

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 12.] GOD'S LOVE IN THE GIFT OF HIS SON. [DEC. 19.

1 John 4. 9-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.—God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3. 16.

MEMORY VERSES, 9-11.—(Read Luke 2. 1-20.) In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

To the folks at home : Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

It is very pleasant to receive a gift, is it not? God, our loving Father, has shown his love to us by giving us the most precious gift the world has ever known.

It was not because we loved him, but because he first loved us, that he sent his only Son into the world to save us, sinners.

This is our beautiful Christmas gift, Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem, who lived and died for us, and who now lives in heaven for us. This is a beautiful love lesson, because God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What does a gift show you?
That the giver loves you.
2. What is a sacrifice?
Giving up something.
3. Who gave up his only begotten Son?
God.
4. Why did he give such a precious gift?
As a ransom for our sins.
5. Why should we love one another?
Because God loves us.
6. How can we show that we have learned this lesson?
By putting it into practice.