

Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord, instead of trying to make something out of God's trust for yourself?"

But Saul said, "Not so, Samuel, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, I only allowed my men to keep a few of the best sheep and oxen to offer in sacrifice."

But Samuel answered, "Can the Lord be as much pleased with sacrifices and offerings as in obeying His words? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

And Samuel rebuked Saul for his unfaithfulness, and told him that the Lord would no longer allow the kingdom to remain in his family, but would give it to a neighbor who was better than he.

When Saul heard this, he was very sorry, though he still laid the blame on the people. But being sorry did not prevent his kingdom being taken from him.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What work did the Lord give Saul to do? 2. Who were the Amalekites? 3. What did the Lord say should be done with the enemies' stuff? 4. How did Saul disobey God? 5. Who met the king on his way home? 6. What question did Samuel ask Saul? 7. Whom did Saul blame for his wrong-doing? 8. Why did they say they had kept the animals? 9. How was the king punished for his unfaithfulness? 10. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Before going away on a three days' visit, mother told the children not to pick any flowers in the garden until she returned, for she would perhaps bring a visitor home with her, when she wanted the garden to look its best.

On the third day Mary said, "I'm sure mother will be pleased if I decorate the rooms just a little. A few flowers will never be missed"; so she cut some of the choicest blossoms.

Foolish Mary, to suppose that her mother would be pleased with a love-offering that was the result of disobedience. She was not. When she came home she told Mary to put the lovely flowers out of sight, and at

bed-time the little girl had this verse to learn: "To obey is better than sacrifice."

### Lesson Hymn

There's not a child so small and weak  
But has his little cross to take,  
His little work of love and praise  
That he may do for Jesus' sake. Amen.  
—Hymn 527, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—38. How did Jesus spend His life when He grew up to be a man? When Jesus grew up to be a man He went about doing good, and teaching men about God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—87. What is repentance unto life? A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of and endeavor after new obedience.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

How much we should miss if we could not hear the songs of the birds and other beautiful sounds! And if our heavenly Father has given us ears to enjoy these, should we



not use them to listen carefully to all that He says to us in His holy Book? They should be kept tightly closed, too, against even a whisper of anything false and wicked.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT GOD LOVES TRUTH