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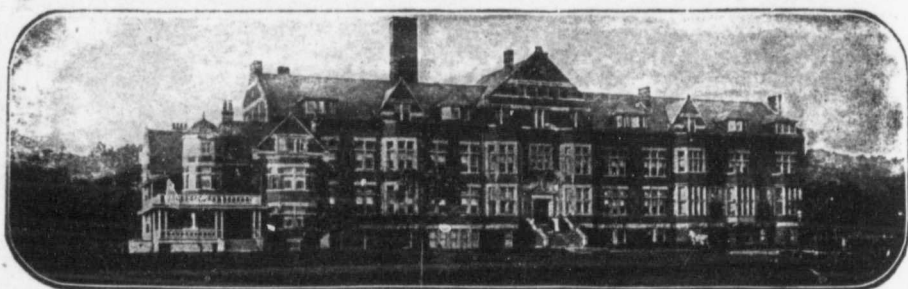
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# The Primary Quarterly

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## Since Baby Came

Since baby came,  
A sweet new blossom from above,  
The earth has seemed a better place,  
More full of goodness and of love,  
More full of glory and of grace  
Since baby came.

Since baby came,  
The angles seem to hover near,  
We hear the rustle of a wing ;  
We fondly fancy that we hear  
Faint echoes of the songs they sing  
Since baby came.

Since baby came,  
A gem from God without a stain,  
Our hearts are purer than before ;  
The way to heaven seems more plain ;  
The home eternal draws us more  
Since baby came.

—W. C. Martin

## A Sunday Game

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

This game may be played in two ways. The first is more difficult—but quieter! The players are provided with pencils and paper, and a list of well known Bible characters is given them. They are told to write what they consider the most important person, place and event connected with each name.

When the lists are complete, or after a given time, the names are taken up, one by one. For each correct person, place and event one mark is given, and an extra mark each for the one which the leader considers the

most important. This is apt to arouse some interesting discussions. With younger children the game may be played in this way. The leader stands in the middle of a circle formed by the other players; he throws his handkerchief, or, if a quieter way is preferred, points to one of the players, at the same time saying the name of a Bible character. The one so chosen must answer with the name of some person, place or event connected with it before the leader can count ten, or give up his place, and take that of the leader.

St. John, N.B.

## Teaching the Little Ones to Know Jesus as Saviour

By Rae Furlands

If the child, in infancy, has been taught to recognize God as the giver of all good gifts, the natural outcome is, that his childish love flows freely toward God.

Real love shows itself in service. The mother's love causes her to serve her child. The child must be given opportunity to serve the mother. The child's service should be duly recognized, or he may grow discouraged. Also his attention may be called to "mother service" in action, in some life below his own, where it is more fully understood by him at first, for example, the cat with her kittens, or, still better, the bird with her nestlings, because the mother bird has to leave her young at times in order to provide their food which the domestic cat need not do. A child may not see love in his own mother leaving him, but can readily see it in the bird life, because, in looking from his superior plane, he sees somewhat

as a whole, instead of one or more isolated details.

As the child recognizes that love is service he may gradually be taught something of the love and service of Jesus Christ by stories from the Gospels. These may be told without comment, except in answer to the child's questions, and will make their own impression as he is capable of receiving it.

It is not difficult to lead a little child to Christ. It is most natural; but there is one thing to remember, a child must come as a child and not as an adult. Until he is conscious of sin he cannot be conscious of the need of a Saviour; but as he is led in love to ask God, for Christ's sake, to forgive a particular wrong he has committed, the meaning of, and need of, a personal Saviour will gradually dawn upon him. Especially will he be helped to understand as he learns through the medium of his father and mother what it is to be a forgiven child. It is with the child as with the race,—the concrete and the type must ever come before the abstract idea.

The earnest, thoughtful Sunday School teacher may, and does, do much for the child; but the father and mother who relegate this part of their child's training to any one else, miss some of the most precious privileges of parenthood.

### The Quarter's Stories

*By Rev. J. M. Duncan, D.D.*

The little ones are sure to love the stories of this Quarter, because there is so much in them about David, the shepherd boy, who became king of Israel.

Amongst the very first of these stories is one that tells how Samuel, the old prophet and judge, received a command from God to go to the home of a man named Jesse in Bethlehem, the place where Jesus was long afterwards born, and choose one of Jesse's sons to become king in place of Saul. One by one, seven sons of Jesse passed before Samuel, but the Lord had chosen none of these to be king. At last David was sent for, and Samuel was told to anoint him as king.

Another of the stories is about David's battle with the great Philistine giant, Goliath,

and the wonderful victory which the shepherd lad, with his sling and stones, gained over the boastful warrior with his splendid armor and weapons.

In some of the stories, we shall learn, too, about the friendship between Jonathan and David. Surely no one can help loving Jonathan who was so unselfish; that he was willing for David to become king, though he himself was the king's son.

These are some of the delightful stories in the Lessons of the Quarter. And besides the stories, three beautiful psalms are given. One of these is the lovely "Shepherd's Psalm," which begins, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Every boy and girl should learn this sweet little Psalm by heart, and then it will be a joy to them all their lives.

### Some Bible Animals

*By Mary Isobel Houston*

#### THE LION

How would you like to be called after a lion? That is what many boys in Eastern lands used to be named for long ago. The name Asad, meaning "lion," was very common at one time and was supposed to help make the boys who bore it strive to be courageous, strong and noble, like the king of beasts.

There were many lions in Palestine in ancient times, making their dens in thickets or forests, or in the mountains, so that the shepherds whose flocks were feeding near had to be constantly on the watch. These lions of Palestine were not so large nor so ferocious as the huge African lions which we see behind the bars of a cage at the Zoo, so sometimes a shepherd was able to attack one single-handed. David, you remember, was able to kill both a lion and a bear which had tried to carry off one of his lambs, and other shepherds often had to fight them off in the same way.

To call a man or a boy a lion meant great praise, as a lion stood for all that was strong and noble. Jesus Himself was spoken of as "the lion of the tribe of Judah."

But the Bible has compared the lion to other and less attractive things. Sin is

likened to a crouching lion waiting for his prey and ready to spring. Satan, too, is compared to a cruel lion, full of cunning, seeking whom he may devour. Like the lion, he has many ways of attacking those who are off their guard, even for a moment.

### "Something to Remember"

"Remember—" began the preacher in the pulpit, forcefully. A tiny girl in a pew caught the one word. Snuggling up to her mother, she lifted clear, seeing eyes, and whispered, "Tell me something to remember!"

The cry voiced the hunger of a little empty mind. The baby wanted something to think about, to ponder through the long service, to remember when she, too, went out of the temple of worship.

We grown people smile at the words—they seem so foolish! For our memories are burdened to the breaking point; our minds are so crowded with diverse knowledge that we often feel overwhelmed and unable to retain what we read and hear and experience.

Yet the wee girl has only put words to the cry of all childhood: "Tell me something to remember!" Nor do they ask it idly. This mind-hunger insists on being satisfied. If we do not put something there to be pondered, other sources of information will. The little brain is not going to stay empty because of our "sins of omission."

Now is its need, and now is our opportunity. Put clean, beautiful thoughts into it, and the low, trivial and sensual will be crowded out. Something worth thinking about should be our guide, something, if possible, that will be but a gateway into a whole garden of beauty and food for the soul. This is what every bit of nature teaching does; the small brain is directed science-ward and God-ward by simply studying a queer little seed-pod.

The thought of being "a somebody" in the world is a seed of ambition that a mind will turn over and over, never tiring of it, and ever widening its scope.

A trivial ambition will, alas, spring up just as quickly as a higher one. I know a girl eight years of age whose one thought is clothes. It was put into her head when very

small by a vain mother, and even now it is the dominating idea of the young life. If she is rich when grown, she will be a walking fashion-plate; if poor, she will probably be a dressmaker.

To be sure we grow away from many of our childish dreams; circumstances and environment play their part in shaping our lives; but we never quite grow away from the *influences* of those dreams. Besides, the scientists assert that, while we may not—for some reason—fulfil or realize them, through the strange laws of heredity, they are more than apt to blossom out in the next generation. And as the body gains in every inspiration of pure air to the lungs, so every aspiration brings fresh oxygen to the soul.

So when the appeal comes, "Tell me something to remember," be sure you have something worth putting into the empty brain. It may or it may not be really "remembered,"—"some seeds fell by the wayside" even when the master teacher spoke them. Our part lies in looking to the *quality* of the seed.  
—Lee McCrae

### Her First Dollar

Dorothy's eyes were downcast. She winked hard and fast, but try as she would a big tear rolled down her cheek and splashed into the dishwater. Mrs. Dean, her throbbing head leaning wearily against the chair back, saw it and arose. It was too bad to keep her in for work on such a bright Saturday.

She crossed to the sink. "I'll finish, little daughter," said she. "You've been in all day."

Dorothy drew her arm across her eyes. "I like to stay in," she declared, stoutly.

Mrs. Dean touched the bright curls gently. "Mother's helper," she murmured. "But, lassie, you've helped enough. It is Saturday. Run and play."

Dorothy gave her curls a shake. There were no tears now. She *did* love to be called "mother's helper." "Some day," she said, with a wee little pout, "I'll have an old headache, perhaps, and you'll have to wait on me." Then she gave a little skip "Oh," she cried, "let's play! You be, Dorothy,

and I'll be mamma. You'll have to mind everything I say."

She straightened back. "Dearie," she ordered, sweetly, "go and lie down. I'll bathe your head as soon as I finish these dishes and get baby to sleep."

What fun it was! But by the time she had finished stroking the aching head, and brushed the floor, baby was awake and had to be kept amused and quiet; then it was time for supper, and he had to be put to bed and the dishes washed once more.

She dried her hands carefully, brushed back the moist curls and swallowed a lump that came into her throat.

They had promised last Sunday,—every girl in the class—to try to earn something to-day for their own special contribution to the missionary box that week. They were not to ask their parents for it, but earn it, counting it as something done "in His name." She would be the only one who had nothing, she knew.

It was a very sober little girl who, at length, went into her mother's room to say good-night. Her father sat by the bed. He reached out and drew her into his arms, and Dorothy thought he had never kissed her quite so tenderly. "A little girl," said he, "who knows how to turn work into play and smile when she wants to cry, is worth her very weight in gold. Mother says you have been a little queen all day." He slipped a shining silver dollar into her hand,—the first dollar she had ever owned. "How's that?" he smiled.

She gave a little gasp. "Oh, fatherkins!" she cried. "Oh, oh!"—Lou D. Stearns

### Some Chinese Children's Games

A favorite game of Chinese children is played with a ball of tightly wound cotton thread, which is bounced upon the pavement, the player trying to whirl round as often as possible, before giving another pat to make it jump again. Boys are fond of "kicking the shuttlecock." They are wonderfully clever with their feet, and send the shuttlecock flying from one to another, turning, dodging, leaning this way and that, so as to kick freely. The shuttlecock is kept on the wing

for a long time in this way without once falling to the ground. They play tipcat too, but their game is more difficult than ours.

Another game is "tiger trap." To play it, a number of boys and girls take hands and stand in two lines, facing each other. One waits at the end of the double row of children and bleats, as a kid does in a trap set for Mr. Tiger. Then the tiger darts in between the lines to catch the kid. The moment he does so, the children at the ends close up. Unless the tiger bounces out very quickly he is caught and the kid runs away.

There are several kinds of blind man's buff. One is called "Catching fishes in the dark." Each child chooses the name of a fish, calling himself dragon-shrimp, squid, red chicken, or some other kind of fish. The boy who is to be "he" is blinded. Then the fishes run past, trying to touch the blind man as they go. If one gets caught "he" must name it rightly. If "he" names the wrong fish, away runs the boy. Another kind is "Call the chickens home." In this game the blind man says "Tsoo, tsoo, come seek your mother," then the other children, who are the chickens, run up and try to touch him without being caught. If one is caught he becomes blind man.—G. Campbell Brown

### Hannah

Samuel ministered before Jehovah, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. Moreover his mother made him a little robe, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.—1 Sam. 2: 18, 19.

I thought I would be glad to see it done—  
His little coat—the working was so long.  
I dreamed of kneeling with my little son  
While priestly chanting of the temple song  
Breathed in my dream from Shiloh's holy hill.  
The lingering moons were slow to bring the  
days  
When we might go to praise Jehovah's will  
Who gave us what no sacrifice repays—  
Our little son. But, now the time is near,  
I am not glad to fold the work away  
And count him older by another year.  
And mother-tears fall slowly while I pray—  
Lord, though he rise a prophet unto Thee,  
May he be still a little child to me.

—Frances Lester Warner

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1915

## I. SINGING:

"Little children can do something	They can scatter rays of sunshine
For the blessed Lord each day.	Round about them day by day,
There is work for little fingers,	Making glad the hearts of others,
There is work as well as play.	By the kind words they may say."

II. PRAYER. Short, simple sentences which the children may repeat after the teacher.

III. OFFERING. Sing Hymn 540, Book of Praise, "When His salvation bringing."

## IV. SINGING OR RECITATION:

"The happy birds are singing, singing, singing;  
 Oh let the children listen to their song.  
 From sunny skies they're winging, winging, winging,  
 From skies that glow and glisten all day long.  
 Oh children lift your voice and sing  
 To Him who gives the wondrous spring,  
 The springtime, the springtime,  
 The happy, happy springtime.

V. BIRTHDAY SERVICE. When the children have presented their offering, let them remain standing, facing the class while the latter recite:

"We wish you now a happy day,  
 And many a happy year.  
 May every one be glad you live,  
 Because you bring good cheer."

VI. SINGING. Hymn 584, Book of Praise. (This is the Supplemental Hymn for the Quarter. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

VII. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE DAY. (See each Lesson.) The very little ones will not be expected to learn this by heart, but it may be repeated several times over, and any needed explanation given.

VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For Those Under Six, the Words of Blessing, Matt. 5 : 1-12. For Those Under Eleven, The Saviour Born, Luke 2 : 7-20. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages for Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages for Those Under Eleven.)

IX. SINGING. One or more Hymns chosen by the class.

X. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XI. LESSON HYMN.

## XII. CLOSING PRAYER:

"Lord, when we have not any light,  
 And mothers are asleep;  
 Then through the stillness of the night  
 Thy little children keep. Amen."

## Lesson I.

## SAUL REJECTED BY THE LORD

April 4, 1915

1 Samuel 15 : 10-23. Study 1 Samuel, ch. 15—\*Memory Verses, 22, 23.

**Golden Text**—Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.—1 Samuel 15 : 22.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

A great battle had just been fought between the Israelites under King Saul and the Amalekites. Many people had been slain, and much property had been destroyed by Saul's great army. Saul had not been king long, and it was at God's command that he had made war on the wicked people about him. God had given Saul the victory, and had commanded him to destroy all the Amalekite army and their cattle and sheep; but Saul had displeased God very greatly. Instead of destroying Agag, the Amalekite king, and his followers, with their herds and flocks, as he had done the other nations, Saul took king Agag captive and spared the best of the sheep and cattle.

Then God was sorry that He had made Saul king or given him so much power, since he would not obey God's commands. So

God spoke to Samuel, who had anointed Saul king, and told him how displeased and grieved He was at what the young king had done.

The next morning Samuel rose early and went in search of Saul, who was very happy over his victory.

"I have performed the commandment of the Lord," said Saul, when Samuel had found him, but the prophet had heard the sound of the sheep and cattle, and asked why they had not been destroyed.

"We spared the best to make a sacrifice to God," answered the king. Then Samuel reminded Saul of all the Lord had done in raising him to his high position, and told him how displeased He was at this disobedience. He explained how much rather God would have true obedience than the finest burnt offering that Saul could make.

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams," Samuel went on, and he told Saul that because he had been so sinful as to rebel, and had rejected the word of the Lord, God had now rejected him from being king.

## Questions on the Lesson

1. With whom had the Israelites fought a great battle?
2. Who was the leader of the Israelites?
3. What had God told Saul to do?
4. How did Saul disobey God?
5. How did God feel towards Saul?
6. Whom did God send to Saul?
7. How did Saul greet Samuel?
8. What question did Samuel ask?
9. What did Saul say in answer?
10. What did Samuel say God would rather have than offerings?
11. How was Saul to suffer for his disobedience?
12. What is the Golden Text?

## Lesson Hymn

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;

In all my works Thy presence find,  
And prove Thy good and perfect will.

\*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.



Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes my inmost substance see;  
And labor on at Thy command,  
And offer all my works to Thee. Amen.  
—Hymn 233, Book of Praise

### **I Have Learned To-day That**

I SHOULD NOT BE DISOBEDIENT

#### **The Catechism**

PRIMARY CATECHISM—21. Who were the first man and the first woman? Adam was the first man and Eve was the first woman.

SHORTER CATECHISM—12. *What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?* A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

#### **The Question on Missions**

(Second Quarter, OUR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES AT WORK.)—1. What is the work of our foreign missionaries? To make Jesus Christ known to the 15,000,000 people in our six foreign mission fields in India, Formosa, China, Korea and Trinidad and the adjacent British Guiana coast, and to gather them into churches, which shall give the gospel to others.

#### **EASTER LESSON**

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

Matthew 28 : 1-10

It was very early one Sunday morning long, long ago. The sun was just rising, as

two women came hurrying through a garden. They were both named Mary and both were friends of Jesus.

Their faces were sad, for they had been weeping. Jesus their dearly loved friend and master was gone! Cruel men had come with swords and staves, had bound Him fast and led Him away to Pilate, the judge. Then Pilate had let the wicked men lead Jesus up to a high hill called Calvary, and there they took away His life upon the cross. Friends of Jesus took His body and wrapped it in linen and sweet spices. Then they laid Jesus in a rock tomb in a garden. A great stone was rolled in front of the doorway.

Sunday had come, the day that Jesus had promised to rise from the tomb.

As the two women walked along they talked softly together. "How shall we roll away the stone?" one Mary asked.

Soon they drew near the tomb. What had happened? Could it be? Yes, the stone was rolled away and an angel sat upon it. His face shone like lightning and his clothes were white as snow.

He spoke to the women: "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said."

With great joy the women hurried away to tell the glad news! As they ran, behold, Jesus, Himself, came and stood before them.

"All hail," He said. The women knew that it was Jesus and they went and fell at His feet and worshiped Him.

The reason that the world is happy on Easter Day is that JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN.

#### **AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Copy the words from the Golden Text, and remember that the best way to show our love to God is by obeying Him.

**To obey is better than sacrifice**

1 Samuel 16 : 4-13. Study 1 Samuel, ch. 16—Memory Verses, 12, 13.

**Golden Text**—Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Samuel 16 : 7.



4 And Sam'uel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Beth'-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jes'se and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eli'ab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Sam'uel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jes'se called Abin'adab, and made him pass before Sam'uel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jes'se made Sham'mah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jes'se made seven of his sons to pass before Sam'uel. And Sam'uel said unto Jes'se, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Sam'uel said unto Jes'se, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Sam'uel said unto Jes'se, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Sam'uel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon Da'vid from that day forward. So Sam'uel rose up, and went to Ra'mah.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

The people of Israel were to have a new king in place of Saul who had disobeyed God, and therefore could no longer be king. God had said to Samuel, His prophet: "Fill thy horn with oil and go to Jesse, who lives in the town of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king over My people. Thou shalt anoint the one I name to thee."

Bethlehem was the place to which Ruth had come with Naomi, and it was the place where long, long afterwards, Jesus was born who became the Saviour of the world.

So Samuel went to Bethlehem. Now the elders or chief men of the town, when they saw Samuel coming, were afraid, for they thought that he might be coming to find fault with them for some wrong-doing. For Samuel was a judge, and it was his business

to see that those who did not obey the Lord should be punished. But Samuel told them that they had nothing to fear. Then he made an offering to the Lord, and there he called Jesse and his sons to come before him to share in a feast.

Eliab came first. He was tall and strong and handsome, and Samuel said to himself: "Surely, this is the man the Lord hath chosen."

Just then God spoke to Samuel. No one else heard, but God said words something like these: "This is not the man. His face is good to look upon, but the Lord looketh not on the face. The Lord looketh on the heart. This man is not the one to be king over My people."

Then Abinadab came, but he was not chosen either. Shammah came next. One by one the others followed, until seven had passed by but not one of them was chosen.

"Are all thy children here?" asked Samuel. "All except David, the youngest, who watches the sheep," answered Jesse. "Bring him here," said Samuel, "for we will not sit down to the feast until he comes."

Soon David came. He was a handsome lad, with fair hair and bright eyes; but, best of all, he had a good, true heart. Again God spoke to Samuel, saying this time: "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."

Then Samuel took his horn of oil and anointed David, and the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. In this way David was set apart as the one who should by and by be king over God's people.

So Samuel went away and David, like a good son, went back to the fields to watch his father's sheep. God did not want him to be king just yet.

Not long afterwards, King Saul sent for David. Saul was still king over Israel. But, sad to say, Saul had been very wicked. An evil spirit had come upon him and he was very sick. He wanted David to play to him, for David could make sweet music upon the harp.

So David went to the palace and played to the sick king. As he played the soft, sweet music, the evil spirit left King Saul, and he was well again.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why were the people of Israel to have a new king? 2. Whither did God send Samuel? 3. What was he to do there? 4. Who met Samuel at Bethlehem? 5. Why were they afraid? 6. What did Samuel say to them? 7. Whom did he summon to a feast? 8. How many sons of Jesse came first to the feast? 9. Why was none of these chosen as king? 10. What did Samuel ask of Jesse? 11. Who was sent for? 12. What did God say to Samuel? 13. What did Samuel then do? 14. Why did David go back to tend his sheep? 15. Why did Saul afterwards send for him? 16. What happened to the king when David played on his harp? 17. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

A crown of glory bright

By faith I see

In yonder realms of light

Prepared for me. Amen.

—Hymn 588, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—22.** In what way did God make man to differ from the animals? God gave man a soul, or spirit, that can never die.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—13.** *Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?* A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

### The Question on Missions

2. What is the evangelistic work of our missionaries? Preaching and teaching the "evangel" or gospel in public gatherings, persuading persons one by one to accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord, training and baptizing converts, and organizing and superintending native churches.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of a shepherd lad like David. He was brave and faithful in caring



for his father's sheep, and God sent Samuel to anoint him as king. So, if we do our little duties as well as ever we can, God will give us greater things to do for Him.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD KNOWS MY HEART

## THE SHEPHERD PSALM

April 18, 1915

Psalm 23—Memory Verses, Psalm 23.

**Golden Text**—The Lord is my shepherd.—Psalm 23 : 1.

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.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

David was a brave, watchful shepherd boy. Once a lion came and took one of his dear little lambs, but David boldly killed the lion and saved his sheep.

You see, the flocks in David's country could not live without their shepherd. He was always with them, leading them over the desert, up and down the rocky hillsides, and through the dark, lonely valleys. In that land, even to-day, shepherds go out with their flocks, armed with guns, swords or other weapons, and often they have to give their lives to save the sheep from danger.

Robbers sometimes hid in those deep shadows. But the sheep were not afraid, if only the shepherd was with them, for they loved and trusted him. He had only to climb upon a rock and call, "Ta-a-a-a, Ho-o-o," and every sheep would rush to answer.

On and on the shepherd went, gently guiding them with his staff, until at last they came to a grassy spot. There they stopped to rest and eat.

Before night came, the shepherd must always find a quiet stream where the flock could drink. The sheep were afraid of the noisy, rushing brooks, for sometimes one of the little lambs would slip in and be drowned. But oh! how they loved the quiet pools of fresh water.

Then at night the shepherd led them back to the sheepfold. As they crowded through the door, he stood and watched them pass.

Sometimes he picked up a lamb and gently rubbed its scratches with healing salve. Sometimes he gave a cooling, fresh drink to a thirsty sheep.

Then, when all were in, the shepherd closed the door and the sheep were safe at rest.

One day as David watched his flock, I think he said to himself: "I take care of my sheep, for I love them. And there is One who cares for me, and loves me, too.

"As I find grass and water for my sheep, just so the dear Lord gives me food and water, rest and help. The Lord is my shepherd.

"He leads me in right ways, as I lead my little lambs. I need never want nor fear, for 'THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD.'"

David remembered, too, how he carried a rod, or stout club, to defend his sheep from robbers and wild beasts, and a staff or long pole, crooked at the end, to guide them. Sometimes, as he walked in front of his sheep, he got out of their sight; but he would strike the

staff on the rocks as he passed by, to let the sheep know where he was. Thus the sheep were safe even when they were passing through the darkest valleys. So, David was sure, the Lord would keep him safe and guide him wherever he might go and whatever dangers might be around him. There was no enemy too strong for God to overcome.

David had many enemies, who hated him, and who did him all the harm they could. But he did not fear them because God was his friend. He knew that, even if his foes should pursue him into the desert where there was no food, even then he would be provided for. For God would spread a table for him, and see that all his wants were supplied. His heart would be filled with joy, as at a great feast. Think of a man fleeing across a plain, followed close by his angry foes and suddenly seeing a tent with the door open to receive him. The owner of the tent welcomes the poor exhausted man, places food before him and anoints his head with sweet-scented oil. In that tent the man is safe, for the owner will die rather than give him up to his enemies. Now David likens God to the owner of the tent who protects that poor fleeing man from those who were following him to take away his life.

It was not only in this life that David was sure that God would care for him. He knew that, after this life there would be a place for him in God's house, in the heavenly home which God has prepared for His people.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of shepherd boy was David? 2. How did he show his courage? 3. Through what kind of country did he lead his sheep? 4. Where did robbers sometimes hide? 5. Whither did the shepherd take his sheep at night? 6. What did he do for lambs which were hurt? 7. Who did David say was his shepherd? 8. What did David carry to protect his sheep? 9. Who was David's own protector? 10. Why did David not fear his enemies? 11. Who did he say would supply all his wants? 12. Where did he say that he would dwell forever? 13. For whom has God prepared the heavenly home? 14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus is our Shepherd,  
Wiping every tear;  
Folded in His bosom,  
What have we to fear?  
Only let us follow  
Whither He doth lead,  
To the thirsty desert  
Or the dewy mead. Amen.

—Hymn 522, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—23. For what purpose was man made? Man was made to love and serve God, and to be happy with Him forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—14. What is sin?  
A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

### The Question on Missions

3. Describe an evangelistic tour by a foreign missionary. The missionary makes tours amongst the villages, preaching in the open air, in chapels, in markets and streets and in other places, teaching inquirers and encouraging and advising new converts. Women missionaries visit the native homes, and teach the women and children.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

As you copy the drawing of a shepherd's rod and staff, remember that, just as shepherds



in Bible lands used these to protect and guide their sheep, so God will protect and guide all those who put their trust in Him.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD WANTS TO LEAD ME

## Lesson IV.

## DAVID AND GOLIATH

April 25, 1915

1 Samuel 17 : 38-51. Study 1 Samuel 17 : 1-54—Memory Verse, 45.

**Golden Text**—If God is for us, who is against us?—Romans 8 : 31 (Rev. Ver.).

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear : for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet Da'vid, that Da'vid hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And Da'vid put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead ; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So Da'vid prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him ; but *there was no sword in the hand of Da'vid.*

51 Therefore Da'vid ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Now the Philistines, those old enemies of the Israelites had come to make war once more against God's people. The two armies were camped on opposite sides of a narrow valley. Amongst the Philistines was a huge giant named Goliath, of whom the Israelites were much afraid.

Clank! Clank! It was the great giant Goliath coming down the hill. He had a brass helmet on his head and he wore a shining coat of mail. In his hand he carried a spear that glittered in the sun.

"Send out a man to fight with me," he cried in a loud voice. "If he wins, we will be your servants; but if I win, then ye shall be our servants."

For forty days Goliath had come down from the Philistine camp, night and morning, but no one dared to fight him.

38 And Saul armed Da'vid with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head ; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And Da'vid girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go ; for he had not proved it. And Da'vid said unto Saul, I cannot go with these ; for I have not proved *them.* And Da'vid put them off him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip ; and his sling *was* in his hand : and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto Da'vid ; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw Da'vid, he disdain'd him : for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto Da'vid, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves ? And the Philistine cursed Da'vid by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to Da'vid, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said Da'vid to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield : but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Is'rael, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand ; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee ; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth ; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Is'rael.

But now there was some one who did dare. It was David, the shepherd lad. His father had sent him on an errand to the camp, and so he heard what Goliath said.

"Who is this man who defies the armies of the living God?" he asked, and he let every one know that he, David, was ready to meet Goliath.

By and by King Saul sent for David. As he stood before the king, David said, "I, thy servant, will go and fight this man."

"How canst thou? Thou art only a lad," said Saul.

"Once I killed a lion and a bear, as I kept my father's sheep. God saved me from the paw of the lion and of the bear, and He will save me from Goliath."

Then Saul said, "Go, and the Lord be with thee." Saul wished David to wear

his armor, but when David tried it on and buckled Saul's sword at his side, he found that the armor and the sword were not suited to him, so he put them off.

Then David went down to the brook and found five stones and put them into his shepherd's bag. Then he took his sling in one hand and his staff in the other.

When Goliath saw David he called: "Am I a dog that thou comest with a staff? Come! I will kill thee and give thy body to the beasts of the field."

David answered: "Thou comest with a sword and a spear and a shield, but I COME IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. The battle is His, and He will give Thee into my hand. So shall all the world know that God rules in Israel."

Then David began to run. As he ran, he took one of the five stones and slung it. The stone whizzed through the air! It struck Goliath in the forehead, and with a great crash, he fell to the ground.

David ran and drew out Goliath's own sword from its sheath. Then he cut off the great giant's head. Goliath was dead!

David had won the victory, because he trusted in the Lord. And when the Philistines saw that the giant was dead, they ran away, and the people of Israel were saved from their hand.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What enemies of the Israelites had come to make war against them? 2. Where were the armies of the Israelites and Philistines camped? 3. What great gaint was amongst the Philistines? 4. What was his armor like? 5. What did he challenge the Israelites to do? 6. For how long did he challenge them? 7. Why did no Israelite go forth to fight with him? 8. Why did David come to the camp? 9. What did he say he was ready to do? 10. Who sent for him? 11. What offer did he make to the king? 12. What did the king ask? 13. Give David's answer. 14. What did Saul wish David to wear? 15. Why did David not do this? 16. What weapon did he take? 17. What did Goliath say to David? 18. What did David answer? 19. How was Goliath killed? 20. Why was David able to gain this victory? 21. What did the Philistines

do after Goliath was killed? 22. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Many giants, great and tall,  
Stalking through the land,  
Headlong to the earth would fall,  
If met by Daniel's band.

Hold the gospel banner high!  
On to victory grand!  
Satan and his host defy,  
And shout for Daniel's band. Amen.  
—Hymn 533, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—24. What kind of persons were Adam and Eve when God made them? God made Adam and Eve holy and happy.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 12-14.

### The Question on Missions

4. What are some of the results of this work? Idol worship is fast waning. New groups of believers are continually being formed. A growing number of leaders are being equipped. Sunday Schools are organized at all Christian centres, and numerous primary and high schools have been opened.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was with a sling and stone such as we see in the drawing (*copy*) that David killed the great giant Goliath. David was able



to do this because God helped him. Now God wants us to kill all the evil things that come into our hearts, and He will help us to do this if we ask Him.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I HAVE FOES TO FIGHT

## Lesson V.

## SAUL TRIES TO KILL DAVID

May 2, 1915

1 Samuel 19 : 1-12. Study 1 Samuel, ch. 19—Memory Verses, 4, 5.

**Golden Text**—Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.—Proverbs 29 : 25.

presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall : and Da'vid fled, and escaped that night.  
 11 Saul also sent messengers unto Da'vid's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning : and Mi'chal Da'vid's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.  
 12 So Mi'chal let Da'vid down through a window : and he went, and fled, and escaped.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Saul's soldiers were coming back from the battle. All the land of Israel was happy, for the wicked Philistines had been driven away. Bands of women were coming out of the cities to welcome the fathers and brothers and husbands home from the war. How they danced and shook their tambourines ! They sang a song something like this :

"Saul has killed his thousands,  
 David has killed his ten thousands !"

Oh, how angry King Saul was ! "They say David has killed ten times more Philistines than I have," he said. "What more can he have, unless he is made king ?"

You see, Saul was jealous, and he began to hate David. At last he became so bitter against him that he ordered Jonathan, his son, and his servants to kill David. But Prince Jonathan, Saul's son, loved David dearly, and wished to save his life. So it was arranged between the two friends, that David should hide himself in a field outside the city in which Saul lived, and that Jona-

1 And Saul spake to Jon'athan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill Da'vid.

2 But Jon'athan Saul's son delighted much in Da'vid : and Jon'athan told Da'vid, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee : now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself :

3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee ; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 And Jon'athan spake good of Da'vid unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against Da'vid ; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee very good :

5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great salvation for all Is'rael : thou sawest it, and didst rejoice : wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay Da'vid without a cause ?

6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jon'athan : and Saul sware, As the Lord liveth, he shall not be slain.

7 And Jon'athan called Da'vid, and Jon'athan shewed him all those things. And Jon'athan brought Da'vid to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

8 And there was war again : and Da'vid went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter ; and they fled from him.

9 And the evil spirit from the Lord was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand : and Da'vid played with his hand.

10 And Saul sought to smite Da'vid even to the wall with the javelin ; but he slipped away out of Saul's hands, and he escaped that night.

11 Saul also sent messengers unto Da'vid's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning : and Mi'chal Da'vid's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

12 So Mi'chal let Da'vid down through a window : and he went, and fled, and escaped.

than should bring his father near the hiding place and talk to him about David. David, by listening, would learn whether Saul had changed his mind or whether the king was still resolved to take his life. So Jonathan said to his father the king : " Do not hurt David, thy servant. He hath done thee no wrong. Dost thou not remember how he killed the giant Goliath ? Do not bring harm to David."

In this way Jonathan brought to the mind of his father all that David had done in the king's service, and for the good of his country. David had been a loyal and faithful servant and deserved praise and honor instead of hatred and death. The king listened, and consented to stop seeking after David's life.

Jonathan, as quickly as he could, carried this good news to David, and brought him back again to Saul's house, where the king received him in a friendly way and where he lived as he had done in the past. But



soon there was another battle with the Philistines, and David gained another great victory. Then Saul's jealousy came back again. Because he did not drive out those wicked, ugly thoughts, they grew worse and worse, until, at last, the old evil spirit that used to trouble him, came back and tempted Saul to do wicked things.

So one day David began to play on his harp to the king, likely in the hope that the sweet music might drive the evil spirit away from the king. But suddenly Saul grasped his spear, and crash! he hurled it straight at David. But quickly David jumped aside from danger. The spear flew past him and struck the wall and he was not hurt. Then David went away and hid in his own home, but Saul sent men to watch the house. Michal, David's wife, found it out and feared that he would be killed. So, very quietly, she let David down out of a window, and he hurried away in the darkness and in this way escaped from his enemies.

David had obeyed and trusted the heavenly Father, and God was guarding him from all harm. Many dangers might be about him, but God protected him from them all.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Saul begin to hate David?
2. Who was Jonathan? 3. How did he feel towards David? 4. What plan was arranged between Jonathan and David?
5. Of what did Jonathan remind Saul? 6. What did Saul consent to do? 7. To whom did Jonathan carry this good news? 8. Whither did he bring David? 9. How did Saul receive him? 10. What caused Saul to hate David again? 11. What was David doing when Saul tried to kill him? 12. How did the king try to kill David? 13. How did David save himself? 14. Whither did he go? 15. What did Saul then do? 16. How did David escape? 17. Who was protecting David from danger? 18. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

No strength of our own,  
Nor goodness we claim;  
Yet since we have known  
The Saviour's great name,

In this our strong tower

For safety we hide,—

The Lord is our power;

'The Lord will provide.' Amen.

—Hymn 16, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—25. Where did God place Adam and Eve?** God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden in Eden.

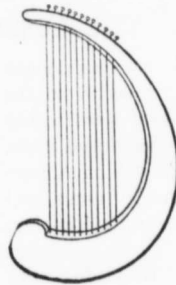
**SHORTER CATECHISM—15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?** A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

### The Question on Missions

5. What is the aim of our missionaries in their educational work? To win young people to Christ by giving them a Christian education, which will prepare them to become useful working members of the church and good citizens; also to train young men for the ministry.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*copy*) is that of a harp. It was on an instrument like this that David was playing when Saul tried to kill him with



a spear. It was anger that led Saul to do this very wicked thing. How careful we should be to keep anger out of our hearts and to have them filled with love instead.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD TRUST GOD

## Lesson VI. FRIENDSHIP OF DAVID AND JONATHAN May 9, 1915

1 Samuel 20 : 32-42. Study 1 Samuel, ch. 20—Memory Verse, 42.

**Golden Text**—A friend loveth at all times.—Proverbs 17 : 17.

32 And Jon'athan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jon'athan knew that it was determined of his father to slay Da'vid.

34 So Jon'athan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for Da'vid, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jon'athan went out into the field at the time appointed with Da'vid, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jon'athan had shot, Jon'athan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jon'athan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jon'athan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jon'athan and Da'vid knew the matter.

40 And Jon'athan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city.

41 And as soon as the lad was gone, Da'vid arose out of a *place* toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until Da'vid exceeded.

42 And Jon'athan said to Da'vid, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jon'athan went into the city.

**THE LESSON RETOLD**

In our last lesson we saw how Saul sought to kill David and how David fled from the place where Saul lived. David went to the home of Samuel, but Saul followed him there, and he thought that his life was once more in danger. So he left Samuel's home, and came back to the king's home to ask Jonathan what he ought to do.

"What have I done? Why dost thy father, King Saul, wish to kill me?" asked David. He had come down from his hiding place in the hills, for he knew that Prince Jonathan loved him and would give him help.

"I am thy true friend," said Jonathan. "Tell me what I can do for thee."

"To-morrow," answered David, "I am supposed to eat with the king; but instead, let me go and hide myself. If thy father misses

me and is angry, then I shall know I must flee."

"When thou hast stayed away three days, come and hide by the great stone," said Jonathan. "I will come, too, and pretend to shoot at a mark. Then I will send a little lad to pick up my arrows. If I say to the boy, 'The arrows are on this side,' then all is well and thou mayest come back. But if I say, 'The arrows are beyond,' the king is angry and thou must flee." So the two friends parted.

Now when David did not come to the table the first day, Saul said nothing; but the second day he asked for him. Jonathan tried to excuse his friend, and then the king grew very angry.

"Why dost thou make David thy friend?"

he cried. "As long as he liveth thou shalt never be king! Bring him to me that I may kill him!"

"Why should he be killed? What hath he done?" asked Jonathan.

Saul was so angry that he tried to throw a spear at his son, but Jonathan hurried away. He knew now that his father Saul had made up his mind to kill David, and he was resolved to do all he could to save the friend whom he loved so truly.

Jonathan was so unselfish and generous that although he was the king's son, he was willing to have David made king instead of himself.

The next day Jonathan took his bow and arrows and went to the field with the little lad. "Run and pick up my arrows," he said. As the boy ran, Jonathan shot an arrow over his head and cried: "The arrow is beyond thee. Make haste! Hurry!"

From his hiding place David heard the words and understood that he must go. He must leave the friend who had been like a dear brother!

When the boy was gone, David came out. He and Jonathan kissed each other, and Jonathan said: "Go in peace. God has heard our promises to be faithful friends. The Lord watch between thee and me forever."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did David come back to Saul's home?
2. What question did he ask of Jonathan?
3. What did he ask Jonathan to find out for him?
4. What plan was arranged between the two friends?
5. What did Saul want Jonathan to do to David?
6. What did Jonathan say?
7. What did Saul try to do to Jonathan?
8. What did Jonathan then do?
9. How did David know that he must go away?
10. Tell about the parting of David and Jonathan.
11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
 All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 What a privilege to carry  
 Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,  
 O what needless pain we bear,  
 All because we do not carry  
 Everything to God in prayer. Amen.  
 —Hymn 404, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—26.** What did God say to Adam and Eve when He had placed them in the garden? God told Adam and Eve that they might eat of every tree in the garden except one.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—16.** Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression? A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him, by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

### The Question on Missions

6. What are the various kinds of educational work? There are elementary and high schools, with studies similar to those in our home schools, Bible study being made prominent; industrial schools for the teaching of trades; training schools for teachers; an arts college at Indore, Central India; and theological seminaries for training native ministers.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

As you copy the drawing of a bow and quiver full of arrows, recall the story of how Jonathan showed his love for his friend



David by warning him of his danger from Saul's anger. Our love for our friends should be like that of Jonathan for David, and we should always be ready to help them.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE A TRUE FRIEND

1 Samuel 26 : 5-16. Study 1 Samuel, ch. 26—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

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



on the top of 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* man ? and who is like to thee in Is'rael ? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king ? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

16 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

Two men were creeping down, down over the rocks. One was David and the other was his trusty captain. They were going by night to the camp of King Saul's great army.

David had gone away to live amongst the hills to be safe from Saul who still wished to kill him. There David had gathered a band of brave men about him. But Saul, with an army, had followed him, and was seeking to take away his life. David and his captain were now going down secretly to Saul's camp.

When they reached Saul's army they saw the heavy war chariots standing in a circle. They saw the soldiers, with Abner their captain, lying fast asleep round about the king. King Saul lay with his long spear stuck in the ground and a cruse or jar of water beside him. There was no sound. Every one was asleep.

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 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 within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster : but Ab'ner and the people lay round about him.

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

9 And Da'vid said to Ab'ishai, Destroy him not : for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless ?

10 Da'vid said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him ; or his day shall come to die ; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed : but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his 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 bolster ; and they gat them away, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither 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

"Let me take his spear and slay him," whispered David's captain.

What would David do ? Would he allow the king to be killed ? Now was his chance. If Saul were dead, David's own life would be safe, and there would be nothing to prevent his becoming king. Would he permit the wicked deed to be done ?

Then David's answer came : " No ! The Lord will punish him for his sins. I, David, will never lift my hand against the Lord's anointed." David remembered that God had set Saul apart as king by having Samuel anoint him with oil. It was God alone, therefore, who had the right to remove Saul from being king, and David would not do any thing against him. Then he added, "But let us take his spear and cruse and go."

So David took the spear and cruse and went over to another high hill and began to

shout : "Abner ! Abner ! where art thou ? Thou hast been careless this night. Thou hast not watched over the king. See ! Some one has taken his spear and cruse !"

Saul heard the loud talking and called, "Is that my son David ?"

"It is my voice, my lord, O king !" answered David. "Listen, I pray thee, to thy servant's words. Why dost thou seek to kill me ? What have I done ?"

Then Saul cried : "I have sinned ! Come back, my son David ! This night thou couldst have slain me in my sleep, but thou didst spare my life. Come back ! I will do thee no harm."

David answered, "Send over a man to get thy spear and cruse." Then he said words something like these, "As I have this night spared thy life, even so may the Lord show mercy to me."

David had won a victory that night ; for he had shown a loving, forgiving heart toward his greatest enemy.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither had David gone ? 2. Whom had he gathered about him ? 3. Who followed him ? 4. What did Saul wish to do ? 5. Whither did David go one night ? 6. Who went with him ? 7. What did they find king Saul doing ? 8. What did David's captain wish to do ? 9. What did David say ? 10. What did he take from Saul's side ? 11. To whom did he show these ? 12. Why did he show them ? 13. What did Saul say to David ? 14. Give David's

answer. 15. What promise did Saul make to David ? 16. What is the Golden Text ?

### Lesson Hymn

What grace, O Lord, and beauty shone  
Around Thy steps below !  
What patient love was seen in all  
Thy life, and death of woe !

O give us hearts to love like Thee,  
Like Thee, O Lord, to grieve  
Far more for others' sins, than all  
The wrongs that we receive. Amen.

—Hymn 42, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD DO GOOD TO THOSE  
WHO HARM ME

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—27. Did Adam and Eve obey God ? No. They ate the fruit God told them not to eat.

SHORTER CATECHISM—17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind ? A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

### The Question on Missions

7. What is industrial mission work, and why is it needed ? Industrial mission work is the teaching of boys and girls and men and women some useful trade. It is needed because in many cases those who become converts to Christianity are, on that account, unable to find employment amongst their heathen fellow countrymen.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

These words from the Golden Text (*copy*) tell us how we ought to feel and act towards those who injure us.

**LOVE YOUR ENEMIES**

## Lesson VIII. DAVID KING OVER JUDAH AND ISRAEL May 23, 1915

2 Samuel 2 : 1-7 ; 5 : 1-5—Memory Verses, ch. 5 : 2, 3.

**Golden Text**—The Lord is my strength and my shield ; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped.—Psalm 28 : 7 (Rev. Ver.).

He'bron before the LORD: and they anointed Da'vid king over Is'rael.

4 Da'vid was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 In He'bron he reigned over Ju'dah seven years and six months: and in Jeru'salem he reigned thirty and three years over all Is'rael and Ju'dah.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Chariot wheels were rumbling. War horses were prancing. Soldiers of the Philistines, with swords and spears and slings were coming to fight God's people, the Israelites.

King Saul was not a good, strong captain for his people. He had disobeyed God. Disobedience makes even a king unhappy, and keeps him from being brave.

Soon the two great armies were fighting. The swords were flashing. King Saul's men began to fall. One after another they fell. By and by they turned and ran.

The enemy hurried after them. They killed the princes. They killed Jonathan, David's dear friend. At last an arrow hit King Saul.

He said to his armorbearer: "Run thy sword through me! Save me from the enemy!" But the armorbearer would not kill his king.

Then Saul fell upon his own sword. Soon Israel was without a king. Saul was dead!

1 And it came to pass after this, that Da'vid enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Ju'dah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And Da'vid said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto He'bron.

2 So Da'vid went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahin'orn the Jezreel'itess, and Ab'igail Na'bal's wife the Car'melite.

3 And his men that were with him did Da'vid bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of He'bron.

4 And the men of Ju'dah came, and there they anointed Da'vid king over the house of Ju'dah. And they told Da'vid, saying, That the men of Ja'besh-gilead were they that buried Saul.

5 And Da'vid sent messengers unto the men of Ja'besh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him.

6 And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Ju'dah have anointed me king over them.

Ch. 5 : 1 Then came all the tribes of Is'rael to Da'vid unto He'bron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that ledest out and broughtest in Is'rael: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Is'rael, and thou shalt be a captain over Is'rael.

3 So all the elders of Is'rael came to the king to He'bron: and king Da'vid made a league with them in

A messenger ran to David with the news. David asked, "From whence comest thou?"

The man answered, "From the camp of Israel."

David exclaimed: "How went the battle? Tell me!"

"The king is dead! Jonathan is dead!" said the man.

David was filled with grief. He cried, "I mourn for thee, my brother Jonathan."

Then came the days when a new king must be chosen. The people thought of David. Because he had been faithful in little things, they knew that he could be trusted with great things.

David was God's choice. Long before this time, as we know, God had sent Samuel to find a king amongst the sons of Jesse in the town of Bethlehem, and David had been chosen and anointed. Now he became the people's choice also. They knew that he was brave and wise, and would make a good ruler.

God told David to go to a place called Hebron. There the people of the tribe of Judah crowned him as their king. This was the tribe to which David himself belonged, and its people were very proud at having one of their own number to rule over them.

When David became king at Hebron, he was told that the people of Jabesh-gilead, whom Saul had saved from the hands of the Ammonites had shown their gratitude by carefully and lovingly burying the body of the king who had been killed in battle. David sent to them a message of thanks for thus showing honor to Saul. In this way David made friends of the people of Jabesh-gilead.

The years passed by. David proved that he could rule so well that the rest of the tribes of Israel asked him to be their king also. Again there was a great gathering. Again David was anointed king. So David, who once had been a shepherd, ruled over Judah and Israel in the city of Jerusalem. He was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned for forty years, about seven in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to fight against the Israelites?
2. Who were the Israelites' leaders?
3. What happened to Saul and Jonathan?
4. To whom was the sad news brought?
5. How did the news make David feel?
6. Why was David chosen as king?
7. Over what tribe did he become king at first?
8. Where did he first live as king?
9. Who afterwards chose him as their king also?
10. Whither did he then go to live?
11. How long did David reign in Hebron?
12. How long was he king in Jerusalem?
13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Golden harps are sounding,  
 Angel voices ring,  
 Pearly gates are opened,  
 Opened for the King  
 Christ, the King of glory,  
 Jesus, King of love,  
 Is gone up in triumph  
 To His throne above. Amen.

—Hymn 537, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—28. What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God?** They were no longer good and happy, and they were afraid of God.  
**29. What name is given in the Bible to Adam's disobedience?** It is called sin.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?**  
 A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

### The Question on Missions

8. What industrial mission work does our church carry on? At Rasalpara, India, our missionaries train Christians and inquirers in rug and carpet making, cotton and silk weaving, furniture making and carpentry, tailoring, gardening, printing and iron-working. At Hwai King, Honan, women are taught lace-making.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of a king on his throne, and remember that you should always honor



and obey your earthly king, and, above all, that you should honor and obey King Jesus.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD HAS A CROWN FOR ME

## Lesson IX. DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO JERUSALEM May 30, 1915

2 Samuel 6 : 12-15 ; Psalm 24. Study 2 Samuel 6 : 1-19 ; Psalm 24—Memory Verses,  
Ps. 24 : 7-10.

**Golden Text**—I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the Lord.—  
Psalm 122 : 1 (Rev. Ver.).



12 And it was told king Da'vid, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of O'bed-e'dom, and all that *pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of God. So Da'vid went and brought up the ark of God from the house of O'bed-e'dom into the city of Da'vid with gladness.

13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

14 And Da'vid danced before the LORD with all *his* might ; and Da'vid was girded with a linen e'phod.

15 So Da'vid and all the house of Is'rael brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

Psalm 24 : 1 The earth *is* the LORD's, and the fulness thereof ; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD ? or who shall stand in his holy place ?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart ; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek *thy* face, O Ja'cob. Se'lah.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors ; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who *is* this King of glory ? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors ; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory ? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Se'lah.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The ark of God was the most precious thing the people of Israel owned. It was something like a great box covered with gold. Two long golden poles were fastened along the sides for handles. There were two figures like angels with overshadowing wings upon the top. Within the ark were a number of things that the people of Israel treasured up. Amongst these were the two tables of stone on which the Ten Commandments were written. These were the laws which God gave to the Israelites, that they should obey them. But the great reason why the ark was precious was this : it was a sign of God's nearness to His people. Where the ark was, there God was. You will remember how the Israelites once in the days of Samuel had been defeated

by the Philistines, brought the ark from its resting place in the temple, hoping that having it with them would give them the victory. But because the Israelites were trusting in the ark instead of trusting in God He allowed them to be defeated again, and the Philistines carried the ark away to their own country. But it gave them so much trouble that they were obliged to bring it back to Israel.

Now for a long time the people had not been caring for the ark as they should have done. It was kept in a little village amongst the hills, and the people had almost forgotten about it.

But David was now king. He thought to himself : "We will bring the precious ark to



our beautiful city of Jerusalem."

The king and his followers went to the house where the ark was. They took a new cart drawn by oxen, and placed the ark upon it. Then the journey was begun.

It was pleasing to God to have the ark brought from its hiding place, but David disobeyed God's directions concerning the way in which it was to be carried. God had said that the ark must be carried upon the shoulders of certain chosen men. It must not be touched except by the handles.

The oxen moved along. Presently they came to a stony place. They stumbled. The ark seemed about to fall. Uzzah, one of the men driving the cart, put out his hand to steady the ark. He touched it. Punishment came immediately. He fell to the earth—dead. David and his followers were grieved and frightened. They carried the ark to the home of Obed-edom and left it there.

After a while David again set out to bring the ark to Jerusalem. This time the precious thing was carried in just the right way. David and his followers obeyed God's will.

There was great rejoicing when the ark reached Jerusalem. The air was filled with the music of harps and cymbals and happy songs.

As the procession bringing the ark, climbed up the hills leading to the city of Jerusalem and gathered together before the city gates, they sang together in the beautiful words of the psalm given in the Lesson,—a psalm which we still love to sing in our churches.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the ark like? 2. What were kept in the ark? 3. Why was it so precious to the Israelites? 4. Who had captured the ark in battle? 5. Why did the Philistines bring it back to the land of Israel? 6. Where was it kept? 7. Whither did David wish to bring it? 8. On what was it carried? 9. Why was this not right? 10. What happened when the oxen stumbled? 11. Whither was the ark then taken? 12. What did David again set out to do? 13. How was the ark carried this time? 14. What happened when the ark reached Jerusalem? 15. What sign was seen as it

was brought into the city? 16. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Lord of the worlds above,  
How pleasant and how fair  
The dwellings of Thy love,  
Thy earthly temples, are!  
To Thine abode  
My heart aspires  
With warm desires  
To see my God. Amen.

—Hymn 387, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—30. **When do we sin against God?** We sin against God when we do what He tells us not to do; or when we fail to do what He tells us to do.

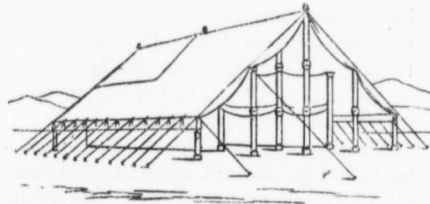
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 15-18.

### The Question on Missions

9. What medical mission work is our church doing? Our medical mission work is carried on in India, Formosa, China and Korea, where, in our 14 hospitals and 17 dispensaries, over a quarter of a million treatments were given during the year 1913-14 by our 14 doctors and 7 nurses, with their native assistants.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here we have a drawing (*color*) of the tabernacle. This building reminded the Israelites that God was always with them as their



friend and helper. So, whenever we go into the church, which is God's house, we should remember that He is near to us and is ready to do us all the good we need.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD'S HOUSE

## Lesson X.

## NATHAN REBUKES DAVID

June 6, 1915

2 Samuel 11 : 22 to 12 : 7a. Study 2 Samuel 11 : 1—to 12 : 7a—Memory Verses, 5-7a.

**Golden Text**—Create in me a clean heart, O God.—Psalm 51 : 10.

the man ; and he said to Na'than, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* shall surely die :  
 6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.  
 7 And Na'than said to Da'vid, Thou art the man.

22 So the messenger went, and came and shewed Da'vid all that Jo'eb had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said unto Da'vid, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants ; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uri'ah the Hit'ite is dead also.

25 Then Da'vid said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Jo'ab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another : make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it : and encourage thou him.

26 And when the wife of Uri'ah heard that Uri'ah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when the mourning was past, Da'vid sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that Da'vid had done displeased the LORD.

Ch. 12 : 1 And the LORD sent Na'than unto Da'vid. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city ; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds :

3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up : and it grew up together with him, and with his children ; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him ; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And Da'vid's anger was greatly kindled against

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a man named Nathan came to King David and told him a story. Nathan was a good man. He was called a prophet ; he listened to God's messages, and told them to the people. God had sent Nathan to David.

King David's happiness was gone. He had sinned hideously. He could not forget the deed he had done. This was the evil thing that David had done. A brave soldier of his, named Uriah, had a beautiful wife, whose name was Bathsheba.

Now David wished to have Bathsheba for his wife, so he formed a very wicked plan to get Uriah put out of the way. He wrote a letter to his general Joab. The letter said, " Put Uriah in the first line of the hottest battle, where he may be hit and killed."

When the next battle was fought, Joab did as David's letter had told him to do. In this battle the army of the Israelites was defeated by their enemies, after a fierce fight, and poor Uriah was killed.

A messenger ran and told David the news. Now one would have expected that David would have been grieved and angry when he heard that his army had been defeated. But Joab knew that the king would be so pleased at hearing of Uriah's being killed, that he would not say anything about the losing of the battle. Could a king be happy after such a cruel deed ?

A very short time after Uriah's death, David sent for Bathsheba, and she became his wife. But God was grieved and displeased, and sent Nathan the prophet with a message to David. When Nathan reached the king's palace he told David this story :

"Once there were two men who lived in the same city. The one was rich, the other poor. The rich man had many flocks and herds. The poor man had nothing, except one little lamb.

"The little lamb grew with the poor man's children. He gave his own food to it. He let it drink from his own cup. He often

held it close in his arms. He loved it as one of his own children.

"Now a traveler came to visit the rich man and he desired to make a feast for him. What did this cruel man do? He took the poor man's one little lamb, and killed it, and prepared it for the feast for the traveller! He took away all that his poor neighbor had!"

David listened to every word. He was filled with anger toward the rich man for being so selfish and cruel. David himself had been a shepherd, and he knew how the poor man would love his one pet lamb.

He cried: "As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die! He hath no pity!"

Nathan looked sadly and sorrowfully at the king as he said, "Thou art the man!"

David himself, the rich man who had a palace, and chariots, gold and silver, herds and flocks, even a crown and a kingdom, David had taken away all that Uriah had, even his life!

This story of David is a very sad one, and as we read it we ought to pray: "Keep me, O Lord, from doing evil. Make my heart true toward all."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Uriah? 2. What was the name of his wife? 3. What did David wish? 4. What did he plan against Uriah? 5. Tell how Uriah was killed. 6. How did David feel after his wicked deed? 7. How did God feel towards him? 8. Whom did God send to rebuke him? 9. About whom did Nathan tell David a story? 10. What did the rich man in the story possess? 11. What did the poor man have? 12. What did the rich man do? 13. How did David feel when he heard the story? 14. What did Nathan then say to David? 15. Why was David like the rich man in the story? 16. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

O Jesus, full of pardoning grace,  
More full of grace than I of sin,  
Yet once again I seek Thy face,  
Open Thine arms, and take me in,

And freely my backslidings heal,  
And love the faithless sinner still.

Amen.

—Hymn 172, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—31. How were Adam and Eve punished for their sin?** They were driven out of the garden, and had to suffer pain, sorrow, and death.

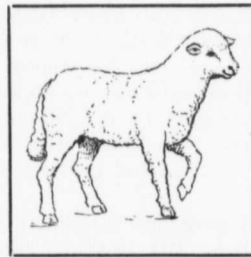
**SHORTER CATECHISM—19. What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?** A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

### The Question on Missions

10. What is the aim of our medical mission work? To save life and relieve suffering, and, by healing the body, to remove prejudices and win confidence and thus lead those not Christians to know and trust in the Great Physician, who heals the soul as well as the body.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*color*) of a lamb, reminds us of the story in the Lesson of a rich and powerful man who robbed his poor neighbor



of the pet lamb which he loved so dearly. What a cruel, selfish thing this was to do, and how we should hate and shun all sorts of selfishness!

**I Have Learned To-day That**

**I SHOULD FEAR GOD'S ANGER**

Psalm 32—Memory Verse, 5.

**Golden Text**—Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.—  
Psalm 32 : 1.



9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, *which* have no understanding : whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked : but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous : and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

In our last Lesson we saw how King David sinned very grievously against God. He had brought about the death of a brave and faithful soldier. God sent his prophet Nathan to rebuke the king for his great sin, and David became truly sorry for it. He bowed his head in grief. He remembered how God had loved him and had guided him all his life.

God had given him the victory over the giant Goliath. His heavenly Father had saved him from Saul's wicked anger. Then, at last, God had made him a great king.

Yet, after all this loving-kindness, David had broken God's rules. No wonder he could neither eat nor sleep. He was sick with sorrow.

But King David went back to God. He knelt down and began to pray : 'Have mercy upon me, O God. . . Against thee. . . have

1 Blessed *is he* whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. *Se'lah.*

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. *Se'lah.*

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. *Se'lah.*

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 *Which* have no understanding : whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked : but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous : and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

I sinned. . . Create in me a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within me.'

God heard David's prayer. He always hears His children when they are truly sorry for their sins. The Lord freely forgave David, and took him back into His tender, loving care.

How thankful David was ! How his love and praises went up to God ! David never again was quite so happy as he had been before he did the wicked deed. But God had forgiven him and his heart was at rest, so that he could say, 'Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.'

David remembered how full of sorrow and trouble he had been until his sin was forgiven. He had been like one sick with a raging burning fever. But as soon as he confessed his sin the Lord forgave him. And

he was sure that, just as God had forgiven him, so He would forgive all who asked Him for pardon.

What wonderful things David had to say about God after he had been forgiven! God was his "hiding place" to protect him from danger. God preserved him from trouble, and filled his heart with songs of joy. God guided him in right and safe ways. No wonder was it that David called upon all who trusted in God to rejoice and shout for joy. And David never forgot the lesson. All the rest of his life he tried to remember and to obey the heavenly Father.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How had David sinned against God?
2. Whose death had he brought about?
3. Who had been sent to rebuke him?
4. How did David then feel?
5. What did he remember that God had done for him?
6. How had he acted towards God?
7. What prayer did he offer?
8. What did God do in answer to this prayer?
9. How did David then feel?
10. Is God willing to forgive all who confess their sins?
11. What did David mean by calling God his hiding place?
12. Who was David's guide?
13. How should all who trust in God feel?
14. What did David always afterwards try to do?
15. What is the Golden Text?

### Walter's Prayer

Let me tell you about a little boy I know. He has bright blue eyes and yellow hair and a happy, sunny face. Every one likes Walter.

Sometimes a boy loses his cap in the yard, and Walter is the first one to say, "I'll go with him and hunt." Sometimes teacher forgets her lunch, and he will run all the way to her house and bring it back.

But one day this boy was cross. Your teacher told you how Walter was naughty and ran away. Can you tell the story to little brother or sister? Can you tell what Walter said to mother that night when she came to put out his light?

### Lesson Hymn

I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;

He bears them all, and frees us

From the accursed load.

I bring my guilt to Jesus,

To wash my crimson stains

White in His blood most precious,

Till not a spot remains. Amen.

—Hymn 123, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—32. **What evil did Adam's sin bring upon us all?** We have all been born with a sinful heart.

SHORTER CATECHISM—20. *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?* A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

### The Question on Missions

11. How are our foreign missions helped by literary work? Through Christian literature it is possible to reach many with the truth who never hear the voice of a missionary. One of our missionaries, Rev. Dr. Donald MacGillivray, gives his whole time to providing such literature for the Chinese in their own language.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Learn by heart this beautiful verse of Hymn 546, Book of Praise, and always be very,

<p>O come, let us sing To the God of salvation, To Jesus our King, Who hath brought us consolation; Who in His own body Hath opened a fountain To cleanse all our sins, Though as high as a mountain.</p>
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very sure that, no matter how great and many your sins may be, Jesus is willing to forgive them all and to help you to keep from sinning against Him.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD WILL FORGIVE ME

## Lesson XII. A PRAYER FOR THE TEMPTED—TEMPERANCE LESSON June 20, 1915

Psalm 141—Memory Verses, 3, 4.

**Golden Text**—Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me.—Psalm 141 : 9 (Rev. Ver.).

1 LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be a kindness*: and let him reprove me; *it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head*: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares *which* they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Our Lesson to-day is called a Temperance Lesson. Even little children know something of the harm which is done through drink. They have seen drunken men staggering along the street, and have heard of the foolish and wicked things which they often do.

In the Lesson psalm, we find the words: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." This is a prayer to God which we may all offer. We should ask God to keep us all our lives from the temptation to let strong drink of any kind cross our lips. Then we shall be saved from doing many wrong things.

Another verse in the psalm speaks of "them that work iniquity." As we read these words, they make us think of bad companions who, if we should listen to them, would lead us astray. It is by going with bad companions that many learn to use the drink which is sure to do them so much harm.

Surely it is a good thing for us to ask God to guard us from evil company and to make up our minds that we will not listen to those who would tempt us to do wrong.

Still another verse of the Lesson psalm says: "In Thee is my trust." David meant by this that only God's power could keep him from evil ways and that His power was sufficient. It is just as true to-day, that God is able to save us from temptations of all kinds.

## Questions on the Lesson

1. What is our Lesson to-day called?
2. What kind of things does strong drink make people do?
3. What does the Lesson teach us to ask about our lips?
4. Why should we not let strong drink cross our lips?
5. What verse in the Lesson psalm speaks of bad company?
6. Why should we ask God to save us from evil companions?
7. In whom does the psalm teach us to trust?

8. Is God able to save us from temptation?  
 9. What is the Golden Text?

### A Wicked Giant

I want to tell you about a little girl named Dora. For a long time she and her tiny brother had never missed being at Sunday School. But one day Dora's seat was empty. So I went to Dora's house. I thought she must be ill.

But no! Dora herself let me in. Everything in the house was as neat and clean as could be, and Baby Bob was playing on the floor.

"Is mother home?" I asked.

"Mother has gone to look for work," she answered.

Then little Bob spoke up. "We can't have anything to eat till mother gets some money," and he began to cry.

Poor little Dora and Baby Bob! I knew then that there was a wicked giant in their house, a giant just as strong and wicked as the great Goliath, whom David had killed.

This giant's name was Drink. He had got hold of Dora's father and had made him go to the saloon. There he drank and drank until all the precious dimes and nickels were gone. There was nothing left to buy food for the little family. No wonder dear little Dora's face was thin and pale and Baby Bob was crying! They were hungry!

Dora and Baby Bob did not long stay hungry. Kind friends brought them something to eat. By and by the brave little mother earned money enough to buy bread and meat and fresh, sweet milk for all three.

You see what dreadful things that giant could do. Dora's father once had been kind and loving to his little family. Shall we not all ask God to help us fight and kill the wicked giant, Drink?

### Lesson Hymn

When temptation sorely presses,  
 In the day of Satan's power,  
 In our times of deep distresses,  
 In each dark and trying hour,  
 By Thy mercy,  
 O deliver us, good Lord. Amen.  
 —Hymn 258, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—33. What will follow if we love sin and allow it to remain in our heart? If we love sin we cannot be the friends of God, or be with Him when we die.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 19, 20.

### The Question on Missions

12. In what other ways do our foreign missionaries reach the people? Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. methods are in use, such as Bible study classes, social gatherings, lectures, and training in social service. There is work in our missions for business men, engineers, Y.M.C.A. secretaries, nurses, teachers and deaconesses, as well as for ministers and doctors.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

You know how easy it is for us to let unkind and untrue words slip out of our lips. Now in our Lesson, there is a prayer that



God would keep the door of our lips. This is a prayer that we should offer very often. And while we offer it, we should be careful not to say anything that would displease our loving leading Father. *Color the drawing.*

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD ASK GOD TO KEEP  
 ME FROM WRONG-DOING

Lesson XIII. **REVIEW—DAVID, THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL** June 27, 1915

**Golden Text**—I myself will feed my sheep.—Ezekiel 34 : 15 (Rev. Ver.).

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 21-33. SHORTER CATECHISM—Questions 12-20. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—584, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

Read Psalm 78 : 65-72.

**David, the Shepherd of Israel**

All through the Quarter we have been having lessons about David. From being a shepherd lad he became king over the people. Now kings were often called "shepherds," and so David the king was shepherd of Israel. Let us see what we can remember of the Lessons for the Quarter.

LESSON I. This Lesson is about one who was king of Israel, but was removed from being king. Who was this? Why would God no longer have him as king? Who told him this?

LESSON II. We see in the second Lesson how David was chosen to be king. Where was David's home? What was his father's name? Who was sent to find the one who was to be king? How was David set apart to be king?

LESSON III. Here we have a beautiful psalm about a shepherd. How is God like a shepherd? Why should we never be afraid? Where shall we dwell forever if we belong to God?

LESSON IV. In this Lesson we are told of a great victory which David won. What enemies came to fight against the Israelites? What great giant was amongst these enemies? How did David kill him?

LESSON V. The next Lesson tells about Saul's trying to kill David. Why did Saul hate David? How did he try to kill him? In what way did David escape?

LESSON VI. In the sixth Lesson, we are told about a prince who was a great friend of David's. Who was this prince? How did he learn that David's life was in danger? In what way did he give warning?

LESSON VII. The Lesson story is about David sparing Saul's life. What was Saul doing at this time? How did he come to be in David's power? Why would David not allow him to be killed?

LESSON VIII. Here we find David at last being made king over his people. Which of the tribes chose David first as their king? Where did he at first live as king? Why did the other tribes also choose him to rule over them? Where did he then go to live?

LESSON IX. In the next Lesson we see the ark being brought to Jerusalem. What was the ark? Where had it been kept? How did David feel when he was bringing it to Jerusalem? What psalm was sung at this time?

LESSON X. It is a sad story that we find in this Lesson,—the story of a great sin of David's. Who was sent to rebuke David for his sin? What story did Nathan tell the king?

LESSON XI. The Lesson is a psalm all about forgiveness. Why do we all need to be forgiven? How can we be sure that God will forgive us?

LESSON XII. This is a Temperance Lesson. Why should we never use strong drink? Who will help us not to do so?

**Lesson Hymn**

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His,  
And He is mine, forever.

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever! Amen.  
—Hymn 19, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

**That Jesus should be my king**



## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

Write in the spaces below (or get some one to do so for you) some one thing you have learned from each Lesson.

LESSON I. Saul Rejected by the Lord.	LESSON VII. David Spares Saul.
LESSON II. David Anointed King.	LESSON VIII. David King over Judah and Israel.
LESSON III. The Shepherd Psalm.	LESSON IX. David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem.
LESSON IV. David and Goliath.	LESSON X. Nathan Rebukes David.
LESSON V. Saul Tries to Kill David.	LESSON XI. The Blessedness of Forgiveness.
LESSON VI. Friendship of David and Jonathan.	LESSON XII. A Prayer for the Tempted (Temperance Lesson).

**SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD**

[Many of the little ones will be pleased to mark down their attendance at church and Sabbath School, with the number of verses learned, etc., and so here is a place to do it in. The record will be very interesting by the end of the Quarter. Mothers will help the tinier tots who cannot read or manage a pencil very well.]

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