

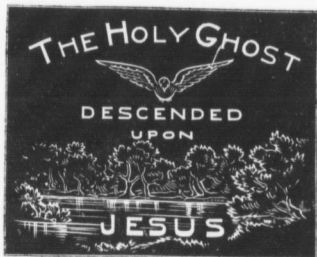
baptized. What was it? Jesus knew that all the people who lived in the world then, or should ever live here, would have sinful hearts, just as these had to whom John preached, and that he was come that the sins of the whole world might be forgiven.

One day when John was preaching he saw Jesus walking near; God had taught John what Jesus had come to do, and so he said to those standing by the words of our Golden Text. [Repent.]

If John could walk into this schoolroom to-day, I am sure he might preach the same sermon to us; he could tell us to repent or be truly sorry for sin, and he could point us to Jesus and say, "Behold thee," etc. I want you, at home, to make a heart like this [show a pattern], and if you think you have sins to be forgiven, print "sin" on it; then, if you are truly sorry and want to be forgiven, ask Jesus to do so, and after you have done this take a red pencil and mark off the word sin on the heart, to remind you how Jesus's blood will take your sin away.

Sing third verse of "Beautiful land, holy land," Mrs. Kennedy's *Special Songs and Services*, page 66.

SUGGESTIONS FOR COLORING. River, blue; trees and grass, green; dove and all the words, white.



### Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. The Ministry of John the Baptist. Luke 3. 15-22.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1. 29).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Luke 3. 15-22; *Life of Christ* (Farrar), vol. i, page 104; *Sinai and Palestine* (Stanley), page 304; *Oratorio of the Messiah*, "He is like a refiner's fire;" "But who may abide the day of his coming."

### ATTENTION STORY.

We have read in our lesson stories from God's word that both John, the messenger, and Jesus, the

One who was to teach the people, grew strong for their work. The man who wrote this was a doctor, and his name was Luke. He followed Jesus, and he loved him as a friend. It may be because he was a doctor that he was interested in the good care given to the bodies of children, and the thought of their growth, too, for he says the same of these two, "The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit" (Luke 1. 80; 2. 40). To-day let us talk about John, who was to tell the people to get ready to hear the wonderful words of Jesus, for he was going to teach them how to live, that they might be good and serve God by helping other people.

All the time of their childhood they lived out of doors much of the time, and they took care of their bodies, having the good food and much exercise. When the time for work came they were ready and strong in body as well as spirit. At one time Jesus was talking to the people, and he told them Jesus was coming to them very soon, and the next day he saw Jesus walking toward them, and he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Then he said to all the people that this was the very One whom he said was before him. After this, the very next day, John stood with two men when Jesus came again, and John said just what he had said before, and the two men turned and "followed" Jesus. When Jesus saw them coming he asked them what they were looking for, and they called him Master and said, "Where do you live?" His kind voice said, "Come and see," and they went with him and stayed all day. Let us read about it here in the dear book which has given to us so many stories about Jesus.

[Read John 1. 29, 30, 35-40. Explain unusual words: "Preferred," "manifested," "Israel," "disciples," "rabbi," "dwellest," "abode. "]

### OUTLINE.

*Sunday.* Attention Story, Bible lesson, and Golden Text.

*Monday.* Interest the children still more in John by reading Matt. 3. 4 and talking of this; "And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins, and his meat was locusts and wild honey."

*Tuesday.* Talk of the great message which he had been preparing to give, and now the time had come. Behold means "see!" for he wanted everybody to see Jesus.

*Wednesday.* Talk of what Jesus was to do. He was to take away sin, and show truth and goodness, to show how to be beautiful in life. He came to take away sin, and to give joy and gladness. This Bible says that such joy as he had and as he gives makes people strong. "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

*Thursday.* As soon as the two men standing with John heard the voice of Jesus they were glad to follow him. We hear his voice now, sometimes, speaking in loving tones; let us go to him quickly when he speaks, and stay with him.

*Friday.* Try to make clear to the children that Jesus will come and live with us. We cannot go to an earthly home with him and stay all day as these men did, but he will stay with us in our