

## B. The Relations of JESUS:—

- I. As God—HE was without Mother; as Man—HE was without FATHER.—Hebrews vii. 3.  
∴ imitate His *Obedience* to His Heavenly FATHER, and to His earthly Mother.—S. Luke ii. 49, 51.
  - II. God was His FATHER from all Eternity.—S. John x. 30.  
∴ imitate the *Generosity* of God the FATHER in giving His Only SON.—S. John iii. 16.
  - III. The Blessed Virgin Mary became His Mother when the fulness of time was come.—Galatians iv. 4.  
∴ imitate the *Purity* of her of whom 'That Holy Thing' was conceived.—S. Luke i. 31.
  - IV. S. Joseph was His 'supposed' father.—S. Luke iii. 23.  
∴ imitate the *Devotion* of that aged man.—S. Luke ii. 48.
  - V. THE HOLY GHOST was THE PERSON by WHOM HE was conceived.—S. Matthew i. 20.  
∴ Accept the *Grace* of the HOLY SPIRIT in all your works.—Romans viii. 14.
- C. 1. What does 'Incarnation' mean?—Being made flesh. 2. Who was 'made Flesh'?—GOD THE SON.
  3. When was GOD THE SON 'made Man'?—At the Annunciation on Lady Day.
  4. Where was GOD THE SON 'made Man'?—At Nazareth.
  5. What does David say of himself and of all born of human parents?—'In sin hath my mother conceived me.'
  6. But what does S. John say of our Lord?—'In HIM was no sin.'
  7. How was this?—Because 'HE was conceived by THE HOLY GHOST.'

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (FEBRUARY 7).

'—born.'—*The Nativity*.—S. Luke ii. 1-17; Isaiah vii. 14.

- A. What various Persons did after the first Christmas Day was over. See S. Matt. ii.; S. Luke ii.
  - I. *Mary* 'kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.' ∴ Don't forget Christmas lessons.
  - II. *Joseph* 'took the Young Child and His Mother.' ∴ Be careful of treasures entrusted to you.
  - III. *The Angels* went 'away into Heaven.' ∴ Follow them by leading a heavenly life on earth.
  - IV. *The Shepherds* 'returned, glorifying God.' ∴ Be thankful to THE GIVER of all Christmas Gifts.
  - V. *All they that heard* 'wondered.' ∴ Do something more than wonder.
  - VI. *The Wise Men* 'departed another way.' ∴ You must lead a different life after seeing JESUS.
  - VII. *Herod* 'slew all the children.' ∴ Beware of bad temper.
  - VIII. *The Child* 'grew.' ∴ Grow in grace.
- B. Keep Christmas all the year round:—
  - First. *Cheerfulness* in discomforts at home. THE SON OF GOD was content in a Stable.
  - Second. *Gifts* to the homeless Poor. JESUS came that 'by His Poverty we might be made rich.'
  - Third. *Glorify* to God. Don't forget to keep up the Angels' song.
  - Fourth. *Peace* on earth. Keep friends with those you made good friends with at Christmas.
- C. 1. Who is THE PERSON that is born to save us?—'God of the Substance of His FATHER, Begotten before the world.'
2. What is HE besides God?—'Man of the substance of His Mother, Born in the world.'
3. What happened on the first Christmas Day?—GOD THE SON was 'born of a woman.'
4. Was THIS Birth foretold?—Yes; the first Prophecy was to the Serpent: 'The Seed of the Woman shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His Heel.'
5. Was the time of THIS Birth foretold?—Yes; by Jacob, when he said, 'The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, till Shiloh come.'
6. Was the place of THIS Birth foretold?—Yes; by Micah:—'Thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah; yet out of thee shall HE come forth unto ME that is to be Ruler in Israel.'
7. Describe the Birth of our Saviour.

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