

cities heard what had happened, they also fled in terror for their lives, and the Philistines took their cities and lived in them.

The day after the battle, when the Philistines were going over the battle field, they found Saul's body. And they took it and cut off the head and fastened it with the king's armor in the temple of their heathen gods. But the body they hung on the city wall, that all might see the disgrace that had come upon Israel.

But the men of Jabesh, a city which Saul had once saved from their enemies, came by night, and, taking down the body of their dead king, carried it home and buried it under a tamarisk tree, and made great mourning for King Saul.

When David heard of what the men of Jabesh had done, instead of being angry at them, he praised them for their loyalty to King Saul.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What last trouble came upon King Saul? 2. Where did he meet the Philistines? 3. Who went with him to battle? 4. Which side won? 5. What happened to Jonathan and his brothers? 6. What happened to the king? 7. Why did he ask his armorbearer to kill him? 8. When he refused, how did Saul die? 9. What did many of the Israelites do then? 10. Who took their homes? 11. What was done with Saul's body? 12. Where was his armor taken? 13. Who rescued the king's body and buried it? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

By the side of a house grew a lonesome old hickory tree. In summer its heavy foliage protected the house from the heat, and in autumn its yellow coloring seemed the brightest thing in the garden.

But one spring, when it had put forth its buds and leaves as usual, for no reason that anyone could see, it began to die.

At last, as a useless dead thing, it was cut down. Then at its roots were found many hundreds of little white worms, which had done all the mischief.

Is not the sad fate of this old tree a picture

of the trouble and death that came upon King Saul, because of the little white worms of sin and jealousy that lay cherished in his heart?

Lesson Hymn

Tender Shepherd, never leave us

From Thy fold to go astray ;

By thy look of love directed.

May we walk the narrow way !

Thus direct us, and protect us,

Lest we fall to sin a prey. Amen.

—Hymn 586, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—44. **What is it to be lost?** To be lost is to be left without God in this world, and to be shut out from His presence forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—93. *Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?* A. The sacraments of the New Testament are, Baptism, and the Lord's supper.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

You are now to draw a shield such as soldiers once used to keep off the arrows of their enemies. God is called in the Bible a



Shield. This means that He protects us from danger. How safe we ought to feel when we know that He stands between us and all that would harm us ! He is able to keep away from us every evil thing.

I Have Learned To-day that
GOD PUNISHES ME FOR MY GOOD