

The king is detected! Sin, that never can succeed in muzzling all the mouths of its spoils, but always leaves one mouth open to expose it, is brought to a judgment-bar that very day.

### Primary and Intermediate.

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**LESSON THOUGHT.** *Danger in Disobedience.* To be taught: 1. That Saul loved his own way better than God's way. 2. That God is not deceived by our excuses. 3. That if we do not obey him we must suffer for it.

1. Use symbol on the board, or show a lighted lamp holding but a very little oil. Tell children that this is something like Saul's heart. He would not let it be filled full of love and obedience, and so in a little while he began to follow his own way instead of God's way. Ask what will happen when all the oil is gone from this lamp? Yes, it will go out; so the little good oil of obedience in Saul's heart gave out, and then he followed his way, not God's. Put out the lamp, and then tell vividly the story of Saul's disobedience; how God told him to kill all the wicked Amalekites, all their cattle and sheep and goats, and then how Saul saved the king alive, and only killed the poorest of the animals. Show that this was not obedience, for he did not do all that the Lord told him to do.

2. Describe the interview between Saul and Samuel, and tell how Saul tried to excuse his disobedience. Make two hearts; in one print "My Way," in the other "God's Way." Which is like Saul's heart? Ask if some child has not a heart like Saul's, which chooses its own way. Teach that when we do not obey God he always knows it. Something is sure to betray it, as in this case the bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the oxen did. Tell story of a little boy who had been forbidden to touch some fruit in the garret. One day he was sent there on an errand, and filled his cap. Then he put it on his head and went out. His mother saw him, and told him to let her see if his hair was smooth. Then the fruit rolled out. Disobedience is always found out sooner or later.

3. Call for Golden Text, and teach that God only asks us to obey. Show how ready Saul was to sacrifice, when God only said "Obey." Tell that God saw that the oil of truth and obedience in Saul's heart was

burned out, and so he rejected him from being king. Teach that God looks into our hearts to-day as he looked into Saul's. Does he see the light of obedience there, or is the light gone out? When there is no light we often stumble and fall. Shall we let God light his light in us, or shall we walk in our own darkness?

### Blackboard.

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On the board is the representation of an altar, on which is written the words, "Daily Life." This is intended to show that each day shall be an altar of sacrifice unto God. The question is, "What shall I offer?" Our lesson teaches that obedience is better than the sacrifice of beasts. In answer to this question, the superintendent may ask for answers, and write the same at the foot of the altar. He may also write the names of things that will not be acceptable for sacrifice, and show the reason why. Let him then show that the only really acceptable sacrifice is a life "hid with Christ in God."

### CHARGES AGAINST

SAUL.

ME.

### HOW DOES MY ACCOUNT STAND!

Monday ..... DR.

Tuesday .....

Wednesday .....

Thursday .....

Friday .....

Saturday .....

Sunday .....

### WHAT IS MY EXCUSE!