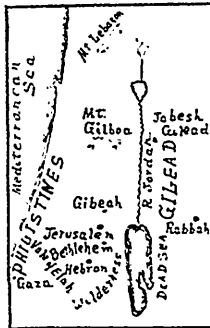


and splendid appearance (ch. 10:24); now He will choose a king on account of inward character.

11-13. Samuel . . . Are here all thy children? His errand seemed a failure, and he was sorely puzzled. **The youngest . . . keepeth the sheep;** too young, Jesse thinks, for any important work. **We will not sit down;** to the feast following the sacrifice. **Buddy;** with auburn hair and a fair skin, reckoned as marks of beauty among the swarthy people of Palestine. **Of a beautiful countenance;** literally, "beautiful-eyed." At the Lord's command, Samuel anointed David (vs. 12, 13), though the purpose of the anointing was not made known. **The spirit (small "s") of the Lord came mightily,** etc. (Rev. Ver.); imparting supernatural gifts that would fit the young shepherd for his future office as king. **Upon David.** The name means "beloved" or "darling," and was given to him as the youngest of the family.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The visitor to BETHLEHEM to-day finds a town of little gray stone houses with flat roofs, which are comparatively modern, but are built in the same style as when David lived there in the home of his father Jesse. An outstanding feature of the town is a tall square tower, near which is the chief marketplace. Close at hand there used to be a khan or walled yard for giving shelter to travelers. Beyond the town,

looking southeast towards the Dead Sea, there is a space of lower ground and then bare brownish hills rising one beyond another. Shepherds to-day pasture their flocks on those hillsides as did David long ago.

LESSON QUESTIONS

4 To what town did Samuel come? Where was Bethlehem? Describe its situation. Where was Samuel's home? What did he take with him? Who were the elders? What did they ask? What ruler was made afraid by the preaching of Paul? (Acts 21:25.)

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why were Jesse's seven sons passed by?
2. How did Samuel learn that David was to be king?
3. How was David qualified for kingship?

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5 What did Samuel answer to the elders? What did he bid them do? In what did the sanctifying consist? Of what was it a symbol? What part of the sacrifice was burned? What was done with the rest? To what pledge on God's part did such a meal point? Who "saw God, and did eat and drink?" (Ex. 24:11.)

6-10 How many of Jesse's sons were passed by? What reason is given for this?

11-13 What did Samuel ask of Jesse? How did Samuel feel? What did Jesse answer? Why had David not been called before? Describe David's appearance. What is the meaning of his name? What came upon David? By whose power is God's work to be done? (Zech. 4:6.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is it ever right to deceive others?
2. Can we or can we not truly say that our rulers are chosen of God?

A PRAYER

Father, we are Thy children. Thou hast called us sons and daughters, and hast made us welcome to a place in the household of faith. May our life in the home which Thou hast given us on earth, be made glorious as we realize how great is the honor which Thou hast bestowed upon us. Teach us that we bring sorrow to Thee when we,—Thy children—stray into sin. Pardon us for past wanderings, hold back our feet from paths of evil and save us for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That Christ is our king.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created? A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

The Question on Missions—2. What is the evangelistic work of our missionaries? Preaching and teaching the "evangel" or gospel in public gatherings, persuading persons one by one to accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord, training and baptizing converts, and organizing and superintending native churches.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 254 (Supplemental Lesson), 111, 100, 12 (Ps. Sel.), 588 (from PRIMA-ANY QUARTERLY), 94.