

toil. How He sympathizes with them, and how ready He is to help! Note His command, "Launch out into the deep!" Why? Near the shore was the place to catch fish. Besides, it is broad day, and fish were caught in the night! But no mistake is ever made in obeying the word of Jesus. Did He ever fail those who trusted Him, as these men trusted Him? With what a wonderful catch they were rewarded! Nets breaking! The boat, and another, too, nearly sinking with

the load! How abundantly Jesus provides!

But look at Simon! He falls down before Jesus. What does He say? But surely He does not wish Jesus to leave Him. No, but he feels how sinful he is.

Does Jesus leave Simon? Ah! no, Jesus came to save sinners. And more than this, He calls Simon and his partners to help Him in the work of saving others. Remember He does the same for us. Who would not give up everything to follow Him!

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

Lesson Outline

A MORNING ON THE LAKE

I. *Preaching to the Multitude.*

1. Thronging Him on the shore?
2. From Simon's boat.

II. *Working a Miracle.*

1. The faith shown by Simon.
2. The immense catch.
3. The amazed onlookers.
4. The confession of Peter.

III. *Calling Disciples.*

1. Their fear removed.
2. Their work described.
3. The call obeyed.

Lesson Points

We can never be as eager to hear, as Jesus is to speak to us, the words of life. v. 1.

Christ honors diligence as well as devoutness. v. 2.

It is in blessing others that we are most truly blessed. v. 3.

In the vocabulary of faith venture spells victory. v. 4.

Out of our failures may be built the ladder to success. v. 5.

God's gifts are limited only by our capacity to receive and use them. v. 6.

We multiply ourselves when we influence others to effort. v. 7.

The departure of Christ is our desert; let it never be our desire. v. 8.

Christ is the crowning wonder of the universe. v. 9.

Sinners are saved that they may become saviors. v. 10.

Those whom Christ calls He enables to conquer. v. 11.

The Rabbis said that of the "seven seas" of Canaan, the Sea of Galilee was the only one which God had reserved for Himself.

When I talk to you of fisherman's luck, I do not forget that there are better things behind it. I remember that what we call our fortunes, good or ill, are but the wise dealings and distributions of a Wisdom higher and a Kindness greater, than our own.—Henry Van Dyke

"To our own nets ne'er bow we down,
Lest on the eternal shore
The angels, while our draught they own,
Reject us evermore.

Or, if for our unworthiness
Toil, prayer and watching fail,
In disappointing Thou canst bless,
So love at heart prevail."

Topics for Brief Papers

(To be ready on the day of the Lesson)

1. How Peter got his name.
2. "Catching men."

Prove from Scripture

That our lives belong to Christ.

Lesson Questions

[FROM THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY]

Juniors—Where had Jesus been rejected? Where did He then go to live? Where was the place situated?

1-3 Give other names for the lake. What was its size? Why did Jesus enter a boat? Whose boat was it? Where were the fishermen? What request did Jesus make?

4-7 What command did Jesus give? To whom? What was the best time for catching fish? The best place? How great was the draught of fishes? What was wonderful about it? Who were summoned to help?

8-10 What did Peter say to Jesus? To what new work did Jesus call him?

11 Who were called along with Peter? What sacrifice did they make? Who spoke of it afterwards? When had these disciples