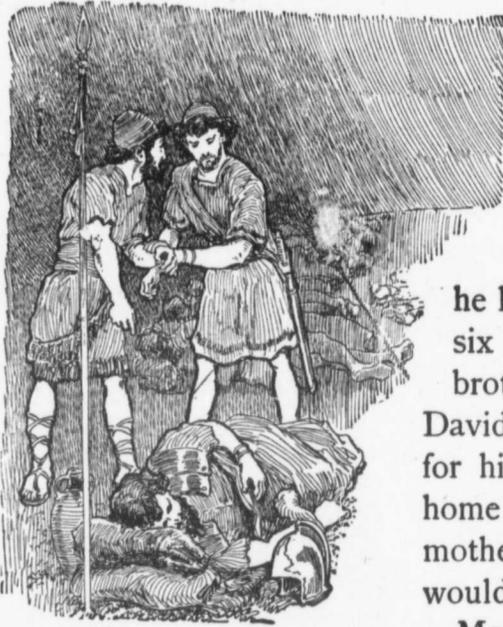
A VERSE TO HELP US TO BE TRUE FRIENDS

**“A friend loveth at all times;  
And a brother is born for adversity.”**

—Proverbs 17: 17.

## DAVID SPARES SAUL'S LIFE

I Samuel, chapter 26



When David sadly went away from his friend Jonathan, he was all alone, but very soon other true friends heard what had happened and they joined David until he had a little army of about six hundred men. His own brothers joined him, but before David tried to get to a safe place for himself, he went to his old home and took his father and mother to a place where they would be safe from Saul.

Month after month David and his men lived in caves and in forests with Saul and his soldiers trying to find them and kill them.

One day David's spies brought the report that Saul and three thousand men were in camp near the place where David was. When night came, David and his friend Abishai went over into Saul's camp. Every man was fast asleep, even the sentries who should have been awake, and not one of them saw David as he walked among them. By and by he and Abishai came to King Saul. Saul was sleeping with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and his water bottle beside him. Abishai knew how wicked Saul had been toward David, and now it seemed as if God had sent him there to

be in their power, so he begged David to allow him to strike the cruel king dead with his own spear. He knew that David would not do it, for once before David had been close beside Saul at night in a dark cave and would not hurt him. But David would not let Abishai kill Saul.

He took the spear and the water bottle from beside Saul. Across the deep valley he went, and up to a very high hill where he stood and shouted to the sleeping camp.

Saul was surprised and ashamed and sorry when he knew what had happened. And when he thought of how unkind and cruel he had been to David and how kind and forgiving David had been to him, he begged David to forgive him for what he had done.

David loved Saul, but he dared not go back to the palace with him because he knew that Saul would soon be angry again. But David was happy even in his trouble, and he wrote some beautiful psalms telling of God's care for him at that time.

Love and forgiveness in our hearts will help to make us happy anywhere. Here is a Bible rule for happiness and peace:



**“Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you.”**

—Luke 6: 27.

**DAVID SUCCEEDS SAUL AS KING**

II Samuel 2:1-7; 5:1-5

David dared not go back to his own home because he knew the kind of man that King Saul had become, so he went into another country and lived there. But one day



messengers brought word that in a terrible battle with the Philistines, Saul and Jonathan had been killed.

This meant that now David could go home in safety, and that instead of being a poor, hunted, homeless wanderer, he could be a loved and honored king.

But David, that loving, true friend, would not rejoice at the sad death of Saul. He and all his followers mourned for Saul and for Jonathan and showed

them every mark of love and respect. Then quietly, without any pomp or show, David went back to Judah again—not to his own town of Bethlehem, but to the larger city of Hebron, to which God told him to go. Israel, you remember, was made up of twelve tribes, or families, a little bit as the United States is made up of different states, and Judah was one of the twelve.

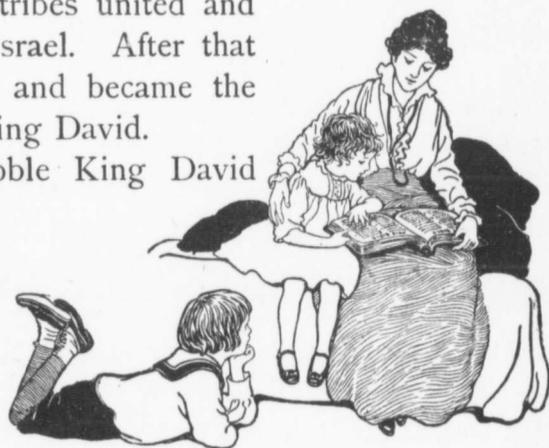
Saul had another son who wanted to keep on ruling over Israel, so when the people of Judah gathered at Hebron and

made David king, the other tribes did not join with them, and for a long time there were wars and troubled times. But month by month David grew greater and more powerful, and the family of Saul grew weaker and smaller. For more than seven years David ruled in Judah, true to God, patiently waiting until he should be king of all Israel. God had long ago made that promise, and Samuel had anointed the shepherd boy at his command.

Although such a long time passed before God's promise came true, David seems never to have grown impatient. He knew that God knew best and would do everything at the right time.

At last messengers came to ask for peace, and on a great and joyful day all the tribes united and made David king of Israel. After that he went to Jerusalem and became the great and wonderful King David.

If the wise and noble King David needed to know much about God, surely we ought to learn all that we can about our heavenly Father and his will concerning us.



TWO VERSES TO HELP US TRUST AND LOVE GOD

**“Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart,  
And lean not upon thine own understanding**

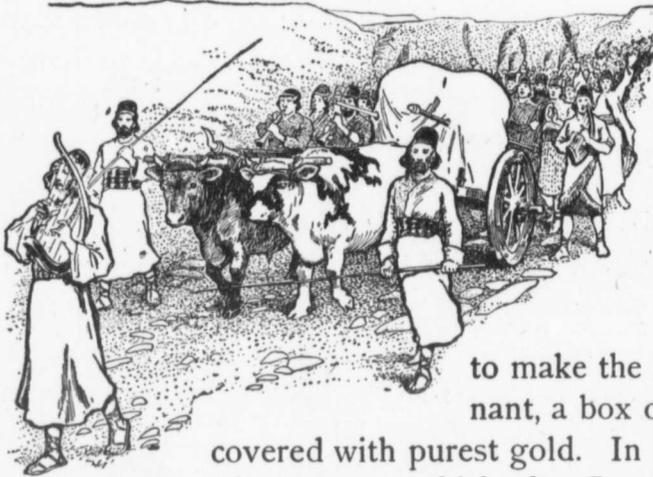
—Proverbs 3: 5.

**“Trust in the Lord, and do good.”**

—Psalm 37: 3

## DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO JERUSALEM

II Samuel 6: 1-19; Psalm 24: 7-10



Long ago when God had brought the people of Israel safely out of Egypt, he had told them how

to make the Ark of the Covenant, a box of beautiful wood, covered with purest gold. In it were the tables of stone on which the Commandments were written, and some other precious things that reminded the people of God's care over them.

You remember how the Philistines had taken the Ark from Israel's soldiers in good old Eli's time. Now for many years it had been in the place to which they had returned it, and Israel as a country did not know very much about it. David wanted the Ark to have the honor that belonged to it, so he sent messengers all over the land to gather men to go with him to get the Ark and bring it back to Jerusalem.

At first they did not bring the Ark in the right way, and for three months it had to stay in the house of Obed-edom, about halfway between the place where it had been and the city of Jerusalem. Great blessing came to all the persons in Obed-edom's home, and all the people knew that it was because God's precious Ark was there.

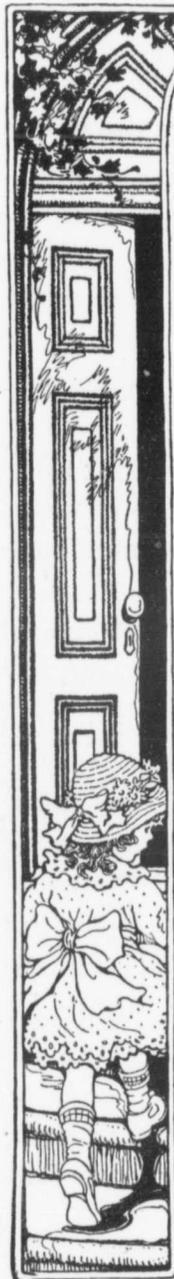
But at last the joyful day came when the Ark was brought to Jerusalem. King David led the procession, playing his harp and singing. He wrote the beautiful songs himself, and if you will read (or have some one read to you the Twenty-fourth Psalm) you can almost imagine you are hearing the joyful people sing.

How full of love our hearts should be to God for his goodness to us! There is no better way to show our love than by helping to make the church and the Sunday school the happiest places, where we are all helpful and loving and kind to one another.

TWO PRAISE VERSES TO LEARN  
AND TO LOVE

“Enter into his gates  
with thanksgiving,  
And into his courts  
with praise.” —Psalm 100: 4.

“It is a good thing to  
give thanks unto the  
Lord.” —Psalm 92: 1.



## THE KINGLY KINDNESS OF DAVID

II Samuel 8: 15; chapter 9



Many years had passed since the young Prince Jonathan and David had promised always to be true friends. David was king of Israel. He was rich and his people loved him dearly, but he still missed his boyhood friend. One day he called to him an old servant of Saul's family and asked him if there was not somewhere some member of that great family still alive, so that he could show him kindness, for Jonathan's sake.

Then Ziba told him a secret that he had known all these years. He told him that in another country, Jonathan's son was living. He was now a grown-up man, but when Jonathan was killed in battle this little son was five years old. His nurse knew that the Philistines might try to kill him because he was now the "crown prince" and the people would want him to be king; so when news of the battle came, she took him in her arms and ran to hide him; but in some way she fell, and the poor little boy was made lame so that always he must walk with a crutch. He had lived all these years with some friends.

David commanded at once that this prince, Mephibosheth, should be brought to his palace. He loved anyone that had ever belonged to Jonathan.

It may have been that the lame prince was a bit frightened

when the king's messengers came, but he went with them. He had no royal robes to wear. He came limping in on his crutches, and bowed down before King David.

But David in his kind voice told Mephibosheth to come and sit beside him. I think that he stooped down and helped him. Then he told him that he should stay and live in the palace; that he should have servants to do his work for him, and should have the rich lands that had belonged to Saul. He called Ziba and told him that he should be the servant of Mephibosheth. In just a few minutes a poor, lame man became a rich prince.

We, too, can have the sort of kindness that David did if we will be "feet" for mother when she is tired; or "eyes" for grandmother when her needle is to be threaded; or "hands" for some one who needs help.

David was always fair as well as kind and the Bible says:

**"David executed justice and righteousness unto all his people."**

—II Samuel 8: 15.

A VERSE TO HELP US TO BE KIND

**"By love serve one another."**

—Galatians 5: 13.



## THE SINS AND SORROWS OF DAVID

II Samuel 12:9, 10; 18:1-15



David was rich, and was dearly loved by his people, so it seemed as if now, at last, he ought to be perfectly happy. When he was living in a cave with Saul's army hunting him, he was so full of love to God that even then he was happy. But now, when he was a rich, great king, one day he forgot about God and did something very wrong. When God's prophet showed him that what he had done was really wrong, he was sorry, but he never could forget about it, although

he told God about it and was forgiven.

When David became king of all Israel, he had a little son named Absalom. Probably as a little boy Absalom was more beautiful than any of his brothers, for the Bible speaks of his wonderful beauty when he grew to be a man. He lived in a palace with servants to wait on him, and he grew up having his own way about almost everything, so, of course, before long, he began to get into trouble. Once he had to go away from Jerusalem for a long time, and that grieved David.

When he came back, David was glad, but he would not have been glad if he had known what Absalom was doing. He was trying to get to be king! He began to try to get all

the people to like him better than they liked David! One day he asked David if he might go down to Hebron to offer a sacrifice to God. But that was only a wicked excuse, for what he really did in Hebron was to proclaim himself king.

Soon he gathered an army and came marching to fight against his own dear father. Sadly David and his family and many faithful friends hurried away from Jerusalem, but Absalom's soldiers came on, and at last David had to let his soldiers go out to drive them back.

David begged them not to hurt Absalom. But Absalom's wonderful hair caught in the branches of a tree as he rode through the forest, and as he hung there he was killed.

Poor David's loving heart was almost broken.

Selfish and unkind boys or girls are never very happy, because playmates cannot love them. But the merry, loving, helpful boys and girls are the happy boys and girls. It is they who make the fathers and mothers proud and happy.



A VERSE TO MAKE US CAREFUL TO SOW KIND DEEDS

**“Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”**

—Galatians\*6: 7.

A VERSE TO MAKE US THINK

**“A wise son maketh a glad father.”**

—Proverbs 15: 20.

## A PRAYER FOR PARDON

Psalm 51:1-17



To-day we have for our lesson a beautiful prayer that David made after Nathan the prophet had come and talked to him about the wrong thing that he had done. David was not a coward. He was brave enough to say, "I did a wicked deed." He said to God, "My sin is always before me." That meant that by night and by day he thought about it. "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow," he prayed, for he knew that when God forgave him, his heart would be free from wanting to do wrong.

God heard his prayer and loved him and forgave him. He was very sad and not like the brave, singing David until he told God all about his sin and God forgave him. Then he was happy again, and wrote more beautiful songs of love and praise to God, who had been so good to him.

Jesus told a story about a rich Pharisee and a poor publican who went one day to the Temple to pray. The Pharisee went to let people see him, and he stood out in a prominent place. He walked away from the poor publican and thanked God that he was not like him. He thanked God that he was

better than other men, and he told how he fasted twice a week and gave to the poor. All he prayed about was how good he was. He did not say one word of thanks to God, or one word about his own sins.

The poor publican stood in a quiet, out-of-the-way corner. He thought of how good and loving and kind and holy God was, and he prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner." God heard his prayer and filled his heart with joy, and he went home happy, but the other man went home just as he came—thinking about himself, and how good he was.

## A PRAYER

"Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me;  
Bless thy little lamb to-night:  
Through the darkness be thou near me,  
Keep me safe till morning light.

"All this day thy hand has led me,  
And I thank thee for thy care;  
Thou hast warmed me, clothed and fed me;  
Listen to my evening prayer.

"Let my sins be all forgiven;  
Bless the friends I love so well:  
Take us all at last to heaven,  
Happy there with thee to dwell."



## DAVID'S PRAYER

**"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,  
And cleanse me from my sin."**

—Psalm 51: 2.

## ANOTHER PRAYER

**"Forgive us our sins."**

—Luke 11: 4.

## BEGINNINGS OF SOLOMON'S REIGN

I Kings 1: 1 to 3: 15



Years and years went by, and King David became a feeble old man. Absalom's younger brother, Adonijah, wanted to be king. He was a handsome prince and David was very fond and proud of him, but he was selfish as Absalom had been.

There was a young brother named Solomon, and God had said that he was to be Israel's next king.

One day Adonijah invited most of the princes and high officers of the army and men of the court to a great feast, and while they were there he had himself proclaimed king.

Bath-sheba, the mother of Solomon, hurried to David with the news, and David said, "I have promised that Solomon shall sit on my throne." So David sent for Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet. Zadok hurriedly brought the horn of sacred oil from the tabernacle. Then they went to a place called Gihon. There Solomon was anointed king.

All the people shouted, "God save King Solomon."

When Adonijah and the men that were with him heard the joyful shouts and heard what they meant, they were afraid, and Adonijah ran to the tabernacle to beg for mercy. Solomon proved that he was kind and forgiving for he sent messengers to tell Adonijah to go in safety to his home.

One of Solomon's first acts as king, was to call the people together for a wonderful service of sacrifice and praise. That night as he slept, God came to him in a dream, saying, "Ask what I shall give thee." What a wonderful thing that was! God asked a young king to choose anything at all for himself that he wanted! And very modestly, like the fine man he was, Solomon asked for just one thing—wisdom to rule the people of his land in the best way.

God was so pleased at Solomon's answer that he not only gave him wisdom so that he became the wisest man that ever lived, but he gave him great wealth and honor, and promised him long life if he would serve God as David had done.



## TWO VERSES ABOUT WISDOM

"The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;  
And to depart from evil is understand-  
ing."

—Job 28: 28.

"Wisdom is better than rubies."

—Proverbs 8: 11.

## THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

I Kings, chapters 5 to 8

Here it is September, and schooltime again! We are told that the lessons we learn are helping to build good and useful lives for us, so it is appropriate, that to-day we study



about the most wonderful building that has ever been built.

God had been worshiped in a tent or in any place where the Ark was, but David longed to build a beautiful Temple so that all the world might see how much Israel

loved the true God. Although God allowed David to get together the gold and silver and marble and many things for the building, he said that David's son, Solomon, should build the Temple. David was satisfied, for Solomon was to be, you remember, the wisest and richest king that had ever lived. So David, when he was old and tired, was glad to go to his heavenly home.

When Solomon had been king about four years he began to build the Temple. The great stones of which it was to be made were finished at the quarry, so that there was no sound of hammering in the Temple. They were brought all ready just to be put together. The great cedar trees, the finest wood in the world, were brought across the sea on great rafts.

**After seven and one-half years the Temple was finished.**

It stood on the top of a mountain—a wonderful house of pure white marble. The inside, with its pure gold and precious things, was still more beautiful.

When it was done there was a great service that lasted for fourteen days. The priests carried the sacred Ark into the Temple. Then God's glory, like a soft, thick cloud, filled the building, and Solomon made a beautiful prayer which I hope you will read in the Bible.



Then after sacrifices and rejoicing the people went home, praising their king, and praising God who had been the Helper of David and Solomon.

Perhaps you and I cannot have a part in building the church where we worship, but we can have a part in making it a beautiful and happy place about which you can say:

**“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.”** —Psalm 122: 1.

ANOTHER VERSE TO LEARN

**“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”** —Isaiah 56: 7.

## THE GLORY OF SOLOMON'S REIGN

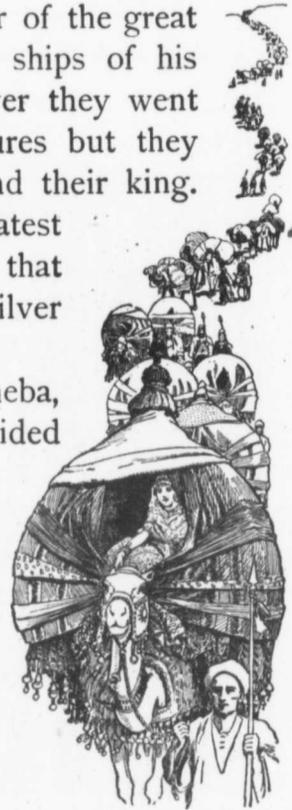
I Kings 10: 1-13, 23-25

Soon people far and near began to hear of the great wealth and wisdom of Solomon. The ships of his navy sailed across the sea and wherever they went they not only brought back rich treasures but they showed the greatness of their nation and their king. Because of Solomon's wisdom, the greatest kings came to him for counsel, and all that came brought him presents of gold and silver and precious stones.

Away in the south was the Queen of Sheba, and when she heard of Solomon she decided to go and see for herself whether or not the wonderful tales about him were true. She must travel for many, many weeks across the hot, sandy desert. She must run the risk of storms and robbers. But she was a brave queen.

She rode on a camel; and on other camels rode her servants with gifts of gold and silver and precious stones, and the wonderful sweet spices for which her land was famous.

When at last she reached Jerusalem, Solomon received her with great honor. Never had she seen such a magnificent palace; she saw the many men of the court who lived with Solomon. I think that as she rode through the streets of the city she was greatly impressed with its beauty; then she saw the palace and the marble Temple. Then she asked Solomon hard questions, but he was able to answer them. And at



last she said, "It was a true report that I heard of thee and of thy wisdom, but the half was not told me."

She was full of praise for Solomon, and for his happy people. She was a heathen queen, but now she had her first missionary sermon, and the sermon came through her eyes as much as through her ears, for she knew that Solomon worshiped the true God. Her heathen gods could surely never be the same to her again for she said: "Blessed be the Lord thy God, to set thee on the throne of Israel. Because the Lord loved Israel forever, therefore made he thee king."

She gave her gifts to Solomon, and he gave her even richer gifts. Then she went back to her own land, but we know she was not sorry that she had come so far across the hot, sandy desert. She was carrying precious treasures back to her people, and the best treasure was in her heart.

What is the most precious treasure anyone can have?



TWO VERSES ABOUT TRUE WISDOM

"Blessed is every one that feareth Jehovah,

That walketh in his ways."

—Psalm 128: 1.

"How much better is it to get wisdom than gold!"

—Proverbs 16: 16.

## EVILS OF INTEMPERANCE

A LESSON ABOUT KEEPING OUR BODIES STRONG

Proverbs 23: 19-21, 29-35

Solomon said, "The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." He looked about his beautiful country and he saw many people who were prosperous and happy. Every-

one had a chance to be like them. But he saw some people who made wine of the grapes and drank it, and then were not able to work or able to think, so that they were poor and unhappy. He saw others who spent all their money for rich food and who ate all the good things they could get, even when these things made them sick, so, by and by, they had poor, sick, weak bodies which



could not work, and they became poor and unhappy.

One of the boys who probably had learned these wise sayings of Solomon was Daniel, who lived in Jerusalem over three hundred years after Solomon died. The king of Babylon made war against Jerusalem, and he had his soldiers carry away among the captives four young princes, one of

whom was Daniel. The king of Babylon was very kind to these young men. He put them in charge of a prince who loved them, and he had them taught by the best teachers in the land. Every day the boys had lessons with these teachers.

But each day the king sent them rich foods from his table—meat that they knew they ought not to eat, and wine.

They were far away in a heathen land. They did not have mothers to tell them what to eat and drink, but they decided for themselves. One day they begged the man who came with their food to bring them instead the grain and fruit and pure water that they knew were best for them. At first he would not, for fear of the king, but they said, "Try us for ten days on our kind of food," and he did so.

At the end of the ten days when they went before the king he saw their bright eyes, and red cheeks, and straight shoulders and he had nothing to find fault about. And the four brave young princes had proved that wine and rich food were not the best for them.

Here are two tiny verses, which will make your heart so brave and strong that no one can make you do anything to spoil your body.

**"Keep thyself pure."**

—I Timothy 5: 22.

**"Be strong."**

—I Corinthians 16: 13.

THE WORDS OF SOLOMON

**"The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty."**

—Proverbs 23: 21.



## REVIEW: SAUL, DAVID, AND SOLOMON COMPARED

Selection for Reading: Psalm 72

For almost six months we have been having stories about these three kings, and the stories have been so interesting that we are all sorry to have them end.

First we had the story of Israel's first king, Saul, who was so tall and handsome, and who made a good king until he began to forget God. Things grew worse and worse until at last God sent Samuel to Jesse's home to anoint another king. The tall sons filed in one by one, but God did not say, "This is the king." At last they sent—where? Who was the shepherd boy?

David went to Saul's court and played for him on his harp when Saul was sick. Then he went home again, but one day his father sent him to Saul's camp where David's brothers were soldiers. Tell what happened that day.

After that David went back to live with Saul at his court, but because the people praised him more than they praised Saul, the king grew angry and was very unkind. What did David do? What friend did he leave in Saul's palace?

Saul was cruel to David, but how did David treat Saul?

When Saul died in battle, David had the people honor Saul and Jonathan, just as if Saul had been his friend.

During Saul's time the people had grown very careless about the worship of God, so what did David do?

Tell a story about how David found Jonathan's son.

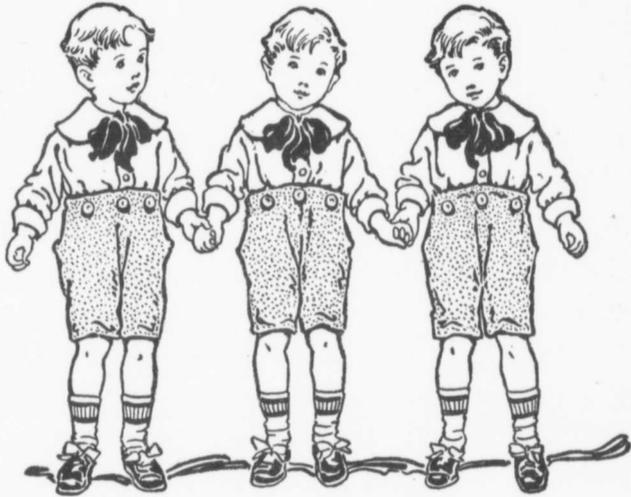
David did what was wrong, but he confessed his sin and God forgave him. Two of his sons, Absalom and Adonijah, made him very sad, but Solomon filled his heart with joy,

and God chose Solomon to be king when David grew old.

David wanted God to have a beautiful Temple, so that all the world might see how Israel loved and honored Jehovah. David gathered gold and silver and precious things for the Temple, and then Solomon built it exactly as God and David told him. Tell about the visit of the Queen of Sheba, and about why Solomon was the richest and greatest king.

These were three great kings, but one failed because his heart was not true to God; one succeeded because though he sinned, he turned to God for help; and the third spoiled a good beginning by forgetting God who had blessed him.

Boys and girls show by what they do whether or not their hearts are sweet and good. Sometimes they look very much alike outside, but often God sees within them hearts that do not look one bit alike.



TWO VERSES TO HELP US HAVE GOOD HEARTS

“Man looketh upon the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart.”

—I Samuel 16: 7.

“I will praise thee with my whole heart.”

—Psalm 138: 1.

## HANDWORK

FIGURE I

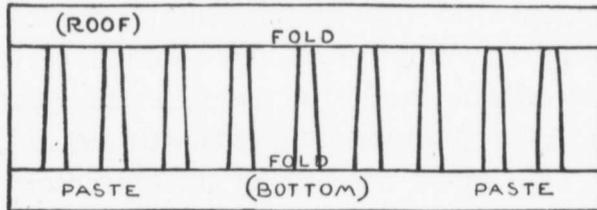
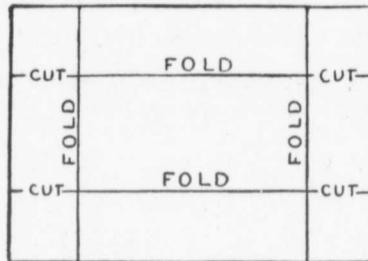


FIGURE II



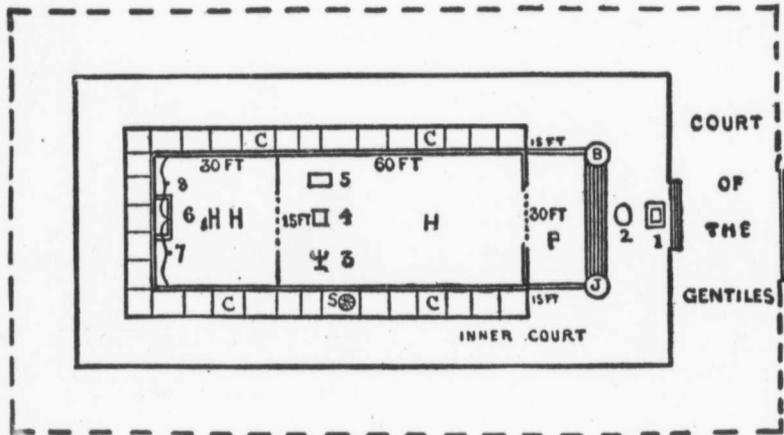
Fold two strips of paper into three parts as in Figure 1, and mark some lines to look like the tall marble pillars of the great porches. Paste the bottom on the solid lines in the plan of the Temple. Cut two similar pieces for the front and back, and cut a little opening at the place where the steps are indicated. Make the corners square like this,  letting one piece slip over the other. Cut a straight piece of paper, to fit in as a roof.

A narrow piece of paper might be folded and pasted on the very outside line for the wall.

To represent the building in the center, take a piece of white paper and fold it like Figure 2. Cut where it says "cut," and paste the loose ends to make a little open box. Cut a door so that you can see inside.

## HANDWORK SUGGESTIONS

PLAN OF THE TEMPLE



This picture will help you to imagine something about how Solomon's wonderful Temple looked, and your lesson stories will tell you how very large and beautiful it was. Put a piece of white paper over the drawing on this page and trace every line carefully, and then copy it on cardboard, or paste the outline you have drawn on the cardboard. Put a square of gilt paper on the place marked 1, for that was where the great altar of burnt offerings stood. Put another oblong piece where the Ark stood, at the point marked 6. At 4 paste a piece of paper to mark the altar of incense; at 3 was the great, golden candlestick.

## THE RALLY DAY ARMY



Down every street see the people come,  
Not at the call of the fife and drum,  
But at the call of the church bells sweet,  
With happy faces and eager feet.

For this is the time called Rally Day.  
"Come! Rally for Jesus!" the church bells say.  
Up to God's house let the army go,  
Honor and love for their King to show.

He needs us all—you and me—each one,  
If all of his army's work is done.  
Make this a glorious Rally Day.  
Hear the bells call and with joy obey.

### THE V. M. S.

It was Prue's teacher who thought of it first. When she and Prue appeared at Sunday school with little badges bearing the letters, "V. M. S.," of course everyone was curious and wanted to know what they meant. "I am going away on my vacation," explained the teacher, "but the church will be busy while I am away just as it is when I am here and it will need my money to help pay expenses. I shall miss the missionary offering, too, and the missionaries will be hard at work and their salaries must be paid. I do not want the people who stay at home to pay my share, so I am going to have a 'V. M. S.'—a Vacation Missionary Society."

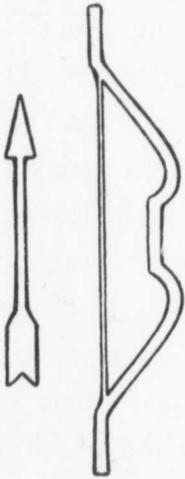
Then she drew out of her purse a little silk bag. From the top to the bottom there was a row of stitching that divided the bag into two parts. "On one side I shall put my regular Sunday-school money each Sunday," she said, "and on the other side I shall put a missionary gift sometimes when I have had a happy time that has made me feel thankful for my friends and for my Christian home. I shall be glad to make a badge and a bag for any of you who want to belong."

"I want to!" "I want to!" they all cried, even two of the girls who were going to have only a picnic or two in the park for their vacation.

So the badges and the little silk bags were made, and perhaps you can guess why, in the fall, one church had a glorious Rally Day, and why the missionary offering was very much larger than usual.

# HANDWORK

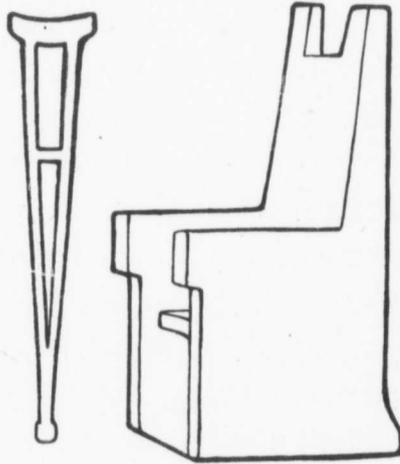
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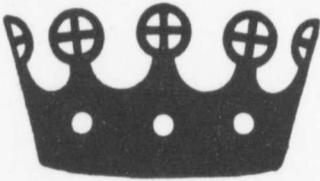
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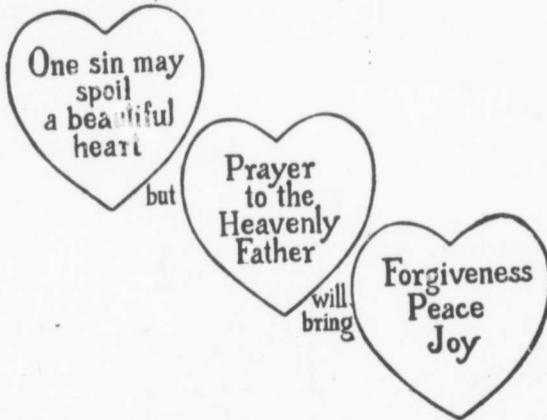
Lesson IV



Lesson V



Lessons VII and VIII



## HANDWORK

To make a booklet of the story of David, take two oblong pieces of heavy paper (not white), fold each one once to make two leaves, and tie them into a book of four pages. On the outside paste a picture of David as a shepherd boy.

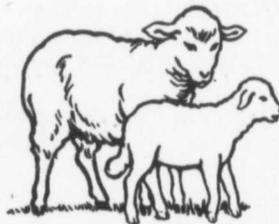
As you have each new story about David, make a "scissors picture" of it to paste in your book. The first eight lessons of the quarter are the lessons you will tell about on your six pages, and if you put Lessons IV and V on one page, and Lessons VII and VIII on one page, you will have just enough. Try to cut out your pictures free hand—that is, without drawing any lines to follow. Cut them out of white paper.

Write under each lesson picture the golden text or a memory verse.

Make the crown and the Ark of gold paper if you can.

(If your teacher will go to the printing office, she may be able to get pieces of left-over book paper which the printer would throw away and which will make beautiful books for the whole class.)

### Lesson I



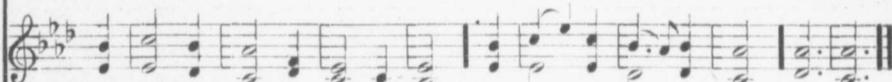
## THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT

Psalms xxlii. The Scottish Psalter, 1650

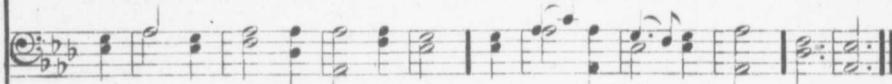
Arr. by ROBERT SIMPSON, 1833



1. The Lord's my Shep-herd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
2. My soul he doth re-store a-gain; And me to walk doth make
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear none ill;
4. My ta-ble Thou hast fur-nish-ed In pres-ence of my foes;
5. Good-ness and mer-cy all my life Shall sure-ly fol-low me;



In pas-tures green, he lead-eth me The qui-et wa-ters by.  
 With-in the paths of right-eous-ness, Ev'n for his own name's sake.  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com-fort still.  
 My head thou dost with oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.  
 And in God's house for-ev-er-more My dwell-ing place shall be. A-MEN.



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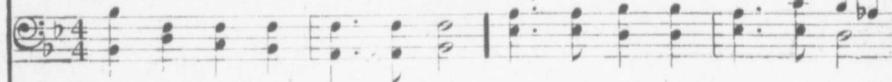
## HEAVENLY FATHER, AS WE PRAY

REV. GEORGE L. SPINING, 1882

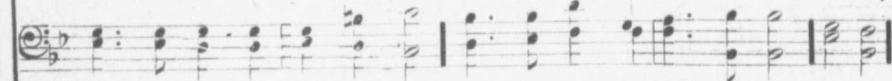
REV. MALTRIE D. BARCOCK, 1899



1. Heaven-ly Fa-ther, as we pray For the hea-then far a-way,
2. Je-sus, we, a lit-tle band, Would o-bey thy great com-mand,
3. May the chil-dren ev-ery-where Join with us in praise and prayer,



Fill our hearts with ear-nest prayer For the ma-ny chil-dren there.  
 Send them news of Christ our King Through the of-fering that we bring.  
 And the Sav-iour we have found Be a-dored the world a-round. A-MEN.



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# THE FIELDS ARE ALL WHITE

Anon.

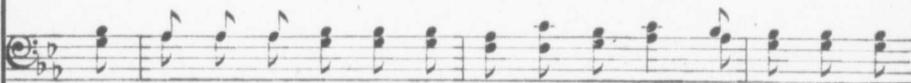
WILLIAM G. OGLEVEE



1. The fields are all white and the reap - ers are few,
2. Our hands are so small, and our words are so weak,
3. We'll work by our prayers, by the pen - nies we bring,
4. Un - til, by and by, as the years pass at length,



We chil - dren are will - ing, but what can we do To work for the  
We can - not teach oth - ers, how then shall we seek To work for the  
By small self - de - ni - als: the least lit - tle thing May work for the  
We, too, shall be reap - ers, and go forth in strength To work for the



Lord in his har - vest? To work for the Lord in his har - vest?  
Lord in his har - vest? To work for the Lord in his har - vest?  
Lord in his har - vest, May work for the Lord in his har - vest.  
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