

again the boy arose and went to Eli, who once more said that Samuel was mistaken and to go back to bed. But he had scarcely lain down when he heard the same voice calling, "Samuel! Samuel!" and for the third time Samuel got up and went to Eli's room. Then the old priest knew that it must be God who had called the boy, for as yet Samuel did not know the Lord's voice, and Eli said, "If you hear the voice again you must say, 'Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth.'"

Now Samuel, as soon as he had lain down again, heard his name spoken as before, and this time he answered as Eli had told him.

Then God told Samuel that he wanted him to take a message to Eli, telling him that because of the great wickedness of his two sons, the priests, whom he had not rebuked, although by their doings they were bringing disgrace upon the temple and its worship, He would send a terrible punishment upon him and them, such as should make the eyes

of all the people in Israel to burn with shame.

Then Samuel lay still in his bed until the morning. And when as usual he was opening the doors of the temple, and Eli asked him what the Lord had said, Samuel hid nothing from him, but told Eli exactly all the words that the Lord had spoken to him in the night.

Questions on the Lesson

1. For what did Hannah ask the Lord?
2. Why did she send her boy to live in the temple?
3. What did Samuel do there?
4. What was the high priest's name?
5. What happened one night when Samuel was asleep in God's house?
6. Whom did he think was calling him?
7. Who was speaking to him?
8. How many times did he hear the voice and go to Eli?
9. What did Eli tell him to do the last time?
10. What did God say to Samuel?
11. What is the Golden Text?

THE OPEN EAR

O give me Samuel's ear,
The open ear, O Lord,
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of Thy word—
Like him to answer at Thy call,
And to obey Thee first of all.

O give me Samuel's heart,
A lowly heart, that waits
Where in Thy house Thou art,
Or watches at Thy gates,
By day and night, a heart that still
Moves at the breathing of Thy will.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God has work for the young



Primary Catechism—128. What will become of the wicked at the Judgment Day? The wicked will then be driven away forever from the presence of God.

Shorter Catechism—55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God maketh himself known.

Lesson Hymn

Though small is all that we can do
To please the King of Heaven;
When hearts and hands and lips unite
To serve the Saviour with delight,
They are most precious in His sight;
Such grace to mine be given.

Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise