

THE CHILD'S
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*Lesson from the forty-third to the forty-eighth verse of
the fifth chapter of St. Matthew.*

Mrs. Arnold.—Repeat the first verse of your lesson,
Harriet.

Harriet.—“Ye have heard that it hath been said,
Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.”

Mrs. Arnold.—This was one of the gross perversions
of the word of God of which the Scribes had been guilty.
They taught their followers that it was their duty to
love their own families and friends, and the people of
their own nation or sect, so long as they were not at
variance with each other; beyond this the duty was not
enforced, but on the contrary they were enjoined to hate,
and consequently to revenge themselves upon their
enemies. I need not tell you that no such words are
to be found in the Mosaic law, which in its spirit
shadowed forth the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in its
provision for the protection of the poor and helpless,
the stranger, the widow, and the fatherless, is infinitely
superior to any mere human code of laws that has ever
been framed: even the bondsman and the hired servant