

LESSON I—July 5th, 1896.

David the King of Judah. 2 SAM. 2: I-II.

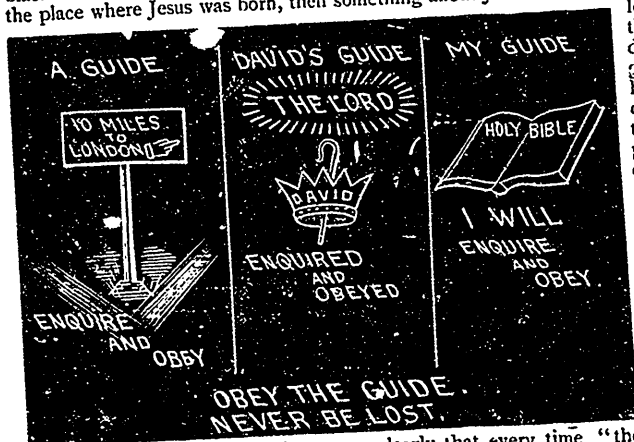
I. GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice." Ps. 97: 1.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: David, the Obedient King.

III. REVIEW. How many times did Jesus appear to his disciples on Resurrection day? How did he prove to them that his body was not that of a spirit? What did Jesus do before he left his disciples? From what mountain did Jesus ascend into heaven? What was my prayer last week? (See *Primary Quarterly for Little Folks*).

IV. LESSON STORY: David, the shepherd, is made king in our lesson story to-day. All this Quarter we are going to learn about him and call him the shepherd-king. In the last lesson story we had from the Old Testament we learned about the parting between the two loving friends, David and Jonathan. For six years after this David wandered about from place to place to escape and hide from the wicked Saul, who was trying to kill him. Sometimes he had no better home than a cave, and often found it hard to get enough to eat and drink, but all the time God took care of him. Saul and Jonathan both died in battle. When David heard of this, and knew that he need not hide any longer for fear of Saul, he asked God where he should go. God told him to go to Hebron. He obeyed God, and with his family and men who were with him went and lived in Hebron. There the men of Judah came and made him their king. After the death of Saul the men of Jabesh Gilead cared for the body of Saul and buried it. When David heard this he sent kind messages to these men, blessing them and wishing that God would show kindness to them, as they had shown kindness to their king. Abner, the captain of Saul's host, took Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, who was then forty years of age, and brought him to Mahanaim and made him king over all the rest of Israel, except Judah, and he reigned for two years.

V. HOW TO TEACH THE LESSON STORY: Draw an outline of the map of Palestine on the blackboard. Mark Bethelcm, Jerusalem and Hebron. Speak of David's home, Bethlehem, the place where Jesus was born, then something about Jerusalem, as it is the centre of so many lessons. Tell how, after the death of Saul, David did not know where to go and asked God what he should do. David obeyed God and went to Hebron. Have prepared a shepherd's crook and a crown (made of cardboard and gold paper). First show the crook and move it from place to place until Hebron is reached. When he is made king show the crown and fasten the two together, and tell the children that our lessons for this Quarter are about David "the shepherd king."



It would be well to explain here very clearly that every time "the crook and the crown symbol" is shown it means David, "the shepherd king." Be sure that the children know something about David, do not take too much for granted. Perhaps it would be well to repeat the 23rd Psalm together and speak of it. Indeed it would not be amiss to repeat it every Sunday for the Quarter.

VI. HOW TO TEACH THE APPLICATION: David did not know what to do or where to go. Once upon a time a man came to a place where two roads branched. He did not know which way to go, but he saw a guide post like this one. (Here pin to the board or draw roads and a