

# HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 1.

JULY 1st, 1894.

3rd QUARTER.

The Birth of Jesus. Luke 2: 1-16.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Unto us is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 11.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 10-14. CHILDREN'S HYMNAL 17, 18, 1211, 20.

PROVE THAT—Jesus is the promised Messiah. Acts 17: 3.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 82. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

## DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH
Luke 2: 1-10.	Isa. 9: 1-6.	Isa. 40: 1-11.	Jno. 1: 1-14	1 Tim. 1: 12-17	2 Tim. 1: 1-10.	1 Jno. 4: 9-14.

To the Teacher.—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

## HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—We begin to-day a study of the whole life of Christ. It will occupy a year and a half, and should fill every one of us with increased admiration of the wonderful Saviour. It should help us to understand him better and love him more. Before you begin, ask him to help you to study every lesson well, and to make you more like himself. Be sure and read the whole story from the beginning, including John 1: 1-18; Luke 1: 1-80; and Matt. 1: 1-25.

The Roman Empire then embraced the whole known world. Rome itself was a city of about 6,000,000 inhabitants, and more wealthy and magnificent than London. Jerusalem had a population of more than 2,500,000.

LESSON PLAN. I. The Infant Saviour. vs. 1-7. II. The Angels' Song. vs. 8-14. III. The Shepherds' Visit. vs. 15, 16.

I. THE INFANT SAVIOUR. 1. In those days—Jesus was born four years before the date commonly given. The person whose calculations have been universally accepted was a monk named Dionysius Exiguus, who published them in A. D. 526. It is now quite certain that he made a mistake of four years, but since it would cause great inconvenience if we tried to change all the dates in all the books that have been, or shall be written, it is better to keep the incorrect date for use, but to remember that Christ was born at the end of A. D. 5, perhaps on December 25th. Caesar Augustus—The emperor of Rome. Our month of August is named from him. All the world—i. e. all the habitable world, for the Romans thought that what they had not conquered was not fit for human beings to live in. Taxed—R. V. "enrolled." It was a census-taking, partly with a view to taxation no doubt. 2. Cyrenius—his full Roman name was Publius Sulpicius Quirinus. He was again governor in A. D. 6, ten years after this, when the insurrection mentioned in Acts 5:37 occurred. Syria—The Roman province to which Palestine was attached. 3. His own city—Because there the family records were kept and he must be present at "roll-call." 4. Point out on the map the road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Through what section of the country would they travel? City of David—1 Sam. 17: 12. Mention some other events for which Bethlehem was famous. Gen. 35: 16; Ruth 1: 2; Matt. 2: 16. The name Bethlehem means "House of Bread," it was also called Ephrath or "fruitful." 6. They may have had to wait there some time. Swaddling clothes—Strips of cloth about four inches wide and several feet long, which were bound around the child. He needed all the care bestowed

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