

For unto you is born this day in the city of David (Bethlehem) a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you ; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger." Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will unto men."

When the angels were gone back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now into Bethlehem and find the child." And they went in haste to the village. There in a manger which was used for feeding cattle, lay the babe, and Mary his mother was bending over him. Joseph stood nearby. Mary had come with Joseph, her husband, to Bethlehem, and there were so many visitors there that there was no room for them in the inn. The only place they could find for the baby Jesus was in the manger of the stable. Isaiah's message had come true.

The shepherds kneeled down and worshipped the babe, and then hurried away to tell the joyful news to others. Christmas is the birthday of the Christ, or Jesus. This is the story of the first Christmas day. Jesus wants all who hear this story to tell it or send others to tell it all over the world.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What day do we call to-morrow ?
2. Whose birthday is it ? 3. What did God promise his people long ago ? 4. Who brought them this promise ? 5. Who were causing God's people to suffer at that time ?
6. What did Isaiah say they should see ?
7. What would happen to their nation ?
8. What would become of the armor and weapons of their enemies ? 9. When was the great light to come ? 10. What should the child be called ? 11. When was God's promise fulfilled ? 12. To whom did the angels tell of Jesus' birth ? 13. What did the angels say ? 14. Where was Jesus born ? 15. Where did the shepherds find him ? 16. Why was he not in the inn ? 17. What did the shepherds do when they saw the babe ? 18. What did they do afterwards ? 19. What should we do with the Christmas story ? 20. What are the Golden Texts ?

Lesson Hymn

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyfully triumphant,
To Bethlehem hasten now with glad accord :
Lo ! in a manger
Lies the King of Angels ;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord ! Amen.

—Hymn 34, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions
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The Question on Missions

13. Do East Indians help in the work of the Mission ? Yes. All the teachers in the Mission Schools are East Indians who have been trained by the missionaries. Others are preachers of the gospel, and several Bible women are at work amongst the East Indian women in their own homes.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was a star, you remember, that guided the wise men to the place where Jesus was born. So in the drawing are printed the



five names given to Jesus by Isaiah. Can you repeat them ? Learn them so well that you will never forget them. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD FOLLOW JESUS