

GOLDEN TEXT

Ex. 15 : 2. The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.

DAILY READINGS

M. —Acts 3: 1-16. The lame man healed.
T. —Acts 3: 17-26. Peter's exhortation.
W. —Matt. 9: 1-8. Command with power.
Th. —Luke 10: 1-9, 17-20. Healing power.
F. —John 5: 1-9. Christ's healing Word.
S. —Phil. 2: 1-11. The exalted Name.
S. —John 20: 24-31. Life through His name.

CATECHISM

Q. 4. What is God?
A. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

TIME AND PLACE

An afternoon probably in June, A.D. 30, not long after Pentecost; the Temple, and at the Gate called Beautiful, which led from the outer Court to the Court of the Women.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Lame Man's Request, 1-3.
For an altar from Peter and John as they passed.
- II. Peter's Gift, 4-8.
Not silver or gold, but strength and healing.
- III. The People's Wonder, 9-11.
Which Peter uses to preach Jesus Christ to them.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 574; 87 (Ps. Sel.); 103; 156; 551; 544.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—1, 2 What incident here recorded? Where did it happen? At what time of day? Which two disciples were there? On what other occasions were they together? Whom did they now see? Why was he there? How old was he?

3-5 For what did he ask? What did Peter do? What did Peter say? What led the man to obey? Did he expect anything except money?

6 What was Peter without? What did he possess? How did he use it? When was Christ called the "Nazarene?" (Matt. 2: 23; John 1: 46.)

7 What change came over the lame man? How can a greater change come over boys and girls?

8-11 How complete was the miracle? Who witnessed it? What effect had it upon them? (See also 4: 4.) How was it that the miracle led the people to believe? Of what will Christ heal us? Why is faith necessary?

Seniors and the Home Department—1, 2 At what time were the apostles going to the temple? With what object? Whom did they see there? What do you know about this lame man? What calls forth sympathy? Towards whom should it be exercised? (Prov. 19: 17; Gal. 6: 2; 2 Cor. 11: 29.) What should be motives for it? (Heb. 5: 2; Matt. 18: 27.)

3-5 Had the man known Peter and John? Why did he ask alms from them? Could the apostles work miracles when they chose? Why did Peter fasten his eyes upon him? What is faith? (Heb. 11: 1.) What does it produce? (Rom. 5: 1, 2; 1 Peter 1: 8, Isa. 28: 16; Rom. 15: 13.) How does faith work? (Gal. 5: 6.)

6 In whose name was the miracle performed?

State the chief difference in the manner of Christ's working of miracles and the apostles.

7, 8 What double blessing came to the man? How came so many to see the miracle?

9-11 What makes men to-day lame, burdened, hindered? What leads them to Christ? Who brings them? By whom are they cured? What should they do in return?

Prove from Scripture—That giving should be voluntary.

Practical Points—1. The lame man was right in expecting the worshippers at the Temple to be the likeliest to help. It is the Christians mostly who keep up the benevolent institutions.

2. Let us never think we can do nothing if we have no money to give. The helping hand, or the word of advice, encouragement or sympathy, is often of greater value.

3. If we can couple our weakness with the power of Christ, to serve and lift up our fellowmen, we are richer far than all earth's millionaires.

4. Are you crippled or burdened from birth with trouble for which you were in no way responsible? Look up! The name of Jesus Christ still has power to change it all to glory.

5. Praise should follow blessings received.

6. "The memory of a kindly word for long gone by, The fragrance of a fading flower sent lovingly, The gleaming of a sudden smile, or sudden tear, Such tiny things we hardly count as ministry: The givers deeming they have shown scant sympathy,

But when the heart is overwrought, Oh, who can tell

The power of such tiny things to make it well."

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Describe the "Beautiful Gate."

2. Why may we call Peter and John rich?

3. What blessing came to others from this miracle? (Ch. 4: 4.)