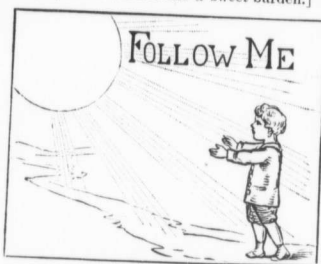


sometimes hard to do as Jesus would do, but that if we take up the cross bravely, he will help us carry it, and it will become a sweet burden.]



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. The Call of Matthew. Matt. 9. 9, 35-38.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Follow Me." Matt. 9. 9.

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Matt. 8; *Life of Christ* (Geikie); *New Testament History* (Smith).

ATTENTION STORY.

Some one who was with Jesus upon the mountain and heard his sermon wrote his words and kept them. This man's name was Matthew. He was busy about his work one day, taking the money which people paid for their taxes, and when Jesus was passing the place he saw Matthew and said to him, "Follow me." Then Matthew arose from his seat and went with Jesus. He stayed with him and went with him to many places, always trying to obey the words of the one whom he loved very dearly. He has written many short and wonderful stories about what Jesus did and said. How glad we are that Matthew obeyed the voice of Jesus that day and followed him. He was glad, too, and a friend of his, another man, who loved Jesus and followed him, tells us that he gave a party right away and invited many people. [The friend who wrote about that is named Luke. [Read Luke 29.] Another friend whose name was Mark tells us the name of Matthew's father. Listen and hear it. It is a long name and rather hard for you to pronounce. [Read Mark 2. 14.] You see, both these men called Matthew Levi. He had the two names, and so have many people now. He tells us about Jesus on the mountain, and then in the ship, and at the house of some friend, but wherever he was he was helping sick people and trying to show naughty ones how to be good. He preached in the churches, too, and it is written here. [Read Matt. 9. 33-35.]

Explain unusual words: "Compassion," "scattered," "plenteous."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. The Attention Story may be told so that children will have a feeling of great appreciation for the service which Matthew did for us in

recording the words of this gospel. Read the Bible lesson, and make clear the thought that then and now Jesus called many beside Matthew to follow him? He calls us now.

Monday. Talk of the love which caused Jesus to be unselfish and helpful to others. He was helping them always.

Tuesday. The pity which he showed was of great tenderness. He thought they seemed like sheep without any shepherd. That means that they had not anyone to show them the way of peace and goodness, and he wanted to do this for them.

Wednesday. When he said that the harvest is great and the laborers are few he showed that he had found there was a great work to do for people, and many were to be helped and there were only a few who were willing to help.

Thursday. He wanted people to pray that God would touch their hearts with the same love and pity which he had, and they would want to go and help others, and the work seemed like a great harvest field, with much grain to be gathered, and only a few people to go and work in the field.

Friday. This was one reason Jesus said to Matthew, "Follow me." We may talk of the ready obedience of the man who went at once and followed him.

NATURE WORK. The habit of sheep, their food, appearance, and uses may be talked about.

ART WORK. Let the children see a picture of some temple or synagogue, an interior, if possible, and talk about it. For kindergarten children the handwork may be suggested by building the form of a temple from dictation. The plan and direction for the use of the solid gifts the teacher will find in the *Krause Kindergarten Guide* on the "Paradise of Childhood."

The TRANSITION CLASS may make a drawing of a sheepfold, and write the data of this lesson under it.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH THE MOTHER. Talk of obedience. Matthew obeyed the voice of Jesus. We can be obedient to the inward voice now and children can learn very early to obey the fathers' and mothers' voices.

Matthew must have been interested in the children. In this book the story of the little child of Bethlehem begins just as the children like to hear a story. It says, "Now, in Bethlehem," and that "now" in the beginning of any story is as attractive as "Once upon a time."

Matthew is the only one of the writers of the story of Jesus coming into Jerusalem, when the palm branches were strewn before him, who speaks of children in the temple that day saying, "Hosanna!" Let us read Matt. 21. 15; also Mark 11. 9.