

friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." That means obedience.

Lesson—We are going to hear what Samuel told the children of Israel about obedience to God, their best Friend. You remember God had always been their King; but they had turned from God and asked for a king like other nations. God was displeased, but let them have their own way, and you know the name of the king He gave them. Impress the thought that what God wants is obedience.

Samuel's Advice—For a time the people were turned against Saul, but God helped him to destroy some of their enemies, and the people were gathered round Gilgal, to receive Saul again as their king. It was a time of rejoicing. Here in their midst stands up old Samuel with his long white hair and beard. See him as he leans upon his staff! He reminds them of their sin in forsaking God.

Two Paths—He tells them of two paths which are open before them. They must choose which path they will walk in. (The incident of the thunder storm is to show them that Samuel's word is powerful, that God is with him.) Let us imagine Samuel taking his staff and drawing on the ground before him a line like this—forming two

paths, one of which they must choose:

DISOBEDIENCE THE HAND OF THE LORD—AGAINST YOU—MISERY—DESTRUCTION.

OBEDIENCE—FEAR NOT!—THE LORD WILL NOT FORSAKE HIS PEOPLE—HAPPINESS—SAFETY.

"Consider how great things He has done for you." (What has God done for us?) Serve Him; obey His voice.

Golden Text—Print and repeat. Practical lessons regarding service and obedience may be had from Gal. 5: 13 and Col. 3: 20.

A teacher of an infant class asked them, "How big must you be before you can serve and obey Jesus? Must you be as big as I am? All that think so, may raise their hands." Quite a number thought they must be as big as their teacher. "All who do not think so, raise hands. Well, Mary, how big do you think we must be before we can serve and obey Jesus?" The answer came, "Just as big as we are." No one is too small to do something for Jesus.

Whisper Sentence—God wants me to obey.

Sing—

Jesus, cleanse and save me,
Teach me to obey;
Holy Spirit, guide me
On my heavenly way.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

SERVE THE LORD

EARNESTLY SINGLY SINCERELY

Question about the appointment of Saul as King. Bring out the point, that, although he was chosen by the people, it was really the Lord who had called him to his high office. Make it clear that the Lord was still King of Israel and that Saul and his people were bound to serve Him. Then impress the truth that it is our duty, also, to serve the Lord. In the lesson there is an answer to the question, How should we serve God? (1) With all our heart, that is, EARNESTLY. (2) Without turning aside, that is SINGLY. The Israelites were tempted to serve idols along with God, and Samuel warned them against this. Ask for some of the things which are apt to draw us away from the service of God. (3) In truth, that is, SINCERELY. There must be no pretence in our service. Now ask; What does the Lord promise to those who serve Him? Shall we not all serve Him?