

people the Israelites. Let us now talk a little while about his goodness to us; for just as he was so good to them and helped them in so many ways, so he keeps us in many ways, and gives us many good things. Let us see what some of these good things are. The best gift of all is that God gives us Jesus, then he gives us our homes, and school, and church, and friends, and so many more good things, that it would take us a long time to count them all up. How thankful we ought to be to God for this precious gift of Jesus and all the other good things that he gives us, and for all the ways in which he helps us. As the Israelites set up a monument to show how grateful they were to God for all his goodness to them, I am sure God would like us also to set up a monument to him and thus shew him that we are grateful to him for all his goodness to us. Yes, we should and we can. Let us give him our heart filled up with thankfulness, that will be a monument well pleasing in his sight. As the "good things" are named print them upon the board. As you speak of "monument" make one on the board, afterwards form heart on it and print "thankful," pining the hand in review to add emphasis to the thought. Then as a closing word with the red chalk cover the white letters of the word "Jesus" and also pick out the letters "E," "S," "U," "S" and cover with red chalk.

LESSON VI—November 10th, 1895.

Saul Chosen King. I SAMUEL 10: 17-27.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice." Psalm 97: 1.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: God knows what is best for us.

III. REVIEW: At what place did the Israelites assemble in last lesson? Who prayed for them? How did they shew their sorrow for sin? What enemies came up against them? Which side gained the victory? Who helped the Israelites? How did they shew they were grateful to God?

IV. INTERVENING EVENTS: The Israelites asked for a king. Samuel prayed in grief about it and was comforted by God. Samuel shewed the people evils which would arise from this desire, but still they wanted a king. God allowed Samuel to yield to their importunity and made them a king. Saul, the son of Kish, despairing to find his father's asses by God's guidance, comes to Samuel who told him that the asses were found, entertained him at a feast, and afterwards communicated with him secretly. Next day Samuel anointed Saul. Saul's heart was changed and he prophesied. He concealed the matter of the kingdom from his uncle.

V. LESSON STORY: About twenty years after we left the Israelites in our last lesson we find them again gathered together at the same place, Mizpah. Samuel too was with them still, though now he was getting old, being about seventy. He is speaking words from God to the people, let us hear what he is saying. "Ye have rejected your God and have said unto him, Set a king over us." Yes, that is what they wanted to do, for though the faithful and unselfish Samuel had all these years been their leader, had taught them, had led them back from idolatry, had won victories for them and helped them in many ways, he had done it all under the guidance of God who was really their great leader and king. The people had become dissatisfied, thought that Samuel was getting too old to be their leader, and wanted to have a man for their king instead of God. God knew that this would not be best for them and told them so, but when he saw that they were determined to have their own way, he allowed them to have it and selected a king for them. The chosen one was Saul, the son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, a tall, strong, handsome young man, naturally well fitted to be king. Now the people arranged by tribes and thousands were assembled to see who would be chosen, by lot. The lot fell upon Saul, and when they looked for him he could not be found. He knew before this that he had been chosen by God and his name would be drawn in the lot, and had been too modest to come forward. But God knew where he was and through Samuel told the people to look behind the baggage. There they found him, and when they had fetched him out they saw that he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upwards. Samuel said "see ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, that there is none like him among the people?" And all the people shouted and said "God save the king!" Sketch the hill of Mizpah, on it pin symbol of tents and make dots for the assembled multitude. Make stroke for Samuel and larger stroke for Saul.

VI. APPLICATION: In to-day's lesson we have been learning about two kings, God and Saul. Make two crowns on board and print "the Lord" in one and "Saul" in the other. The