

Christ-child was born in Bethlehem. Tell the Christmas story, old but ever new, which the children all love to hear. Here is a picture of the shepherds to whom the angel messengers sang the glad message.

Golden Text—

That message is our Golden Text (all repeat). THERE IS BORN TO YOU THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD. (Print).

*Christmas Story—*Whattid the shepherds do when they heard the message?

Far away in another part of the country others heard the glad news too. Who came from the East to worship the young child Jesus? How did they travel? (Show picture.) What led them (all point upward)? (Let some one draw a star. Some one may sing v. 1, Hymn 31, Book of Praise. Continue the story.) Picture the arrival of the Wise Men in Bethlehem, and the finding of the baby Jesus. (Some one sing v. 2, Hymn 31.) Now we see them going out to where their camels are

waiting and bringing in boxes and bags. They open them and present their gifts to Jesus,—gold, and very precious perfumes (outline bags of gold and jars of perfume). (Sing v. 3, Hymn 31.) What gifts can we

give to Jesus now?

*Our Gifts to Jesus—*All sing Hymn 535, Book of Praise.

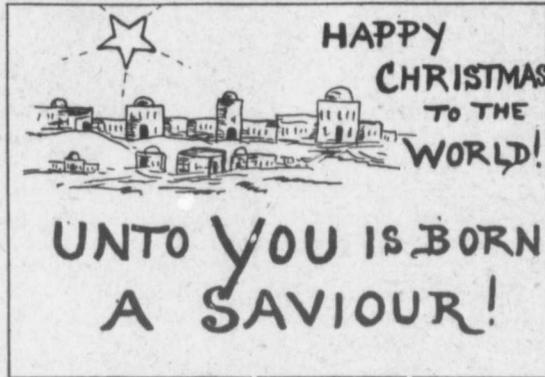
*Child Messengers—*You have all heard the Christmas message. Where does God want you to carry it? All repeat, "To every part of the big round

world." (Some one may draw a big circle. All describe a big circle with their arms.)

*The Reason Why Jesus Came—*Tell the children why Jesus came, why we all need him, what he has done for us.

*Jesus' Message for the Little Ones—*All repeat, "Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me," etc.

*What the Lesson Teaches Me—*JESUS IS MY SAVIOUR.



FROM THE PLATFORM

THE MESSENGER
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Speak of the Eastern custom of sending messengers in advance to prepare for the coming of a king. Get the scholars to tell you the name of the messenger who came to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus,—John the Baptist, and print THE MESSENGER. Speak of some of Jesus' messengers in the present day,—the ministers who preach the gospel in the homeland, the missionaries who go to heathen lands, and all others who tell people about Jesus. Now ask for the title which, in the lesson, is given to Jesus, and fill in as above. Question about the wise men who came to Jesus at Bethlehem and the gifts which they brought to him. Impress upon the scholars that the one gift above all others which Jesus wants from us is the gift of our heart.