

## As With Gladness men of Old

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger-bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom heaven and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hid.

—William C. Dix

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# Christ As a Child



He was the  
“lamb without blemish  
and without spot”

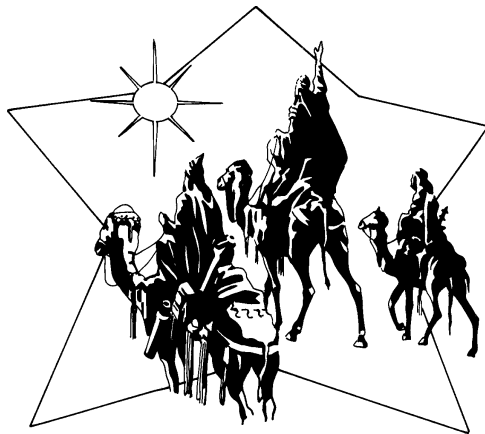
## Activities

1. Try to find real gold (Jewelry shop), frankincense (import market), and myrrh (import market) to examine them.
2. What was Egypt like when Jesus as a young child visited that country? Find information and pictures.
3. Use a Bible map of that time to calculate how far Joseph and his family traveled: first to Bethlehem, next to Egypt, then to Nazareth.

“The wise men had seen  
a mysterious light in the heavens  
upon that night  
when the glory of God  
flooded the hills of Bethlehem.  
As the light faded,  
a luminous star appeared,  
and lingered in the sky.  
It was not a fixed star nor a planet,  
and the phenomenon excited  
the keenest interest.  
That star was a distant company  
of shining angels,  
but of this the wise men were ignorant.”

## Thought Questions

24. **How many wise men were there?** (It is not stated in the Scriptures.)
25. **What does the Bible say in regard to the type of building Jesus was in at the time of the visit of the wise men?** (Greek “house”—*Strong’s Concordance* number 3614 = residence, an abode, a family [especially a domestic home])
26. **What was the star that guided the wise men to the place of Jesus’ birth?** (It is not stated in Scripture, but some say it was the angels that appeared to the shepherds on the night of Jesus’ birth.)
27. **What Bible reference proves that it was a part of God’s plan for Jesus’ parents to take Him to Egypt?** (Hosea 11:1; Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:16-18)



# Study Guide

## I – “God With Us”

### Bible Reading

Genesis 3:14-15; 12:1-3; Galatians 3:16; Genesis 49:10; Deuteronomy 18:17-19; II Samuel 7:12-17; Ezekiel 21:25-27; Luke 1:32; Isaiah 9:6-7; Psalm 45:1-8; 72:1-11; Isaiah 53; Zechariah 12:10; John 14:9; Matthew 1:23; John 1:1-4

### Memory Verses

Matthew 1:23  
Matthew 1:20-21  
John 8:28; 6:57; 7:18; 8:50  
John 8:50  
Philippians 2:5-11

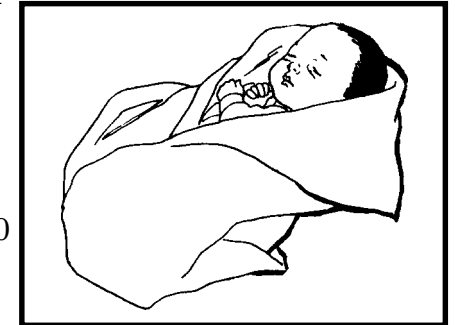
### Optional Verses

Exodus 3:14; John 10:11; 6:51; 14:16

*The Desire of Ages 25* – “Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. *‘With his stripes we are healed.’*”

### Character Quality

**Love** – an affection of the mind excited by beauty and worth of any kind, or by the qualities of an object; **charity**



I Corinthians 13:4-7 – *“Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,*

*“Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;*

*“Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;*

*“Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.”*

Antonyms – hate; detestableness; abomination; loathing; scorn; disdainfulness; selfishness

## “God With Us” Review Questions

1. **What were the circumstances under which the first promise of a Redeemer was given?** (Genesis 3:14-15)
2. **What promise was made to Abraham, and what did it mean?** (Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:16)
3. **Through what tribe of Israel was the Messiah to come?** (Genesis 49:10)
4. **What promise was given through Moses?** (Deuteronomy 18:17-19)
5. **Through whom was the permanence of David’s kingdom assured?** (II Samuel 7:12-17; Ezekiel 21:25-27; Luke 1:32)

12. **What did he tell them to do?** (Matthew 2:8)
13. **How did they find Jesus?** (Matthew 2:9)
14. **How did they respond when they saw the star again?** (Matthew 2:10)
15. **Whom did they worship?** (Matthew 2:11)
16. **Name the gifts that they presented.** (Matthew 2:11)
17. **How were the plans of Herod defeated?** (Matthew 2:12-15)
18. **When did Joseph start for Egypt?** (Matthew 2:13-14)
19. **How long did he remain in Egypt?** (Matthew 2:15, 20)
20. **How was Herod’s death made known to Joseph?** (Matthew 2:19)
21. **Where did Joseph and his family dwell after they left Egypt?** (Matthew 2:23)
22. **Why was he afraid to go into Judea?** (Matthew 2:21-22)
23. **How was the prophecy, “He shall be called a Nazarene,” fulfilled?** (Matthew 2:23)

# “We Have Seen His Star”

## Review Questions

1. **Where was Jesus born, and who was king at this time?** (Matthew 2:1)
2. **Who came to see Jesus? From what direction?** (Matthew 2:1)
3. **For whom did they ask? What had they seen?** (Matthew 2:2)
4. **For what reason had the wise men come to see Jesus?** (Matthew 2:2)
5. **Who was troubled by the question of these men?** (Matthew 2:3)
6. **Whom did he gather together?** (Matthew 2:4)
7. **What did he demand of them?** (Matthew 2:4)
8. **Where did they say Jesus was to be born?** (Matthew 2:5-6)
9. **How did they know? Quote the text to show where they got their information.** (Micah 5:2)
10. **What did Herod inquire of the wise men?** (Matthew 2:7)
11. **To what place did he send them?** (Matthew 2:8)

6. **What exalted ideas concerning the Messiah were made prominent?** (Isaiah 9:6-7; Psalm 45:1-8; 72:1-11)
7. **What also was foretold of His relation to sin?** (Isaiah 53; Zechariah 12:10)
8. **What is the significance of the name which is applied to Christ?** (John 1:29; Matthew 1:23)
9. **What important facts are stated of Him in John 1:1-4?**
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
10. **As part of the great scheme of human redemption, what did the Word become? What is the meaning of the words “made flesh”?** (Matthew 1:23)

## Activities

1. What does your name mean?
2. Make a list of names Jesus is called in the Bible.
3. List all your immediate family’s names and find their meanings.

“Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

# Study Guide

## II – The Chosen People

### Bible Reading

Exodus 20:3-6;  
Psalm 115:4-8;  
Isaiah 43:10-11; 49:3-6;  
56:7; Ezra 9:5-7;  
Romans 1:22-23

### Memory Verses

Isaiah 56:7  
Deuteronomy 26:18-19  
Deuteronomy 28:10  
Deuteronomy 4:5-6

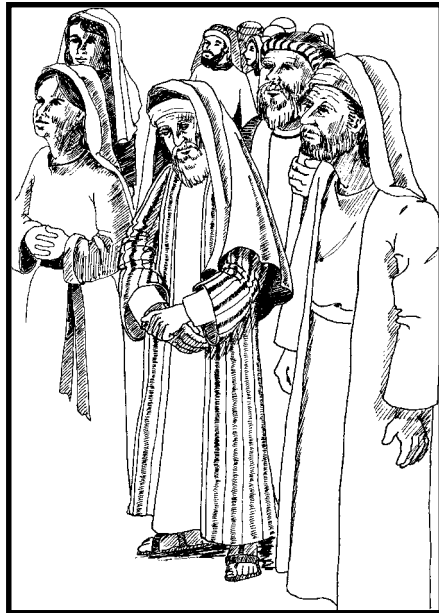
### Character Quality

**Diligence** – constant effort to accomplish what is undertaken; exertion of body or mind without unnecessary delay or sloth; due attention; industry

Colossians 3:23 – *“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.”*

Proverbs 4:23 – *“Keep thy heart with all **diligence**; for out of it are the issues of life.”*

Antonyms – dilatoriness; slowness; laggard; leisure; casualness; slothfulness



# Study Guide

## VI – “We Have Seen His Star”

### Bible Reading

Matthew 2

### Memory Verses

Numbers 24:17  
Jeremiah 29:11-14  
Micah 5:2  
Isaiah 49:6  
Matthew 2:23



### Character Quality

**Integrity** – complete honesty and sincerity; wholeness; entireness; unbroken state; moral soundness or purity; incorruptibility; uprightness; honesty

Proverbs 11:3 – *“The **integrity** of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.”*

Antonyms – duplicity; deceit; dissimulation; guile; dishonesty; deceitfulness; mendacity; perversity

12. **Who came in at this instant? Who was this person?** (Luke 2:36-37)
13. **How did she serve God?** (Luke 2:37)
14. **To whom did she speak of Jesus?** (Luke 2:38)

### Activities

1. Find pictures of a lamb, pigeon, and turtle-dove to put on your bulletin board. If you live in an area where these creatures live, use your camera and take a picture of each.
2. Make a list of women prophets from Scripture.
3. Make a list of titles and names of Jesus found in this chapter.



# The Chosen People

## Review Questions

1. **What religious worship prevailed anciently?** (Romans 1:22-23; Psalm 115:4-8)
2. **What was the great mission of the chosen people, Israel?** (Exodus 20:3-6; Isaiah 43:10-11; 49:3-6; 56:7)
3. **How did they fail in their duty?** (Ezra 9:5-7)
4. **Thought Question: How did God overrule Israel's failure for the accomplishment of His purpose and their mission?**
5. **What three nations or races were most influential in the civilized world at the time of Christ? For what was each remarkable?** (A. Rome – Law; B. Greeks – Language; C. Jews – Religion)
6. **What had each contributed to prepare the way for the spread of the gospel?** (A. Rome – Government; B. Greeks – Language; C. Jews – Knowledge of the true God)
7. **God prepared the Gentile world for the coming of the Redeemer by:**
  - A. System of heathenism had lost its hold on the people.
  - B. Bible had been translated into Greek which was the universal language.

C. Some Jews remained steadfast and true to the true God.

D. Palestine was the center of the world's gatherings.

8. **Who are God's chosen people today?** (His faithful followers)

**Questions 5, 6 and 7 will need to be asked and then answered by the teacher.**

### Activities

1. Read the chapter "The House of Israel" from the book *Prophets and Kings*, pages 703-721. Discuss.
2. Read Proverbs 27:18. What does this verse mean in relation to **diligence**?
3. Make a sign with the following quote and place it in the home for all to read.

"Industry pays debts;  
despair increases  
them."

—*Benjamin Franklin*



## The Dedication

### Review Questions

1. **How old was Jesus when He was named?** (Luke 2:21)
2. **When was He taken to the temple? For what purpose?** (Luke 2:21-24)
3. **Describe what took place when Jesus was brought into the temple.** (Luke 2:22-24)
4. **What offering did His mother make? Why?** (Luke 2:22-38)
5. **Who was Simeon? What had been revealed to him?** (Luke 2:25-26)
6. **How did Simeon know that the baby was Jesus?** (Luke 2:26-27)
7. **What did Simeon pray for himself?** (Luke 2:27-32)
8. **What did Simeon say Jesus would be to the Gentiles? To Israel?** (Luke 2:32)
9. **What caused Joseph and Mary to marvel?** (Luke 2:33)
10. **Whom did Simeon bless?** (Luke 2:34)
11. **What did Simeon say to Mary?** (Luke 2:34-35)



# Study Guide

## V – The Dedication

### Bible Reading

Luke 2:21-38

### Memory Verses

I Peter 1:18-19

Isaiah 11:1-5

Isaiah 9:2, 6

Revelation 15:3-4



### Character Quality

**Discernment** – the power or faculty of the mind, by which it distinguishes one thing from another, as truth from falsehood, virtue from vice; acuteness of judgment; power of perceiving differences of things or ideas, and their relations and tendencies

I Samuel 16:7 – *“But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.”*

Antonyms – stupidity; slowness; dullness; density; crassness; blindness; lack of judgment

# Study Guide

## III – “The Fullness of the Time”

### Bible Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Luke 1:26-35; Galatians 4:4-5

### Memory Verses

Galatians 4:4-5

*The Desire of Ages* 32 – “But like the stars in the vast circuit of their appointed path, God’s purposes know no haste and no delay.”

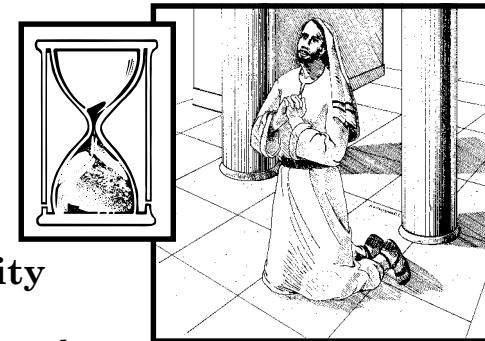
Acts 3:22

Isaiah 61:1-3

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Genesis 49:10

John 3:16-17



### Character Quality

**Alertness** – quick to understand and watching very carefully: vigilance; watchfulness; moving with celerity; briskness; nimbleness; sprightliness

Mark 14:38 – *“Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.”*

Antonyms – carelessness; indifference; unawareness; levity

# “The Fullness of the Time”

## Review Questions

1. Does God have a time table? (Ecclesiastes 3:1-15)
2. To whom was the angel Gabriel sent? (Luke 1:26-27)
3. In what town did Mary live? (Luke 1:26)
4. Who was to be Mary’s husband? (Luke 1:27)
5. How did the angel greet Mary? (Luke 1:28)
6. What did the angel say to remove her fear? (Luke 1:29-30)
7. Who did the angel say should be born to her? (Luke 1:31-33)
8. What would He be called? (Luke 1:31)
9. What does “Jesus” mean? (See a concordance.)
10. What did the angel say of Jesus’ throne and kingdom? (Luke 1:32-33)
11. When did God send His Son to this earth? (Galatians 4:4)
12. What does it mean “*the fullness of time had come?*” In God’s reckoning or man’s?

## Activities

1. Draw the scene of the shepherds upon the hills of Bethlehem.
2. Research about the shepherd and his work.
3. Read a book about the care of angels. One suggestion is *The Hand that Intervenes* or *It Must Have Been an Angel*.



“And suddenly there was with the angel  
a multitude of the heavenly host  
praising God, and saying,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace,  
good will toward men.”

Luke 2:13-14

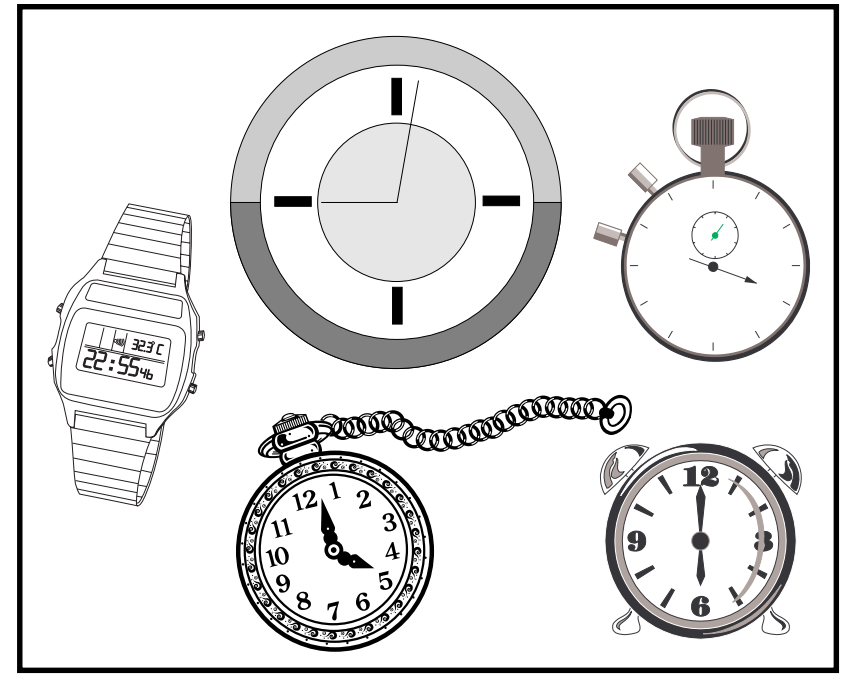
12. **Where did they find Jesus?** (Luke 2:16)
13. **To whom did they tell what they had seen and heard?** (Luke 2:17-18)
14. **How was their story received?** (Luke 2:18)
15. **For what did they praise and glorify God?** (Luke 2:20)
16. **What did Mary ponder in her heart?** (Luke 2:19)
17. **Why were the angels interested in the birth of Jesus? How many reasons can you think of?**
18. **Why is Bethlehem called “*the city of David*”?** (Because David had been born there)
19. **What lesson do you get from the attitude of the shepherds both before and after the angels’ announcement of the birth of Jesus?** (They were humble and believed the good news, and were eager to share it with others.)
20. **Read the genealogies of Christ in Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-31.** (Note: Luke gives the regal line of Christ through Mary who was a descendent of Nathan, the son of David; while Matthew gives the regal line through Joseph, who was a descendent of Solomon, the son of David and heir to the throne.)

## Thought Question

13. **Why was it necessary for Christ to come to earth as a man to save man?** (He came to fulfill what Adam failed to do in the flesh, and He lived a perfect example of righteousness.)

## Activities

1. Make a simple chart showing that the time was at hand for the Messiah. (See Matthew 1:1-17.)
2. Collect astronomy pictures and display them to depict the universe watching this earth.
3. Collect all the clocks and watches in your home and put in one spot. Discuss “Is the great clock of time pointing to the hour of Jesus’ second coming?”



# Study Guide

## IV – “Unto You a Saviour”

### Bible Reading

Luke 2:1-20

### Memory Verses

Isaiah 44:3

Psalm 112:4

Luke 2:10-14

Romans 11:33



### Character Quality

**Humbleness** – freedom from pride and arrogance; humility of mind; a modest estimate of one’s own worth; lowliness of mind; a deep sense of one’s own unworthiness in the sight of God; self-abasement; penitence for sin, and submission to divine will

James 4:6 – *“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”*

Antonyms – pride; arrogance; insolence; haughtiness; disdain; vainness; vainglory; ostentation; pretension; showiness; exaltation; aggrandizement

## “Unto You a Saviour”

### Review Questions

1. In what way did the emperor of Rome become an agent of God? (Luke 2:1, 4, 7)
2. Where did the people go to be taxed? (Luke 2:3)
3. To what city did Joseph and Mary go? Why? (Luke 2:4)
4. Why did they not stay at an inn? (Luke 2:7)
5. Who was born that night? (Luke 2:7, 11)
6. In what did His mother wrap Him? (Luke 2:7)
7. Where did she lay Him? (Luke 2:7)
8. Who was in a field near where Jesus was born—they were the only group of people at Bethlehem ready for the great news? (Luke 2:8)
9. What were these shepherds doing? (Luke 2:8)
10. What special thing did the angels do on the night Jesus was born? (Luke 2:9-14)
11. What did the shepherds say to one another when the angels had gone away? (Luke 2:15)