

land appeared to them again. And they were filled with joy, for it moved on before them and showed them the way, till it came and stood over the house where Jesus was, with Mary, His mother, And they went into the house, and bowed down and worshiped Him. And they presented rich gifts to Jesus of things which were precious in their own land,—gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Then God spoke to them in a dream, and commanded them not to go back to Herod ; so they returned to their own country by another way. And so the wicked and cruel king failed in his plot to kill the babe Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to Jerusalem at the time when Jesus was to be born ? 2. What did they ask ? 3. Who heard of this ? 4. Why was he afraid ? 5. When did Herod ask about Jesus ? 6. What was he told ? 7. What did Herod then say to the Wise Men ? 8. Why was he anxious to find Jesus ? 9. What did the Wise Men see again on the road to Bethlehem ? 10. Whither did the star lead them ? 11. What did the Wise Men do when they found Jesus ? 12. What gifts did they bring Him ? 13. What did God tell them in a dream ? 14. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

"Oh !" cried Gretta, "who are you ?" For there, at the bottom of her bed, sat the funniest little roly-poly man you ever saw. "I am the Spirit of Christmas", he said,

"and I'm going round this Christmas Eve, trying to regulate giving, a little better. Now, for instance, what are you going to give that rich little girl friend of yours—Dorothy White ?" "Wh-y", stammered Gretta, "she gave me such a lovely present last year, I'm going to —"

"Exactly", interrupted the little man, "you needn't say anything more. And little lame Lucy that lives down the lane ?" "Oh", cried Gretta, "I quite forgot." "Always the way", sighed the little man ; "but now that I've drawn your attention to it, perhaps you can re-arrange your gifts according to the true spirit of Christmas." And although Gretta knew it was all a dream, her best gifts next day were not to her well-off friends, but to the poor and needy.

Lesson Hymn

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold ;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright ;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle rude and bare ;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King. Amen.

—Hymn 31, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day THAT JESUS IS MY SAVIOUR

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



Many miles across the desert came the Wise Men to Bethlehem to worship Jesus. He is now in heaven, but He loves to have the children, as well as the grown children worship Him. Copy the picture by putting a very thin piece of paper over it and using lead pencil.