

are you thankful for your home? Are you glad God has given you so many people to love and so much to enjoy? Then do something for others—will you?

### LESSON VI. (August 9.)

#### DAVID'S VICTORIES. 2 Sam. 10. 8-19.

GOLDEN TEXT. "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27. 1).

#### Primary Notes.



[Have drawn on the board a shield and sword; describe a soldier, and let the class guess from the description what kind of a man you are talking about.]

What are soldiers for?

Why is there need of fighting? Ever since sin came into the world there have been wars and much fighting; in Bible times, before Jesus came, there was often need to fight, sometimes to punish the wicked, and sometimes to settle a right; there was one good man about whom we are learning a great deal, who often had to go to war; who knows his name? Do you suppose when David prepared for battle he was dressed like our soldiers? No; there were no guns in those days, and men fought with swords and spears and carried shields; for what was the shield? We have a sword and shield on the board to make us think how David was not only a king but a soldier, too; and now to day we are to learn of a time when he had to leave his throne to punish and conquer the enemy.

Last Sunday we had a sweet story about David that showed what? He was not only kind to Saul's son but to others, and I want to tell you now how one man received his kindness. [Tell the story found in 2 Sam. 10. 1-5.] When the Ammonites found that David despised them for their behavior, instead of saying that they were sorry, they made up their minds that they would begin a war with him, and because they were afraid they were not strong enough to conquer David alone they hired a great many soldiers from other nations to help them, till they got together a big army. [Tell how the battle was arranged, and the result of the second attempt to conquer Israel, when David himself led his people to battle and was victorious (2 Sam. 7-19).]

This was not the only time David was victorious over his enemies; in one short chapter in the Bible we read how he conquered six different people (2 Sam. 8); every time he was victorious, and because this was so our lesson is called what? Why did David have so many victories? Not because of his strength or the strength of his soldiers, but

because who was with him? [Print "The Lord" over his shield.]

In writing one of his psalms David must have been thinking of his battles; of how he had been kept safely, and of his many victories; this is the way he begins. [Repeat Psalm 27. 1-3.] What did he say the Lord was to him? [Print "Is my Light and Salvation," and explain how, because the Lord had shown him the way to meet and conquer his enemies, he was like a light; because he had kept him from harm, he was his salvation.] Because the Lord was his light and salvation David was never afraid; what did he say about fear? [Print "Whom shall I fear?" on the shield.] I think David felt the Lord was like a shield protecting him on every side.

Is there any fighting for us to do? Yes, but our enemies and weapons are different from David's. Satan and sin are our enemies, and there is need to fight every day; what kind of soldiers should we be? Brave, Christian soldiers. [Tell how there are battles to be fought in school, at home, in our own hearts; in how many ways Satan tries to conquer us; but if the Lord is our light and salvation we need not fear. Tell how missionaries here and in foreign lands are fighting against Satan, and how the Lord helps them; how God's word is our sword, and faith our shield; with these weapons, and the Lord our light and salvation, we may gain many victories.]

Close by singing, "Onward, Christian soldiers."

SUGGESTIONS FOR BLACKBOARD COLORING. Sword and shield, orange; Golden Text, white.



#### Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. David's Victories. Psalm 27. 1; Psalm 23. 1.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Fear not, little flock" (Luke 12. 32).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Psalm 51. *Treasury of David* (Spurgeon); *The Penitent's Prayer* (Alexander); *The Wilhelm Meister* (Goethe), vol. iii, "No religion that grounds itself on fear,"

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