

Print, LOVE COMES FROM THE HEART OF GOD. (Repeat.) Mention some ways in which God showed His love in the beginning. He made a beautiful world to be a home for the people He was to place in it. He made these people in His own image, He took care of them, He gave them all things bright and beautiful and useful, all things great and small. You see the stream of Love kept growing wider and deeper as the world grew older, and at last God's love broadened out into a great ocean of love. He saw that the people He had put into the world did not understand His love, did not know how great and good He is. They must see and know what God is like. They were sinful, and needed a Saviour who would save them from sin and its punishment. So God, in His great, deep love, sent His own Son JESUS into the world, to be our Saviour and to let us see and know what God is like.

Golden Text—Our Golden Text tells us, "GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, ETC." (Print.) We hear Jesus saying these words in our Lesson story to-day.

Jesus is talking with a man named Nicodemus; and where do you think they are

sitting? Sketch rapidly an outline of an Eastern house, with the outside stairway to the roof. (Explain the Eastern custom of using the roof.) There they are, sitting upon a housetop in Jerusalem. Nicodemus is a ruler of the Jews, a great man among them. He has come to have a quiet talk with Jesus. He came at night time, for fear of the other rulers' seeing him seeking Jesus. How earnestly they are talking! Jesus is answering his questions about the way to become a Christian, and is telling him our Golden Text. (Repeat.)

Can the children tell the name of some of the peoples in the world? We'll erase the word WORLD and print CHINESE, HINDOOS, AFRICANS, INDIANS, DOUKHOBORS, GALICIANS, CANADIANS, etc. Let us repeat the Golden Text now, using a different name each time. Should we not do all we can to let the people of the whole world know about God's great love and the Saviour whom He has sent to us all? How can we best love and thank this Saviour? All repeat:

"Oh, I thank my loving Saviour
That He suffered on the tree.

Can I doubt God's tender mercy?

Can I doubt His love to me?"

Something to Think About—God loves me.

FROM THE PLATFORM

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THE LAKE—*God so loved the world*

THE RIVER—*That He gave His only begotten Son*

THE PITCHER—*That whosoever believeth in Him*

THE DRAUGHT—*Should not perish, but have everlasting life*

Let the Review centre about the blessed verse 16 of the Lesson. Print, THE LAKE. There are some words in the verse which are like a lake full of clear, cool water. A little questioning will bring out that these are, "God so loved the world" (Write). Out of this great lake of God's love there flowed like a river (Print, THE RIVER) a wonderful Gift. This Gift, the scholars will readily tell you, was God's own dear Son (Write, "That He gave His only begotten Son"). If we were standing thirsty beside a river, we should want something like a pitcher to dip up the water (Print, THE PITCHER). Ask how we receive God's great Gift. The answer will come, "By believing". (Write, "That whosoever believeth on Him".) Print, THE DRAUGHT, and ask what the result will be of our receiving God's Gift. The answer is, "Should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Write). Press upon every scholar the invitation to come and share in God's marvelous love.