

THE CHRIST CHILD.

THERE came a little child to earth,
 Long ago;
 And the angels of God proclaimed his birth,
 High and low.
 Out of the night so calm and still,
 Their song was heard,
 For they knew that the child on Bethlehem's
 hill
 Was Christ the Lord.
 Far away in a goodly land,
 Fair and bright,
 Children with crowns of glory stand,
 Robed in white;
 In white more pure than spotless snow;
 And their tongues unite
 In the psalm the angels sang long ago,
 On Christmas night.
 They sang how the Lord of that world so
 fair,
 A child was born,
 And that they might a crown of glory wear
 Wore a crown of thorn,
 And in mortal weakness, in want and pain,
 Came forth to die,
 That children of earth might forever reign
 With him on high.
 He has put on his kingly apparel now,
 In that goodly land;
 And he leads to where fountains of water
 flow,
 That chosen band.
 And forever there in garments fair
 And undecayed,
 Those ransomed ones his praise declare,
 Who once was a child.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B.C. 1312] LESSON XII. [Dec. 23.
 RUTH'S CHOICE
Ruth 1. 16-22. Comm. to memory vs. 16-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thy people shall be my people, and thy
 God my God. *Ruth 1. 16*

OUTLINE.

1. The voice of love.
2. The voice of woe.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

When was there a famine in Canaan? In
 the time of the judges.
 Who went from Bethlehem to live in
 Moab? The family of Elimelech.
 Who died in Moab? Elimelech, and his
 two sons.

Who were left to Naomi of all the family?
 Orpah and Ruth, her daughters-in-law.

What did Naomi say she would do? Go
 back to Bethlehem again.

Who begged to go with her? Orpah and
 Ruth.

Why was Naomi unwilling? Because
 they would have to leave their own home
 and friends.

Who refused to leave her mother? Ruth
 What did Ruth say? "Thy God shall be
 my God."

Why did this make Naomi happy? Be-
 cause she loved Ruth.

What do Christians want to see others
 do? Love and serve the true God.

How can Christians help others to love
 God? By loving him themselves.

What had come upon Naomi? Great
 trouble.

What great good came out of the trouble?
 Ruth learned to love and serve God.

Who can turn trouble into blessing? The
 Lord.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

<i>A loving heart</i>	<i>A selfish heart</i>
Clings to friends.	Thinks about its own pleasure.
Tries to comfort them.	Forgets friends in trouble.
Is glad to follow them.	Chooses to go its own way.
Wants to be taught by them.	Thinks it knows the best way.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The love of
 Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Who was the apostle John? The disciple
 whom Jesus loved, and who leaned on his
 bosom at the last supper.

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

B.C. 1491] [Dec 30
Num. 6. 1-4. Comm. to mem. vs. 3.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For he shall be great in the sight of the
 Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong
 drink. *Luke 1. 15.*

OUTLINE.

1. Separation from sin.
2. Consecration to God.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who gave laws to govern Israel? The
 Lord.

To whom did he give them? To Moses.
 To whom did Moses then give them? To
 the Israelites.

What law is given in this lesson? The
 law of separation.

What was one called who separated him-
 self to one Lord? A Nazarite.

What did a Nazarite make? A vow.
 What is a vow? A solemn promise.

What did he promise not to drink? Wine
 or strong drink.

What did he promise not to eat? Grapes
 in any form.

How long did the vow last? A week, or
 a month, or a whole life-time.

What noted men were Nazarites all their
 lives? Samson and John the Baptist.

What is caused by strong drink? Great
 misery and crime.

What is a safe rule for Christians? "Touch
 not, taste not, handle not."

Who alone are truly separated to the
 Lord? Those who obey him.

What has God said about wine? "Look
 not upon the wine."

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

"Wine is a mocker."
 Satan uses wine as one of his agents.
 He says that it is a pleasant, harmless
 drink.
 He says that a little can not do any harm.
 Do not let Satan deceive you.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Temperance.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Who was St. Thomas? An apostle, who
 at first did not believe that the Lord had risen.

A WARNING TO THE YOUNG.

It is often worse to read bad books than
 it is to keep company with bad boys.
 Actions grow out of thoughts, and a bad
 book can in a few minutes damage us
 forever.

One of England's greatest and best men
 says that, when a boy, another boy lent him
 a bad book for just fifteen minutes. It sent
 a deadly dart to his soul. He never could
 get away from the vile impression made
 upon his mind by that book in so short a
 time. He shed many bitter tears over it,
 and tried to forget it, but the shadow
 lingered. God forgave him, but he could
 not tear from his soul the memory of that
 evil book.

My young friends, if you will hear the
 voice of age and wisdom, do not read bad,
 trashy books and papers. They feed unholy,
 lustful thoughts, and lure to dark deeds.
 They poison the mind and corrupt the
 morals. They are worse on the soul than
 liquor is on the brain. If you fill your
 mind with rubbish of nonsense and the filth
 of vile thinking, there will be neither room
 nor relish for the choice gold of truth and
 the diamond-dust of pure thought. In the
 Bible you will find the loftiest sentiments
 expressed in a clear and captivating style.
 It is a fountain of pure thought and clear
 English. Read it much, love it more, and
 live out its blessed teachings forever.—*Ann.*