

Why do we make Christmas a time of

GLADNESS
GREETINGS
GREETING
GIVING

Yes, it is because Jesus—God's living message, the Word, was made flesh, made as people are, and came to the world to bring light and joy and grace and truth and peace and salvation. All repeat :

"We love the Christ child's birthday dear
Best of all the days of the year."

Lesson—No one has seen God Himself, but God has sent Jesus, who is a part of Himself, to let us know what God is. Jesus has shown us God's love, purity, meekness, patience, justice, forgiveness, etc. Through Jesus we know God.

Golden Text—Repeat : "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us."

Christmas Bells—Here are some Christmas bells (paper outlines with LOVE on them). All stand and move arms as in bell-ringing and repeat :

"Beautiful bells with silvery ring
Hailing the birth of the Christmas day.
'Jesus our Saviour is born,' you sing.
'Low in a manger He lay.'
Beautiful bells so rich and clear

Grandly your melodies round us fall,
Telling the nations that Christ is here,
Christ, the Redeemer of all."

The great message of the bells is LOVE,—
God's love in giving us Jesus. Repeat :

"And all the dear children
Wherever they live,
The rich and the poor,
Large and wee,
Are my brothers and sisters,
And Jesus loves them,
Just as He loves you and me."

Missionary Bells—But Christmas bells are not ringing quite all over the world yet. We may help to set them ringing.

"Set them ringing, set them ringing ;
Every one may share
In the loving service of our King.
Bring an offering, willing offering,
Wrap it up in prayer ;
Help the missionary bells to ring."

God's Gift to Us—Print, God's GIFT TO US—
JESUS.

Sing—Hymn 535, Book of Praise, verse 2.

"We'll bring Him hearts that love Him,
We'll bring Him thankful praise," etc.

Our Gift to Jesus—OURSELVES.

Something to Think About—I should take
Jesus into my heart.

FROM THE PLATFORM

THE WORD

"was"
"made"
"came"
"gave"
"was made"

Print on the blackboard THE WORD, and have a little talk about why this title was given Christ. Bring out that it describes Him as the one who reveals God. Now, write "was," and ask when, with whom and who we are told in vs. 1, 2 the Word was. Next, write "made," and question as to what the Word made, v. 3. Make it clear that Christ is the creator of all things. Thirdly, write "came" (v. 11), and question about Christ's coming into the world,—His forrunner, those to whom He came, and the way in which He was received. Again, write "gave" (v. 12), and speak of the right and authority which Christ gave to as many as accepted Him. Lastly, write "was made" (v. 14) and talk about Christ's coming in the flesh to dwell amongst men and all that this meant. Close by asking about the picture, "The Light of the World," in the HOME STUDY and INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLIES and LEAFLETS, and speak of the blessedness of all who receive the seeking Saviour into their hearts.