

you are thinking about the lesson yourselves you will be able to put in a judicious word or suggestion now and again, to fit right in with their Sabbath School teaching, and which will perchance be of more real benefit than all the long talks in the world.

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### The Children's Sunday Evening

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Mothers often find it difficult to entertain their children on Sunday. I would like to tell them of an evening that I once spent with some friends, thinking that it may contain a few helpful suggestions.

As the twilight hour approached, all who could not attend the evening church service assembled in the parlor for a social hour.

It was one of those chilly evenings which we sometimes have in late summer and a cheerful wood-fire blazed upon the hearth. Since the Sabbath School at noon, Auntie had entertained the children with readings in her own room.

Now the little ones were in bed, and the elder boys were eager for further entertainment, before they too left us for sleep-land.

"What shall we do?" they cried, as we gathered around the fire.

"Let us have a good sing," said Ernest, the eldest. We all agreed, and while one played the organ, the others joined in the old familiar hymns; and the boys must have a solo from each one, so Royal sang a lovely little song about the Star of Bethlehem, others followed with selections of their own. "Now we will sing my favorite," said Royal:

"Dare to be a Daniel!  
Dare to stand alone!  
Dare to have a purpose true!  
Dare to make it known!"

"I like that hymn," he continued, "it sounds so noble and grand." So we all sang the favorite hymn, and the boys made it very inspiring with their emphatic "dares."

"Now," said Auntie, "you must be tired singing, so we will have Bible 'come's you come.'"

"What is that?" asked the uninitiated.

"You will see presently," said Auntie. "Ernest, you may begin—choose some character from the Bible, give us the initial letter of the name, and we will guess who it is."

The boys were familiar with Bible history, and it took only a moment for Ernest to select the letter S.

"Do we read about this person in the Old Testament?" asked Auntie.

"Yes."

"Is he mentioned after the Children of Israel came out of Egypt?"

"Yes."

"Was he a very strong man, and did he have long hair?"

"I do not think his hair was remarkably long, and I never heard that he was especially strong," said Ernest.

"Did his mother dedicate him to the Lord when he was a little boy, and did he go to live with a priest, and one night did the Lord call him by name three times?" asked Royal.

"No, it was not Samuel."

"Was he a great king?" inquired Auntie.

"Yes."

"Was he jealous of a young man who, he thought, wanted to take away his kingdom, and did he go to war against him?"

"No, it was not Saul."

"Was he a very rich king?"

"Yes."

"Was he noted for his wisdom?"

"Yes."

"Ah, now we are getting nearer the right answer. Did a certain queen come to visit him when she heard of his fame and glory, and did she declare the half was never told her?" asked one.

"Yes."

"Solomon," we all exclaimed.

"Right," said Ernest.

"Now let me give one," said Royal, "and it shall be the letter D."

"Was he also a great king?" we asked.

"No."

"Was he a very good man, and was he put in the lion's den at one time for praying to the Lord?"