

# Teachers' Preparation Leaflet

LESSON 3.

JULY 15th 1894.

3rd QUARTER

## Visit of the Wise Men. Matt. 2: 1-12.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "They saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him." Matt. 2: 11.

**COMMIT TO MEMORY** verses 9-11. Children's Hymnal 66, 233, 21, 22.

**PROVE THAT**—We should offer our best to God. 2 Sam. 24: 24.

**SHORTER CATECHISM**—Quest. 84. What doth every sin deserve?

### DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Matt. 2: 1-12	Isa. 60: 1-7	Micah. 5: 1-4	Ps. 72: 1-16	Phil. 2: 1-11	John. 6: 17-23	Rev. 5: 8-14

## Five Minutes Opening Drill. For Whom were the Gospels Written?

**MATTHEW**—for *Jews*. Said to have been written at first in *Hebrew*. Its design is to prove that Jesus is the *Messiah*. The true nature of his kingdom is set forth in *discourses*. Key text, 1: 21-23.

**MARK**—for *Romans*. Represents Jesus as the victor over Satan, clothed with *power*. Gives special prominence to the *miracles*. Key text, 15: 39.

**LUKE**—for *Greeks*. An accurate *biography* of Jesus of Nazareth, setting forth his perfect humanity. Traces his descent from Adam and presents him as "*The Son of Man*," full of tenderness and compassion. Key text, 4: 18.

**JOHN**—for *Christians*. Supplements the other three, and exhibits Jesus as the *divine Saviour*. It gives the deeper spiritual teachings of Christ. Key text, 20: 30, 31.

## NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

**INTRODUCTORY.**—Our lessons pass from one gospel to another so as to bring the events of our Saviour's life in their proper order. Incidents omitted by Luke are found in Matthew, and so with the others. Matthew tells us nothing about the birth of Jesus and his presentation in the temple, and Luke omits the visit of the wise men. This shows that they did not copy from each other but wrote independent narratives. If Christ was born on the 25th December, the Presentation in the Temple would have taken place on February 2nd, forty days after, and the visit of the wise men was probably shortly after that. Had they come before with their costly gifts, it is not likely that Mary would have made the offering of the poor when she presented him to the priest.

**LESSON PLAN.** I. The Child Sought. vs. 1-2. II. The Child Feared. vs. 3-8. III. The Child Worshipped. vs. 9-12.

I. **THE CHILD SOUGHT.** 1. **Bethlehem of Judea**—(Judges 17: 7) to distinguish it from Bethlehem in Galilee, about six miles West of Nazareth, in the tribe of Zebulun (Josh. 19: 13). Called also *Ephrath* "fruitful," and *Ephrathah*, (Gen. 35: 19; Micah 5: 2) **Herod**—Surnamed "the great." Made king by Augustus. He put many to death through jealousy, amongst others his own wife and three sons. Notwithstanding his rebuilding of the temple in great magnificence, he was hated by the Jews for his Philistine descent, his affectation of gentile manners and his tyrannical cruelty. He died miserably on April 1st, A. U. C. 750, a little more than three months after the birth of Christ. See

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