

The Lesson Title.

What was the title of the second lesson of this quarter?
 What cause had Mary to sing that song?
 What is to-day's lesson title?
 Who in this lesson has joy over the child Jesus?
 Who else may have joy because of Jesus?

The Place.

What two names are given in this lesson to one city?
 Why had it these two names? 1 Sam. 17 : 12.
 Where is the city located? Read Micah 5 : 2.
 How did wise men at the time of Jesus' birth understand this text? Matt. 2 : 3-6.
 What country is meant in verse 8?
 What famous lad was once a shepherd in that country? 1 Sam. 16 : 11 ; 17 : 15.
 What greater Shepherd was born there? John 10 : 14 ; 1 Pet. 2 : 25.
 How many years ago?

Joyous Angels.

What is one great work of angels? Heb. 1 : 13, 14.
 What work of an angel was described in Lesson I. ? Read verse 9.
 What joyous message did the angel bring? vs. 10-12. Why should we be happy because of this message?
 Who joined this angel?
 What were they doing?
 What were they saying?
 How does the birth of Jesus bring glory to God? How, peace on earth? How good will toward men?
 Why did the birth of Jesus make angels glad?
 Why should it make us glad?

Joyous People.

What persons are mentioned in the verses of this lesson?

Who of these were happy because Jesus was born?
 What was the first feeling of the shepherds? v. 9.
 What was their final feeling? v. 10.
 What had made this great change?
 What can change our fears to joy? vs. 17, 18.
 How should we show our joy in Christ?
 What two things did Jesus' mother do? vs. 19, 51.
 What should we do with what we learn of Jesus.

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A MOTHER'S COUNSEL.

The great men of the world have generally owed much to the character and training of their mothers. If we go back to their childhood, we see there the material influences which formed their aims and habits of their future life.

Bayard the flower of the French knight-hood, the soldier without fear or reproach, never forgot the parting words of his mother, when he left home to become the page of some great nobleman. She said to him with all the tenderness of a loving heart:

"My boy, serve God first. Pray to him night and morning. Be kind and charitable to all. Beware of flatterers, and never be one yourself. Avoid envy, hatred and lying, as unworthy of a Christian; and never neglect to comfort widows and orphans."

When Bayard was foremost in battle, confessedly the bravest warrior in the field, or when in his own great thirst he was giving water to a dying enemy, he was only carrying out his mother's counsel, and striving to be worthy of her name. The memory of a mother's love is a talisman against temptation, and a stimulus to a good life. Don't forget mother, she is a boy's—and a girl's—best friend.

Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous.