

should tell the other people in the world about him.

Our Christmas story told us how God sent Jesus, a little baby, into one of the families of the Jews. Mary and Joseph were the mother and father who took care of him, and all the time he was growing up, God was getting him ready for his great work.

Just a little while before God sent Jesus, he sent another baby into another home. This baby's name was John. He was afterwards called John the Baptist. When John became a man, God sent him out amongst the people to tell them that Jesus was coming and they must get ready to receive him.

Now the way in which the people were to get ready for the coming of Jesus, was by putting away from themselves all sin. And as a sign that they had done this John baptized them with water.

But the sad thing was, that his own people, the Jews, would not believe that Jesus was really the one whom God had promised to send. They were looking for a king to come in great power and glory, and they would have nothing to do with this gentle Jesus, who went about doing good.

There were some, however, who did love and trust Jesus. And for these he did such a wonderful thing. He made them to become the dear children of his heavenly Father, and showed them how loving and kind and good God is. And the better these friends knew him, the more they loved and trusted him with all their hearts.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. From whose story about Jesus is our lesson taken? 2. Where did Jesus live at first? 3. What was made by him? 4. What did God long, long ago promise to do? 5. To what people had God been very good? 6. Why did he send Jesus to them? 7. What do we call Jesus' birthday? 8. Who were his father and mother? 9. What other baby was born a little while before Jesus? 10. What did John do for Jesus? 11. How did Jesus' own people treat him? 12. What did Jesus do for those who loved and trusted him? 13. What did he show them about God? 14. What is our Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus! name of wondrous love!  
Name all other names above!  
Unto which must every knee  
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! name of wondrous love,  
Human name of God above!  
Pleading only this, we flee,  
Helpless, O our God, to Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 32, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—1. Who made you? God made me. 2. Who is God? God is my heavenly Father. 3. What kind of a father is God? God is a good and loving Father.

### The Question on Missions

(January, OUR MISSION HOSPITAL AT HWAiking, HONAN, CHINA.)—1. What do the workers in our mission hospitals in China do? They try to do what Jesus did when he was on earth,—to heal the sick, to give the blind their sight, to make the lame to walk, and to tell every one that God loves them.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We often need a lantern on a dark night, to show us the way. Much more do we need Jesus to guide us in all we say and do. And,



because he is a safe and wise guide for all men, he is called the Light of the World. Color the picture.

### I Have Learned To-day That

JESUS WILL COME INTO MY HEART