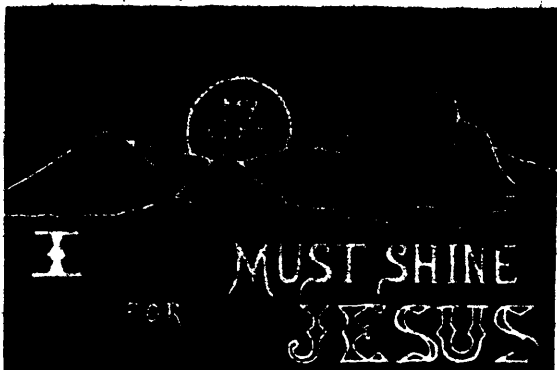


needed someone to show them what God was like—someone who would be more kind, more full of love than any person who had ever lived, someone to show people how God wants them to live, and what they must do to become God's dear children and go to live with Him forever. So He sent Jesus Christ, His own Son, who was to be like a light to the world. Did you ever hear anyone say, "Oh, yes, Willie is just like his father; he does things just as his father would do"? Well, Jesus is just like God, His father. He went about

doing things that God would do, speaking words that God would speak. So He is called the *Word of God*. (Teach Golden Text.)

One of Jesus' dearest friends on earth—the one He loved most (Why?)—was John, the apostle. John went about with Jesus, hearing Him preach and seeing all the good, kind things He did. John wrote a book about Jesus, and told us all Jesus said and did. John tells us most about Jesus' love and Jesus' words. When we read this book it is just as if Jesus were talking to us, telling us what to do. For twelve Sabbaths we are to read about Jesus out of this book. (Show it.)

Did you ever see the sun rise? You did not see the big sun just at first? No! you saw the bright rays of light first, telling you the sun was coming. As you watched, you saw the beautiful sun appearing. God sent a man called John the Baptist, before He sent Jesus, to tell people that Jesus was coming—to tell them to watch for the *light*—to get ready to see Jesus.



Practical Thought.—Would you not all like to be little *rays of sunshine*, showing people a little bit of what Jesus is like—telling people about the beautiful "Sun of Righteousness," who came to our world, and is coming again sometime? Jesus showed what God is like by doing things that God would do—speaking words that God would speak. If we want to be light we must ask, "What would Jesus do?" "What would Jesus say if He were in my place now?" "I would be a little light, shining every place, Shining so that other souls may see my Saviour's grace."

A little light—a little light—dear Jesus, make me one;

Let me live and shine for Thee—God's own beloved Son."

Blackboard.—On the rays of sunshine (yellow chalk) write ways of shining for Jesus. The children will tell you, "Be kind," "Be truthful," etc. Sing "Jesus bids us shine."

LESSON II.—January 8, 1899

CHRIST'S FIRST DISCIPLES, John 1: 35-46

PREVIEW THOUGHT: Christ gives *Light* through His words and works

Golden Text.—"Behold the Lamb of God!" John 1: 36.

To-day's Lesson Thought.—Following the Light.

Connection.—What did you see this morning when you looked out of your window that

made you think of last Sabbath's lesson? Yes, the beautiful bright sunshine. What did John call Jesus? A light. Why? Whom did God send to tell the people that Jesus, the light, was coming? Have you tried to be little lights? What did you do for Jesus? Did you tell any one about Him?