

Tell about these troublesome enemies of Israel. As long as Saul kept on God's side, he was able to conquer them, but since he had disobeyed God, and God was soon to take his king's crown from him, he was afraid of these enemies and could not overcome them. Tell about the giant, GOLIATH, who was the bold, boastful leader of the Philistines, afraid of no one—strong in his own might. Tell his boastful words as he strutted back and forth in view of the Israelites. (Over this camp, a flag—GOD AGAINST US.

The Boy David—Now take the children back to have a look at David again (recall last Lesson). Let the children tell you all they can about young David—his appearance, his bravery, etc. (Tell vs. 13-27; and then 28-37.) Let us print some things about David which we learn from our Lesson :

David was A DUTIFUL BOY (went back to feed his father's sheep.)

" " AN OBEDIENT BOY (went to the camp, as his father told him.)

" " A BOYLIKE BOY (shouted for the battle.)

" " A FEARLESS BOY (I will go and fight the giant.)

" " A DETERMINED BOY (v. 36.)

" " A GOD-FEARING BOY (v. 37.)

" " A GOD-TRUSTING BOY (He will

deliver me from all my enemies.)

(Tell vs. 38, 39.)

With God's Help—Picture this lad going forth to meet the giant. Now we hear about the five stones and the sling which David used, and we see how well it was that David had played with his sling, and had learned to use it well. See! Here comes Goliath (picture him). How he laughs and jeers at the young lad David! Ah, but wait! David has a SHIELD that the giant cannot see (outline a shield and print on it, GOD). Tell of David's trustful words, vs. 45-47.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text. Tell how David AND GOD killed the giant and caused all their enemies to run away.

The Giants We Meet—Every boy and girl has to fight the giant Sin. Frank or Willie alone cannot conquer sin, but Frank And God, or Willie And God, can do anything. Ask God to help you to kill all sin in your own little heart, and to let you help in some way to kill sin in the world. (How can you help?) "Don't say those bad words, Jimmy", is one stone you can throw, to help to kill the giant Swearing. (Teacher will find many illustrations to help in explaining this practical thought.)

Something to Think About—I can conquer sin.

FROM THE PLATFORM

DAVID'S TRUST TRIUMPH

Print on the blackboard, DAVID'S TRUST. Bring out by questioning, first, the weapon on which David depended. This was his sling, which he had learned by constant practice to use with great skill. For the modern use of the sling see Light from the East. But David's confidence did not rest on his own skill or courage alone. Whose battle did he say the fight with the giant really was? (See v. 47, "The battle is the Lord's".) Make it clear that he looked for victory because the Lord was on his side and he was on the Lord's side. With a familiar, well tried weapon in his hand, and trust towards God in his heart, the young shepherd went out to battle. Now print, DAVID'S TRIUMPH. The scholars will be eager to tell the story. Leave time for a few words about the giants we have to fight, and the certainty of victory if we are practised in the use of God's Word (see Application on v. 40) and put our trust in David's God.