

you into our hands." As the giant drew near to meet David, David started and ran to meet him, put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, and slung it, and smote the giant on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and the giant fell upon his face to the ground. Then David ran and stood upon the giant, took his sword and cut off his head. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. Sketch two hills, with valley of Elah between them. Make dots for the army of Philistines, and a large stroke for Goliath on one side; on the other side make fence dots for Israelites, and strokes for Saul and David. Write on board number of stones, describe the sling, and show symbols of bag and staff.

VI. APPLICATION: "The battle is the Lord's," David said. What did he mean by that? Was it he that killed the giant? No, it was God who killed the giant for him. God, who guided the stone, because David trusted in him, and shewed he trusted, by doing what he knew God would like him to do. We, too, like David, have giants to be killed, great giants in our hearts. Let us see what the names of some of these giants are: Selfishness, pride, ill-temper, disobedience, irreverence and many more. How can we get them driven out? Just as David, trust in God to kill them, to drive them out, and then show that we trust him by doing what he would like us to do about them. If the giant of selfishness is in our heart, let us trust God to drive it out, and then show him we trust him by doing what we can to fight it ourselves. We may not succeed all at once, but little by little we will. If we go on fighting the victory will be sure, for "the battle is the Lord's." When you speak of "giant-selfishness," make a heart on the board and write "selfishness" in it. When you speak of "fighting little by little," cross out a little bit of selfishness at a time till you get it all crossed out.

## LESSON XI—December 15th, 1895.

### David and Jonathan. I SAM. 20: 32-42.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Proverbs 18: 24.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: Jesus, the best friend.

III. REVIEW: What two armies were encamped in the valley of Elah? How did David happen to be there? Who killed the giant? Have we any giants to kill? Tell the names of some of them. How can we get them killed?

IV. INTERESTING EVENTS: After David returned from slaying Goliath, Abner brought him before Saul, who kept him at the court. Jonathan and he became friends and loved one another. Saul envied David, and sought to kill him. Saul's hatred and David's glory increased. Jonathan told David of his father's purpose to kill him. He persuaded his father to be reconciled to David. Saul's rage again broke out because of David's success in the new war. Michal deceived her father with an image in David's bed. David went to Samuel in Nain. Saul's messengers were sent to take David. Saul prophesied. David consulted with Jonathan for his safety, and renewed their covenant by oath. Jonathan planned a signal with David. Saul missed David, and commanded Jonathan to fetch him, that he might put him to death.

V. LESSON STORY: After David had killed Goliath, Saul kept him at his court. There David and Saul's son, Jonathan, became very great friends, and loved one another very much. Saul, now that the Spirit of the Lord had departed from him, and the evil spirit had come upon him, acted very strangely. He became envious of David, got to hate him, and wanted to kill him. Many times he tried to do this, and at last, in order to save his life, David went to the old prophet Samuel in Ramah. Saul heard where he was, and sent messengers, and went himself, to take David, but David escaped from him, and went back to his friend Jonathan to help him. Jonathan was very glad to see him, and told him he would do whatever he could for him. Next day, the feast of the new moon, was to be kept, and David was expected to be present, but he was afraid to go in case Saul might kill him. So he and Jonathan, agreed upon a plan. The plan was this: David was to hide behind a rock in a field in the country not far from Gibeath, and Jonathan was to let him know if Saul was very angry, or if it was safe for him to return to the court. As it might not be safe for Jonathan to be seen going to David's hiding-place, he was to go with a boy to a field near the hiding-place and shoot with bow and arrows, as at a mark, and send the boy after the arrows. If he shouted to the boy (so that David could hear him), "Behold the arrows are on this side of thee—take them," David would know that it was safe for him to return to the court, but if he shouted, "Behold the arrows are beyond thee," then David would know that he would have to hasten away. During the feast Saul enquired for David and when Jonathan made excuses for him, Saul cast a javelin at him. Then Jonathan knew his father was determined to kill