

What does he say? [Print the other words.] Think, what is the child's part? What is *your* part?

God's part. What is the child in the picture doing? Yes, he seems to be going toward the light. He hears Jesus say, "Come," and he is doing his part—he is taking his burden to him! That is all we can do; now, what will God do? He will take our burden, whatever it may be, and then he will give us rest. Sometimes you are so tired that you cannot rest. You want mamma to take you in her arms and rest you. That is what God loves to do for his children who will come to him. [Sing "Come to Jesus."]

Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. An Invitation. Matt. 11. 25-30.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11. 28.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Rev. 22; *Life of Christ* (Geikie), pages 361-366; "The Philosophy of Mutualism," *The Arena*, May, 1894; *Plato's Republic*, book ii, chap. 4.

ATTENTION STORY.

We like to think of the love and friendship of those who walked with Jesus beside the sea and listened to him while he talked to the crowds of people. Perhaps we wish that we, too, might have followed him, and we think that if we had heard his voice asking us to do so we would do it surely. Matthew wrote some words of invitation which Jesus said, and they are ours now, for while we read them in God's word his Spirit says to our hearts, "Come unto me." One day when Jesus stood at the gate of the city he saw people coming in carrying burdens upon their backs and on their heads. His loving heart was warmed toward them and he wanted to help them. He said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest," and many of them came to him. That day was a long time ago, but the sweetness of his words is with us now, and people have been listening to the words all these years and have been accepting his invitation. Perhaps Matthew was with Jesus that day and heard him say these words. We are glad that he wrote them down. The people who bear burdens for others to-day, and those who are helpful, are people who have the same loving thoughtfulness which Jesus had. We love him, do we not? We wish to come to him. We will read the words from this book and then repeat them. [Read Matt. 11. 25-30.]

Explain unusual words: "Prudent," "laden," "revealed," "meek."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Tell the story so that the children will wish to come to Jesus now. Read the lesson verses to them from the Bible, not from a lesson

leaf. All that we have now of beauty, joy, and comfort is ours because people have come to Jesus and learned of him. It is as if your father or your mother said to you, "Do not be careless, but come to me and learn how to do and where to go."

Monday. Whoever comes to Jesus learns of him lessons of truth and of patience, and even a small child may learn to forget himself in thinking of others.

Tuesday. Tell the story of the children being brought to Jesus when he said let them come. The memory gem for to-day may be "Suffer the little children to come unto me" (Luke 18. 16).

Wednesday. If we come to Jesus by prayer, and have his warm, true love in our hearts, we will know how to help and to serve other people. He said that this is the way to become truly great; that the greatest of all should serve all. This means that we will do all we can for others if we live well and if we have great love for all.

Thursday. To-day tell the children a story about a man who heard Jesus say, "Come," and he came down from a tree where he had climbed. He heard that Jesus was to pass that way, and he wished to see the one he had heard about. Perhaps he did not think he would hear the sweet voice, but how fast his heart must have throbbed when he heard Jesus say, "Come!" [Read the verse, Luke 19. 6.] Dwell especially upon the point of verse 5, where we read that Jesus "came," "looked up," "saw him," "said unto him."

Friday. We have talked of now the children were brought to Jesus, and how quickly the man came down from the tree when he heard Jesus say, "Come." To-day we will talk about a woman whose sister said to her that Jesus was calling her, and as soon as she heard that she went at once. Her name was Mary. She had something to make her heart sorry, and she was sitting at home when her sister Martha met Jesus as he was walking near their house. He asked for Mary, and so Martha went and spoke to her and said that Jesus had called for her. As soon as she heard this she hurried to him, and he gave her rest from the burden of her heavy heart, and caused joy to be there instead of sorrow. Would you like to come to him as quickly as all these did, and let him make life look even more beautiful to you than it does now?

NATURE WORK. Talk of the season and of everything sleeping now, but all will awaken soon. The bulbs, and grasses, and trees will hear the call, "Come!" The sunshine will spread its warm beams all over the earth, which spring showers will moisten and nature will