

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—129. What is the last prayer in the Bible? The Bible closes with the prayer, "COME, LORD JESUS."

130. What is the last promise in the Bible? The last promise in the Bible is, "I COME QUICKLY."

SHORTER CAT'M—Review Questions 36-38.

### The Question on Missions

48. Besides the chapels and native workers, what is the present equipment of the mission? Two substantial and comfortable mission houses, and a third under way, Oxford College, Mission Hospital, Girls' School, five missionaries and one missionary's widow.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

We are Jesus' witnesses when we tell others about Him. Sometimes we can do this by our words. We can always do it by our

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actions. For, if others see that we are gentle and good, they will soon learn that it is Jesus who is making us so, and they will want Him to do this for them, also.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I HAVE A FRIEND IN HEAVEN

### CHRISTMAS LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

John 1: 1-14

After Jesus had lived for thirty-three years on earth, and had gone back to heaven, four of His disciples wrote about all the wonderful things He had done when He was with them, so that, long after, people might read their words, and know how Jesus had lived on earth. And one of these disciples,

John, tells us more about Jesus Himself, and what He was like, than any of the others.

He tells us about Him from the very beginning, how He was with God even before the world was made, and how He had always had the same power as God: for "all things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made."

But although Jesus had made the world and all the people in it, they did not know Him when He came. They thought He should have come as a King; and instead He came as a little Baby. But although He was born in a stable in Bethlehem, God sent a number of signs to show that He was not an ordinary Child; and amongst others, He sent a company of shining angels out to the hills near the town, where shepherds were watching their flocks at night, to tell them about Jesus and how He had come to bring "peace on earth, and good will to men."

Then again, after Jesus had grown up and before He began His teachings, God sent a special messenger, John the Baptist, to tell every one that the Messiah was coming. But when he said that Jesus who had grown up amongst them, was the Son of God and the Messiah, the people Jesus had come to save laughed at him. Then they ill-treated Jesus, and at last crucified Him. But those who did love and believe in Him had their sins forgiven, and a place promised them in heaven with Jesus when they died.

### Lesson Story

"Oh dear! I'm so tired," wailed Nannie, late on Christmas afternoon. "What! with all those presents to amuse you?" said mother. "I know a little girl who hasn't had any Christmas at all. I was hoping you would remember her." Nannie hung her head. "I forgot all about Lucy—let's take her something now, mother." Soon a basket was packed with good things to eat, and some of Nannie's toys tucked in besides; and off they went down the lane to lame Lucy's home.

"Oh, mother," said Nannie with shining eyes, on their way back, "wasn't she just too happy about the surprise? And I'm happy too—I think giving's a great deal better than getting." "That is what Christmas ought to mean," answered mother, "giving not getting. That is what Christ did."