

and he shot an arrow beyond the lad (what did that sign mean?), and called out, "Is not the arrow beyond thee? Make speed, haste, stay not." (Imagine how David felt when he heard these words!) The lad gathered up the arrows and Jonathan sent him home, vs. 35-40. Picture the sad farewell between the two friends, vs. 41, 42.

*Golden Text*—Repeat *Golden Text*. We should always be ready to help our friends. "Teddy'll look out for me. Teddy

O'Rourke's my chum, you see," said a street arab.

### GIVE FRIENDSHIP ST FRIENDSHIP

*Our Best Friend*—If you want friends, you must be a loving, true friend to others. We have a beautiful hymn about our best friend. Sing, "What a friend we have in Jesus," etc. Be a true friend to Him.

*What the Lesson Teaches Me*—I SHOULD BE A TRUE FRIEND.

## FROM THE PLATFORM

# A SHARP PERIL SHREWD PLAN SOLEMN PLEDGE

Recall the two friends from last Sunday's Lesson. Their names, of course, will be on the tips of the scholars' tongues. Ask how they had become friends, and how their friendship had already been tested. In what SHARP PERIL (Print) was David now? Bring out how David's absence from court enraged Saul, and put Jonathan also in peril. Ask the girls to tell how Jonathan's friendship stood the test. Now question the boys about the SHREWD PLAN (Fill in) which Jonathan had arranged with David in order to warn him. They will be eager to tell about the shooting of the arrows, and the lad's part. Ask the School lastly about the meeting of the two friends, and about the SOLEMN PLEDGE (Fill in) which they made between one another. Emphasize in conclusion that in order to have a true friend one must be a true friend, and that being a true friend means being a friend at all times, and when things go ill, as well as when they go well (*Golden Text*). Who is the one best friend that every one of us may have?

## Lesson VII.

## DAVID SPARES SAUL

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1 Samuel 26 : 5-16. Study 1 Samuel, ch. 26—Commit to memory vs. 11, 12.

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you.—Luke 6 : 27 (Rev. Ver.).

5 And Da'vid arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched : and Da'vid beheld the place where Saul lay, and Ab'ner the son of Ner, the captain of his host : and Saul lay <sup>1</sup> in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

6 Then answered Da'vid and said to Ahim'elech the Hit'tite, and to Ab'ishai the son of Zerui'ah, brother to Jo'ab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Ab'ishai said, I will go down with thee.

7 So Da'vid and Ab'ishai came to the people by night : and, behold, Saul lay sleeping <sup>1</sup> within the trench, <sup>2</sup> and his spear stuck in the ground at his <sup>3</sup> bolster : but Ab'ner and the people lay round about him.

8 Then said Ab'ishai to Da'vid, God hath delivered <sup>4</sup> thine enemy into thine hand this day : now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear <sup>5</sup> even to the earth at <sup>6</sup> once, and I will not smite him the second time.

9 And Da'vid said to Ab'ishai, Destroy him not : for who can <sup>7</sup> stretch forth his hand against the Lord's

anointed, and be guiltless?

10 <sup>8</sup> David said furthermore, As the Lord liveth, the Lord shall smite him ; or his day shall come to die ; or he shall <sup>9</sup> descend into battle, and perish.

11 The Lord forbid that I should <sup>10</sup> stretch forth mine hand against the Lord's anointed : <sup>11</sup> but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his <sup>12</sup> bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

12 So Da'vid took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's <sup>13</sup> bolster ; and they gat them away, and no man saw <sup>14</sup> it, nor knew <sup>15</sup> it, neither <sup>16</sup> awaked : for they were all asleep ; because a deep sleep from the Lord was fallen upon them.

13 Then Da'vid went over to the other side, and stood on the top of <sup>17</sup> an hill afar off : a great space being between them :

14 And Da'vid cried to the people, and to Ab'ner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Ab'ner? Then Ab'ner answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the king?

15 And Da'vid said to Ab'ner, Art not thou a valiant