

iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin (Psalm 32, 5).

Scholars. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me (Psalm 51, 10).

Teachers. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins (Col. 1, 14).

All. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee (Psalm 33, 22).

LESSON VIII.

All. Absalom's Rebellion.

Supt. Absalom said, moreover. Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom (2 Sam. 15, 4, 5, 6, 12).

Scholars. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee (Exod. 20, 12).

Teachers. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise (Eph. 6, 1, 2).

All. O let me not wander from thy commandments (Psalm 119, 10).

LESSON IX.

All. Absalom's Death.

Supt. And the king said unto Cush, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cush answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son! (2 Sam. 18, 32, 33).

Scholars. The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish (Psalm 1, 6).

Teachers. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming (Psalm 37, 12, 13).

All. Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive against me: fight against them that fight against me (Psalm 33, 1).

LESSON X.

All. David's Love for God's House.

Supt. And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house unto the name of the Lord my God: but the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest. He shall build a house for my name (1 Chron. 22, 7-10).

Scholars. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee (Psalm 84, 4).

Teachers. Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary (Lev. 19, 30).

All. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God (Psalm 84, 2).

LESSON XI.

All. David's Gratitude to God.

Supt. It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me, and that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name (2 Sam. 22, 48-50).

Scholars. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer (2 Sam. 22, 2).

Teachers. In him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour (2 Sam. 22, 3).

All. I will love thee, O Lord, my strength (Psalm 18, 1).

LESSON XII.

All. Destructive Vices.

Supt. Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly. He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city (Prov. 16, 22, 32).

Scholars. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death (Prov. 16, 25).

Teachers. The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe (Prov. 18, 10).

All. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits (Psalm 103, 1, 2).