

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 4.

JULY 22nd, 1894.

3rd QUARTER.

Flight into Egypt. Matt. 2: 13-23.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in." Ps. 121: 8.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 13-15. Children's Hymnal 127, 201, 93, 132.

PROVE THAT—God watches over his people. Ps. 121: 3.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Matt. 2: 13-23	Psalms 124	Psalms 125	Ps. 121: 1-6	Ps. 121: 1-6	Ps. 121: 1-6	Ps. 27: 1-6

To the Teacher.—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. The angel probably appeared to Joseph immediately after the wise men had departed, for Herod would expect their return and make enquiries without delay, if they did not come to him. It was necessary that the family should get so far away from Bethlehem that they could not be traced easily, should the king search for them. Herod died about the passover in B. C. 4, therefore the flight must have occurred in February. This agrees with what was said last Sabbath in regard to the time of the wise men's visit. The stay in Egypt was very brief, for Joseph had not heard who Herod's successor was when he returned.

LESSON PLAN. I. Safety in Egypt. vs. 13-15. II. Sorrow in Bethlehem. vs. 16-18. III. Home in Nazareth. vs. 19-23

I. SAFETY IN EGYPT. 13. When they were departed—The wise men went straight to the Jordan from Bethlehem instead of passing through Jerusalem. (see map) The Angel—R. V. "an" angel Notice how often angels appear in connection with the infancy of Jesus. Egypt—A Roman province and outside of Herod's jurisdiction. The journey would not occupy more than three or four days, and the roads were good and much travelled. Many Jews resided in Egypt. They would be out of danger and among friends. Herod will seek—God knows the purposes of evil men and will protect his people from them. 14. By night—Probably he rose at once and set out so that there might not be a moment lost and no one might see which way they

went. The Egyptian obelisk in Central Park, New York, came from the place to which tradition says the holy family went. 15. The death of Herod—April 1st, B. C. 4. They may not have staid more than a few weeks. Out of Egypt—Hosea 11: 1. The prophet is referring to the delivery of the Israelites (Ex. 4: 22, 23.) and this verse shews us that events in their history were intended to be prophecies of events in the New Testament. God's people were typical of God's Son. (Rev. 19: 10.)

II. SORROW IN BETHLEHEM. 16. Mocked—Made a fool of, outwitted. Slew all the male children (R. V.)—In a population of 2,000 there would not have been more than 25 or 30 boys under two years of

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