

## A LULLABY.

SLEEP, my child! The shadows fall;  
 Silent darkness reigns o'er all;  
 Bird and bloom are lost to sight  
 In the folded arms of night;  
 Stars will soon from cloud-towers peep,  
 While all Nature lies asleep.

Breathe thou softly! Rest is sweet  
 For tired hearts and aching feet;  
 No dull care nor toil is thine—  
 Nor sin, thou blessed child of mine;  
 Tranquil on thy soft couch rest,  
 With dreams of heaven in thy breast.

Buds are sleeping! Close thine eyes,  
 Waken with a soft surprise;  
 Greet the morning with thy smile,  
 And sweet prattle without guile,  
 Scents lie sleeping in the flowers;  
 Slumber till the daylight hours.

Sleep! Thy Father guards thy rest;  
 Lay thy hand upon His breast;  
 Safer than these arms which hold thee,  
 His dearer love will firm enfold thee,  
 Higher love than mine shall He  
 Give, beloved one to thee!

Sleep! The waves have been sleeping,  
 Angels o'er thee watch are keeping,  
 O'er us both the pale stars shine  
 With a radiance half divine.  
 Slumber, innocent and light,  
 Fall from Heaven on thee to-night.

## CHANGE THE SUBJECT.

"Always," said papa, as he drank his coffee and enjoyed his morning beefsteak, "always, children, change the subject when anything unpleasant has been said. It is both wise and polite." That evening on his return from business, he found his carnation bed dispoiled, and the tiny imprint of slippers silently bearing witness to the small thief. "Mabel," he said to her, "did you pick my flowers?" "Papa," said Mabel, "did you see a monkey in town?"

"Never mind that. Did you pick my flowers?"

"Papa, what did gran'ma send me?"

"Mabel, what do you mean? Did you pick my flowers? Answer me, yes or no."

"Yes, papa, I did, but I fout I'd change the subject."

A CONVICT says he was sent to prison for being dishonest, and yet he is compelled every day to cut out pieces of pasteboard, which are put between the soles of the cheap shoes made there and palmed off on the innocent public as leather. —*Philadelphia News.*

## LESSON NOTES.

## FOURTH QUARTER.

B.C. 1065.] LESSON VII. [Nov. 18.

## DAVID ANOINTED.

1 Sam. 16. 1-13. Commit to memory verses 6, 7.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him. Psa. 89. 20.

## OUTLINE.

1. The Lord's Commission. v. 1-3.
2. The Lord's Choice. v. 4-12.
3. The Lord's Anointed. v. 13.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who mourned over Saul's disobedience? Samuel.

To whom did God now send Samuel? To Jesse, in Bethlehem.

What had God chosen among Jesse's sons? A king for Israel.

What did the rulers of Bethlehem fear? That Samuel had come to judge them.

For what purpose had he come? To make an offering unto the Lord.

What did he bid them do? Come with him to the sacrifice.

Whom did he call among the rest? Jesse and his sons.

Whom did Samuel first think God had chosen? Eliab, the eldest son.

Why did he think so? Because of his fine outward appearance.

How does the Lord judge? The Lord looketh on the heart.

How many of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel? Seven.

Whom did Samuel then ask for? Jesse's youngest son.

What was his name? David.

What did Samuel do? He poured the oil on David's head. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]

Who was with David from that day? The Spirit of the Lord.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God chooses to serve Him—

Those who are lowly and obedient.

Those who listen to His voice.

Those who are willing to wait for Him.

Those who have good and true hearts.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The divine omniscience.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is it to believe in Jesus Christ? To believe in Jesus Christ is to receive His words, and to trust in Him alone for salvation.

Can you do all this of yourself? I cannot repent and believe of myself, but God will help me by His Holy Spirit, if I ask it of Him.

B.C. 1063.] LESSON VIII. [Nov. 25]

## DAVID AND GOLIATH.

1 Sam. 17. 33-51. Commit to memory vs. 45, 46

## GOLDEN TEXT.

The battle is the Lord's. 1 Sam. 17. 47.

## OUTLINE.

1. The Weapons. v. 38-40.
2. The Meeting. v. 41-48.
3. The Victory. v. 49-51.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

With whom were the Israelites now at war? With the Philistines.

What bold man was among the Philistines? Goliath a giant.

What did Goliath do? He dared any one of the Israelites to fight him.

What did David say? "I will go and kill him with God's help."

Was David a soldier in the army? No, he was a keeper of sheep.

How did he happen to be on the field of battle? He came to bring a message to his brothers in the army.

How did Saul try to help David? He put his own armor upon David.

What did David tell Saul? "I am not used to these things."

What did David take with him? His staff and sling and some smooth stones.

How was Goliath armed? With a sword and shield and spear.

To whom did David look for help? To God.

Whom will God always help? Those who trust Him.

How did David attack Goliath? He put a stone in his sling and threw it.

What followed? Goliath was struck to the ground.

What did David then do? He cut off Goliath's head with his own sword.

How did this act inspire the Israelites? To fight the Philistines and win a great victory.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

We are like Goliath when we are— We are like David when we are—

Proud. Humble of heart.

Self-confident. Quick to obey.

Boastful. Ready to trust God.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The special providence of God.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is the state of those who do not forsake their sins and believe in Jesus Christ? The wrath of God abideth on them.

Why does not God take away the wicked at once? He gives sinners time to repent.