

5. It was nice, anyway, to have him play Santa Claus and bring the presents.

6. Well, I like Christmas trees best.

7. O, that's what the German children have too—trees all covered with candles, and all lighted, and they're full of presents. At the very top they put a beautiful star.

8. I think it's nicest to hang up the stockings in the corner by the fireplace. I always go to bed and think I'll surely keep awake to hear Santa Claus when he comes, and then the first thing I know it's morning.

9. I'd like to live in England, and go round to the houses singing songs the night before Christmas.

10. O, that would be the nicest of all! Let's play we were doing it now. All sing. (Tune, "Precious Jewels.")

We are coming, we are coming,

To bring you glad tidings;

Of the Christmas, happy Christmas,

We tell you to-day.

Of the light on the hilltops,

The star in the heavens,

And the Child in the manger,

We tell you to-day.

11. Why, we've forgotten the best story of all.

12. Yes, we haven't told the story of the Christ-child. Let me begin it—"Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea."

13. His mother "laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

14. Some shepherds in a field near by were "keeping watch over their flock by night."

15. And an "angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them."

16. And the angel said, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy."

17. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

18. And then there was a chorus of angels, and they sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." All sing. (Tune, "Onward, Christian Soldiers.")

'Tis the blessed birthday

Of our Saviour-King.

Ring the bells in gladness,

Christmas carols sing.

Once in Bethlehem's manger,

As a child he lay,

But the angels hail him

Lord of lords to-day.

We will join their chorus,

Hail our Saviour-King,

Bring to him our treasures,

Christmas carols sing.

19. O, how do you suppose Child Jesus looked in the manger?

20. Let's make pictures about it [stepping to the blackboard and pinning up a picture. Several pictures may be provided for children to put up, each naming the one she pins to the board.]

21. Now let's stop telling stories, and sing our sunshine song. All sing. (Tune, "I am so Glad.")

I am so glad for the sunshine of gold,

Waking the blossoms on hillside and wold,

Shining through windows, or dancing in play

Over the snowdrifts this dear Christmas Day.

I am so glad for the sunshine of gold,

Sunshine of gold, sunshine of gold;

I am so glad for the sunshine of gold,

Sunshine for you and me.

Chorus: Changing Sunshine of gold to Sunshine of love.

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LESSON IX. (December 1.)

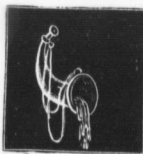
DAVID ANOINTED KING. 1 Sam. 16.

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GOLDEN TEXT. "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16. 7).

Primary Notes.

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There was once a happy family, and while the children were little all went well; but when they grew older one of the boys became naughty and disobedient; he grew worse all the time, and at last his

father said he made so much trouble in the home that he must either behave or go somewhere else to live. I am sorry to tell you that, in spite of his mother's tears, he declared he would rather go away than stay at home and do right.

Years passed and he was still far from home. His mother mourned for him and prayed every day that he might turn from his wrongdoing. Why did she mourn? Because of his sin.

What king have we been studying about who did very wrong? [Review lesson of "Saul Rejected."] Who was made sorry by his sin? Sam-