

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

MY gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim ;
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honours of Thy name.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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MONDAY—Ps. 26 : 8.
TUESDAY—Ps. 71 : 8.
WEDNESDAY—Ps. 145 : 5.
THURSDAY—1 Pet. 2 : 17.
FRIDAY—Rev. 4 : 11.
SATURDAY—Dan. 4 : 37.
SABBATH—Ex. 20 : 12.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



DAVID, the shepherd-king, is dishonored in our lesson to-day. Our golden text, given many years before by Moses, is: "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Our story to-day is a sad one. Absalom was a tall, handsome and attractive young man, and was known all over the country for his beautiful hair. He was just the man who would have made a great king, so far as his appearance went ; but handsome people are not always good people, and this is the sad part of our story to-day. Instead of honouring his father, he did just the opposite. He prepared him a chariot, and horses, and fifty men, and tried to get the people to make him king instead of his father. To do this he made a plot. He asked his father to allow him to go to Hebron to pay a vow which he said he had made. This his father, king David, allowed him to do ; but instead of paying his vow, Absalom immediately sent men throughout Israel to tell the people at a given signal to proclaim him king in Hebron. The plot was a strong one and many people followed Absalom. We will learn in our lesson story next week what the end of it all was.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is the name of David's son in our lesson story to-day?
2. What is our golden text ?
3. Which commandment is it ?
4. How did Absalom disobey this commandment ?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK

O God! guard my thoughts, words and actions, so that I
may never dishonour Thee.