

say could alone forgive sins? Were they right? Was Jesus, then, doing wrong?

8-10 How did Jesus know the thoughts of the scribes? What question did He ask them?

11, 12 What miracle did Jesus work? What did this prove? What was the effect on the onlookers?

**Seniors and the Home Department—**How had Jesus been occupied just before the Lesson? Why had He sought solitude?

1-5 Describe the way in which Eastern houses were built? Where was Jesus sitting? How did the four men uncover the roof? What was the sick man's most urgent need? Turn to a psalm describing the blessedness of forgiveness. (Ps. 32.)

6, 7 What charge was made against Jesus? On what ground? Wherefore was it unjust? On what charge was Jesus condemned to death? (Matt. 26: 63-66.)

8-12 Explain the question of Jesus. How did He test the man's faith? Where does He claim to be one with God? (John 10: 30.)

### The Catechism

Ques. 4-7. Four Questions about God to be reviewed in a few minutes—it will tax the teacher's skill. After the recitation of the question, ask the scholars to name the attributes of God, given in Ques. 4—"Wisdom, power," etc. Then question as to how these

differ from our own wisdom, power, etc. They are "infinite," etc. Passing to Questions 5 and 6, ask for Scripture proof that there is only one God, that the Father is God—and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Ask how we know that the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are distinct Persons. Then, turning to Question 7, ask for the four things we are taught regarding the purpose of God. Read Matt. 22: 37-39, and speak a simple word or two about how worthy God is of our love and obedience.

### The Question on Missions

Ques. 8. The 187 home mission fields last year raised nearly \$39,000 for the payment of missionaries, which is over \$5.00 per communicant, and they received \$26,275 from the Home Mission Fund. It is a rule of the church, that all home mission fields shall contribute to the Home Mission Fund. In regard to the augmented congregations, those of the Western Section contribute \$6.60 per communicant for salary. The average contribution for this purpose, taking all the mission fields and congregations of the whole church, is only \$5.12 per communicant. A study of the statistics show also that aggressive work in every department is being done by the augmented congregations. Each one of them is required to make a contribution to the Augmentation Fund.

### FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

*Lesson Subject*—Jesus forgiving sins.

*Introduction*—Can any of you draw a picture of a house? One of you may try. This is a house like those we may see

any place in our country, but in the country where Jesus lived the houses were quite different. Perhaps some of you know what they looked like. (Outline an Eastern house, or make a model of paper or cardboard. Describe the customs of that country.)

*Review*—It was in a home like this that we saw Jesus in our Lesson last Sunday. Whose house was it? Who was sick there? Did we hear about any other sick ones? (Recall Lesson.) Jesus afterwards went away into the

