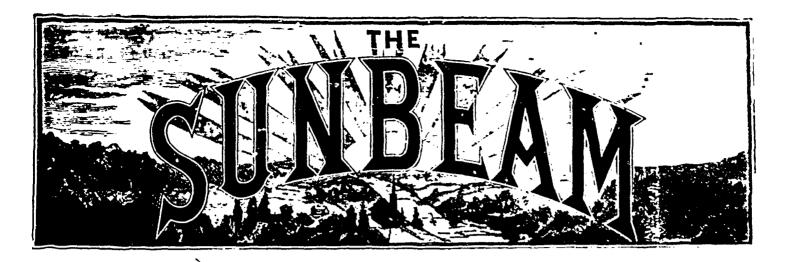
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DAVID AND GOLIATH

WHEN David was about twenty years old the Lord sent Samuel to anoint him as the successor of Saul in the kingdom of Israel. He was a shepherd boy, not known beyoud his father's family at Bethlehem. Samuel himself did not knowhim. but when the sons of Jesse were brought before him, the Lord told him that this one, the youngest, was his chosen. Then Samuel poured oil on his head, and the Lord poured out his Spirit upon his heart. From that time David grew in favour with God and with the people.

David honoured God. It pained him to see the Lord's name dishonoured. either by the people or by their king. On one occasion, when he had been sent to Saul's camp with some special provisions for three of his elder brothers, he saw a giant called Goliath come forth before the army of Israel and defy any man in it to fight him. He inquired what it meant and learned that he had been doing this forty years and no man of

although Saul had promised to reward with thus dishonoured, and despite the protest- comest to me with a sword, and with a the hand of his daughter the one who ing of his brothers he presented himself spear, and with a shield; but I come to should kill him. David was indignant that | before the king and declared his willing thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the



Saul's army would accept the challenge, the name of the God of Israel should be "Am I a dog?" David answered, "Thou

Iness to fight the giant in the name of the Lord. testifying to the power God had given him over the wild beasts in dofence of his father's sheep. The king granted him the privilege of accepting the challenge.

David was a man of faith. He trusted in the Lord as a child trusts in his parents. When he was about to go forth in single combat with Goliath, Saul clothed him with armour, like a warrior; but David was not used to such implements of warfare and they were a hindrance rather than a protection. He preferred to go in the simple garb of a shepherd. with only his sling-stones for weapons. Being in the habit of carrying his staff, he took even it along, that he might feel free and natural. But more than all else, he went trusting in the Lord. just as he did when at home guarding the sheep. Goliath felt insulted that a youth of twenty-three should come out to fight him, an old and experienced warrior, clothed with a heavy coat of mail: and he asked proudly,

God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied." And as David ran to meet the Philistine he threw a stone from his sling, which struck him in the forehead. The Philistine fell upon his face. David had no sword, but he ran and stood upon him, and cut off his head with his own sword. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled; and David returned to receive the rewards of the king and the honours of his nation.

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A SUNDAY AFTERNOON TALK.

"The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." John 10, 11,

> "Jesus my Shepherd is: Twas he that loved my soul, Twas he that washed me in his blood. Twas he that made me whole."

AND why did he do all this for me? Not because I was good and lovable to be sure! No: he loved me, and I shall never know why, until he tells me himself!

The shepherd of the East lives with his sheep. He knows each one by name, and the little lambs are his tenderest care! He watches to see that each one has food and Leaves were growing and buds were blowing, shelter and a place of refuge from danger. He does not forget any of his sheep, because he loves them, and least of all does he forget to provide for the sick and ailing and helpless ones. Perhaps one has a bad fault. It does not understand the shepherd's care. and so it tries to break away and be free; but the shepherd only bears with it patiently and tenderly, and watches it even more lovingly.

When the sheep stray away and get lost, he follows them into the wilderness, and seeks until he finds them.

Jesus uses this as a picture of his feeling

towards us. He calls himself the "Good Shepherd," and he tells us that he even lays down his life for the sheep! The care of the shepherd for his sheep is something wonderful, but far above and beyond all this is the loving care of Jesus for the least of his little ones!

He knows you by name, dear child, and never sees you straying away from him, that his heart is not filled with tenderest pity for you. He gave his life so that you might not be lost in the wilderness, and still he is seeking you. Maybe you think he doesn't notice a child like you. Never think that again. He gave his life for you. Isn't that answer enough?

Dear Shepherd, I will not let thee seek thy lamb in vain, but I will hear thy voice and follow thee, wherever thou dost go.

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THE ORIOLE.

[From Our Little Men and Women for July.]

LADY-LOCKET lost her pocket, Lost it out in the orchard grass; And a little fellow clad in yellow Found it as he chanced to pass. And he said, or sang it, 'Ho, I'll hang it"-These were his very sing-song words-"Where bloom comes quickest, and bloom is thickest,

I'll hang it up for my baby birds!"

It looked so funny—a bag for money, A grass-cloth pocket so quaint and odd-With a woven shining silken lining Made from a broken milk-weed pod.

And he did his wisest and his best To try to hide it, but someone spied it,

A boy, who cried, "A hang-bird's nest!

Oh, sister-locket, it is your pocket Swinging here in the apple-tree! If the tree were smaller and I were taller I'd get it for you again, maybe!" The wind grew merry over this, very,

And laughed as he tossed the nest-hung bough,

"If you don't mind falling and headlong sprawling,

And bumps and bruises, try it now!"

THE WORD IN SEASON.

"WANT some grapes? There are lovely ones in the word there. I'll pick you some if you do," said little Jennie Brown.

Mary Winters was on her way to school when she met Jennie close to the bars that led into Mr. Dow's lot. There was a wheat field on one side and woods on the other, and Mr. Dow never objected to anybody going in to get the huckle-berries and sassafras and wild grapes that grew there.

"No, thank you," said Mary, "I don't like wild grapes; but I'll tell you what, Jennie. You pick a lot and bring them to mamma. and I guess she'll buy them. Perhaps you can earn enough to get you a pair of boots this winter. Wouldn't you like that?"

Mary knew that Jennie's mother was poor and she had no father. There were three or four children besides, and it was hard for them to find enough to eat; and as for clothes and shoes, they had to depend for them on the good people of the town. Mary was a wise little girl to propose this to Jennie, who never had a thought that she could earn anything herself. And Jennie was much pleased.

"So I will, I will!" she said. "There are lots there."

And away she scampered to get a basket to put them in.

Now, Mary didn't do much. She only said a kind, helpful word. But it started Jennie in the way of earning money and so of helping her poor mother. That is what we might call a "word in season." The Bible says: "A word spoken in due season, how good it is!"

DISOBEDIENCE DOESN'T PAY.

In the pantry was a basket of delicious pears. Susie knew just how good they were, and she did want a few more so badly, but mamma had said before she went out, "Don't eat any more pears, Susie; you have had quite as many as are good for you." Susie knew very well that mamma knew best and her little girl ought to obey her, but she let Satan persuade her to do the wrong thing, and soon there were two pears less than when mamma went away. A few hours later, when Susie was so sick and had to take diagreeable medicine, and she had to stay at home next day, while mamma and little brother went to spend the day with auntie, she concluded disobedience didn't pay.

A MAN was boasting that he had an elevator in his house. "So he has," chimed in his wife; "and he keeps it in the cupboard in a bottle."

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SAFELY guarded by thy presence, By thy tender love and power, Holy Father! thou hast brought me To this peaceful, happy hour.

While the night shades gather round me While "I laid me down and slept," Twas thy mercy that sustained me. And my life in being kept.

Thoughts of all this care so tender. Wakee a morning hymn of praise. While a song of full thanksgiving Here and now to thee I raise.

Strengthened thus in mind and body. Help me to begin anew, In the race of love and duty, And the right each hour pursue.

So, when all life's changing seasons, Fraught with "weal or woe" are past Kept and saved by love eternal, Praise shall crown the work at last.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDING IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

A.D. 27]

LESSON VI.

[Aug. 7.

JESUS IN GALILEE.

Matt. 4. 17-25.

Commit to mem. vs. 18-20.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The people which sat in darkness saw a great light. Matt. 4. 16.

OUTLINE

- 1. Calling the Disciples.
- 2. Teaching the People.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME .STUDY.

How did Jesus begin his work upon earth? By calling men everywhere to repent.

What is it to repent? To feel sorry for sin, and turn away from it.

Whom did Jeeus call to follow him? Simon and Andrew, two brothers,

What were they doing? Fishing in the sea of Galilee.

What did he promise to make them? Fishers of men.

What did he mean? That he would to them is given the kingdom of heaven. teach them how to draw men to himself.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

How did they heed it? They immediately left all and followed him.

What did Jesus preach in all the syna-

gogues of the Jews? kingdom of heaven.

What does "gospel" mean? "Glad tidings," " good news."

What was the good news Jesus told the That he was their promised Jews? Saviour.

What had the prophet Isaiah written years before? Repeat the (GOLDEN TEXT.)

What kind of darkness did the prophet mean? The darkness of siu and sorrow.

Who was the great Light that could drive away the darkness? Christ, the Saviour from sin and sorrow.

What sign of his power as the Son of God did Christ give the people? He healed all manner of sickness, and cast out unclean spirits.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PROPLE.

Jesus says to you, "Follow Mr."

He calls you to teach you of the kingdom

He calls you to save you from ain and

He calls you to tell others the "good news" of a Saviour.

"Christ shall give thee light."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Effectual calling.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What did our Lord Jesus Christ do to save us? He was made man, suffered death in our stead, rose again from the dead, and went up into heaven.

LESSON VII. ▲.D. 27.] [Aug. 14. THE BEATITUDES.

Matt. 5. 1-16.

Commit to mem. vs. S.11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. John 1, 17.

OUTLINE.

- 1. The Blessed One.
- 2. The Blessed Ones.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Jesus go to teach the crowds of people who came to hear him? Upon a mountain near Galilee.

who were made happy, or "blessed" by

Why were the humble blessed? Because

Why are those happy who mourn for What other brothers did Jeans call? their sins? Because they have pardon and confort from God.

> What was promised to the meek? "They shall inherit the earth."

Why were those blessed who were hungry

The gospel of the to know God? Because God would fill and satisfy them.

To whom would God be merciful? To all who would show mercy to others.

Who shall see God? Only the pure in heart.

Why are the peacemakers blessed? Because they shall be called the children of God.

What is Jesus sometimes called? The Prince of peace.

Why? Because he came to bring peace and love and truth upon the earth. (Repeat the Golden Text)

When did Jesus say to rejoice? When persecuted for doing right.

Why should they rejoice? Because God would bless them here and give them great reward in heaven.

Why did Jesus call his disciples the salt of the earth? Because they could save it from destruction as salt keeps food.

What must they do with the light he had given them? Let it shine before men.

For what reason? That all might see it and glorify God.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Have you ever taken your Bible and learned these words Jesus speaks to you?

Can you love and obey Jesus and not let any one know it?

Do you love your mother in that way?

"He that confesseth me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The light of the world.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What do you mean by being saved? Through what Jesus Christ has done for us, we may obtain forgiveness of sin, and holiness, and heaven.

THE STRAIGHT PATH.

"THE Bible is so strict and old-fashioned." said a young man to a grey-haired friend who was advising him to study God's Word if he would learn how to live. "There are plenty of books written now-a-days that are moral enough in their teaching, and What did he first tell them? Of those den't bind one down as the Bible does."

The old merchant turned to his deak and took out two rulers, one of which was slightly bent. With each of these he ruled a line, and silently handed it to his com-

"Well," said the lad, "what do you mean?"

"One line is not straight and true, is it? When you mark out your path in life, don't use a crooked ruler."—From Sunday.



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TIRED OUT.

This little carpenter, weary with working at his bench, has fallen asleep. His dinner lies unheeded beside him, and his paper cap has fallen to the floor. It is a good thing for boys to learn to work at any wisdom.

thing, and especially to learn to handle carpenter's tools. They will find it wonderfully useful all their lives long.

CHARITY.

CHARITY is never lost. It may meet with ingratitude, or be of no service to those on whom it was bestowed; yet it ever does a THE fear of the Lord is the beginning of work of beauty and grace upon the heart of the giver.