

Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for December 25

CHRISTMAS LESSON

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:1-20.
GOLDEN TEXT—Then shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Coming of the Christ Child.
JUNIOR TOPIC—God Sends His Son to Earth.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Prince of Peace.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Promised Era of Peace.

1. The Birth of Jesus (vv. 1-7).
 1. Jesus' birth foretold (Mic. 5:2). Only a little while before the fulfillment of this prophecy which was made some seven hundred years before, there seemed little likelihood that Allah's words would come true. Jesus' mother was miles away from Bethlehem in Galilee. God moved the emperor to enforce the decree of taxation which brought Mary to the village at the proper time.

2. Jesus' birth announced to Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26-38).
 Gabriel, the archangel, sent by God to the little town of Nazareth to Mary, a Jewish maiden who was betrothed to a carpenter in the village by the name of Joseph, solemnly announced that she should give birth to the Messiah and that this son should not be Joseph's, but the child of the Holy Ghost (Matt. 1:18-21). Later the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph also, making to him the same announcement and added that the child should be called Jesus, which means that Jehovah will save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

3. The prediction fulfilled (v. 7).
 This took place at a most opportune time. It occurred when all systems of religion and immoral worship were tottering upon their foundations, therefore most suitable for the introduction of the gospel. The whole world being under the power of the Romans who then ruled it, made it possible for Christ's ministers to go from city to city and country to country unmolested. We can be assured that the Almighty rules in the whole universe and is never tardy in His administrations.

4. Jesus Birth Announced to the Shepherds (vv. 8-14).

1. To whom (v. 8).
 Jesus' birth was announced to the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night. The fact that the glorious message was first sounded forth to them shows that poverty is no barrier to its reception. Their humble station in life and their being busy with common duties did not prevent them from hearing this glorious message from God. Moses, Gleason, Ananias and Elshaz were all called of God from the activities of life. He never calls lazy people.

2. By whom (v. 9).
 The first gospel sermon was preached by an angel of the Lord. We thus see them interested in men and having part in the announcement of God's plan for their salvation. No doubt the angelic beings earnestly sympathized with fallen, sin-cursed man.

3. The nature of the message (vv. 10, 11).
 It was good tidings of great joy. It was good tidings because the darkness of heathendom, which had so long covered the earth, was beginning to vanish. The casting out of Satan, the prince of this world, was about to take place. Liberty was soon to be proclaimed to those who were in bondage. The way of salvation was to be open to all. No longer was the knowledge of God to be confined to the Jews, but offered to the whole world. Truly this was glorious news; so glorious that a multitude of the heavenly host accompanied this announcement with their song of praise.

4. The Shepherds Investigating (vv. 15, 16).
 They did not stop to argue or raise questions, though these things were, no doubt, passing strange to them. They went immediately to Bethlehem, where they found everything just as represented. They had the privilege of first gazing upon the world's Savior, the very Lord of Glory. They



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returned with gratitude in their hearts, praising God for all these wonderful things which He had revealed unto them.
 (v. 17-20).
 They found things as announced by the angels. When they beheld the Lord of Glory they could not remain silent, therefore went back praising God. Those who really hear the gospel message cannot be silent. Those who really hear the gospel must tell it out to others.

Trials That Never Come
 For every trial that God sends, He gives sufficient grace to bear it, but He promises no grace to bear anticipation with, and we little know how large a portion of our mental suffering arises from trials that never come.—Evangelical Tidings.

An Unprofitable Life
 The earth life which is not passed in the light which beams out from the glory world would better have not been lived at all.—Gospel Banner.

The Bore: I feel thoroughly wound up tonight.
 Hostess: How strange! And yet you don't seem to go.

"Oh, yes," she said, "we can trace our ancestors back to—well, I don't know exactly who, but we've been descending for centuries."

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by C. F. Dixon to John E. Brown, trustee for K. M. Clement, dated July 24, 1926, recorded in Book 7, at page 519, to secure the sum of \$5,414.75, and default having been made in the payments as therein provided and said land having been sold on the 26th day of November, 1927, and a raised bid having been made, I will on Friday, December 23, 1927, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., at the courthouse door of Watauga county, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to wit:

Being Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Section A of the Mont Clement property sold by the Piedmont Realty Company. For more complete description of the same see map of said property on file in the office of the register of deeds for Watauga county.
 This December 7, 1927.
JOHN E. BROWN,
 Trustee.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 17th day of March, 1927, to the undersigned to receive L. H. Holler, D. E. Hartley and James Watson against loss by reason of having endorsed a certain note for John Johnson to the Watauga County Bank and the said John Johnson having defaulted in the payment of said notes and the said L. H. Holler, D. E. Hartley and James Watson having been required to pay off said notes, I will on Monday, January 16, 1928, at the courthouse door of Watauga county, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said deed of trust the following described real estate, to wit:

Tract One—Bounded on the north by the lands of John Johnson; on the east by the lands of H. C. Hodges; on the south by the lands of Millard Watson and N. G. Wheeler; on the west by the lands of McKinley Wheeler and contains 60 acres, more or less, and being the N. G. Wheeler home tract.

Second Tract—Bounded on the north by the lands of N. G. Wheeler and Millard Watson; on the east by the lands of James Wheeler and Millard Watson; on the south by the lands of M. A. Triplett; on the west by the lands of Tom Wheeler, D. M. Wheeler and McKinley Wheeler.

This land is sold subject to a mortgage to the Federal Land Bank of Columbia for \$800.00.
 From the above is excepted a small tract of land heretofore released which was sold to D. M. Wheeler.
 This December 12, 1927.
T. E. BINGHAM,
 Trustee.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. M. A. Bingham, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them for payment within twelve months of the date of this notice or same will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
 This October 31, 1927.
WALTER D. BINGHAM,
 11-3-6t Administrator

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE
 By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned sheriff of Watauga county from the superior court of Watauga county in that certain action entitled "E. M. Luttrell vs. Ralph Calloway," I will on Monday, January 2, 1928, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., at the courthouse door of Watauga county sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution all the right, title and interest which the said Ralph Calloway has in the following described real estate, to wit:

Beginning on a white oak bearing north 8 degrees west 24 poles to a stake; thence north 45 degrees east 12 poles to a white oak and birch at the branch; thence with J. M. Day's line 36 poles to a poplar; thence west 72 poles with Emory Teague's line to a cucumber; thence with the meanders of a ridge 192 poles to a large chestnut on top of the ridge; thence east 37 poles to a birch and white oak; thence south 8 poles to a hickory; thence east 10 poles to the beginning, containing 38 acres, more or less.
 This 2nd day of December, 1927.
L. M. FARTHING,
 Sheriff Watauga County.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee on the 8th day of July, 1927, by T. H. Shall and wife, D. B. Shall, to John E. Brown, trustee for W. H. Gragg, which is recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Watauga county in Book 12 at page 88, and default having been made in the sum of money thereby secured as therein provided, I will on Tuesday, December 29, 1927, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., at the courthouse door of Watauga county, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described tracts or parcels of land:

First Tract—Beginning on a stone on the edge of the right of way of the railroad and runs south 49 degrees west with dirt road 11 poles to a stone; thence north 39 degrees west 8 poles to a stone; thence north 49 degrees east 11 poles to a stone on the side of the right of way on railroad; thence south 39 degrees east 8 poles to the beginning, containing 1-2 acres.

Second Tract—Beginning on a birch on top of a rock on the bank of the road and runs south 5 degrees west 49 poles to a bunch of chestnuts on top of Big Ridge, Bonright's corner; thence with W. D. Ashley's and Lentz line 87 poles to a chestnut tree, W. A. Green's corner; thence north 2 degrees east 64 poles to a chestnut tree, J. C. Ashley's corner; thence with road the following courses and distances: North 65 degrees west 12 poles; north 88 degrees west 26 poles; north 67 degrees west 16 poles; north 88 degrees north 75 degrees west 20 poles; north 60 degrees west 4 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing 24 1/4 acres, more or less.

The above tracts were conveyed in deed of trust from T. H. Shall and wife, D. B. Shall, to Milton Greer, which notes and deeds of trust securing the same were conveyed to W. H. Gragg.
 Third Tract—Beginning on a spruce pine on west bank of turnpike road and runs south 15 degrees east 14 poles to a stake in side road; thence south 23 degrees east 32 poles to a stake in said road; thence south 42 degrees east 18 poles to a stake in said road; thence south 58 degrees east 16 poles to a rock and pointers on north bank of said road; thence north 35 degrees east 50 poles to a bunch of chestnuts on top of big ridge; thence a northwest course with the main height of said ridge 74 poles to a stake, A. J. Shall's corner; thence south 10 poles to a white oak; thence west 8 poles to the beginning, containing 15 acres.

This 28th day of November, 1927.
JOHN E. BROWN, Trustee

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE
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 By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed on the 13th day of Sept., 1926, by Coy Rogers and wife, Eula Rogers, to Mrs. Mary Ann Pearson to secure the payment of the sum of \$600.00 and interest on the same from the 15th day of September, 1926, at 6 per cent per annum, evidenced by promissory note bearing even date with said mortgage, and the same being due and unpaid, now therefore, pursuant to said power of sale, I will proceed to sell the following described land to satisfy said amount, interest and cost of sale on the 26th day of December, 1927, at the courthouse door in Boone, N. C., between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., to the highest bidder for cash in hand, said land being in the county of Watauga, N. C., in the town of Boone, adjoining the lands of Edna Hodges and others. Beginning on a stone on the east side of Oak street, the northwest corner of Edna Hodges' lot, No. 9; thence south 72 degrees east 140 feet with the northern boundary line of Edna Hodges' lot No. 9, to a stone on the west side of a 12-foot alley, 80 feet to a stone on the west side of said alley, the southeast corner of John W. Hodges' lot No. 7; thence north 72 degrees west 139 feet with the south boundary line of Hodges' lot No. 7, to a stone on the east side of Oak street, southwest corner of Hodges' lot No. 7; thence south 18 degrees west 80 feet with the east side of Oak street to a stone on the east side of Oak street, the beginning corner. This lot is known as Lot No. 8 on map of Hardin Addition to Boone, N. C. Said mortgage is recorded in Book 2, page 525 in register of deeds' office for Watauga county, to which reference is hereby made for complete description.
 This 14th day of November, 1927.
MRS. MARY ANN PEARSON,
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. F. Brown, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them for payment within twelve months of the date of this notice or the same will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
 This October 31, 1927.
NOAH WINEBARGER,
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 Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. L. Story, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them for payment within twelve months of the date of this notice or the same will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
 This December 9, 1927.
J. C. STORY,
 12-9-6t Administrator

A Girl's Critical Age

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