

will to men. God also placed a bright star in the heavens to guide wise men from a far off country to Jesus.

Also, after Jesus grew up, and before He began His teachings, God sent a special messenger, John the Baptist, to tell everyone that the Saviour for whom they had been looking so long, was coming. But when John told them that Jesus, who had grown up amongst them as the son of Joseph the carpenter, was the Saviour and the Son of God, they only laughed and refused to believe him.

When Jesus did come and began to tell them of heavenly things, they ill-treated Him in every way. But there were some who loved and believed in Jesus, and so had their sins forgiven and a place given to them amongst the true children of God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus before He came into the world? 2. By whom were all things made? 3. Through whom do we have life? 4. Who was the man sent from God? 5. For what did he come? 6. What did he tell about Jesus? 7. Where was Jesus born? 8. Whom did a company of angels tell about His birth? 9. How were some wise men guided to Him? 10. To whom did Jesus come? 11. How did His own people treat Him? 12. What did He do for those who did receive Him? 13. Who only has seen God? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

It was Christmas and yet Jerry was as cross as "two sticks." "I hate motor cars," he growled. "I wish Uncle Ned had given me an airship instead. And Aunt Jane knows I hate fairy stories, and Uncle Harry—" "I think the trouble is," said Mother interrupting, "that somebody has had so much that he can't appreciate anything. Besides, the true Christmas spirit is giving, not getting." Jerry looked up rather ashamed. "Why Mother, and I never gave a single Christmas present to anyone." "It isn't too late yet," said Mother. "Some of those toys you are scorning would keep Mrs. Maloney's little lame Willie happy for a year." "I'll take him some right away

then," said Jerry. An hour afterwards he was back again. "Oh Mother," he cried, "it's heaps more fun giving Christmas presents than getting them."

Lesson Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Hark! the herald angels sing

Glory to the new-born King. Amen.

—Hymn 30, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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—Review Questions 80, 81.

The Question on Missions

12. What are the special immediate needs in our Mission? The most pressing needs are the increase of the staff of the older stations and the opening of a new station at Yong Jung in Kando, that we may train the Christians and thus speed the work of preaching the gospel.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Learn this beautiful verse, so that you can repeat it perfectly, and remember that

Joy to the world! the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

Jesus wants you to make room for Him in your heart. If you do this, He will give you joy and gladness.

I Have Learned To-day That

GOD WILL GIVE ME! ALL I NEED