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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON V.—FEB. 4, 1912.

**The Wise Men Led by the Star.—Matt. 2: 1-23.**

Commentary.—I. The Wise Men Seeking Jesus (vs. 1-8). 1. when Jesus was bornThe month and the day of Christ's birth are not definitely known, but the date now accepted, December 25, B. C., 4, corresponds to the facts which we have bearing upon the event. It appears inconsistent to say that Christ was born four years before Christ, but it must be borne in mind that during several centuries after the coming of Christ there was no uniformity among nations in reckoning time. Finally, in the sixth century, a learned monk, Dionysius Exiguus, was appointed to ascertain the time of Christ's birth, and it was ordered that history should be dated from that time. Dionysius, who first published his calculations in A. D. 526, put the birth of Jesus about four years too late. Bethlehem of Judea—Called in the Old Testament Bethlehem-judah to distinguish it from Bethlehem in Zebulun. It was a small village si xmiles out of Jerusalem. Judea was the southernmost of the three districts, or divisions, of Palestine, the others being Galilee, at the north and Camaria between. Herod—Called after his death Herod the Great. He was a keen, cruel and powerful ruler, holding his position as king by the appointment of the Roman emperor. He reigned thirty-seven years and died shortly after the birth of Christ. wise men—They are spoken of as magi. The magi were the learned men of the east, being acquainted with astrology, medicine and other sciences as they were known at that time. They had wealth, rank and influence, and were looking for better conditions in the world. The Persian magi believed in a Messiah of future Savior, who should in the latter day appear and renew the world in righteousness."—Whedon. It is generally supposed that there were three who sought Jesus. from the east—Perhaps from Media, or Persia, or possibly from Arabia.

2. where is he—It was natural for the wise men to suppose that the whereabouts of so prominent a personage as an infant king would be generally known. Their question served to bring the subject into prominence. born King of the Jews—This title was understood by the Jews to refer to the Messiah. Christ was King not by human appointment, but by birth, we have seen his star—we can not do better than to recognize the fact that it was "his" star, that is, a sign supernaturally provided to guide the wise men to the place where Jesus was.

3. Herod .. was troubled—Herod had reason to be afraid. His oppression and cruelty had been sufficient to turn his subjects against him, and he was fearful that, if an occasion should arise to incite a rebellion against him, he would be speedily deposed. He feared that the King, whom the wise men sought might displace him. All Jerusalem with him—It was strange that while the Messiah was born not six miles off Jerusalem has her first news from strangers coming from, perhaps, a thousand miles. And no wonder the city is excited through all its depths.—Whedon. The people dreaded a fresh outbreak of Herod's cruelty or were afraid that they might become involved in war should a rival king dispute Herod's right to the throne. 4. Had gathered—Herod was not a Jew by birth, but was a proselyte to the Jewish faith. He called the Sanhedrin together that he might learn from them something definite regarding the King that was to come. Chief priests—This expression probably comprehends ahe acting high priest and his deputy, those who had been high priests—for at this time the office was often transferred by the Roman authorities—and "the heads of the twenty four sacerdotal families, which David had istributed into so many courses"

5. By the prophet—The prophecy is found in Mic. 5: 2. 6. Art in no wise least (R. V.)—Micah says, "Though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel." This made Bethlehem "in no wise least." Although Bethlehem was little, yet it was exalted above all the other cities of Israel. The princes—"The thousands" and over each subdivision there was a chieftain or prince—Morison. A governor—To control and rule. Who shall be shepherd (R. V.)—To feed and care for his flock as a shepherd. Christ is both Shepherd and King. My people Israel—Israel was God's people in a peculiar sense. 7 . Privily called—Herod desired to keep the time of Christ's birth as secret as possible lest the Jews, who hated him, should take occasion to rebel. Enquired of them diligently—"Learned of them exactly."—R. V. He inquired of them the exact time and received positive information as to the time the star appeared when the child was born, he would thus have some idea of the age of the child. 8. He sent them—He assumed control; but they followed the directions of the Lord. Search diligently—Herod was honest in making this charge to them; he greatly desired to receive definite word concerning the new King. And worship him also—Herod had no desire to worship Jesus. His only object in desiring to know about him was that he might put him to death.

II. The wise men finding Jesus (vs. 9-12). 9. The star..... went before them—The same star which they had seen in their own country now again appears. The star had disappeared for a time, and this led them to inquire in Jerusalem for the young King whom they sought. Supernatural helps should not be expected where ordinary means are to be had. Stood over—The star pointed out the very house.—Benson. 10. They rejoice—The Greek is very emphatic. They rejoiced exceedingly because they saw they were about to find the child and because they had such unmistakable proof of being in divine order. That alone is enough to cause rejoicing. 11. Fell down—They prostrated themselves before Him according to the eastern custom. "In this act the person kneels and puts his head between his knees, his forehead at the same time touching the ground. It was used to express both civil and religious reverence."—Clarke. Gifts—The people of the east did not approach into the presence of kings without bringing them presents. The custom still prevails in many places. Gold, etc.—Gold would always be useful, while frankincense and myrrh were prized for their fragrance. 12. Warned of God in a dream—God communicated His purpose to them in a manner that they understood, and the impression or conviction was clear.

III. The flight into Egypt (vs. 13-23). Joseph was warned by an angel to go into Egypt with "the young child and his mother" to escape the anger of Herod. The family went to Egypt and remained there about two years, and until after the death of Herod, when they returned to the land of Israel. Thus was determined to destroy the infant Christ, and his cruel decree to slay all Egypt have I called my son." Herod was fulfilled the prophecy, "Out of the male children in and about Bethlehem was carried into execution.

Questions.—Where was Jesus born? When? Who was king of Judea? What was the character of this king? Who came to Jerusalem seeking for Jesus? From whence did they come? Why was Jesus called King of the Jews? How had the wise men been del in their search? Why was Herod troubled? Why was Jerusalem troubled? Whom did Herod gather together? For what purpose? What charge did Herod give the wise men? Why? How did they approach Christ? After leaving Jesus what did the wise men do? What warning came to Joseph? What decree did Herod make?

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

Topic.—Religious inquiry.

I. Asa cloak of maliciousness.

II. As a means of cleared revelation.

I. As a cloak of maliciousness. This history teaches what was the real object of inquiry made by Herod and by the magi. It brings to view sharp contrasts of character. It represents a picture of sin which ever attempts to arrest the progress of Christianity. It portrays the blind wisdom of wordly men as seen in Herod's persecution of Jesus. It sets in bold contrast the craft of Herod and the pious simplicity of the magic. Though a king, Herod was one of the most licentious and cruel monsters of antiquity. His attitude toward Christ is a most striking instance of opposition to God. He knew the prophecies, yet fought hard against their fulfilment. He treacherously indulged his malignant passions and self-seeking. He pervesely employed his very great opportunities and knowledge of the scriptures concerning Christ. He took immediate measures against him, which were characterized by his usual cunning. What he could not do by craft he attempted to accomplishd by force. His cruelty at Bethelehem stands recorded by both friends and foes. Not only is it related in the sacred pages, but it is alos given to us by writers of that age whose undisputed words confirmed the truth. Yet his misery was apparent in his anguish through fear of Christ and in the folly of his attempts against his life. His devices of hyprocisy were mighty yet powerless before the power of God. Divine providence brought to naught all the designs of the wicket king against the life of the holy child. Evil is never so active or persistent as when it seeks the ruin of the young. God always raises up faithful servants to protect and promote his own kingdom, and with it the spiritual welfare of mankind. He often protects his own by small means and humble instrumentalities as he protected Jesus through the instrumentality of Joseph, a humble carpenter. Cruel as was the slaughter of the infants and severe as was the discipline it brought upon the parents, yet it enabled Jesus to live in obscurity until thirty years of age. The Jewish scribes were successfuly deceived by Herod's questioning concerning the expected Messiah. By making known the scriptures to him they unconsciously delivered the child into the power of the crafty monarch. He learned what their expectancy was. "He was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." The people knew the character of Herod, and what the consequences would be to them or to any one who might be suspected of any sympathey with any claimant to the royal throne of David.

II. As a means of clearer revelation. Turing away from the picture of Herod and his evil designs as they appear in this record, we discover something more beautiful in this same picture— the sages, the star and the Savior. We study the seekers, the sign, the search and the sucess. We call the magi the illustrious seekers. Their title, their pursuit, their wealth and their character were illustrious. As seekers they were earnest, reverent, persevering and worshiping. Their inquiry at Jerusalem revealed an interest awakened, a belief avowed, imperfect knowledge admitted, further information entreated and a motive declared. From first to last they were divinely guided. In the simplicity of their hearts the magi addressed themselves in the first place to the official head of the nation. They were ultimately directed by the written word. Their diligence was rewarded and they reached the goal at Jesus' feet. They sought a king and found a child, Jesus, the beginner of a new era, the founder of a new kingdom. They hailed him as King and worshiped him, and their worship was devoid, believing, self-sacrificing, intelligent and obedient. In this character sketch the lines of contrast become more marked to the close. Obedience on the part of the magi and Joseph brought God's further guidance and blessing.

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### Not Enough Hay in Colorado to Feed Them.

Denver, Col., Jan. 28.—'Cattle, rabits and quail are dying by thousands in northeastern Colorado and across the line in Western Kansas," said Rudolph Borchardt. deputy state warden, last night, on his return from a trip of investigation in that section. Borchardt said that he counted hundreds of cattle on each side of the highway lying dead in the fielde. He said he could see no prospect of relief, as not enough hay was being taken into that section of the country to relieve the starving animals.

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## FARMERS' DEMAND

### Western Grain Growers Want Lower Freight

Brandon, Man., Jan. 28.—The annual meeting of the Grain Growers 'Association opened this morning with 455 farmers present. The address of the president gave special emphasis to the demand for lower freight rates, which, he declared were to-day most exhorbitant and a burden on the entire Canadian west. Further, the address declares the intention of the grain growers to press the Dominion Government for terminal elevators under government ownership and operation at Fort William and Montreal. The cement merger was also criticized for advancing price of a necessary building material in the west. From the attendance and enthusiasm displayed, the organization is an all-powerful political force in the west.

## SAW ITALY'S KING

### Mexican Ambassador Presented Thanks of People.

Rome, Jan. 28.—Don Francisco de la Barra, the special Ambassador from Mexico, with the members of his suite, drove to-day to the Quirinal in gala carriages sent from the Royal stables. He was received by King Victor Emmanuel to whom he presented the thanks of the President of the Mexican Republic as well as of the Mexican people for the participation of Italy in the centennial celebration of Mexican independence in 1910.

King Victor Emmanuel was most cordial. He showed great interest and an intimate knowledge of Mexican affaire. He has invited Don Francesco de la Barra to a state dinner at the palace this evening.

Bubbube—So you don't agree that the age of miracles is past, eh?" Subbube—Not on your life. There's a man out my way who has had the same cook for nearly a year.

# MARKET REPORTS

## TORONTO MARKETS.

FARMERS' MARKET.

| | | |
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| Dressed hogs | $ 8 25 | $ 9 25 |
| Butter, good to choice | 0 20 | 0 25 |
| Eggs, new-laid, dozen | 0 40 | 0 45 |
| Chickens, lb. | 0 17 | 0 20 |
| Ducks, lb. | 0 18 | 0 20 |
| Fowl, lb. | 0 10 | 0 12 |
| Turkeys, lb. | 0 22 | 0 24 |
| Geese, lb. | 0 16 | 0 17 |
| Apples, bbl. | 2 50 | 4 00 |
| Potatoes, bag | 1 65 | 1 75 |
| Cabbage, dozen | 0 50 | 0 00 |
| Beef, hindquarters | 11 50 | 13 50 |
| Do., forequarters | 7 50 | 8 50 |
| Do., choice, carcase | 10 25 | 11 00 |
| Do., medium, carcase | 8 50 | 9 00 |
| Veal, prime | 11 00 | 13 00 |
| Mutton, prime | 8 00 | 10 00 |
| Lamb, Spring | 13 00 | 14 00 |

SUGAR MARKET.

Sugars are quoted in bags, in Toronto, per cwt., as follows:

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| Extra granulated, St. Lawrence | $ 5 45 |
| Do., Redpath's | 5 45 |
| Do., Acadia | 5 40 |
| Imperial granulated | 5 30 |
| Beaver, granulated | 5 30 |
| Do., Redpath's | 5 40 |

In barrels, 5c per cwt. more; car lots, 5c less.

LIVE STOCK.

Toronto despatch —Western Cattle Market—Common and medium cattle are again too plentiful for the demand and prices are off off considerably. Choice butchers are a little firmer and more plentiful. Heavy steers are in strong demand and prices are decidedly firmer. Sheep and lambs are very plentiful, but prices are not out of the ordinary. Hogs have a slight tendency to be weaker to-day.

Receipts 118 cars, consisting of 1,640 cattle, 650 hogs, 1,931 sheep and lambs and 150 calves.

Latest quotations:

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| Butcher cattle, choice | 6 25 | 6 90 |
| Do. do., medium | 5 50 | 6 10 |
| Do. do., common | 3 70 | 5 20 |
| Butcher cows, choice | 4 75 | 5 50 |
| Do. do., medium | 2 75 | 4 00 |
| Do. do., canners | 2 00 | 2 50 |
| Feeding steers | 4 60 | 5 35 |
| Stockers, choice | 3 20 | 4 50 |
| Do. light | 2 70 | 3 20 |
| Milkers, choice, each | 60 00 | 85 00 |
| Springers | 45 00 | 60 00 |
| Sheep, ewes | 4 00 | 4 55 |
| Bucks and culls | 3 00 | 3 50 |
| Lambs | 6 10 | 7 00 |
| Hogs fed and watered | 5 50 | |
| Hogs, f.o.b. | 6 15 | |
| Calves | 4 00 | 8 25 |

## OTHER MARKETS.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET.

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Prev. Close |
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| Wheat— | | | | | |
| May, old | 101⅜ | 101¾ | 101½ | 101⅜b | 101⅜ |
| May, new | 100⅞ | 100⅞ | 100⅝ | 100⅞a | 100⅞ |
| July | 102 | 102¼ | 102 | 102b | 102¼ |

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| Oats— | | |
| May | 43¼ | 42¼ |

DULUTH GRAIN MARKET.

Duluth—Close — Wheat, No. 1 hard, $1.06 7-8; No. 1 northern, $1.06 7-8; No. 2 northern, $1.03 7-8; May, $1.05 7-8; July, $1.06 1-8 to $1.06 1-2.

MUNICIPAL GRAIN AMRKET.

Minneapolis — Close—Wheat — May, $1.07; July, $1.07 3-4; No. 1 hard, $1.07 1-2; No. 1 northern, $1.06 1-2 to $1.07; No. 2 Northern, $1.04 1-2 to $1.05; No. 3 wheat, $1.02 1-2 to $1.03. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 63c to 64c. Oats—No. 2 white, 48 3-8c. Rye, No. 2, 89 1-2c to 90c. Bran—$24.50 to $24.75. Flour—First patents, $5.10 to $5.40; second patents, $4.75 to $5; first clears, $3.50 to $3.85; do., seconds, $2.40 to $2.80.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

Montreal—At the Canadian Pacific Live Stock Market the offerings this morning were 800 cattle, 400 sheep and lambs, 1,950 hogs and 300 calves. There was no change in the condition of the market for cattle, prices being firm owing to the continued scarcity of good to choice stock; in fact, there was none of the latter obtainable, and only a few loads of the former, and as buyers generally were short of beef they were obliged to turn their attention to the lower grades, consequently the demand was good and a fairly active trade was done. The top price realized for good steers was $6.50, but buyers would have paid $6.75 to $7 for for choice of they could have been had. Sales of choice cows and bulls were made at $5.50 per cwt. The market was also bare of choice sheep, lambs and calves, and in consequence the prices realized were not as high as on Monday owin gto the difference of the quality of the stock offered. The top price paid for lambs was $6.75, and as the sheep were very common only $4 per cwt. was made for them, while the highest paid for the calves was $12 each. A weaker feeling prevailed on the market for hogs on account of the increased supplies, and prices declined 10 to 25c per cwt., and even at this reduction price drevers found it impossible to make a clearance, but the stock that was left over was of a poor quality. Butchers' cattle, choice, $5.75 to $7; do., medium, $5 to $5.50; do., common, $3 to $4; canners, $2.50 to $3; butchers' cattle, choice cows, $5.25 to $5.50; do., medium, $3 to $5; do., bulls, $3.50 to $5.50; milkers, choice, each, $70 to $75; do., common and medium, each, $45 to $55; Springers, $50 to $60. Sheep—Ewes, $4.50 to $4.75; bucks and culls, $4 to $4.25; lambs, $6.50 to $7. Hogs—F.o.b., $7. Calves, $3 to $12.

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK.

East Buffalo report: Cattle—Receipts, 300 head; slow and steady.

Veals—Receipts, 200 head; active and strong; $5.50 to $10.25; a few $11.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,200 head; active and steady, pigs, $5.75 to $5.90.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 10,000; active, wethers, 10c; lambs, 25c higher; wethers, $4.25 to $4.50.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—Receipts estimated at 8,500.
Market—Steady to weak.

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| Beeves | $ 4 80 | $ 8 50 |
| Texas steers | 4 50 | 5 85 |
| Western steers | 4 75 | 7 15 |
| Stockers and feeders | 3 60 | 6 00 |
| Cows and heifers | 2 15 | 6 75 |
| Calves | 5 50 | 8 75 |

Hogs—Receipts estimated at 33,000.
Market—Weak, 5c lower.

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| Light | 5 25 | 6 20 |
| Mixed | 5 90 | 6 35 |
| Heavy | 5 85 | 6 35 |
| Rough | 5 95 | 6 10 |
| Pigs | 4 25 | 5 50 |
| Bulk of sales | 6 15 | 6 30 |

Sheep—Receipts estimated at 18,000.
Market—Steady.

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| Native | 3 25 | 4 85 |
| Western | 3 65 | 4 85 |
| Yearlings | 4 90 | 5 85 |
| Lambs, native | 4 50 | 7 00 |
| Western | 4 75 | 7 00 |

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## FIELD CROPS

Ottawa report: The Census and Statistics Office of the Department of Agriculture has issued to-day the following bulletin, giving the final estimates of the area, yield and value of the principal field crops of the Dominion for 1911. The field crops of Canada are shown to have occupied last year a total area of 32,853,000, and their value, calculated at the average local market prices, amounts to $365,712,000. The area under wheat last year was 10,374,000 acres, of which 1,172,000 acres were fall wheat in Ontario and Alberta and the production was 215,851,000 bushels of the value of $21,461,000. Oats occupied 9,229,000 acres, and yielded 348,138,000 bushels of the value of $126,812,000; barley, 1,404,000 acres yielded 40,641,000 bushels of the value of of $19,467,000. The combined area under rye, peas, buckwheat, mixed grains and flax was 2,461,000 acres, the yield 44,986,00 bushels and the value $41,560,000. Hoed and cultivated crops, comprising beans, corns for husking, potatoes, turnips and other roots except sugar beets, occupied 1,063,000 acres, and yielded 120,884,000 bushels of the value of $73,290,000. Sugar beet in Ontario and Alberta had an acreage of 20,878, and a yield of 177,000 tons of the value of $1,165,000. Foder crops, including fodder corr., hay, clover and alfalfa show an acreage of 8,290,000, a production of 15,499,000 tons and a value of $161,314,000. Alfalfa, a record of which was taken fo the first time, shows an area of 101,784 acres, wit ha yield of 227,900 tons. This valuable foder crop is being principally grown in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta, the average yield per acre of the whole of Canada being 2 1-4 tons.

For the year 1911 the areas from which the yields are calculated were strictly comparable with the estimates of the three previous years which were based upon the reports of selected correspondents. It may be mentioned, however, that the area and production of wheat in 1911 exceed by over 1,000,000 acres and 65,839,000 bushels the estimates of 1910. A more satisfactory criterion of the difference between the two seasons of 1911 and 1910 is afforded by the average rates of yield per acre which for fall wheat was 22.19 bushels in 1911, against 23.49 in 1910, spring wheat 20.63 against 15.53, oats 37.76 against 32.09, barley 28.94 against 24.62, and flax 11.41 against 7.97.

In the three Northwest Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the wheat production was 194,083,000 bushels in the estimate of 1910 of oats 212,819,000, compared with 126,753,000 and of barley 24,043,000 compared with 21,377,000. The wheat production of 1911 in Manitoba was 60,275,000 bushels from 2980,000 acres; in Saskatchewan, 97,663,000 bushels from 4,705,000 acres, and in Alberta 36143,000. Saskatchewan, $107,1470.00; Alberta, $47,750,000; British Columbia, $1,290,000.

Owing to the exceptionally mild weather which prevailed during the fall and early winted live stock are reported as having entered winter quarters in excellent condition. As a general rule winter supplies are ample.

Archibald Blue, Chief Officer.

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