

THE Teachers' Preparation Leaflet

LESSON 2.

JUNE 8th, 1894.

3rd QUARTER.

Presentation in the Temple. Luke 2: 25-38.

GOLDEN TEXT: "A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." Luke 2: 32.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 27-32. **CHILDREN'S HYMNAL**, 30, 19, 31, 61.

PROVE THAT—God answers prayer. Matt. 21: 22.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 83. Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Luke 2: 25-38	John 8: 16-21	Isa. 49: 5-12	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	Heb. 12: 1-6	John 10: 25-30	Isa. 42: 1-8

Five Minutes Opening Drill. Who Wrote the Gospels?

MATTHEW or Levi, son of Alphaeus. A publican, or collector of Roman taxes. One of the Twelve.

MARY, the Roman surname of John, cousin of Barnabas. Lived at Jerusalem. Mother's name was Mary. Supposed to have been the young man who fled naked when our Lord was betrayed. Accompanied Peter in his travels.

LUKE. A native of Antioch, a gentile (Col. 4: 11, 14.) A physician. A close companion of Paul. Wrote also the *Acts*.

JOHN. Brother of James and son of Zebedee. A fisherman of Bethsaida on the sea of Galilee. Was probably the youngest of the Twelve, and outlived all the others. Wrote also three Epistles and the *Revelation*.

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—The circumcision of Christ is very properly emphasized by the selection of its anniversary as New Year's day. By this rite our Saviour's subjection to the law is set forth (Gal. 4: 4); his descent from Abraham and the fulfilment of God's promise to that patriarch were certified; and his course as the Redeemer of the covenant people officially began. Although he needed not the circumcision of the heart, yet, becoming in all things like unto his brethren (Heb. 2: 17: 4: 15), in this, as in his baptism, he fulfilled all righteousness (Matt. 3: 15.) As against the heresy that our Lord's body was a mere appearance and not a reality, the fact of the circumcision proves it to have been as real as that of other babes. The beautiful custom of the Jews of formally naming the child at circumcision was peculiarly significant in the case of Christ. While undergoing the ceremony which symbolized man's sinfulness, he was announced as the Saviour from sin.

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