



CHRIST AND NICODEMUS.

John 3 : 1-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16.

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(Will someone at home teach the child the lesson.)

LESSON HYMN.

Oh how sweet to come believing
To the loving Shepherd's arms;
Glad, new life from him receiving,
Safe in him from all that harms.

One night, when Jesus was in Jerusalem, a great man among the Jews, named Nicodemus, came to talk with him about how to be saved. He said that Jesus must be a teacher come from God, or he could not do the wonderful things he did. Jesus knew what was in Nicodemus' heart, and he told him that unless his heart was made all new he could not go to heaven. Nicodemus thought Jesus meant that he would have to become a little child again. But Jesus explained to him that he did not mean that his body must be made new, but his heart. This must be done by God's Holy Spirit coming into the heart and changing it. When we hear the wind blowing we cannot tell where it comes from nor where it goes. So God's Spirit comes into the heart quietly and makes it all new. Jesus also spoke to Nicodemus the words of our beautiful Golden Text, which teaches the whole story of the way to be saved. This story teaches me this:

Lesson Truth.—God will give me a new heart if I believe on Jesus.

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- Who came to talk with Jesus one night?
What did he come to talk about?
What did Jesus say he must have to be saved?
What did Nicodemus think about this?
What did Jesus explain that he meant?
How can our heart be changed?
What other beautiful words did Jesus speak?
What do these words teach us?