

come and heal his servant. [Tell what is found in verses 4-10.] Wasn't it wonderful that Jesus could cure without going near the sick man? Shouldn't this story make us feel that we can tell Jesus about our sick friends, and be sure he will make them well if it is best?

People in Capernaum and the country round had learned what a helper Jesus was, and still they did not know all his power, so the next day he did something he had not done before. [Tell of the raising from the dead of the widow's son (verses 11-15).] If you had been in Nain that day, and had seen that young man made alive, who would you have said Jesus was? What do you think those who were there said? [Repeat Golden Text.] I am afraid even now many did not believe he was the Son of God, the Messiah; some thought he was a great prophet sent by God, and they glorified God for what he had done.

Are there any sick and needy ones now? Can Jesus help such? [Illustrate by some incident known to the teacher.] Does Jesus make the dead alive now? No; I think he did so when he was on earth to make people know he was really God. We don't need this to make us believe, but we do know that Jesus will raise our dead bodies by and by, and we can wait. Another thing we know is that Jesus is as ready to be our helper to-day as he was when in Capernaum; tell him all that troubles you. Jesus will either take the trouble away or help you to bear it.

Did you ever think how much Jesus used his hands in helping people? Unever hands on the board, and speak of incidents where he touched the sick and blind, and how they were wounded for us that he might be our Great Helper. See, I have made you a hand to copy at home. Ask mamma to lay her hand on paper for you to mark around it, and so have a bigger hand than yours would make. Mark the print of the nail, and print "Helper" on it, and when you look at it think that Jesus is your helper.

COLORING FOR BLACKBOARD WORK. Hands, white; nail print, red; title, yellow; "in time of need," green, outlined with yellow.



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. The Great Helper. Luke 7. 3-10.

GOLDEN TEXT. "God, hath visited his people" (Luke 7. 16).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, Luke 5. 12-26; *Illustrations of Scripture* (Bush); *Faith-Work, Christian Science, and other Cures* (Dr. L. T. Townsend); *The Divinity of Servicing* (Mark Hopkins); *Maudsley's Pathology of Mind*, pages 306-316; *Jesus of Nazareth* (Abbott), page 13.

ATTENTION STORY.

After Jesus had ended his talk to the people he went to the little city of Capernaum where Peter lived. You remember that he healed the sick man who was taken to the housetop and let down into the room where he was. In that city there lived a man who was a captain of a hundred men, and this captain's servant, whom he loved, was very sick. Perhaps the captain had heard about the man who was healed in Peter's house, and he wanted very much to have Jesus help his servant. He had some of the Jews go to ask Jesus if he would come and make the servant well. They went, and they said to Jesus that this captain was a good man and that he loved their country and he had built a church, and the people knew he was a good man. Perhaps they told Jesus that they would show him the way to the captain's house. He started to go with them, and when they were pretty near to the house some friends of the captain came and said, "Do not take too much trouble," and they said that the captain believed that if Jesus only spoke the word, and did not even go into the house, the man would be well. Jesus listened, and was very glad that they all believed his words; and when the men went into the house again they found the servant was well. We may read about it here. [Read Luke 7. 3-10.]

Explain unusual words: "Beseeching," "besought," "instantly," "synagogue," "centurion," "marveled."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story, Bible lesson, and Golden Text.

Monday. This centurion must have been a good neighbor and very helpful to others. When trouble came to his house he was sure to have friends who were willing to help him. That is as we all should live, and be glad to be helpful, for other people need us and we need them.

Tuesday. The people said, "He loves our nation;" that means the people of his country, just as we love the people of our country. You remember our little prayer, "God bless our native land!" Let us say it.

Wednesday. He must have loved the Church, for he had built a synagogue for the people. This showed that he was helpful with his money, and did not keep it all for himself.

Thursday. He thought he was not good enough