

God told David to go to a place called Hebron. There the people of the tribe of Judah crowned him as their king. This was the tribe to which David himself belonged, and its people were very proud at having one of their own number to rule over them.

When David became king at Hebron, he was told that the people of Jabesh-gilead, whom Saul had saved from the hands of the Ammonites had shown their gratitude by carefully and lovingly burying the body of the king who had been killed in battle. David sent to them a message of thanks for thus showing honor to Saul. In this way David made friends of the people of Jabesh-gilead.

The years passed by. David proved that he could rule so well that the rest of the tribes of Israel asked him to be their king also. Again there was a great gathering. Again David was anointed king. So David, who once had been a shepherd, ruled over Judah and Israel in the city of Jerusalem. He was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned for forty years, about seven in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to fight against the Israelites?
2. Who were the Israelites' leaders?
3. What happened to Saul and Jonathan?
4. To whom was the sad news brought?
5. How did the news make David feel?
6. Why was David chosen as king?
7. Over what tribe did he become king at first?
8. Where did he first live as king?
9. Who afterwards chose him as their king also?
10. Whither did he then go to live?
11. How long did David reign in Hebron?
12. How long was he king in Jerusalem?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Golden harps are sounding,
 Angel voices ring,
 Pearly gates are opened,
 Opened for the King
 Christ, the King of glory,
 Jesus, King of love,
 Is gone up in triumph
 To His throne above. Amen.

—Hymn 537, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—28. What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God? They were no longer good and happy, and they were afraid of God.
29. What name is given in the Bible to Adam's disobedience? It is called sin.

SHORTER CATECHISM—18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?
 A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

The Question on Missions

8. What industrial mission work does our church carry on? At Rasalpara, India, our missionaries train Christians and inquirers in rug and carpet making, cotton and silk weaving, furniture making and carpentry, tailoring, gardening, printing and iron-working. At Hwai King, Honan, women are taught lace-making.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of a king on his throne, and remember that you should always honor



and obey your earthly king, and, above all, that you should honor and obey King Jesus.

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD HAS A CROWN FOR ME