

NEVER OUT OF SIGHT.

I know a little saying
That is altogether true ;
My little boy, my little girl,
The saying is for you.
'Tis this, O blue and black eyes,
And gray—so deep and bright :
No child in all this careless world
Is ever out of sight.

No matter whether field or glen
Or city's crowded way,
Or pleasure's laugh or labour's hum
Entice your feet to stray.
Some one is always watching you,
And, whether wrong or right,
No child in all this busy world
Is ever out of sight.

Some one is always watching you,
And marking what you do,
To see if all your childhood acts
Are honest, brave, and true ;
And, watchful more than mortal kind,
God's angels, pure and white,
In gladness or in sorrowing,
Are keeping you in sight.

Oh, bear in mind, my little one—
And let your mark be high !
You do whatever thing you do
Beneath some seeing eye
Oh, bear in mind, my little one,
And keep your good name bright,
No child upon this round, round earth
Is ever out of sight.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON VI. [August 9.

DAVID AND GOLIATH.

1 Sam. 17. 38-49. Memorize verses 45-47.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If God be for us, who can be against us ?
—Rom. 8. 31.

THE LESSON STORY.

Saul was troubled because he was dark in his own soul. He had no hope, and his servants begged him to have a man to play well upon the harp when he was troubled. They spoke of David, and David came, and Saul was at first helped by him to a better mind. Then came war with the Philistines, and Saul went to battle, and David went back to his sheep. But he could not stay there. He knew that he could help his people, and so he was glad when his father sent him with food to his brothers. He saw the giant Goliath, who was calling every day for some one to come and fight with him, and he longed to conquer him as he had slain the lion and the bear in his father's fields. (But his brothers laughed

at him, because he was the youngest. Saul thought him too young to go, but finally gave him his own armour. David put it off because he was not used to it, and just took his shepherd's staff and five smooth stones from the brook and went to meet the giant. The giant jeered at David because he was so young and without arms, but David made a noble speech to him about the strength in which he came, which was from the God of the armies of Israel. As he ran toward the giant, who was striding toward him, he put a stone in his sling, and in a moment it went spinning toward Goliath's head and sank into his forehead, and he fell flat upon his face. Then there was a great shout from Israel as David slew the giant, and the Philistines fled.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Why was Saul gloomy ? Because the Lord had rejected him.

Who helped him ? David, by playing the harp.

What soon called Saul ? War with the Philistines.

Where did David go ? To his sheep-folds.

Where did his father send him ? To his brothers with food.

Where were they ? In Saul's army.

What did David want to do ? Kill Goliath.

What did Saul do ? Gave David his armour.

Did he use it ? No; he took a staff and five smooth stones.

In whose strength did he go ? In the strength of God.

What did he do ? Killed Goliath with a pebble from his sling.

What became of the Philistines ? They fled.

LESSON VII. [August 16.

SAUL TRIES TO KILL DAVID.

1 Sam. 18. 5-16. Memorize verses 12-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.—Psa. 46. 1.

THE LESSON STORY.

After David's victory over Goliath, Saul sent for him and made him one of his household again. Jonathan, Saul's own son, grew very fond of David, and "loved him as his own soul," and gave him his own princely robe to wear, and his sword and bow and girdle. He was given a place over the men of war, and was very much looked up to. One day Saul was made very jealous of the honours given to David when he heard the women, who came singing and dancing to meet him, cry, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." Then an evil spirit came upon Saul, and David tried to send it away by playing on the harp as he used to do; but, instead, he tried to kill David by throwing at him the short spear that he held in his hand. David was protected

by the Lord, so that the spear missed its mark. He made David captain over a thousand after this, and put him away from his house; but nothing could cure the jealousy, because Saul knew that the Lord was with David, and had departed from him. He tried once more to kill David with his spear, but could not, and sent messengers to take him when he ran away. He went himself, also; but the Lord would not let him have his way.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where did David go to live ? In Saul's house.

What dear friend did he have ? The king's son.

What was his name ? Jonathan.

Did Saul love David ? No.

Why ? He was jealous of the honours paid him.

What did he know ? That David would be king.

What did he try to do ? To kill David.

When ? When David was playing on the harp for him.

How ? He threw a spear at him.

Could he kill David ? No; for God was guarding him.

Where did he send him ? Into battle.

What had Saul lost ? The presence of God.

A BOY'S INFLUENCE.

"I wonder why Samuel Darrow is so much loved?" said a visitor at the house of a friend of the Darrows.

"I know," piped a little voice; "it's 'cause Sam loves everybody."

"How do you know that Sam loves everybody?"

"'Cause I sees he does. Now, there's little Jim Blake; his father drinks, and sometimes Jim don't bring any lunch to school. Then Sam divides his lunch with little Jim always; and when the boys made fun of Jim Short because his elbows were out, Sam gave 'em a look that they won't forget."

"A look! What would boys care for a look?"

"Well, sir, if you'd seen Sam's look, you'd understand. It was just as if he'd said: "Now, ain't you 'shamed of yourselves, making fun of a poor little fellow who wears the best he's got?"

"Doesn't that look of Sam's make the boys angry?"

"No, sir, it makes 'em ashamed, and they like Sam all the better for it."

"What else does Sam do?"

"O, I couldn't begin to tell you all that he does, but he's for ever doin' something for somebody. That day tiny Dick Mills got hurt, Sam carried him all the way home in his arms, an' Dick just loves Sam. When Burt Brown broke his leg, Sam went to see him every day; and when Billy Chester was sick, you'd ought to've seen the nice things Sam took him."