

teacher to learn how to carry on his work and deliver his message.

MEMORY LESSON.

John was standing with two of his disciples, and he saw Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard Jesus speak, and followed him. Jesus turned, saw them following, and said, "What seek ye?" They said, "Master, where do you live?" Jesus said, "Come and see." They came and stayed with him that day. One of the two that heard John speak, and followed Jesus, was Andrew. The other was John (not John the Baptist). Andrew found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Christ." He brought his brother to Jesus. Jesus looked upon him and said, "Thou shalt be called Peter." Jesus found Philip, and said to him, "Follow me." Philip found his friend Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found the Christ of whom the prophets wrote."

After the memory lesson: Jesus went from village to village teaching, healing, saving. These disciples, having learned John's message perfectly, followed him everywhere, learning of him, sharing his toil and danger. Remember their names, for we shall meet them in our lessons, and get acquainted with them.

When the disciples had spent all their days in telling of Jesus Christ they gave their work into other hands. Has Jesus any disciples living today? Are missionaries disciples? Is our pastor a disciple? Do all disciples of Christ have the same kind of work? May we become disciples of Jesus? If we say, "Yes!" we must study about faithful discipleship. John and Andrew heard him speak, and followed. We can hear him speak at any time. He speaks to our souls in the silence, and we understand. He speaks to us through the Bible, and we study it to understand. If we listen, we can follow him always. Jesus says, "Come unto me." "I am the good Shepherd." The good Shepherd calleth his sheep by name, and will lay down his life for them.

What will his faithful disciples have to give up? Everything that would keep them from following him closely. What is a faithful disciple to do? "Do with thy might whatsoever thy hand findeth to do." Where are the faithful disciples to go? The way to follow is sometimes called "the narrow way," because we are shut out of many paths that look broad and pleasant, but would lead to sin and separation from our Shepherd. To be separated from him would make any pathway, no matter how beautiful it looked, desolate and lonely. We follow our Shepherd up many steep hills of difficulty, and

the path is hard to climb; but when we reach the top, we are strong and vigorous for another climb, even if many thorns and brambles are in the path that leads us higher toward heavenly things.

After a rather more literal teaching of what faithful disciples have to do, the children are told that when in doubt as to which is the narrow and good pathway, and which is the broad and dangerous road, they are to ask in prayer, Which way would Jesus choose?

LESSON VI. (February 11.)

JESUS AND NICODEMUS. John 3. 1-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3. 16.

Primary Notes.



Introductory. Once upon a time there was a beautiful palace built of white marble, and finished in the loveliest way, which was entered by a very low and narrow door. Once in it, there was room enough for all; but there was only this

one way to get in, and all must enter by the low and narrow door. Above it in gold letters were the words, "Whosoever believeth."

No one could see from the outside of the palace the beauties within; but there was a book that told of these, and some of the king's servants were always telling others how fair this beautiful house was, where all were welcome who would come in by the door, believing the king's word that there was a place for them inside and that this was the way to come.

The door was so narrow that nothing could be carried through. All the burdens had to be left outside, and it was so low that tall people had to stoop to pass in. But little children who had nothing to carry, or very little to lay down, and who were not so tall as the grown-ups, found it far easier to go in than any others. Of all who passed in day by day only those tried to enter who thought it worth while, who took the king's word for it that there was room for all and a welcome there. So it came to pass that as the great numbers went that way some went in and some stayed out. It was not because there was too little room inside, or not invitations enough, or a welcome for everyone, but because some did not believe all this and would not go in.