

his gods, promising to make short work of him.

But David answered, "Take care how you despise me, for I am come against you in the name of the God of Israel whom you have insulted. And I will smite you and kill you and throw your body to the wild beasts, that all the world may know that there is a God in Israel."

And taking a stone from his pouch, David shot it from his sling at the head of Goliath hitting him under the helmet, so that he fell heavily on his face to the ground. Then, running up quickly and jumping on the body of his enemy, David drew the giant's sword from its sheath and with one blow cut off Goliath's head, which he carried back with him in triumph to the camp of Israel.

The Philistines were filled with fear when they saw that their champion was dead, and they fled in terror before the children of Israel, into whose hearts David's brave deed had put fresh courage.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Upon what errand did David's father send him? 2. What were his brothers doing? 3. Who was Goliath? 4. How did he trouble Israel? 5. Why could they not overcome him? 6. What did David do when he heard of him? 7. How did Saul answer David? 8. How did he afterwards help him? 9. What did David do with Saul's armor? 10. What weapon did he take? 11. What did Goliath say when he saw the boy? 12. How did David answer? 13. How did he overcome him? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Davie was studying history, and as he read of the great generals and the battles that they fought, he longed to do some great thing himself.

"Oh, dear!" he said, "a boy has to wait so long before he can begin."

"You are mistaken, Davie," said his Aunt Jo. "There is a battle for boys and girls as well."

"How?" asked Davie.

"You must fight with yourself when you don't want to obey mother, and when you

feel angry. Make yourself obey. Here is a verse that will help you: "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city."

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,
Who Thy Father's flock dost keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,
Guarded still by Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 306, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—40. How did Jesus show that He was the Son of God? Jesus showed that He was the Son of God by His holy life, His heavenly teaching, and His wonderful works.

SHORTER CATECHISM—89. How is the word made effectual to salvation? A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

It is as hard for us to fight against the sins in our heart as it was for David to go with the sling and stones against Goliath. But God, who helped him to slay the giant, will



help us to kill our sins. If we are only brave and earnest and put our trust in God, we shall be sure to win the victory over these enemies of ours.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD WILL STRENGTHEN ME