

happened? Of what did Samuel say this was a sign?

10. How did Samuel after this show honor to Saul? For what reason?

Something to Look Up

1. When Israel was coming out of Egypt, the Amalekites met and fought them. Find the passage that tells this.

2. There is a story in the Acts of a man and his wife, who pretended to be doing right, but were really deceiving people. Find what happened to them.

ANSWERS (Lesson III.)—(1) 1 Sam. 7 : 10. (2) 1 Sam. 3 : 19.

For Discussion

1. False excuses.
2. The hatefulness of hypocrisy.

Prove from Scripture

That without obedience religious profession is vain.

The Catechism

Ques. 94-96 (Review)—The sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are signs of the union between Christ and His followers. But they are more than mere signs. Each of them is a pledge, which actually conveys the thing of which they are a sign, namely, the love of Christ to His own. Different in form, Baptism and the Lord's Supper are closely alike in their meaning and in the

blessings they bring. They both point to Christ crucified and risen; and in both there is communion with a present Christ. The difference between them is that Baptism is connected with the entering into covenant relation with God, and is therefore celebrated only once in the case of an individual, while the Lord's Supper has to do with the keeping up of this relation; and is therefore to be observed frequently.

The Question on Missions

Ques. 4. Settlement is sparse, and therefore congregations are small. A pioneer missionary often has a parish with six or more preaching places. In such a case it takes him two weeks to make his rounds, and since he must keep his appointments, whatever be the weather, he suffers much from the mosquitoes and muddy roads in summer, and from blockaded roads and the danger of frostbites in winter. Pastoral visiting, with the necessary calls on the sick and those who are careless about attending church, take up a great deal of the time, because of the distance from home to home. Since everything is new, there is much to be done in the way of organizing the neighborhood,—a public school to be established, a church and manse to be built, temperance societies to be instituted, etc.; and the minister is expected to be a leader in all such things.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Lesson Subject—The king disobeying God.

Introduction—Talk about obedience of soldiers to their captain, and the punishment that follows disobedience. If possible, have a set of toy soldiers to show to the children while you talk (or a picture of a company of soldiers). Some one may print the name of the soldier king. We have been hearing about SAUL. God, the great Captain, had told Samuel to tell the soldier king, Saul, to go out and fight against some enemies, the Amalekites, and destroy them and their king and all their cattle and camels and asses and sheep (vs. 1-3).

Let us see if Saul acted like a

