

as a whole, instead of one or more isolated details.

As the child recognizes that love is service he may gradually be taught something of the love and service of Jesus Christ by stories from the Gospels. These may be told without comment, except in answer to the child's questions, and will make their own impression as he is capable of receiving it.

It is not difficult to lead a little child to Christ. It is most natural; but there is one thing to remember, a child must come as a child and not as an adult. Until he is conscious of sin he cannot be conscious of the need of a Saviour; but as he is led in love to ask God, for Christ's sake, to forgive a particular wrong he has committed, the meaning of, and need of, a personal Saviour will gradually dawn upon him. Especially will he be helped to understand as he learns through the medium of his father and mother what it is to be a forgiven child. It is with the child as with the race,—the concrete and the type must ever come before the abstract idea.

The earnest, thoughtful Sunday School teacher may, and does, do much for the child; but the father and mother who relegate this part of their child's training to any one else, miss some of the most precious privileges of parenthood.

The Quarter's Stories

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The little ones are sure to love the stories of this Quarter, because there is so much in them about David, the shepherd boy, who became king of Israel.

Amongst the very first of these stories is one that tells how Samuel, the old prophet and judge, received a command from God to go to the home of a man named Jesse in Bethlehem, the place where Jesus was long afterwards born, and choose one of Jesse's sons to become king in place of Saul. One by one, seven sons of Jesse passed before Samuel, but the Lord had chosen none of these to be king. At last David was sent for, and Samuel was told to anoint him as king.

Another of the stories is about David's battle with the great Philistine giant, Goliath,

and the wonderful victory which the shepherd lad, with his sling and stones, gained over the boastful warrior with his splendid armor and weapons.

In some of the stories, we shall learn, too, about the friendship between Jonathan and David. Surely no one can help loving Jonathan who was so unselfish; that he was willing for David to become king, though he himself was the king's son.

These are some of the delightful stories in the Lessons of the Quarter. And besides the stories, three beautiful psalms are given. One of these is the lovely "Shepherd's Psalm," which begins, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Every boy and girl should learn this sweet little Psalm by heart, and then it will be a joy to them all their lives.

Some Bible Animals

By Mary Isobel Houston

THE LION

How would you like to be called after a lion? That is what many boys in Eastern lands used to be named for long ago. The name Asad, meaning "lion," was very common at one time and was supposed to help make the boys who bore it strive to be courageous, strong and noble, like the king of beasts.

There were many lions in Palestine in ancient times, making their dens in thickets or forests, or in the mountains, so that the shepherds whose flocks were feeding near had to be constantly on the watch. These lions of Palestine were not so large nor so ferocious as the huge African lions which we see behind the bars of a cage at the Zoo, so sometimes a shepherd was able to attack one single-handed. David, you remember, was able to kill both a lion and a bear which had tried to carry off one of his lambs, and other shepherds often had to fight them off in the same way.

To call a man or a boy a lion meant great praise, as a lion stood for all that was strong and noble. Jesus Himself was spoken of as "the lion of the tribe of Judah."

But the Bible has compared the lion to other and less attractive things. Sin is