

to do with his rod? 9. What happened to the waters of the sea? 10. What did the Egyptians do when they saw the path of dry

land? 11. What happened to them in the midst of the sea? 12. What is the Golden Text?

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God is our great Deliverer

Primary Catechism—64. Can a little child be a Christian? Yes. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

Shorter Catechism—107. What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord's prayer (which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen*) teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him. And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, *Amen*.

Lesson Hymn

He will not suffer that thy foot be moved:
Safe shalt thou be.

No careless slumber shall His eyelids close,
Who keepeth thee.

Behold, He sleepeth not, He slumbereth
ne'er

Who keepeth Israel in His holy care.

Amen.

—Psalm Selection 97, Book of Praise

Lesson XII.

A CHRISTMAS LESSON

(May be used instead of the regular lesson for the day.)

Isaiah 9: 1-7—Memory Verses, 6, 7.

Golden Text—For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour.—Luke 2: 11.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Although the children of Israel had many feasts and festivals, they had no Christmas Day, for Christ had not yet come.

However, they knew that one day a great king, who would save them from their enemies, should be born as a little child in Bethlehem, for God had sent them this message through the prophet Isaiah and others.

At the same time the Lord told them how they should know the babe Jesus from other children, and the names by which He would be called. For, said the Lord to His prophet, "He shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

So one winter's night, long years after, some wise men who had been warned by God that the expected time was at hand, came to Bethlehem and found the babe exactly as the prophet had said, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. They knew Him also by the star which had

been sent by God to guide them to the spot and which stood still over the house where Mary and Joseph and the young child were.

And immediately the wise men fell down and worshipped the child as king. Then they opened their bags and spread rare gifts before the holy babe—treasures of gold and precious perfumes and sweet spices. Such were the first Christmas presents.

The same night some shepherds stood watching by their flocks in a field near Bethlehem, and suddenly a great light shone round about them and they were much afraid. But an angel spoke to them from heaven saying, "Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." And the air was filled with the angel's song: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."