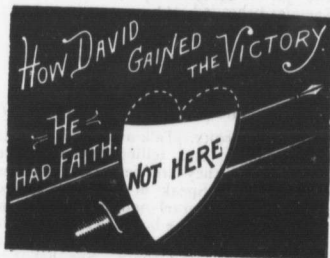


that is waiting for him. No one has strength enough of his own to conquer any giant, but God has plenty of strength. Teach Golden Text, and show that it is the Lord's business to fight battles, and that he does it for every one who trusts him. Tell that the best pebbles for a Christian child's sling are Bible texts, prayer, hymns, thoughts about Jesus.

#### Blackboard.

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Draw the shield and sword and spear, but leave off the dotted lines over the shield. David gained the victory, not because he had faith in the weapons of war, but because he had faith in God. Illustrate this by first speaking of the shield and sword and spear, then erase the top of the shield, and where the dotted lines are shown in the diagram make lines which will transform it into a heart. Erase the word "not." It will then read: *How David gained the victory. He had faith here.* [In the heart].

#### MY GREATEST FOE.

WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT?

HOW SHALL I FIGHT IT?

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S.

#### Lesson Word-Pictures.

A battle to-day, and we will be there to see it. A battle between that big, brawny, brawling, blasphemous giant, and whom? Peep in at that tent-door where they are getting ready his opponent. That young fellow? Absurd! He is a shepherd, and they are weighing him down with heavy armour. "Ridiculous!" his oldest and envious brother would say. "He can't use it. The work he is fitted to is the carrying of the lambs' babies." And the young shepherd—he is thinking. His thoughts are far away, and he is looking upon some "green pasture." He is gazing down into the "still

waters" of a brook. He sees the round pebbles there that he could skilfully sling. There is his weapon, both sword and spear, and may God be his shield and coat-of-mail on this awful day! "I cannot go with these," he says, and puts away that heavy armour. A staff in one hand and a sling in the other, five smooth stones in his shepherd's bag, all alone, and yet with God all about him, he goes out to meet that big, brawling Philistine. And what a mass of flesh, shining all over with brass, a helmet of brass on his head, a coat of mail clothing with brass his breast, greaves of brass upon his legs, target of brass between his shoulders—what a massive mountain of martial splendour! And that young fellow on the other side, whose only armour is the cloth his mother spun for him, and his weapon that sling dangling from his hand! How the Philistine cursed him for his impudence! And all along the line of the Philistine host, ranged behind their champion, what a sneer and laugh must have gone up! And how the Israelites back of the young shepherd must have blushed for him! If that older brother could only have shut him up with lambs at home and kept him penned there! But see, he is running toward the Philistine! Quick! Take in that whole scene, the Israelites here, the Philistines there, shame on this side, sneers on that, and between the two that huge, towering, threatening giant toward whom the young shepherd is running. Now God be with thee, plucky soul! Watch him! He has put a stone in his sling. He has drawn back his arm, he is aiming, he lets fly the stone! And straight as any bullet to its mark flies that missile, and in a great, helpless, senseless heap, the giant tumbles! It is all over in a moment, and David stands victorious upon the body of Goliath. There is a great cry rending all the air behind David, and Israel runs toward the Philistines! The once sneering host now scatters, melting away hopelessly as any late snow before a spring sun, and behind their retreating footsteps is heard the swift, pursuing tread of Israel's army.

#### LESSONS FOR DECEMBER, 1883.

- Dec. 2. David's Enemy, Saul. 1 Sam. 18. 1-16.
- Dec. 9. David's Friend, Jonathan. 1 Sam. 20. 32-42.
- Dec. 16. David Sparing his Enemy. 1 Sam. 24. 1-17.
- Dec. 23. Death of Saul and Jonathan. 1 Sam. 31. 1-13.
- Dec. 30. Fourth Quarterly Review.