

see what each one could gain by trading.  
4. What did the first servant do with his?  
Ans. He gained with it ten pounds more.  
5. What was done to the servant who hid

his master's money? Ans. His pound was taken from him. 6. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

**That I should be a good and faithful servant**

*see Lesson 1*

**Primary Catechism—131.** What part should you take in giving the gospel to the heathen who have never heard of a Saviour?

If I cannot go myself to tell them about Jesus, I should pray for them, and give of my money to send Bibles and missionaries to them.

**132.** With what prayer does the Bible close?

The Bible closes with the prayer, "COME, LORD JESUS."

**Shorter Catechism—55.** What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God maketh himself known.

### Lesson Hymn

True-hearted, whole-hearted, faithful and loyal,

King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be!  
Under Thy standard exalted and royal,

Strong in Thy strength, we will battle for Thee.

*Peal out the watchword, and silence it never,*

*Song of our spirits rejoicing and free,*

*True-hearted, whole-hearted, now and forever,*

*King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be!*

Amen.

—Hymn 245, Book of Praise

### A CHRISTMAS LESSON

(May be used instead of the regular lesson for the day.)

Matt. 2: 1-11—Memory Verses, 4-6

**Golden Text**—Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

Matthew, one of Jesus' disciples, wrote in the Bible the story of Jesus' birthday and of those who gave the first Christmas presents.

Long, long ago, when the wicked Herod was king, some strange visitors knocked at his palace gate. They had come on a long journey, and wanted to be told where to find the baby who was born king of the Jews. "For," said they, "we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

Herod could not tell them where to find the babe, so he sent for his wise and most learned men, who showed him the place in the Bible where it was promised that Christ should come from Bethlehem.

When Herod heard these things, he and his people were much frightened, thinking

that a new king would bring trouble. But Herod pretended to be pleased, and told the wise men to hurry to Bethlehem and bring back word to him, that he might come and worship the babe also.

So the strangers went out and followed the star that had guided them to Herod in the first place.

By and by it stopped above a certain house. How glad the travellers were, for they knew they were at the right house.

When they came into the house, they found the heavenly babe with Mary, His mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their bags, and offered rich and costly presents to the baby king, gold, and sweet-smelling spices and perfumes; after which God sent them home by a safer road.

*see Lesson 1*