

Lesson Hymn

Who is on the Lord's side?
 Who will serve the King?
 Who will be His helpers
 Other lives to bring?
 Who will leave the world's side?
 Who will face the foe?
 Who is on the Lord's side?
 Who for Him will go? Amen.
 —Hymn 252, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE ON CHRIST'S SIDE

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions
 116-130.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions
 36-38.

The Question on Missions

12. What do they do when they leave school? The boys usually farm, the Indian Department helping by gift or loan, if they have been good at school. The girls go out to service, reside with their friends or marry. The Department also assists good girls to start housekeeping. A few graduates go into trades and professions.

CHRISTMAS LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

Isaiah 9 : 1-7

Many years before Christ came to earth, God's people Israel were in sore trouble. They had sinned greatly, and so they had been punished greatly by being carried away as slaves to a heathen land, while their own beautiful cities were burnt or torn down and their holy temple destroyed. Then Israel remembered all God's goodness to them of old, as they turned to Him in their trouble and asked Him to forgive their sins.

So God sent one of His holy prophets, Isaiah, to them with a comforting message. And this message told them to be brave and hopeful, for one day God was going to send to them a great Deliverer, who would not only save and deliver them from their enemies, but from sin and heathen darkness and all other evils. This message was for all the nations of the earth as well as for Israel,

and by the Deliverer God meant His only Son, Jesus, who was to come as a little Child.

When He came, He would teach people the things of God, and bring them joy and happiness and the forgiveness of their sins, while the nations that believed in Him and served Him as their Lord and King, would become great nations, wise and powerful and prosperous. This was glad news; so the Israelites looked forward eagerly to the time when the Saviour would come.

Lesson Story

Letty sat parceling out her Christmas purchases. "I think I'll give Eleanor this little brooch", she said. "She gave me such a beautiful present last Christmas. Then this little tie will do for Lucy, she always gives such shabby presents, she won't expect much from other people." Uncle Louis leaned across the table, "That means, then, that those who already have much will get more and those who have little will get even less. "Seems to me", shaking his head, "that that isn't a very beautiful Christmas spirit." Letty looked rather ashamed. "That isn't the way things happened the first Christmas Day." Uncle Louis went on. "It was poor people to whom God first sent news of His wonderful Gift to the world—the baby Christ." "Oh stop, stop, please!" Letty pleaded. "I'm going to change all my gifts round again at once.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The words "*Prince of Peace*," are very easy to copy. They are short and simple and only three in number. But oh! how

The Prince of Peace

much they mean. That Prince is God's only Son, who came to earth the first Christmas time to bring peace into men's hearts all the world over and for all time,

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD SEEK TO KNOW ALL
 I CAN OF JESUS