

love of all the people, thus filling Saul's heart with jealousy. Explain that Saul did not know that David was to be king, but he did know that the kingdom was some day to be taken from him, and he feared it might be given to David.

#### DAVID'S ENEMY.

Recall previous teachings about Saul, asking why Saul was rejected of the Lord, and showing that the true kings are those who believe in God and obey him. Saul was a king in the eyes of men, but David was a king in the eyes of the Lord. Why? David was obedient, Saul was not. Draw contrast between the two kings, telling remainder of lesson story, what Saul's jealousy led him to do, etc. Teach that it was an evil spirit in Saul's heart which made him jealous, which made him hate David and try to kill him, and show that this was the same kind of spirit which makes children disobedient, unloving, and unkind to one another. Why was not this spirit in David's heart? Because he obeyed the Lord, and always sent it away when it came.

#### OUR ENEMY.

Was David in danger? From whom? Teach that we each have an enemy who threatens our life; that he watches us, and hurls his javelin at us, and wants to kill us if we are trying to obey and serve God as David was. Let children tell the name of serpent in the heart, and teach that Envy, Deceit, Hatred, Disobedience, etc., are only other names for Satan in the heart. Show that David was safe as long as the Lord was with him, and so are we. Let children tell what Spirit they think was in David's heart, and show that the good Spirit leads to kindness and brotherly love, and that this Spirit will come and live in us if we are quick to obey God, and to say, "Get behind me, Satan," when the evil spirit comes.

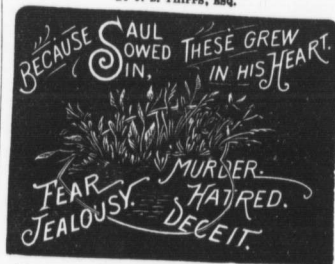
#### Lesson Word-Pictures.

Hark! A tramp of soldiers in one direction, the magnificent, stalwart Saul at their head, plucky David not far away, and then all the jubilant hosts of Israel so excitedly returning home! But listen again! There are voices, wild, ringing, passionate. There is music, still wilder. Crowds of women come dancing forward, singing, playing, commending Saul, but lauding David.

O for grace to rejoice in another's success! Grace to be glad that against our thousand may be rolled up another's ten thousand! Joy? Look at the face of Saul. His gloomy eyes are like dark, miasmatic ponds covering such depths of envious feeling toward David. A snake looks out of those depths upon David, and never takes off from him its cold, glittering, murderous eyes. God defend thee, David, from an enemy more formidable than a dozen Goliaths! The eyes of the snake glitter with new menace on the morrow. A strange "evil spirit" is upon Saul, tormenting him. He looks for relief to David, to the tender, quieting strains that so charmed the flocks in the old pasture-days. Those were four-footed and not two-footed beasts. To the envious natures of the latter all the sweetness of music becomes an acid, and—flee, David! The snake is looking at thee out of Saul's eyes! Flee! The javelin of Saul is whizzing toward thee! The murderer's weapon quivers in the wall where it strikes, but David has escaped.

#### Blackboard.

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EXPLANATION. Saul sowed the evil seed of disobedience to God. From this there grew in his heart fear of David, envy and jealousy, deceit and perfidy, hatred and malice, and attempt to murder. This was an evil crop. As an antithesis, if you have room on the board, or have a reversible board, draw a heart to represent David, and show the fruits of obedience to God's law.

DIRECTIONS FOR COLOURS. Draw the outline of the heart in white, the crop of evil in green and yellow, the words in the heart in red, and the upper words in white, or some colour other than used.

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#### LESSON X.—DAVID'S FRIEND, JONATHAN.

1 Sam. 20. 32-42.

Dec. 9.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore a shall he be slain? what hath he done?

a Gen. 31, 36; chap. 19, 5; Psa. 82, 4.

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him; whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce