

put Him to sleep in the manger among the straw. It was a strange cradle.

Near Bethlehem some shepherds were out on the hills taking care of their sheep through the dark night. All at once they saw a bright light shining round them. They were much frightened. But an angel spoke to them out of the brightness, and said, "Fear not. I have good news for you. Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. If you go to Bethlehem you will find the lit-

tle babe lying in a manger."

Then the shepherds saw the sky full of angels all singing the same song—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

When the angels had gone away into heaven and it was dark again, the shepherds said: "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing." So they came and found it all just as the angel had said, and Mary showed them the babe lying in the manger. They went away and told what they had seen.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. To what great king were Mary and Joseph related? Ans.—To King David.
2. Where did they live? Ans.—At Nazareth.
3. Why did they go to Bethelern? Ans.—To pay taxes.
4. Where did they stay all night? Ans.—In a stable.
5. Why? Ans.—Because there was no room for them in the inn.
6. What happened in the stable? Ans.—Christ was born.
7. Did His mother know who her child was? Ans.—Yes.

8. Who were spending the night in the fields near by? Ans.—Some shepherds.
9. What did they see that frightened them? Ans.—A bright light and the sky filled with angels.
10. What did the angels say? Ans.—"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."
11. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"Thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins."

A Happy New Year

Lads and lasses, don't you hear
Someone knocking at your door?
Don't you know the glad New Year,
Comes to you and me once more?

How shall we receive this guest?
How improve the gifts he bears?
We must join, at his behest,
Earnest deeds with fervent prayers.

We must *do*, as well as pray,
We must battle for the right;
And with each succeeding day,
God will give us strength to fight.

Let us, then, with songs of cheer—
Little children though we be—
Welcome in the glad New Year.
Gift from God's Eternity.

I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY THAT Where Jesus is there is Joy

Primary Catechism—65. What is a Christian?

A Christian is one who loves and follows Jesus Christ.

66. What does following Jesus Christ mean?

To follow Jesus Christ is to trust and obey Him.

Shorter Catechism—1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

Lesson Hymn

Far away in a goodly land,
Fair and bright,
Children with crowns of glory stand,
Robed in white,—
In white more pure than the spotless snow;
And their tongues unite
In the psalm which the angels sang long ago
On that still night.

Amen.

—Hymn 520, Book of Praise.