

STORY NO. 4.

Many many years ago away in heaven, Jesus lived with his father. He had everything he wanted to make him happy, but looking down to the earth, he saw that boys and girls who did not know God were unhappy, and, therefore, he was willing to leave heaven, and come to the earth to teach them how to be happy. Christmas was the day he chose for his birthday. Here tell the lesson story.

(a) The journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

(b) The shepherds watching their flocks around the camp fire.

(c) In the darkness of the night the Angel of the Lord came down upon them.

(d) Their fear.

(e) The Angel's words, "Fear not," etc.

(f) The multitude of the heavenly host, and the gloria.

(g) The journey to Bethlehem.

(h) The finding of the babe, etc.

(i) Christ's life and death.

Make the application as suggested in the cut. Jesus lived to make others happy, so should we. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

V. PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING AS APPLIED TO THIS LESSON:

1. REVIEW.

None is needed for this lesson, except we recall former Christmas lessons.

2. ADAPTATION.

The idea that Christmas is the time to receive presents, should be changed into the idea that it is the time to give them, to make others happy.

3. DEFINITENESS.

Making others happy is the one central definite thought of the lesson.

4. CO-OPERATION.

Co-operation will be gained and kept easily through the four stories.

5. SYSTEM.

From the known Christmas, lead to the unknown Christ's life of making others happy.

6. ILLUSTRATION.

The four stories, and the blackboard work as suggested in the cut, will abundantly illustrate the central definite thought.

