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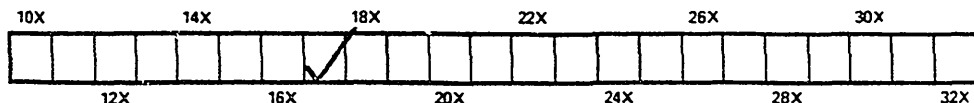
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JOY OVER THE CHILD JESUS.—*Luke 2. 8-20.*

When shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 1.]

JESUS AND JOHN.

[JAN. 2.]

Matthew 3. 7-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.—This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
—Matt. 3. 17.

MEMORY VERSES, 13-17.—Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffec it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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

LESSON STORY.

John the Baptist, the fore-runner of our Lord, used to baptize people in the Jordan. He told of Christ, whose shoes he was not worthy to bear. He could only baptize with water and urge people to repent, but Christ could baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and could change the heart.

One day Jesus himself came to be baptized. At first John did not like to do it, for he did not feel worthy, and said that he needed rather that Christ should baptize him. But Jesus said that he wished to set a good example, so he went into the water. And lo, as he did so, the Spirit of God descended upon him like a dove.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who was John the Baptist?

The fore-runner of Christ.

2. What did he do?

He preached and baptized.

3. In whose name?

In the name of Jesus.

4. What did he preach?
Repentance.
5. Who came to him for baptism?
Jesus, the Son of God.
6. What descended upon him?
The Spirit of God like a dove.

THE SHEPHERD'S CARE.

The gentle Shepherd leads his flock
Through pastures green and fair,
And with his watchful eye he guards
Each one with tender care.

When hungry, into pastures rich
He guides their weary feet,
And by the still, cool waterways
When fainting from the heat.

And if one wanders from the way
And hides within the hollows,
He takes the lamb along with him,
And then the mother follows.

When darkness gathers all about
And shadows half alarm them,
He guides them safely to the fold,
Where evil cannot harm them.

THE DRUMMER BOY.

Napoleon had a little drummer boy in his army. Once, when the battle was against them, a frightened commander rushed up to the boy and said, "Quick, beat a retreat!"

"I do not know how," replied the little hero, "but I can beat a charge." Such a quick, bright charge sounded out from the drum that the soldiers grew brave again, and charged on to victory. When doing what we know to be right, let us never turn back.



SING A SONG OF CHRISTMAS-TIME.

Sing a song of Christmas-time,
 Mistletoe and holly,
 Two impatient little girls,
 Genevieve and Dolly.
 When the door was opened
 They shouted in their glee,
 And wouldn't you have shouted too
 To have so fine a tree?



CHRISTMAS.

There is no part of the world in which Christmas is not kept. Even in pagan lands are found some Christians who do not forget when the day comes which celebrates the birth of Christ. Though doubtless everywhere there are those who see in it only a day for feasting and merry-making, yet many others in the midst of the feasting remember what the day means and thank God for the heaven-sent Babe and for the angels' song. Let every heart unite in the chorus of "Glory to God in the highest."

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