

Jerusalem, to Egypt, and to Damascus, were constantly passing. It was here the birth of Jesus was announced by the angel (Luke 1: 26 etc.); and here Jesus lived for thirty years. Was subject; was an obedient, faithful son.

DAILY READINGS

M.—The boyhood of Jesus, Luke 2: 40-52. T.—The Passover Feast, Deut. 16: 1-8. W.—A youthful seeker, 2 Chron. 34: 1-7. Th.—The principal thing, Prov. 4: 1-9. F.—Excellency of wisdom, Prov. 8: 1-17. S.—Wisdom from God, Prov. 2: 1-9. S.—Herod's cruelty, Matt. 2: 18-23.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 521; 389; 57 (Ps. Sel.); 584; 519 (from Primary Quarterly); 477.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 1. What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus is the Son of God.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

40-45 Seniors—Where was Jesus born? (Matt. 2: 1.) What king tried to kill Him? (Matt. 2: 16.) To what foreign country did His parents take Him? (Matt. 2: 13-14.) Where did they live after returning to their own land?

40 What is said about the body of the child Jesus? About His mind? How did God look upon Him?

41-45 To what feast did Jesus go? Where? How old was He? What did He do at the close of the feast? Who sought for Him?

46-50 Where was Jesus found? What was He doing? What did He call the temple?

51, 52 How did Jesus act towards His parents? In what ways did He grow? To whom was He pleasing?

Seniors and the Home Department—Give the date of Jesus' birth. How long after His birth did the events of the Lesson happen?

40-45 How far from Jerusalem was Nazareth? Name the three great feasts of the Jews? At what age did Jewish boys begin to attend them? What event did the Passover commemorate? How long did it last?

46-50 By what title does Jesus call God? What do we learn from this? Where is He called the Son of God? (Ps. 2: 7; Rom. 2: 4; Heb. 1: 5.)

51, 52 Which Commandment teacheth obedience to

parents? Where does Paul teach the same duty? (Eph. 6: 1.)

Seek Further Questions—Name the different songs in connection with the birth of Jesus. Give three Old Testament prophecies of the Saviour's birth.

Topics for Brief Papers—(1.) The Passover. (2.) The Boy Jesus.

[The scholars should, during the week, find out all they can, from the Scriptures and elsewhere, on these topics, and write a short paper on each, to be read in the class or examined afterwards by the teacher, as may seem best.]

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. Jesus was a real boy in body and in mind. He grew in physical strength and in knowledge like all boys since the world began. And so He is a Saviour and Friend for boys, knowing and sympathizing with all their plans and ambitions, their triumphs and defeats, their joys and sorrows.

2. In childhood when we look out to sea, we think that the sky and ocean touch each other. When we are young, heaven is always near. Why should we permit age to push it away?

3. As the plant is in the seed, so the man is in the boy in the case of Jesus in the temple. Jesus the questioner in the temple at twelve is the sure forerunner of Jesus the cleanser of the temple at thirty.

4. Wise as well as strong was Jesus. And He was strong because He was wise. It is bad habits frequently that cause weakness. And from these the wisdom of Jesus kept Him. Whoever wants to be strong, let him learn to be wise.

5. We know the secret of Jesus' strong and beautiful life. He spent His days under the influence of divine grace: God was with Him, and He was with God. The same grace is offered to us, and will make our lives noble and true.

6. "March on! brave youth, the field of strife

With peril fraught before thee lies;

March on! the battle-plain of life

Shall yield thee yet a glorious prize.

Unfurl thy banner to the breeze,

Emblazon truth in every fold,

And, nobly shunning selfish ease,

Tread down the wrong, the right uphold."

7. No business yields such large profits as "My Father's business," and no one is too young to engage in it.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Where did Jesus attend school?

2. Who taught Him? From what book?

3. Show that He profited by His instructions.