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Pictures from the Life of Jesus.

PICTURE II.

**JERUSALEM; OR, THE CHILD JESUS
IN THE TEMPLE.**

TWELVE years had passed, and Mary and Joseph, with the child Jesus, dwelt in the cottage at Nazareth. The people at Bethlehem would perhaps have forgotten the strange story of the angel's song, had not another and a terrible event followed almost directly upon it. The bright and shining star which led the wise men to seek the new-born Saviour, was a sign of mourning and distress to them; for when

the wise men were warned of God not to go back to King Herod, but to return into their own country another way; and when that cruel monarch found that he was mocked by those wise men, and that he who was born king of the Jews was still safe from his power, he had sent out word that every child under two years old should die, and bitter tears were shed, and mothers' hearts were broken, for love of their dear little ones whom the rough soldiers slew.

Long before that time, the God-taught prophets had foreseen this cruel deed. In Rama was there a voice