

The voice at midnight came ;  
 He started up to hear ;  
 A mortal arrow pierced his frame ;  
 He fell, but felt no fear.

The pains of death are past,  
 Labour and sorrow cease,  
 And, life's long warfare closed at last,  
 His soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ, well done !  
 Praise be thy new employ ;  
 And, while eternal ages run,  
 Rest in thy Saviour's joy !

#### QUESTIONS, etc.

Recite TITLE. Look carefully over chapters 14, 15 and 16, that you may learn about the life of Samson. Recite TOPIC. Why may we call Samson "a hero?" Recite GOLDEN TEXT.

1. *Sport for the captors.* v. 25, 27.  
 Who were the captors of Samson? v. 21.  
 How did they treat their captive? v. 21.  
 What great jubilee did they hold on account of his capture? [See v. 23, 24, 27.]  
 Why was Samson called to the jubilee? v. 25.  
 What is meant by "he made them sport"?  
 Of what other great captive mentioned in Scripture was sport made?  
 For whose sake did Samson suffer this?  
 For whose sake was Jesus mocked?
2. *Supplication for strength.* v. 26, 28.  
 What did Samson ask of the lad who led him? v. 26.  
 What did he ask of God? v. 28.  
 Why did God answer this prayer?  
 How must we treat our enemies? [See Matt. 5, 44.]  
 [Recite Jesus' dying prayer: Luke 23, 34.]
3. *Slain among his foes.* v. 29, 30.  
 How many foes were around Samson? v. 27.  
 Read the account of the terrible end, v. 29, 30.  
 [Recite John 19, 30.]
4. *Sequel with his family.* v. 31.  
 Give the particulars of Samson's burial, v. 31.  
 Give some particulars of Jesus' burial.  
 Where in this lesson do we learn—  
 1. That our Golden Text is true?  
 2. That a pure heart is better than a strong body?  
 3. That merry-making runs easily into sin?  
 4. That he who prays should work?  
 5. That God is tender to his people, but terrible to his foes?

#### QUESTION AND ANSWER.

6. *What doth your baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, oblige you to do?*

My baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, obliges me first to renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh; secondly, that I should believe all the articles of the Christian faith; and, thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

#### OUTLINES, NOTES, AND LESSONS.

##### 1. REVIEW OF JUDGES.

1. *Othniel*; 2. *Ehud*; 3. *Deborah*; 4. *Gideon*; 5. *Abimelech*. [About 1209-1206 B.C.] A son of Gideon. He assumed for the first time the title of king. He put all the sons of Gideon to death except JOTHAM, the youngest, and made himself king. Read the story of Abimelech and the beautiful parable by Jotham in Judges 9. It is a stirring chapter. 6. *Tola*; 7. *Jair*; 8. *Jephthah*. Here, too, is a wonderful character of lowly birth. Called to be the leader of the people, he made assault on the Ammonites and routed them. Read the 11th and 12th chapters of Judges. You will find in the 11th chapter the melancholy story of "Jephthah's daughter," full of power and of pathos. Jephthah's rule lasted six years. 9. *Ibzan*; 10. *Elon*; 11. *Abdon*; 12. *SAMSON*.

2. THE STORY OF SAMSON. (1) IT IS FOUND in Judges—chapters 13 to 16. (2) IT BEGINS with the story of ISRAEL'S DE-CLENSION. "Israel did evil." Judges 13, 1. The Lord brings them into bondage again. This time into the hands of the Philistines. Judges 13, 1.

3. SAMSON'S HOME AND PARENTS AND BIRTH. His tribe—DAN. His birth-place ZORAH—now Sorah—about twenty-three miles south-east from Joppa.

..... "The village of *Sorah* stands about 1,150 feet above the sea, and is situated on the southern end of the hill crest overlooking the valley of the same name. On the opposite side of the valley, low down, is the river *Ain Shems*, (the ancient *Beth-shemesh*). . . . Looking across the valley to the opposite crest we can see the ruin of *Tibneh*, (the Ancient *Tinnath*), where dwelt Samson's betrothed; it is 740 feet above the sea, and, therefore, not in the plains, as some writers have stated. Samson in going down to it would descend 700 feet into the valley, and then ascend 350