

CHRIST THE TRUE LIGHT

Lesson I.

John 1: 1-14.

January 1, 1899

Golden Text—"In him was life; and the life was the light of men."—John 1: 4.**Catechism**—1. Who made you? God made me. 2. Who is God? God is my heavenly Father. 3. What kind of a Father is God? God is a good and loving Father.

THE LESSON STORY

Once there was no place called the world,
there was only God.

God's son was Jesus Christ, and He was God,



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too. He made the world, but He did not make everything in the world at once.

The first thing God made was light, and after a while He made living things; plants and animals first, and then people.

He could make light because He Himself is light, and He could make living creatures because He is life.

God gave everybody a soul as well as a body.

He put the sun in the sky to give light and heat to men's bodies, but He Himself was the light of men's souls.

God intended everybody's soul to be bright and good like His own, but very soon men made their hearts dark and ugly by doing what was wrong.

Jesus wanted very much to bring light into men's hearts again; so He left His home in heaven to come down to the earth and become a man.

When He became a man He lived such a perfectly good life that those who heard Him speak and saw what He did came to know once more just what God is like.

Everybody ought to have been glad to see Jesus when He came, but some were not glad and would not believe in Him.

The people who ought to have known most about God—the Jews—did not know when they saw Jesus that He was the Son of God.

There was a good man called John the Baptist who did know that Jesus was the Son of God. He went about telling everybody that Jesus was "the light of the world." John was such a good man that some people thought he himself must be Jesus, but that was a mistake.

Jesus had something to offer to everybody who would trust Him, something that no one else can give, no matter how good he may be. Jesus says that "to as many as receive him to them he gives the right to become sons of God, even to those who believe on his name."

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