

Saul the son of Kish. 2. By whom was he appointed king? By the Lord. 3. By whom was he anointed? By the prophet Samuel. 4. Where was his appointment made known? At an assembly of the people. 5. What was his appearance? He was the tallest among the people. 6. What did the people say when they saw him? "God save the king."

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **The King Rejected**, v. 17-19. What took place at a former gathering of the people at Mizpeh? Why were the people called together again? Of what did the Lord remind them? Of what ingratitude did he accuse them? To what did he summon them?

2. **A King Sought**, v. 20-22. How was the choice of a king made? On what other occasion was the same course taken? Josh. 7. 16-18. On whom did the lot now fall? Why was Saul absent when chosen?

3. **A King Found**, v. 23-27. Where was the new king discovered? What especially distinguished him from his brethren? How did Samuel introduce him to the people? What was their response? What instruction was given by Samuel in regard to the new government? How was Saul received by the people?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. The claims of God's goodness?
2. The sin of ingratitude?
3. The long-suffering patience of God?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

To what place did he call the people? To Mizpeh. What was done there? A king was chosen. Of what did Samuel remind the Israelites? Of God's goodness to them. What was God to them? Their King and Friend. What did Samuel tell them? That they had rejected the Lord. Who was chosen of all the people? Saul, the son of Kish. What did Saul do? He hid himself. How did they find him? The Lord showed them where he was. How was Saul unlike the rest of the people? He was higher by his head and shoulders than any man. How did the people greet Saul? Repeat **GOLDEN TEXT**. What did Samuel make for the Israelites? All the laws of the new kingdom. How did he give them to the people? Written in a book. What did Samuel then do? He sent every man to his house. Where did King Saul go? Home to Gibeah. Who went with him? Friends who loved him. Who did not like Saul to be their king? The children of Belial.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God shows his love for us—

- In bearing with our foolishness.
- In following us when we reject him.
- In telling us when we make mistakes.
- In letting us come back to him when we see our sin.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

13. *What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?*
Christ as our Redeemer executeth the offices of

a Prophet, of a Priest, and a King, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

The Two Kings of Israel.

I. THE REJECTED KING.

1. **Personal**. "The Lord God of Israel." v. 18.
"I am the Lord thy God." Exod. 20. 2.
2. **Gracious**. "I brought up Israel." v. 19.
"Merciful and gracious. . . plenteous in mercy." Psa. 103. 8.
3. **Almighty**. "Delivered you." v. 18.
"The Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Rev. 19. 6.
4. **Omniscient**. "He hath hid himself." v. 22.
"Eyes of the Lord. . . in every place." Prov. 15. 8.

II. THE CHOSEN KING.

1. **Origin**. "Tribe of Benjamin." v. 20.
"Smallest of the tribes of Israel." 1 Sam. 9. 21.
2. **Appearance**. "None like him." v. 24.
"Man looketh on the outward appearance." 1 Sam. 16. 7.
3. **Limitations**. "Manner of the kingdom." v. 25.
"A copy of the law. . . read therein." Deut. 17. 18.
4. **Wisdom**. "He held his peace." v. 27.
"I as a deaf man, heard not." Psa. 38. 13.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL LESSONS.

God's Relation to his People.

1. As God spoke to his people through the medium of his own appointed prophet, so God speaks to us through his written word. v. 17.
2. God is ever present at the gatherings of his people, so that every meeting of his Church is before the Lord. v. 17.
3. God has in every age shown a peculiar interest in and care over his people, delivering them from enemies, and guiding them in their way. v. 18.
4. God's interest in his people has not been because of their worthiness, but in spite of their faithlessness toward him. v. 19.
5. Even when his people have shown themselves unworthy, God still cares for them, and adapts his plans to their imperfections. v. 19, 20.
6. God sometimes permits his people to follow their own ways that by experience they may learn to submit the more willingly to his counsel. v. 24.

ENGLISH TEACHER'S NOTES.

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I REMEMBER a friend of mine bringing home a plant in full flower, seemingly health-