III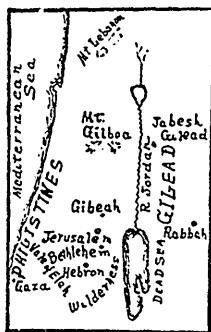. SAUL'S ATTACK.—8-10. War again ; after the war in which Goliath had been slain. David went out ; and by another victory was pointed out as the one who was to have the kingdom. The evil spirit ; the messenger of Satan who had entered Saul's heart before (see ch. 18 : 10, 11). From the Lord ; permitted by the Lord to enter Saul's heart. Javelin ; Rev. Ver. "spear," used as a sceptre. Played ; seeking, by music, to drive out the evil spirit (compare ch. 16 : 19-23). Saul threw his spear at David and with such force that it entered the opposite wall and stuck there quivering. But David by his quickness avoided the weapon and escaped to his house.

IV. MICHAL'S STRATEGEM.—11, 12. Saul . . sent messengers ; a body of armed men. To watch him ; to make sure that he did not leave the house during the night, their purpose being to kill him when he came out in the morning. Let . . down through a window. The house may have been built on a town wall. (Compare Josh. 2 : 15 ; Acts 9 : 25.) Went . . fled . . escaped ; to Samuel at Ramah, v. 18. Vs. 19-23 give an account of how Saul also went to Ramah.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

About 45 miles southwest of Bethlehem, not far from the Mediterranean seashore, stands the city of GAZA, which, in David's time, was one of the chief Philistine centres. The tall, slender towers of mosques show that it is a Mohammedan city. The land about Gaza has always been much better than that of the stony upland pastures of the Hebrews. Travel, also, was much easier down here. Trade routes led to Egypt, 400 or 500 miles away to the southwest, and to Damascus in Syria half as far away to the northeast.

LESSON QUESTIONS

1-3 What command did Saul give ? To whom was it given ? In what scripture is hatred said to be the same as murder ? (1 John 3 : 15.) How did Jonathan regard David ? What was it arranged that David should do ? What was Jonathan to do ?

4, 5 How did Jonathan speak to Saul about David ? What warning did he give the king ? What did he remind Saul that David had done ? To whom did Jonathan ascribe David's victory ? How had Saul felt when Goliath had been overcome ? What excited the jealousy of Joseph's brothers' against him ? (Gen. 37 : 1-8.)

6, 7 What effect upon Saul had Jonathan's appeal ? What oath did he take ? Show that Jesus' intercession for us is all-powerful.

8-10 Describe Saul's attempt on David's life. What is the first recorded case of murder caused by jealousy ? (Gen. 4 : 1-8.)

11, 12 What further attempt did Saul make on David's life ? How did David escape ?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Should the commands of earthly rulers always be obeyed ?
2. Is God responsible for the evil in the world ?

A PRAYER

Teach us the meaning of love, our Father. As we receive Thy loving gifts to us, may we be eager to do for others deeds of kindness and love. We pray Thee especially that we may be kept from things that are unloving. May we not join in any conversation which injures our neighbor's character. May no malicious word pass our lips. In the home, in the church, wherever we are, may we realize that we are our brothers' keepers. We ask all in Christ's name. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That we should put away enry.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created ? A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

The Question on Missions—5. What is the aim of our missionaries in their educational work ? To win young people to Christ by giving them a Christian education, which will prepare them to become useful working members of the church and good citizens ; also to train young men for the ministry.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 254 (Supplemental Lesson), 111, 80, 105 (Ps. Sel.), 16 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 404.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What evil purpose did Saul form against David ?...

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2. How was he turned from this purpose ?...

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3. What attempt did he afterwards make on David's life ?..

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