

second year's ministry, commonly called the year of popularity.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON.

Note. — To-day's lesson is not an easy one to adapt to the child. If we are not careful, the law of adaptation will be broken, as well as that of definiteness.

We must be on our guard, or we will try to teach too much, and consequently, fail, in teaching a definite, spiritual thought.

The lesson is clearly divided into two parts. Verses 18 to 23 being one part, and verses 17, 23, 24 and 23 being the other.

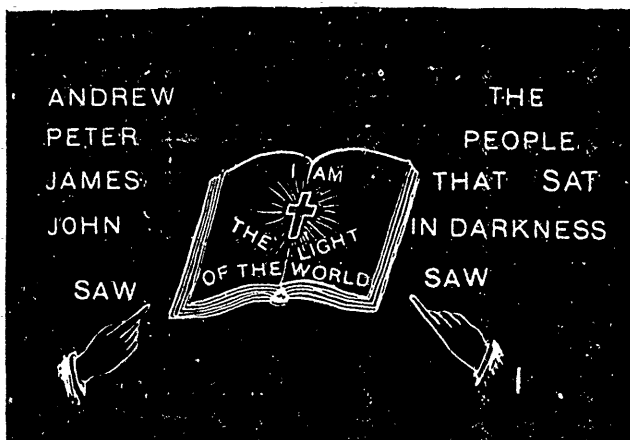
There is a very suitable thought for the children in the first part of the lesson, which might be centered in verse 19th, but in lesson VII the same words "follow me" are used under similar circumstances, and they are there chosen for the Golden Text. It would therefore be perhaps better to reserve this lesson for Lesson VII and follow more closely for to-day, the thought of the Golden Text, as taught in the latter part of the lesson.

1. Tell me some kinds of light you know of? As you say this, make rays of light, as suggested in the cut, candle-light, lamp-light, gas-light, electric light, moonlight, sunlight. Which is the greatest of all? What is light for? To drive away darkness.

2. There are two kinds of darkness. One is the darkness of the night, the other is the darkness of wrong-doing. Doing right, is light; doing wrong, is darkness.

Following these suggestions, make clear that the darkness, or wrong-doing, or sin, is worse than the darkness of the night.

3. Now teach the Golden Text. The people which sat in darkness saw great light.



4. He who does wrong, makes the world darker. He who does right, makes it lighter, and brighter, and more beautiful.

5. Jesus was the only man who never did wrong. He brought no darkness into the world, and has made it much lighter, and brighter, and more beautiful. Before He came into the world, it was full of wrong doing, and consequently full of darkness. That's what the Golden Text means.

6. Jesus called Andrew, and Peter, and James, and John, and you, and me, to be "His Disciples." Andrew and Peter and James, and John, saw that Jesus was the light of the world, and followed Him. They told others about Jesus, so should we. They left off wrong doing, and began to do right, so should we.

7. Where will we learn about Jesus, the Light of the world? In His Word, the Bible.

Note.

As the lesson is taught, draw or pin to the board, the cross, and before the lesson is closed, the Bible.

If you cannot draw these before the children, outline them with slate or lead pencil beforehand, and you can easily follow the marks.