

No. 53, Dominion Hymnal.

Thronging the temple like those of old,
Saviour, we enter thy tender fold.

My Sabbath song.

Sing them over again.

Come, said Jesus' sacred voice.

Saviour, like a shepherd.

Keep thou my way.

I love to tell the story.

O God, my youth is thine.

Father, lead thy little child.

Dear Jesus, hear me.

God is in heaven.

Growing up for Jesus.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The Call.

Who was Samuel? Read chap. 1.
How came he to be ministering unto the Lord?
Where was the tabernacle of Israel at this time located?

Why was it that God seemed to be so distant from men at this time?

What is meant by the assertion that Samuel did not know the Lord?

How did God call Samuel?

Do you believe that God calls men now as certainly as then?

Give a reason for your answer.

How does God call men now?

What is essential now to hearing God's call?

Why were not other boys in Israel called as well as Samuel?

What had led to this special call?

2. The Message.

To whom did this message relate?

Why was not the message given directly to Eli?

What two parental courses are brought into strong contrast by this message?

What does one of the commandments say about visiting iniquity of fathers upon children? Exod. 20. 5.

How was the visitation of iniquity in this case?

What law concerning parental duty is here implicitly stated?

Was the message new?

Why was not the manner of the punishment revealed?

Practical Teachings.

No open vision: in times of spiritual dearth and spiritual death, in the Church, in society, in human life.

Nothing to see, because nothing to see with. The boy's eyes were the only two eyes in all Israel.

He did not know God. But he heard his voice. He needed only one lesson from Eli. But we?

The lesson of God's nearness is told us a hundred times, and we heed not. Faithful mother: her boy became God's channel for revelation. Unfaithful Eli: his sons became the channels of God's wrath.

Hints for Home Study.

1. Learn all about Samuel's parentage and previous history.

2. Learn about the tabernacle; where it was stationed, etc.

3. Who was Eli? Search all the references concerning him in the Scriptures.

4. Find indications of the beginning of the prophetic order previous to this. See chap. 2.

5. Write a parallel, or a contrast, between yourself and Samuel.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. The Call, vs. 1-10.

Of what child ministry does this lesson tell?

What is said of the word of God?

What shows that Eli was growing old?

Whose call did Samuel hear?

What statement shows the time of this call?

How long were the lamps kept burning? Exod. 27. 20.

From whom did Samuel think the call came?

What did Eli bid him do?

What was done and said when the call was repeated?

Of what was Samuel yet ignorant?

What did Eli infer from the third call?

What did he bid Samuel do and say?

What then occurred?

What was Samuel's reply to this call? (Golden Text.)

2. The Message, vs. 11-14.

To whom would God's message prove startling?

Against whom did God pronounce a judgment?

What warning had Eli before received?

By whom had this warning been uttered? Chap. 27. 2.

For what evil in his family was he responsible?

When would the evil be forgiven?

How can we be saved from such peril? Psa. 19. 13.

Teachings of the Lesson.

What is there in this lesson which teaches—

1. That we ought to serve God while young?

2. That we ought to listen to God's word?

3. That we should fear God's judgments?

Home Work for Young Bereans.

Learn of a young king who honored God's word before his people.

Learn of a New Testament character who, from childhood, knew God's word.

Read in Luke the story of a child in the temple.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who was Eli? A priest and a judge of Israel.

Where did he minister? In the Lord's house.

Who helped Eli care for the Lord's house? The child Samuel.

Whose son was Samuel? The son of Elkannah and Hannah.

To whom did they give Samuel? To God.

Who came and called Samuel one night? The Lord.

Who did Samuel think called him? Eli.

How many times did Samuel rise to go to Eli? Three times.

What did Eli tell Samuel to do? To say, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

What did Samuel do? He answered the Lord's call.

With whom did the Lord talk? With Samuel.

What did he tell him? That he would punish the house of Israel.

How could God trust a child? Samuel had shown himself an obedient child.

Who calls children now? The Lord.

How does he call? By his word and his Spirit.

Who are sure to hear? The obedient and attentive.

How should we answer the Lord's call? "Speak, Lord; thy servant heareth."

Words with Little People.

(To love Jesus.

I am called. To obey Jesus.

To work for Jesus.

"Faithful is he that called you." 1 Thess. 5. 24.

"I have called thee by thy name." Isa. 43. 1.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

(For the entire school.)

1. Where did Samuel first receive a revelation from Jehovah? In the tabernacle at Shiloh.

2. Under what circumstances was Samuel at the tabernacle? He was ministering unto the Lord.

3. What was peculiar about this first revelation? God called, and Samuel knew it not.

4. What was Samuel's answer when he learned that the voice was God's? "Then Samuel answered, Speak," etc.

5. What reason did God assign for his punishment of Eli? Infidelity to parental responsibility.

6. When Eli heard the message what did he say? "It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good."

CATECHISM QUESTION.

29. Are there more gods than one?

There is one God only, the living and true God.

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord.—Deuteronomy vi. 4.