

Primary Department.

AS WE LEARN ABOUT



THE SHEPHERD
KING

LET US ALSO LEARN HIS SHEPHERD-HYMN.
PSALM XXIII.

David's confidence in God's grace.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The Lord *is* my shepherd ; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures : he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul : he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou *art* with me ; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies : thou anointest my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



OUR SHEPHERD.

(MOTION SONG).

(Words and music, page 64 "Song and Study for God's Little Ones.")

We have a tender Shepherd
As kind as He can be,
He loves us very dearly ;
His little lambs are we.

4th line—Left hand across the heart.

CHORUS—He takes our hearts and keeps them,
He leads us every day,
And if we closely follow
From Him we cannot stray.

1st line—Right hand on heart.

2nd line—Motion with hand towards the floor.

4th line—Pointing upward at the word "Him."

And when the lambs are weary,
He gives them happy rest ;
He carries them so gently,
And folds them on His breast.

1st line—Say the word "weary" as though you were tired.

3rd line—Left arm across the breast.

4th line—Cross the hands over the breast.

His eyes are always open,
Our Shepherd never sleeps ;
But o'er us when we slumber
A loving watch He keeps.

1st line—Point to the eyes.

*2nd line—Look upward when the word "Shepherd" is mentioned
and close eyes at the word "sleep."*

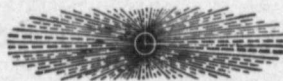
*3rd line—Put the palms of both hands together resting the side of
the face on them.*

And bye and bye He'll take us
To pastures green and fair,
And then we'll stay forever
With Him our Shepherd there.

1st line—Looking upward.

2nd line—Swinging motion with the hands towards the floor.

4th line—Pointing upward.



DEAR CHILDREN,—

You have all heard of David, the shepherd, who watched over his father's sheep, and in taking care of them killed the lion and the bear. You will also remember the story of how this same shepherd boy killed Goliath, with his sling and a stone.

We are to have stories all this quarter about this same shepherd boy. We shall see as we learn these stories how he has grown to be a man, and has been made a king. Our Golden Text is "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it and is safe."

David knew that if he trusted in His name, God would take care of him. He did trust in Him and God became like a strong tower and David often went to Him in times of danger and temptation.

We are going to learn about David, the Shepherd King in each lesson.

First Lesson,—	He was—	An Obedient King.
Second	“ “ “	A Loving King.
Third	“ “ “	A Worshipping King.
Fourth	“ “ “	A Trusting King.
Fifth	“ “ “	A Kind King.
Sixth	“ “ “	A Fearless King.
Seventh	“ “ “	A Pardoned King.
Eighth	“ “ “	A Dishonoured King.
Ninth	“ “ “	A Troubled King.
Tenth	“ “ “	A Diligent King.
Eleventh	“ “ “	A Grateful King.
Twelfth	“ “ “	A Right-Living King.

David the Shepherd King was not a perfect man, but he was a good man—He trusted in God.

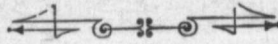
As we learn the stories of his life, let us learn to trust God as he did.

Your loving friends,

MR. & MRS. G. H. ARCHIBALD.

LESSON I—July 5th, 1896.

David King of Judah, 2 SAM. 2: 1-11.



GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice. Psalm. 97: 1.



MY LESSONS THIS
QUARTER ARE ABOUT



MY LESSON
TO-DAY IS ABOUT



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MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—○—
EARLY let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
With Thy love our bosoms fill.

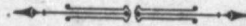
MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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MONDAY—Rev. 19: 6.
TUESDAY—Psa. 29: 10.
WEDNESDAY—Josh. 24: 24.
THURSDAY—Phil. 2: 8.
FRIDAY—Ex. 24: 7.
SATURDAY—Psa. 31: 3.
SABBATH—Psa. 97: 1.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



DAVID the shepherd, is made king in our lesson story to-day. All this quarter we are going to learn about him and call him the shepherd king. In the last lesson story we had from the Old Testament we learned about the parting between the loving friends, David and Jonathan. For six years after this David wandered about from place to place to escape and hide from the wicked Saul, who was trying to kill him. Sometimes he had no better home than a cave and often found it hard to get enough to eat and drink, but all the time God took care of him. Saul and Jonathan both died in battle. When David heard this and knew that he need not hide any longer for fear of Saul, he asked God where he should go. God told him to go to Hebron. He obeyed God, and with his family and men who were with him went and lived in Hebron. There the men of Judah came and made him their king. After the death of Saul, the men of Jabesh-Gilead cared for the body of Saul and buried it. When David heard this he sent kind messages to these men, blessing them, and wishing that God would shew kindness to them as they had shewn kindness to their king. Abner, the captain of Saul's host, took Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, who was then forty years of age, and brought him to Mahanaim and made him king over all the rest of Israel except Judah, and he reigned for two years.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who are we going to learn about in our lesson stories this quarter?
2. What are we going to call him?
3. After the death of Saul where did God tell David to go?
4. What took place there?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

ॐ God! make me always willing to be guided by Thee.

LESSON II—July 12th, 1896.

David King over all Israel. 2 SAM. 5: 1-12.



GOLDEN TEXT: David went on and grew great and the Lord God of hosts was with him. 2 Sam. 5: 10.



MY LESSONS THIS
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MY LESSON
TO-DAY IS ABOUT



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—○—
A HEART in every thought
renewed,
And filled with love divine;
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good,
A copy, Lord, of Thine.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

—○—
MONDAY—Eph. 4: 15.
TUESDAY—John 13: 34.
WEDNESDAY—John 13: 35.
THURSDAY—John 15: 12.
FRIDAY—Matt. 4: 44.
SATURDAY—1 Cor. 13: 13.
SABBATH—2 Sam. 5: 10.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



DAVID the shepherd was crowned king of Judah in our last lesson story. In to-day's we learn that he was made a still greater king, for after the death of Ishbosheth all the tribes of Israel came to Hebron and made him king over all Israel. Now he was a great king! He and his men went to Jerusalem. This city David wanted for his capital, for it was well suited for that purpose; but some enemies, the Jebusites, lived there. So David and his men had to fight against them and drive them out.

Mount Zion, the highest part of the city, was a fortress surrounded on three sides by deep valleys. This fortress the Jebusites held, and thought there would be no fear of David and his men taking it; but he did, and drove them all out and lived there himself, and called it the city of David. He afterwards built round about it, and made it a beautiful city. Hiram, king of Tyre, sent messengers to David with cedar trees and carpenters and masons, and they built David a beautiful house. David grew greater and greater, for the Lord the God of hosts was with him.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Where do we find the shepherd-king in our lesson story to-day?
2. What took place there again?
3. Where did David and his men go?
4. After David drove the Jebusites out of Jerusalem, what did he do?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! teach me that I cannot grow great or lovable
until I keep close to Thee.

LESSON III—July 19th, 1896.

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem. 2 SAM. 6: 1-12.



GOLDEN TEXT: "O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee."
Psalm 84: 12.



MY LESSONS THIS
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MY LESSON
TO-DAY IS ABOUT



HE WAS



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—○—
 HELP us to please Thee
 In all that we do,
 And worship aright,
 With hearts pure and true.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

—○—
 MONDAY—Matt. 15: 8.
 TUESDAY—John 4: 23.
 WEDNESDAY—John 4: 24.
 THURSDAY—Heb. 12: 28.
 FRIDAY—Prov. 29: 25.
 SATURDAY—Nahum 1: 7.
 SABBATH—Psa. 84: 12.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



WHEN David, the shepherd-king, made Jerusalem his capital, and did so much to make it beautiful, he did not forget to have a place there for God's worship. He set up a tabernacle and thought it was now time that the ark of God should be brought into his house again. The ark was a chest of wood about four feet long and two and a-half wide, plated within and without with gold. The lid, or cover, was of solid gold, and was called "the mercy seat." Upon it two golden figures of Cherubim faced inward and covered it with their wings.

Seventy years before this the ark had been taken from Shiloh, had been captured by the Philistines, then given back by them again to the Israelites, who took it to Kirjath-jearim, where it had remained ever since.

David gathered the people together and went to Kirjath-jearim to get the ark. They set it on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab. The two sons of Abinadab, Uzzah and Ahio, drove the cart, and David and the people played on musical instruments. When they came to the threshing-floor of Nachon, Uzzah disobeyed God's command and took hold of the ark, and God smote him and he died. David was afraid and said, "How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?" and would not bring the ark into the city, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom. There it remained for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his house. When David heard this he went up and brought the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with joy.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What did David not forget to do, when he made Jerusalem his capital?
2. What do you know about the ark?
3. Why was Uzzah smitten by God?
4. What did David do with the ark?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! make me reverent, and when I worship Thee, help me to do so from my heart.

LESSON IV—July 26th, 1896.

God's Promises to David. 2 SAM. 7: 4-16.



GOLDEN TEXT: "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust. Psalm 71: 1.



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MY LESSON
TO-DAY IS ABOUT



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MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

TRUSTING as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him whate'er befall,
Trusting Jesus that is all.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Prov. 3: 5.
TUESDAY—Nah. 1: 7.
WEDNESDAY—Dan. 3: 28.
THURSDAY—Ps. 23: 1.
FRIDAY—Isa. 26: 4.
SATURDAY—Ps. 62: 8.
SABBATH—Ps. 71: 1.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



WHEN David, the shepherd-king, brought the ark to Jerusalem, he placed it in the tabernacle on Mount Zion. From the time the Israelites left Egypt, as they wandered about from one place to another, they could not have a temple or a church as we have to worship God in, but had to have a large tent or tabernacle, so that they could "pitch it," or put it up when they stayed at a place, and take it down and carry it with them when they left for another. It was in such a tabernacle the people worshipped God in Jerusalem, and there the ark of God was placed.

As from his own magnificent palace of cedar David looked upon this tabernacle, he perhaps thought to himself, Why should my house be so much more beautiful than God's house? Then he purposed to build for God a beautiful temple, made of gold, silver, brass, iron, timber and stone, where the people could worship him instead of worshipping in the tabernacle as they did now. Although this wish of David's was good and right, and pleasing to God, yet God did not see fit to grant it just as David purposed. He told David that he could not build his house, for he had been a man of war and much blood had been shed in his reign. Beside this he wanted him to do many other things for him, and told him that he could get all the materials ready for the temple and that Solomon, his son who should come after him, whose reign should be one of peace, should build it.

God also made many other kind promises to David, and said, "Thy house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What do you know about the tabernacle?
2. What did David wish to build?
3. Why did God not allow him to do it?
4. What are some of the promises that God made to David?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! give me a trusting heart, that I may believe all
Thy promises.

LESSON V—August 2nd, 1896.

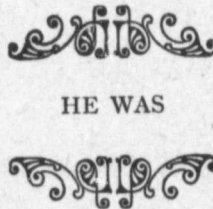
David's Kindness. 2 SAM. 9: 1-13.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Be kindly-affectionate one to another with brotherly love."
Rom. 12: 10.



MY LESSONS THIS
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MY LESSON
TO-DAY IS ABOUT



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—O—
LITTLE deeds of kindness,
 Little words of love,
 Make this world an Eden
 Like the heaven above.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

—O—
 MONDAY—I Cor. 13: 4.
 TUESDAY—Eph. 4: 32.
 WEDNESDAY—Neh. 9: 17.
 THURSDAY—Ps. 117: 2.
 FRIDAY—Ps. 63: 3.
 SATURDAY—Ps. 138: 2.
 SABBATH—Rom. 12: 10.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



DAVID, the shepherd-king, was a great king. His kingdom was now large and it needed a great deal of time and care, and he was kept very busy attending to the many things about it. Though he was kept so very busy, he made time to think about, and look after, and be kind to any neglected ones. Although Saul had been so unkind to him, David showed a kind and forgiving spirit to him and his house. He sent for Ziba, an old trusted servant of Saul's, and said to him, "Is there not any of the house of Saul that I may show the kindness of God unto him?" Then Ziba told him about Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan. He said he, being five years old at the death of Saul and Jonathan, was taken by his nurse from Jezreel. As she hurried away with him she let him fall, and he became lame in both feet. He was taken to the house of a friend away on the east side of Jordan, near Mahanaim, and had been there ever since.

When David heard this he sent and fetched Mephibosheth. When he came before David he fell on his face, but David told him not to be afraid, for he would be kind to him for Jonathan his father's sake, and he would give him back all the land of Saul, and he should eat at his table as one of his sons.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

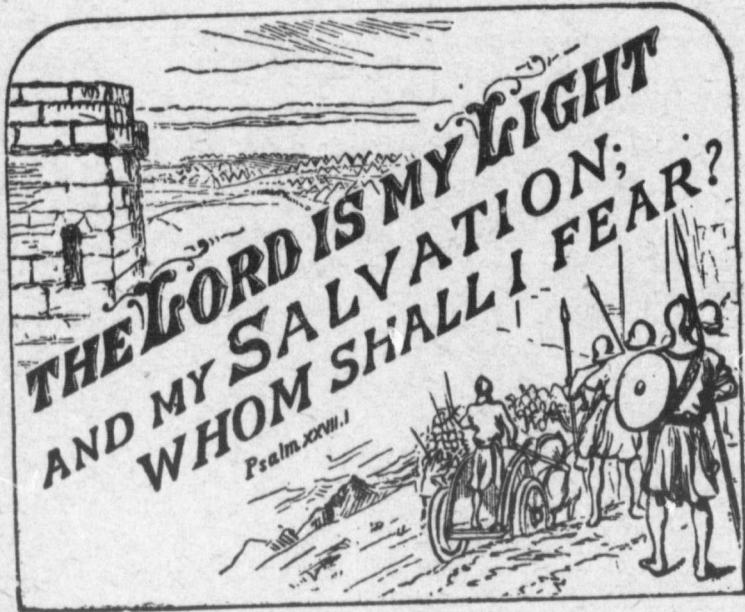
1. Though David was such a great and busy king, what had he time to do?
2. Who was Mephibosheth?
3. What did he do when he came before David?
4. How did David treat him?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! make me kind like the shepherd-king was, and like Jesus, my King, is.

LESSON VI—August 9th, 1896.

David's Victories. 2 SAM. 10: 8-19.



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MY LESSON
TO-DAY IS ABOUT



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—○—
§TAND up! stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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MONDAY—Ps. 56 : 3.
TUESDAY—Jer. 1 : 8.
WEDNESDAY—Heb. 13 : 6.
THURSDAY—Prov. 3 : 24.
FRIDAY—Ps. 56 : 4.
SATURDAY—Job 11 : 19.
SABBATH—Ps. 27 : 1.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



DAVID, the shepherd-king, gained many victories. Our lesson story to-day is about some victories he gained over his enemies. These enemies were doing much harm, and God told David to fight against them. David had learned to be brave when tending the sheep away out on the fields, long ago, when he fought the lion and the bear.

His first act of war was fighting Goliath, the giant. He was fearless at all times, for he was not fighting in his own strength, and he knew that God would give him the victory every time. When he killed the lion and the bear he said "God delivered him out of their paws." When he slew Goliath he said "the battle is the Lord's." He afterwards gained victories over the Amalekites, victories over the Philistines, and over the Moabites, and then as now we learn about him to-day, going to fight the Ammonites and Syrians, he knew he was sure to win. No, he was not afraid, for we have for our golden text to-day his own words, taken from one of the beautiful hymns he wrote, "The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?"

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is our lesson story about to-day?
2. Where did David learn to be brave?
3. Why was he not afraid of his enemies?
4. Who wrote the golden text?

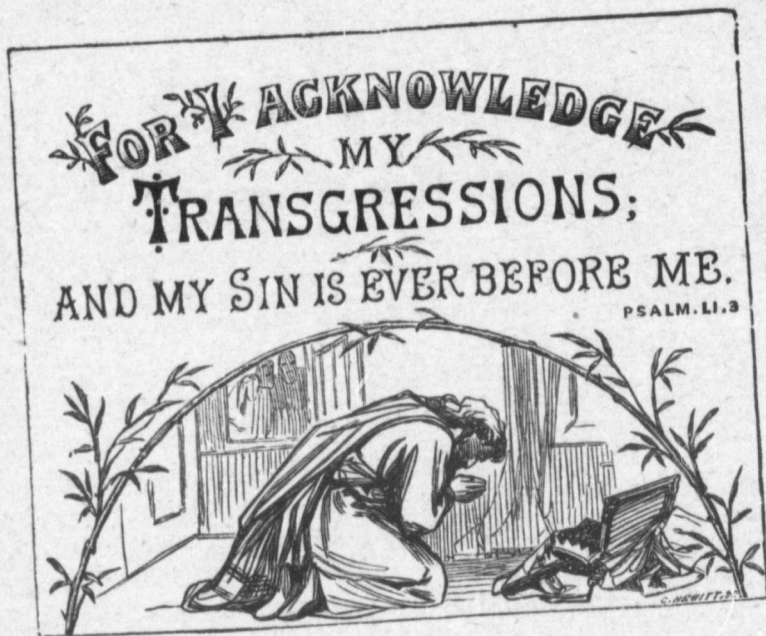
MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

©R God! teach me that I need never be afraid, while Thou art near.

LESSON VII—August 16th, 1896.
 David's Confession and Forgiveness. PSALM 32: 1-11.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51: 10.



MY LESSONS THIS
 QUARTER ARE ABOUT



MY LESSON
 TO-DAY IS ABOUT



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MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—O—
 Lay my sins on Jesus,
 The spotless Lamb of God ;
 He bears them all, and frees us
 From the accursed load.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

—O—
 MONDAY—Ps. 32 : 5.
 TUESDAY—Ps. 34 : 18.
 WEDNESDAY—Ps. 51 : 17.
 THURSDAY—2 Chr. 7 : 14.
 FRIDAY—1 John 1 : 9.
 SATURDAY—Prov. 28 : 13.
 SABBATH—Ps. 51 : 10.

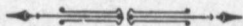
MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



DAVID, the shepherd-king, wrote many beautiful hymns. They are called Psalms in the Bible. Some of them are about glad things and some of them are about sad things. We have one of them for our lesson to-day.

At one time in David's life he committed a dreadful sin. It was so very bad that it seemed like a big blot upon his life, but he repented. He was very sorry for having committed that sin, and he told God about it. He did not come and tell God about it at once though, and he says that all the time he kept silence he was very unhappy and suffered very much.

The only way to get rid of sin is to be very sorry for it and tell God about it and he will pardon it ; but if we do not tell God we are sure to be unhappy. David knew that his heart was very wicked, and in another of his Psalms he wrote our golden text to-day, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." The wicked are never really happy ; it is only when the sin is pardoned, after we have told God all about it, that we are really blessed. The first word of the Psalm is "blessed," and that means "Oh how happy are those whose sins are pardoned!"



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is our golden text to-day?
2. What made David's heart unclean?
3. Was he sorry for his sin?
4. What did God do for him when he confessed his sin?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

LESSON VIII—August 23rd, 1896.
Absalom's Rebellion. 2 SAM. 15: 1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."
Exodus 20: 12.



MY LESSONS THIS
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MY LESSON
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MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

MY gracious Master and my God
 Assist me to proclaim ;
 To spread through all the earth abroad,
 The honours of Thy name.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

—O—
 MONDAY—Ps. 26 : 8.
 TUESDAY—Ps. 71 : 8.
 WEDNESDAY—Ps. 145 : 5.
 THURSDAY—1 Pet. 2 : 17.
 FRIDAY—Rev. 4 : 11.
 SATURDAY—Dan. 4 : 37.
 SABBATH—Ex. 20 : 12.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



DAVID, the shepherd-king, is dishonored in our lesson to-day. Our golden text, given many years before by Moses, is: "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Our story to-day is a sad one. Absalom was a tall, handsome and attractive young man, and was known all over the country for his beautiful hair. He was just the man who would have made a great king, so far as his appearance went ; but handsome people are not always good people, and this is the sad part of our story to-day. Instead of honouring his father, he did just the opposite. He prepared him a chariot, and horses, and fifty men, and tried to get the people to make him king instead of his father. To do this he made a plot. He asked his father to allow him to go to Hebron to pay a vow which he said he had made. This his father, king David, allowed him to do ; but instead of paying his vow, Absalom immediately sent men throughout Israel to tell the people at a given signal to proclaim him king in Hebron. The plot was a strong one and many people followed Absalom. We will learn in our lesson story next week what the end of it all was.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is the name of David's son in our lesson story to-day?
2. What is our golden text ?
3. Which commandment is it ?
4. How did Absalom disobey this commandment ?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK

ॐ God! guard my thoughts, words and actions, so that I
 may never dishonour Thee.

LESSON IX—August 30th, 1896.

Absalom's Defeat and Death. 2 SAM. 18: 9-17, 32, 33.

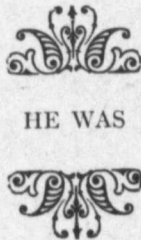
GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish." Ps. 1: 6.



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MY LESSON
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MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—O—
 † lay my griefs on Jesus,
 † My burdens and my cares;
 He from them all releases;
 He all my sorrow shares.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

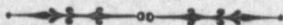
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 MONDAY—Ezek. 33 : 11.
 TUESDAY—Ps. 7 : 16.
 WEDNESDAY—Ps. 9 : 9.
 THURSDAY—Ps. 7 : 11.
 FRIDAY—Jer. 15 : 21.
 SATURDAY—Ps. 38 : 18.
 SABBATH—Ps. 1 : 6.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



DAVID, the shepherd-king, is in great grief in our lesson story to-day. Though Absalom does not seem to have loved his father very much, his father loved him, as we shall see. The wicked son went on plotting against him. With his followers he went back to Jerusalem. David, seeing that his life and the lives of his friends were in danger, fled from Jerusalem, and with his family and some of his soldiers, went across the river Jordan to Mahanaim. Absalom and his men followed him, and a great battle was fought between the two armies. The people would not allow David himself to go into the battle, and he remained sitting at the gate of the city.

Although Absalom had been treating his father so badly and trying to take away his kingdom, still David loved him, and loved him so much that he said to the leaders of the army, "Deal gently with the young man, even with Absalom, for my sake." All the day he sat waiting for news. Bye-and-bye the watchman on the tower saw a man running with news, then another following him. When they arrived they fell down before the king and told him that his army had won the battle; but David seemed to be more anxious to hear about Absalom than the battle, and asked both of the messengers about him. The last messenger told him that Absalom was dead! Then the king went up to the chamber over the gate and wept: and as he went he said, "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

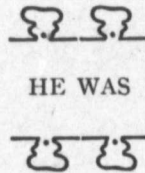
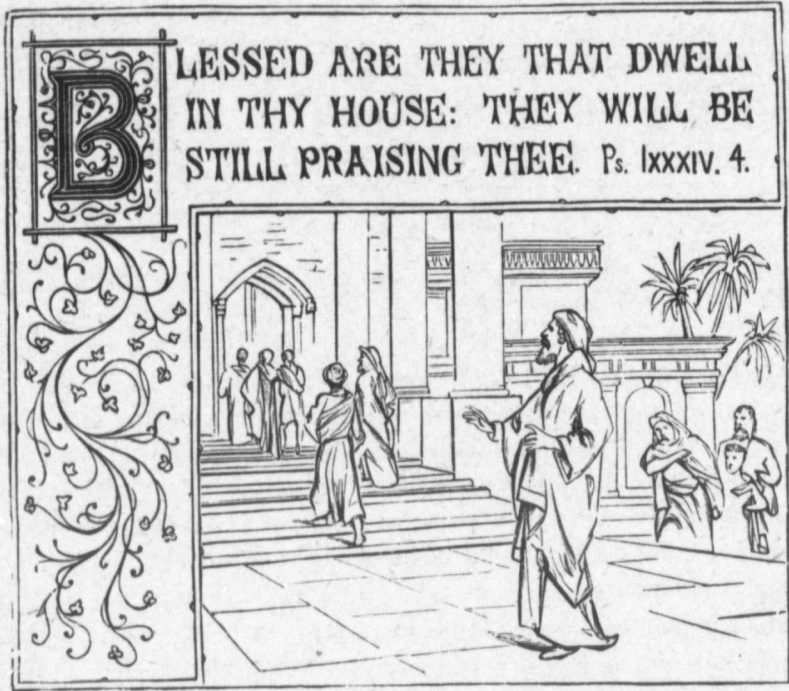
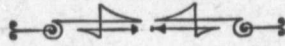
1. Where did Absalom and his followers go?
2. Where did David and his soldiers go?
3. Which army won the battle?
4. What made David so sorrowful?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Keep me from sin, which always leads to trouble.

LESSON X—September 6th, 1896.

David's Love for God's House. I CHRON. 22 : 6-16.



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MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—○—
WE are little builders,
We're building here to-day,
With stones of Hope, and Truth, and
Love,
All laid in God's right way.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

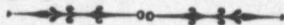
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MONDAY—Ps. 65 : 4.
TUESDAY—Prov. 10 : 4.
WEDNESDAY—Prov. 12 : 24.
THURSDAY—Micha. 4 : 2.
FRIDAY—Prov. 13 : 4.
SATURDAY—Prov. 22 : 29.
SABBATH—Ps. 84 : 4.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



DAVID, the shepherd-king, was very much loved by the people. At the time of our lesson story to-day the wars had ceased and there was peace in the land. As we learned before, David wanted to build a temple for God, but God had told him that he should not do it, for he was a man of war and he had other things he wanted him to do. God told him that though he could not build the temple, he could get all things ready, and Solomon, his son, should build it.

When David had come nearly to the end of his life and had made all these preparations, he called Solomon and told him that he should build the temple. He said to him God had told him that when he should be king he would have peace and quietness. Then he told him to arise and take the gold and the silver, and the brass and the iron, the timber also and stone that he had made ready, and anything else he needed he could add to it, and build the house, and said, "the Lord be with thee."



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

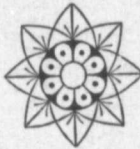
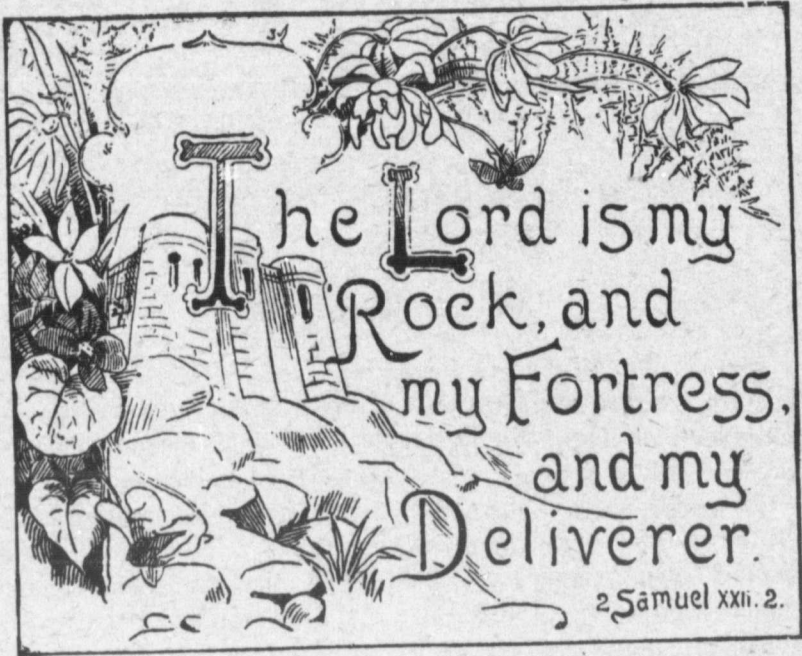
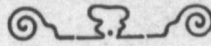
1. Why would God not allow David to build the temple?
2. What did God tell David he could do?
3. What were some of the things that David got ready for the temple?
4. What did David tell Solomon to do?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! give me willing hands and a loving heart to be
busy for Thee.

LESSON XI—September 13th, 1896.

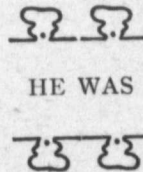
David's Gratitude to God. 2 SAM. 22: 40-51.



MY LESSONS THIS
QUARTER ARE ABOUT



MY LESSON
TO-DAY IS ABOUT



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MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—○—
THOUGH but humble is our off'ring
Lord, accept our grateful lays ;
Glad hozannas ! glad hozannas !
Saviour, Lord, to Thee we raise

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

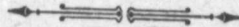
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MONDAY—Ps. 30 : 4.
TUESDAY—Ps. 30 : 12.
WEDNESDAY—Ps. 34 : 1.
THURSDAY—Ps. 103 : 1.
FRIDAY—Ps. 107 : 1.
SATURDAY—Ps. 118 : 1.
SABBATH—2 Sam. 22 : 2.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



THE heart of David, the shepherd-king, was full of gratitude to God for all the good things that he had done for him. He had conquered his enemies for him. When he was a shepherd lad he had cared for him in the fields, delivered him out of the paw of the lion and of the bear ; had fought the battle against Goliath the giant, and won a victory for him then. When Saul had been chasing him from one part of the country to the other, God had delivered him from death again and again. When Absalom rebelled against him God gave David the victory. Indeed all through David's life, our golden text says, God had been his rock, his fortress and his deliverer. Therefore David says, "I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praises unto Thy name."

As David, the shepherd-king, remembered all God's goodness to him and praised him for it, so should we give thanks to him for all his goodness to us.

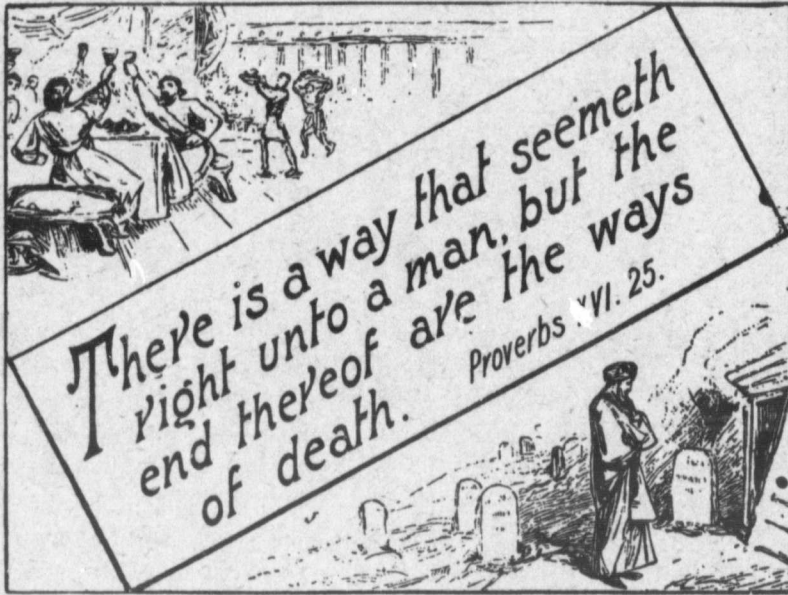
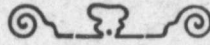


MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is our golden text for to-day ?
2. Why did David say that God was his rock, and fortress and deliverer ?
3. What did David say he would do to show his thankfulness to God ?
4. What should we do to show that we have grateful hearts for all God's goodness to us ?

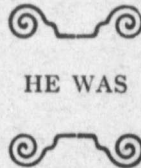
MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God ! make my heart so grateful that I cannot keep
from praising Thee.



MY LESSONS THIS
QUARTER ARE ABOUT


MY LESSON
TO-DAY IS ABOUT



HE WAS



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

 'tis sweet to know that day by day
Jesus walks beside me ;
With my hand in His I cannot stray,
Safely he will guide me.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Ps. 37 : 34.
TUESDAY—Ps. 25 : 4.
WEDNESDAY—Ps. 25 : 9.
THURSDAY—Prov. 3 : 17.
FRIDAY—Luke 13 : 24.
SATURDAY—Matt. 7 : 13.
SABBATH—Prov. 16 : 25.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



SOLOMON, the son of David, the shepherd-king, was the wisest man who ever lived. Next Quarter we are going to study about him all the time, and in to-day's lesson story we have some of his words. The words of a wise man should always be listened to, for they are more precious than gold. Solomon tells us that there is a right way and a wrong way to live. He tells us that the right way leads to life, and the wrong way leads to death. He also says that the wrong way sometimes seems right to us, when all the time it is wrong.

We love to have our own way, but God's way is better than our way. He knows the right way always and we do not. Absalom wanted his own way and it soon ended in his death. Let us to-day read over the words of the wise man and let us ask God to show us which is the right way, that we may walk in it, and which is the wrong way that we may avoid it.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What words have we in our lesson story to-day?
2. Who was Solomon?
3. What does he say about the right way?
4. How can we walk in it?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Show me the right way and help me to walk in it.

LESSON XIII—September 27th, 1896.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18: 10.



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

THOUGH destruction walk around us,
Though the arrow past us fly,
Angel-guards from Thee surround us,
We are safe if Thou art nigh.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Psalm 97: 1.
TUESDAY—Psalm 84: 12.
WEDNESDAY—Rom. 12: 10.
THURSDAY—Psalm 51: 10.
FRIDAY—Exodus 20: 12.
SATURDAY—2 Sam. 22: 2.
SABBATH—Prov. 18: 10.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

(Please read again the letter on first page).

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

O Lord! we run to Thee our strong tower, know that in all times of danger Thou wilt keep us safe.