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**SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.**


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LESSON 12.]

CHRISTMAS LESSON.

[DEC. 23.

Matt. 2. 1-11.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**—Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.—  
2 Cor. 9. 15.

**MEMORY VERSES, 4-6.**—And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

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

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**LESSON STORY.**

There was a great stir in Jerusalem one day a long time ago. Some wise men came there looking for a baby King of the Jews. There was already a king named Herod, and he was a very wicked man. You can believe that it troubled him to hear that men from far away were looking for a new king. These wise men said that they had seen the star of the baby king in the East, and had come to worship him.

Herod sent for the priests who knew the Bible to come and tell where Christ was to be born. They said it had been foretold that he would be born in Bethlehem. Then Herod told the wise men to go there and find the new king and come back and tell him so he could worship too. He meant so that he could go and kill him.

When the wise men started for Bethlehem the star went ahead of them and stopped over the stable where the young child lay. God told them in a dream not to go back and tell Herod, so they went home by another way, and Herod was stopped in his evil plans.

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**LESSON QUESTIONS.**

1. Where was Jesus born?  
*In Bethlehem of Judea.*
2. Who was king at this time?  
*Herod.*