



SATAN

The Enemy of God

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Lesson 1

THE ENEMY OF THE NEW KING

Scripture to be studied: Matthew 2:12-23; Luke 2:39-52

The aim of the lesson: To show that God is greater than Satan.

What your students should know: Because they do not always do right, they need to turn to God for help to overcome Satan.

What your students should feel: A desire to be obedient in all things as Jesus was.

What your students should do: Ask God to help them to be obedient.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. Satan tries to kill God's Son (Matthew 2:12, 16-18).
2. God protects His Son (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).
3. Teachers are amazed at Jesus' wisdom (Luke 2:39-49).
4. Jesus obeyed God and his parents (Luke 2:50-52).

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

In our last volume, we learned of the coming of God to earth in the form of man. The birth of the Lord Jesus Christ—and all of the events connected with it—testify that He is indeed the Son of God.

In this volume, we learn how Satan, the enemy of God, does all that he can to get rid of the Lord Jesus. Satan has always opposed the will of God. He always will oppose the will of God. Ever since the awful day in eternities past when Satan said, "I will be like the Most High God" (Isaiah 14:14), he has sought to prove that he is superior to God. But the verse of Scripture that we are going to be memorizing during these lessons is true:

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

THE LESSON

You will remember that in our last lesson we learned that God had told the Wise Men (in a dream) that they were not to return to Jerusalem. So they went home another way. But Herod the king was waiting for the Wise Men to come back to tell him where Christ had been born.

Because of this, all was not well in the palace. King Herod paced the floor. You can imagine how angry he was. "Where are they?" he doubtless shouted. "They should have been back long before this. I commanded those men from the East to come and tell me when they found the Child—that newborn king. How dare they disobey me?"

1. SATAN TRIES TO KILL GOD'S SON

Matthew 2:12, 16-18

When Herod learned that the Wise Men had returned to their own land without coming back through Jerusalem, he was furious. "They have tricked me! They have tricked me!" he roared.



Show Illustration #1

Quickly he wrote an order for his soldiers: "Go kill all the baby boys two years old and younger in and around Bethlehem."

Pushing the order into the hands of the captain, he shouted, "We'll see about this new King of the Jews. I'll get rid of Him. There will be no other king. I am the king—Herod the Great. No one will take my place."

Immediately the soldiers marched to Bethlehem. From house to house they went, destroying every baby boy who was two years old or less, exactly as Herod had commanded. Mothers sobbed and pleaded. Fathers wept. Children tried to hide. But the soldiers went to each house obeying the horrible command of wicked King Herod.

Herod was proud of his plan. But let me tell you something that Herod did not know. He was really carrying out the plan of a more powerful enemy of God. That enemy is Satan. Once Satan had been a beautiful angel guarding the presence of God. But he had become proud and wanted to be greater than God. Since pride is sin, and sin must be punished, God punished Satan by taking away from him the high position that had been