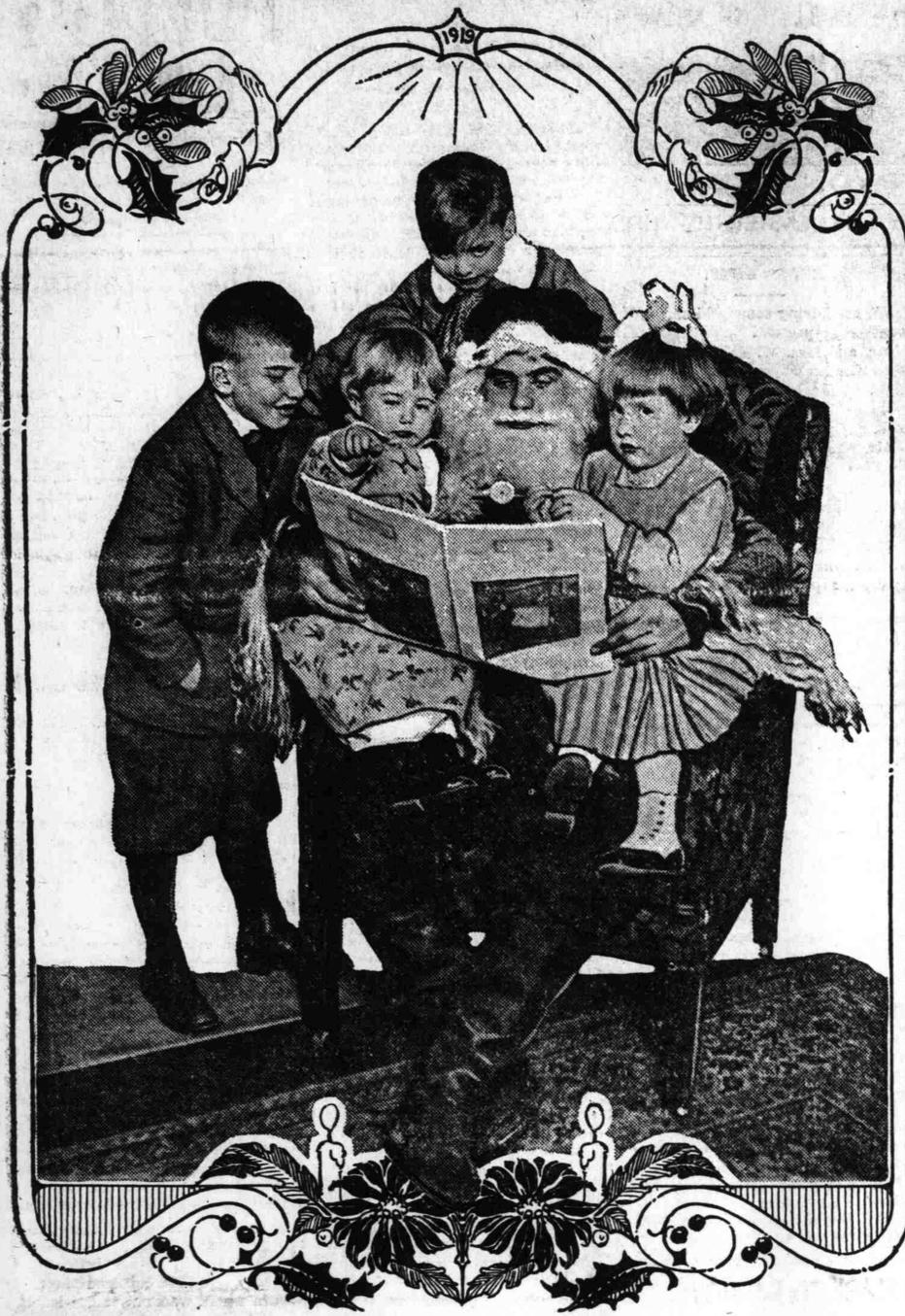


Telling the Story of His Life



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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 21

THE KINGDOM OF THE PRINCE  
OF PEACE.

LESSON TEXT—Isaiah 11.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt call his  
name Jesus; for he shall save his people  
from their sins.—Mat. 1:21.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Wise Men Visit  
the Baby Jesus.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—Bringing Gifts to Je-  
sus.  
INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—The Reign of  
the Prince of Peace.  
SENIOR AND ADULT TOPIC—Perman-  
ent World Peace When the Prince of  
Peace Shall Reign.

On this Christmas occasion let us  
take a forward look into the golden  
age which is ahead of us. It is the  
time of which the wise of all ages  
have spoken and the poets have sung.  
It will not be brought about through  
improved social conditions or even a  
League of Nations, but by the per-  
sonal coming and reign of the Prince  
of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ. It  
is the kingdom which Daniel said the  
God of heaven should set up (Dan.  
2:44, 45; 7:13, 14).

- I. The Lineage of the King (v. 1).  
He is of royal stock, the seed of  
David. His birth took place nearly  
2,000 years ago. This Christmas sea-  
son is a memorial of it.
- II. The Gifts and Power of the King  
(v. 2).

These result from the resting upon  
him of the Spirit of the Lord. Because  
of this endowment he is equipped to  
administer the affairs of the kingdom.  
A sixfold characterization of the Spir-  
it's gifts shows the completeness of the  
equipment.

1. The Spirit of the Lord. This  
title shows that he is to be qualified  
for his work by divine inspiration.
2. The spirit of wisdom. He is om-  
niscient. Only a king of such wisdom  
can rule over the whole earth.
3. The spirit of understanding. This  
understanding, coupled with wisdom,  
gives discernment and discrimination.
4. The spirit of counsel. This means,  
doubtless, the gift of making decisions.
5. The spirit of might. This means  
the ability to execute his decisions. De-  
cisions would be of little value with-  
out the ability to execute them.
6. The spirit of knowledge. This  
refers to his reverent attitude toward  
God.

III. The Nature or Character of the  
King's Rule (vv. 3-5).

1. A quick understanding in the fear  
of the Lord. He will have ability  
quickly to discern Godly fear in the  
human heart.
2. An unerring judgment. He will  
not judge after appearances.
3. Ability to render decisions ac-  
cording to the merits of the case. His  
decisions will not be based on hearsay,  
nor on plausibility, but on first-hand  
knowledge.
4. Impartial judgment of the poor.  
The time is coming when the poor will  
get justice.
5. Reproof with equity for the meek.  
Jesus said that the meek shall inher-  
it the earth.
6. He shall smite the earth with the  
rod of his mouth. When he comes  
the earth will be utterly wicked. Apos-  
tasy will be manifest on every hand.  
His blessed reign will be ushered in  
by the judgment of the nations (Matt.  
25:31-46).

IV. The Harmony and Peace of the  
Kingdom (vv. 6-9).

This harmony will prevail in the  
relationship of men and will be ex-  
tended to the animal kingdom. War  
will be no more. The cow and the  
bear will feed together; the lion will  
eat straw, not flesh. The sucking child  
will sport with the most deadly ser-  
pent. Paradise will indeed be restored.  
This will be made possible through  
the personal reign of the Messiah in  
Jerusalem, (v. 9).

V. How the Kingdom Will Be Set Up  
(vv. 10-13).

1. The elevation of the King (v. 10).  
His elevation will be a sign to the na-  
tions; to this sign they will respond.  
The only way to bring unity among  
the nations is to exalt Jesus Christ.
2. The regathering of Israel (vv. 11,  
12). Out from the nations of the earth  
Israel will be gathered. Israel and  
Judah will unite under the one king in  
the city of Jerusalem.
3. Envy will disappear from Ephraim  
and Judah (v. 13). When they see him  
and are joined to him the tribal an-  
tipathy will disappear.
4. There will be physical changes  
which will alter the surface of the  
earth (vv. 15, 16). When redemption  
will have been completed not only the  
spirits of men will be in accord, but  
there will be harmony in the animal  
world, and changes will be brought  
about in the earth itself which will  
make it fit for the conditions under  
which men will then live.

**Blessings.**  
No man can get a blessing and keep  
it all to himself without having it  
like stagnant water in his soul; but  
if it overflows to others it shall become  
a perennial spring to himself and to  
the world.—Wilton Merie Smith.

**Opportunities.**  
Opportunities approach only those  
who use them.—Emerson.

**The Broad Hat.**  
A broad hat does not always cover  
a venerable head.

In the Category  
of Sports Clothes



Two sweaters—as far separated  
from one another in style as the North  
is from the South—are presented for  
the consideration of the sportswoman  
in the picture above. Each is represen-  
tative of a type; the first, at the right  
of the two, being an example of styles  
used where the sweater is called upon  
to give actual warmth and free-  
dom of movement. It is a close-knit,  
snug-fitting garment of wool, machine  
made, with cap to match, and is one  
of several varieties that the outdoor  
girl and the sportswoman find indis-  
pensable. This model is in one color,  
has patch pockets and a wide turn-  
over collar—with knitted band to hold  
it close up about the neck. This is its  
novel feature and speaks for itself,  
for it assures comfort in the face of  
icy winds. The cap is in two colors.

Sweater coats of brushed wool are  
much like this model except that they  
are loose and belted. Usually collar,  
cuffs and pockets are bordered with a  
band in contrasting color. Vivid and  
high colors are well represented, but  
do not predominate in the new sweat-  
ers; turquoise, rose and purple with  
orange appear among them. The  
brushed wool sweater coats are very  
warm looking.

A rival of the sweater has arrived  
in the very wide scarfs, usually in two-  
color combinations, having pockets in  
the fringed ends and belts to match.  
There is as great a variety in these  
as in sweaters, suited to as many pur-

poses and climes as the competitors  
which they are destined to displace,  
or at least to share favors with.  
The pretty garment and cap at the  
left, by contrast with its sturdy com-  
panion, is only acting a part. It is a  
sleeveless affair of knitted silk, having  
a cross-bar in a contrasting color, with  
small tassels suspended on silk cords  
of the same color, about the bottom.  
It is made in the slip-on style, but  
opens a little way down the front  
where a single button and two eye-  
let fastenings, provide fastening  
and finish. Not much is required of  
it in the way of warmth and it is,  
therefore, afford to be sleeveless. The  
cloth, tan, worn with it, is run with  
stittles like the cross-bar in the  
sweater in color and a narrow girde of  
the silk is knotted loosely about the  
waist. This is an interpretation of the  
sweater for tourists to lands of the  
sun. Its mission is less practical than  
that of its companion which must face  
the snow, but they both belong in the  
category of sports clothes.

Among the very handsome garments  
of the same character for Southern  
tourists' wear are the sweaters with  
fitted body and ripped skirts, croch-  
eted of heavy silk yarn. They have  
elbow sleeves ending in a wide riple,  
and, without pretense to any use-  
fulness, other than that of looking lovely,  
they are the most dignified of all the  
offerings for sports wear. The croch-  
et work is very open, amounting to a  
heavy square mesh, for which the  
blouse worn provides a background.

Hats That Match Merry Eyes



Life is made up of a number of  
pleasant things, including pretty hats,  
for little misses like those who look  
out at us from the picture above. No  
one with existence overshadowed by  
an unsatisfactory hat, could look so  
gay and carefree as this trio. Per-  
haps it is because this millinery, with  
bobbing tassel, pert bow, or flying  
ends, is less plain than the majority of  
hats made for girls. It has velvet  
and ribbon and tucks and everything  
to make it a joy to pretty wearers,  
and we must concede that it matches  
up well with dancing curls and merry  
eyes.

We just cannot get away from long-  
napped furry beaver in children's  
hats, but it has not a monopoly in  
the smart sailor with upward-rolling  
brim at the top of the picture. Here  
a soft beehive crown made of row  
after row of narrow grosgrain ribbon,  
is set off by the beaver brim of a con-  
trasting color. A collar, with a knot  
and two outstanding ends of ribbon  
at the back puts a sprightly finishing  
touch to a successful hat.

Beaver is again among those present

*Julia Bottomley*

Is There a  
Santa Claus?

Classic Answer of a New  
York Journalist Affirming  
a Little Girl's Belief

ONE of the finest things ever  
written about Christmas was  
the editorial printed 20 years  
ago by the New York Sun in  
answer to the earnest appeal of a little  
New York girl to be told whether  
Santa Claus really exists. Its author,  
Frank P. Church, was an accomplished  
journalist and wrote much on many  
subjects, but his fame will rest chiefly  
on this beautiful setting forth of an  
eternal truth. With Dr. Clement Clarke  
Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas,"  
it is one of the great classics of the  
Christmas season.

The answer to the eternal question  
as printed in the Sun follows:

"We take pleasure in answering at  
once, and thus prominently, the com-  
munication below, expressing at the  
same time our great gratification that  
its faithful author is numbered among  
the friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am eight years old.  
Some of my little friends say there is  
no Santa Claus. Papa says: If you  
see it in the Sun it's so. Please tell  
me the truth: Is there a Santa Claus?"  
"VIRGINIA O'HANLON,  
"115 West Ninety-first Street."

"Virginia, your little friends are  
wrong. They have been affected by  
the skepticism of a skeptical age. They  
do not believe except they see. They  
think that nothing can be which is not  
comprehensible by their little minds.  
All minds, Virginia, whether they be  
men's or children's, are little. In this  
great universe of ours man is a mere  
insect, an ant, in his intellect, as com-  
pared with the boundless world about  
him, as measured by the intelligence  
capable of grasping the whole truth  
and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa  
Claus. He exists as certainly as love  
and generosity and devotion exist, and  
you know that they abound and give  
to your life its highest beauty and joy.  
Alas! How dreary would be the world  
if there were no Santa Claus! It would  
be as dreary as if there were no Vir-  
ginias. There would be no childlike  
faith then, no poetry, no romance, to  
make tolerable this existence. We  
should have no enjoyment except in  
sense and sight. The eternal light with  
which childhood fills the world would  
be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You  
might as well not believe in fairies!  
You might get your papa to hire men

**A**  
**Greeting**  
Take a Christmas  
greeting  
Simple, sweet  
and true,  
May your joys  
be many  
And your griefs  
be few.

to watch in all the chimneys on Christ-  
mas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even  
if they did not see Santa Claus com-  
ing down, what would that prove? No-  
body sees Santa Claus, but that is no  
sign that there is no Santa Claus. The  
most real things in the world are those  
that neither children nor men can see.  
Did you ever see fairies dancing on the  
lawn? Of course not; but that's no  
proof that they are not there. Nobody  
can conceive or imagine all the won-  
ders that are unseen and unseeable in  
the world.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle  
and see what makes the noise inside,  
but there is a veil covering the un-  
seen world which not the strongest  
man, nor even the united strength of  
all the strongest men that ever lived,  
could tear apart. Only faith, fancy,  
poetry, love, romance, can push aside  
that curtain and view and picture the  
supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is  
it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this  
world there is nothing else real and  
abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God, he  
lives and he lives forever. A thousand  
years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times  
10,000 years from now, he will con-  
tinue to make glad the heart of child-  
hood."

Christ Is Born

by  
Louise F. Elmendorf

The world, late racked with pain  
through bloody years,  
Has climbed its weary long-pathed  
Calvary,  
Where millions died, as Christ,  
that they might free  
Others from wrong and black op-  
pression's tears.  
Once more now through the world  
comes to our ears  
The song of all the ages, "Christ  
is born."

Mute tongued to notes of joy have  
been the bells,  
And only childhood and old age  
dared try  
To sing, so near the threatening  
battle sky,  
The song that told, though dulled  
by shrieking shells  
Whose bursting turned a thousand  
homes to hells,  
The wonder of the ages, "Christ  
is born."

Our faith in God has brought to us  
the goal;  
War-weary lands have peace on  
earth again;  
And in the scarred and fire-  
purged hearts of men,  
Made sweet and strong by suffering  
of the soul,  
Through travail of a world once more  
made whole,  
Anew in human hearts the Christ  
is born.

Dear God, the Christmas songs are  
fraught with prayer  
That Thou wilt be with those  
whose tears still pay  
That we may have the glory of  
this day;  
That men may live their thanks;  
that lives may bear  
Eternal witness for Thee, every-  
where  
Proclaiming that in us the Christ  
is born.

Changed His Mind.  
Doris—I thought you and George  
were going skating?  
Marjorie—So we were, but when he  
saw I had my hat trimmed with mis-  
tletoe he asked me to go for a walk.