

3. It is disinterested, self-sacrificing, tender and sym- pathizing.

5. Jesus Christ is the best of all friends, the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

22 Dec.

Les. Luke 2: 8-20.
Mem. vs. 9-11.

Gol. Text, Luke 2-10.
Catechism Q. 36-38.

QUESTIONS.

Introductory—Where did Joseph and Mary live? Why did they go to Bethlehem? What took place while they were there? What is the title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Recite the memory verses? The Catechism.

I. *The Watching Shepherds*, vs. 8-12.—Who were in the field near Bethlehem? What were they doing? Who appeared to them? How were the shepherds affected? How did the angel encourage them? What tidings did he bring? For whom were these tidings? By what sign were the shepherds to know the Infant Saviour? Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

II. *The Song of the Angels*, vs. 13, 14.—Who appeared with the angel? What were they doing? What was their song? How did the birth of Christ bring glory to God? How did it bring peace on earth, good will toward men? What was Mary's song of praise? Luke 1: 46-56. What was the thanksgiving utterance of John? Rev. 1: 5, 6.

III. *The Holy Child*, vs. 15-20.—What did the shepherds say one to another? What did they do? What did they find? What did they then do? How was their report received? What is said of Mary? How did the shepherds show their joy? How should we receive the tidings of a Saviour?

LIFE TEACHINGS.

1. Christ was born a Saviour for us all.
2. His birth brings glory to God, joy to angels, and salvation to men.
3. As soon as we hear of this Saviour we should hasten to find him.
4. When we have found him we should tell to others the glad tidings of his love.
5. "Christ the Lord" is Divine as well as human. God as well as man. Immanuel—God with us.
6. Faith in Christ, with true repentance, is the only way of salvation.

Hark! the glad sound the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart exult with joy
And every voice be song.

REVIEW.

STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

29 Dec.

Les. Judges II. to 1 Samuel, XX.

Gol. Text, Matt. 6: 10.

REVIEW EXERCISE.

What did the Israelites do after the death of Joshua and his generation? How were they punished? What did he do for them on their repentance? Whom did the Lord call to deliver Israel from the Midianites? What great victory did the Lord give to Gideon? What was Ruth's reply when Naomi urged her to remain in the land of Moab? What did Samuel say when the Lord called him? What did the Lord foretell to Samuel? What memorial of his victory over the Philistines did Samuel set up? How long did Samuel judge Israel? Whom did the Lord set over the Israelites as king? What counsel did Samuel give the people? What sentence was pronounced upon Saul? Upon what errand did the Lord send Samuel? What took place after David was appointed king? Who challenged the Israelites to fight with him? Who accepted the challenge? How was David armed for the combat? How did Goliath regard David? What did David reply? How did the battle end? How did Jonathan regard David? What did he promise David? What were their parting words when David fled to escape Saul's anger? What good tidings of great joy did an angel bring to the shepherds of Bethlehem? What was the song of the angels at the birth of the Saviour? Review-drill on titles, Golden Texts, Lesson Plans, and Catechism Questions. What is the Golden Text of this Review Lesson?

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