

LET'S PLAY.

Oh! the blessed and wise little children,
What sensible things they say!
When they can't have the things they wish
for

They take others, and cry, "Let's play."

Let's play that the chairs are big coaches,
And the sofa a railroad-car;
And that we are all taking journeys,
And travelling ever so far.

Let's play that this old broken china
Is a dinner-set rare and fine,
And our tin cups filled with water
Are goblets of milk and wine!

Let's play every one of our dolls
Is alive and can go to walk,
And keep up long conversations
With us if we want to talk.

Let's play that we live in a palace,
And that we are queens and kings;
Let's play we are birds in a tree-top,
And can fly about on wings.

Let's play that we are school-keepers,
And grown people come to our school;
And then punish them most soundly
If they break but a single rule."

Oh! the blessed and wise little children,
What sensible things they say;
And we might be happy as they are
If we would be happy their way.

What odds 'twixt not having and having
When we have lived out our day?
Let's borrow the children's watchword,
The magical watchword, "Let's play."

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

B.C. 1061] LESSON XI. [Sept. 15

DAVID SPARING SAUL

1 Sam. 24. 4-17. Commit to mem. vs. 11, 12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome
evil with good. Rom. 12. 21.

OUTLINE.

1. David's Chance, v. 4, 5.
2. David's Grace, v. 6, 7.
3. Saul's Gratitude, v. 8-17.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did Saul try to do? To find
David, to kill him.
Where did he seek for him? In the
wilderness.

Where did Saul lie down to rest one day?
In a cave.

Who were already there? David and
his soldiers.

What did David's men want him to do?
To kill Saul.

What did David do? He cut off a piece
of Saul's robe

Why was he afterward sorry for this?
Because Saul was his king.

What would he not let his soldiers do?
Hurt Saul.

Who called Saul when he awoke?
David.

What did he show him? The piece of
his robe.

How did he speak to Saul? Very
kindly.

What did Saul do? He wept.
Why did he weep? He saw his sin.

What did Saul say? That David was
more righteous than he.

What does the Bible tell us to do? To
love our enemies.

What must we give in return for evil?
Good.

Who showed us how to do this? Jesus.
Who can help us to do it? Jesus.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

David "paid back" his enemy, Saul, with
love and kind words. Love is the coin
Jesus used; do you pay back your enemies
as Jesus and David?

"Overcome evil with good."

CATECHISM QUESTION.

25. What did our Lord Jesus Christ do
to save us?

He was made man, suffered death in our
stead, rose again from the dead, and went
up into heaven.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Christian
charity.

B.C. 1056] LESSON XII. [Sept. 22

DEATH OF SAUL AND HIS SONS.

1 Sam. 31. 1-13. Commit to mem. vs. 4-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The face of the Lord is against them that
do evil. Psa. 34. 16.

OUTLINE.

1. Saul's Death, v. 1-7.
2. Saul's Burial, v. 8-13.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did Saul continue to do? To for-
sake God.

Who came to fight against the Israelites?
The Philistines.

Where was the battle? In Mount Gilboa.
Who conquered? The Philistines.

Why were the Israelites defeated? God
was not fighting for them.

Who were among the slain? Saul's three
sons.

Who was badly wounded? Saul himself.
What did he ask his armour-bearer to
do? To kill him.

Why would the armour-bearer not do
that? He was afraid to kill his king.

How did Saul die? He took his sword
and fell upon it.

What did the Israelites do? They fled
from their cities.

Who came and lived in their cities? The
Philistines.

What did the Philistines do with Saul's
body? They fastened it to a wall.

Who buried the bodies of Saul and his
sons? The men of Jabesh-gilead.

What did they show in so doing? Hon-
our to their king.

What does Saul's life teach us? The
danger of forsaking God.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

The wages of sin is death,
But

The gift of God is eternal life.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

26. What do you mean by being saved?

Through what Jesus Christ has done for
us, we may obtain forgiveness of sin, and
holiness, and heaven.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—God's hate
for sin.

A BIRD WITH AN UMBRELLA.

ONE day Uncle Fred told Pass and
Johnny about the umbrella bird. This is
what he said about it.

We were out hunting one day on the
Brancho River. That is a stream in Brazil,
a country in South America. As we were
coming home, I shot a strange-looking bird,
it was black and larger than your pet crow.

The gentleman who was with me said it
was called the umbrella bird, and that it
always lived on islands in the rivers, and
never on the main-land.

I thought it was a very suitable name,
for it had what you would call a top-knot.
It was of curved feathers that started at
the back of its head and came toward the
front. The feathers were raised from the
head and made an arch which was quite
like an umbrella.

The bird also had a long tuft of feathers
which hung from its neck. Altogether it
was a very interesting bird. I was sorry
that I could not have my specimen stuffed
to bring home. I think there is one in the
museum, and the next time that we go to
the city we will see if we can find it there.