

THE SWEET STORY OF OLD.

THINK when I read that sweet story of old,  
When Jesus was here among men,  
How he called little children as lambs to  
his fold,  
I should like to have been with him then.  
I wish that his hands had been placed on  
my head,  
That his arms had been thrown around  
me;  
And that I might have seen his kind looks  
when he said,  
"Let the little ones come unto me."

Yet still to his footstool in prayer I may go,  
And ask for a share in his love;  
And if I thus earnestly seek him below,  
I shall see him and hear him above.

There's a beautiful place he has gone to  
prepare  
For all who are washed and forgiven;  
And many dear children are gathering there,  
For of such is the kingdom of heaven.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

B.C. 1079] LESSON VII. [Aug. 18

SAUL REJECTED BY THE LORD.

1 Sam. 15. 10-23. Commit to mem. vs. 22, 23.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Because thou hast rejected the word of  
the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from  
being king. 1 Sam. 15. 23.

OUTLINE.

1. The Rejected Word, v. 10-21.
2. The Rejected King, v. 22, 23.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who was king of Israel? Saul.  
What did he soon show? Self-will and  
disobedience.  
What did this bring upon him? The  
displeasure of the Lord.  
What grieved Samuel greatly? The Lord's  
wrath against Saul.  
What did Samuel do? He prayed all  
night.  
What did he then do? He went to meet  
Saul.  
What did Saul say he had done? Obeyed  
the Lord?  
Against whom had Saul been sent? The  
Amalekites.  
Who was their king? Agag.  
What did the Lord command? That  
Agag and all that he had should be destroyed.

What did Saul do? He spared Agag,  
and the best of all he had.

What excuse did he make for sparing the  
best of the animals? That he might offer  
them in sacrifice.

What did Samuel say? That obedience  
is better than sacrifice.

What did Samuel tell Saul? That God  
would not let him be king.

Why? Because Saul would not have  
God for his king.

What is our only safety? In obeying  
God our King.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Whole-hearted Obedience  
Hears just what God says,  
Does just what he says,  
Does it just as he says

Half-hearted Obedience  
Hears but does not understand,  
Obeys as far as it pleases,  
Seeks self more than God.

'To obey is better than sacrifice.'

CATECHISM QUESTION.

21. How did it hurt them?

By causing them to be born in sin, so  
that they also suffer pain and death.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The fruit of  
disobedience.

B.C. 1063] LESSON VIII [Aug. 25

THE ANOINTING OF DAVID.

1 Sam. 16. 1-13. Commit to mem. vs. 11-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Man looketh on the outward appearance,  
but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Sam.  
16. 7.

OUTLINE.

1. As Man Looketh, v. 1-10.
2. As the Lord Looketh, v. 11-13.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Why did Samuel mourn for Saul? Be-  
cause Saul had forsaken God.  
To whom did the Lord send Samuel?  
To Jesse, the Bethlehemite.  
What was he to seek there? A king  
among Jesse's sons.  
Why did Samuel fear to go? He was  
afraid that Saul would kill him.  
What may we expect when we go on the  
Lord's errands? The Lord's protection.  
What did Samuel offer to God at Beth-  
lehem? A sacrifice.  
Whom did he call to the sacrifice? Jesse  
and his sons.  
How many sons had Jesse? Eight.  
How many came to the sacrifice? Seven.

Where was the young one? In the fields,  
tending sheep.

Which one did Samuel think would be  
king? Eliab.

Why did he think God had chosen Eliab?  
Because of his fine appearance.

Upon what does the Lord look? Upon  
the heart.

How many of Jesse's sons passed before  
Samuel? Seven.

Which of the seven did he choose?  
Neither one.

Who was then sent for? David, the  
youngest son.

What did the Lord say? "Anoint him,  
this is he."

What did Samuel do? He anointed  
David.

What came upon David? The Spirit of  
the Lord.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God Reads the Heart.

In the heart given to Jesus he sees Love,  
Faith, Obedience, Good-will, Patience,  
Peace.

What does he see in my heart?

CATECHISM QUESTION.

22. What do you mean by being born  
again?

We are all born self-willed, and, but for  
the grace of God, inclined only to evil.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Conversion.

TO THE BOYS.

Do you fully realize what it is to be a  
boy, walking with rapid strides toward  
manhood, in this stage of the world's  
history? Do you think how great is the  
present demand for the best, the noblest,  
and the strongest boy-material out of which  
men may be made? You long to be a man  
but do you know how much the word "man"  
means, or should mean? Do you know that  
it is a grand and noble thing to be a true  
man? What boy's heart does not beat  
with high exultation as he looks forward a  
few short years to manhood? But do you  
know "the boy is father to the man," and  
that manhood is stamped with the charac-  
teristics and features which boyhood ex-  
hibits?

Are you such manly boys that your most  
intimate friends have no occasion to fear  
your becoming boyish men? Are you so  
obedient to all legitimate authority now  
that you give promise of becoming law-  
loving men hereafter? Are you so truly  
noble and honourable in your dealings with  
your comrades while at play that your  
honour will be above suspicion as business  
men in after days?—*The Well-Spring.*