

get a print of Raphael's cartoon "The Miraculous Draught of Fishes."

**HAND WORK.** The little children may fold paper boats, draw nets, or model with clay some pictures of boats.

The **TRANSITION CLASS** may write out the seven letters in large capitals which begin the names of the twelve. **Four** begin with the letter **J**. The name **James** is duplicated, there being two men of that name, so we count the letter twice.

**SCIENCE AT HOME WITH THE MOTHER.** The most beautiful may be stories of brothers, and of friends, fraternity, and friendship.

### LESSON IX. (February 27.)

#### WARNING AND INVITATION. Matt. 11. 20-30.

**GOLDEN TEXT.** "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11. 28.

#### Primary Notes.



One day Harry came into the house carrying a heavy bag of corn meal. How glad he was to drop it on the floor, and to rest his tired arms! Pretty soon his brother Joe came in carrying another kind of burden. You could not see it at all, but it was a very real burden, and it made him very tired to carry it. Do you wonder what it was? It was a burden that he carried on his heart. He had done wrong, and he was afraid he would be found out. Which kind of burden would you rather carry? When Harry had obeyed his father and carried the bag into the house he could drop it and rest. If Joe had obeyed Jesus and dropped his burden, he could have had rest too. This lesson shows the only place to which a child can take his burden and find rest.

*Jesus and the people.* Have you ever thought how Jesus lived when he was here? Where did he live when he was a boy? [Let the children tell what they can of the life of the Lord before he began to preach.] Can you make a picture in your mind of Jesus and his disciples going about day after day, from city to city, preaching and teaching? It was a warm country in which Jesus lived, and he often grew very tired, for you know he had the same kind of body that we have, and he needed to be rested just as we do. Do you know the kind of work Jesus did? He said one day, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." It was very real work which Jesus did. [Help the children to recall some of his wonderful works.]

There were two kinds of people that Jesus had to meet every day. One kind were the fault-finders. No matter what great and good works they saw Jesus do, they would not believe that he was the Son of God. The other kind were the loving, believing people. They had hearts like little children, easily pleased, and ready to believe good things. Jesus thanked his Father for this kind of people. Do you want to hear what he said? [Read and explain verse 25.]

*Jesus and you.* Maybe the people who lived so long ago seem very unreal to you. But you know Jesus is just the same now that he was then. It is a good way to think of Jesus and yourself. Suppose you had been there when Jesus was talking. Suppose you had been one of the sorry, tired ones who had a burden to carry. You might have been one of the fault-finding ones, you know. Either way, you would have needed just what Jesus offered to give. He saw all the burdens that all the people were carrying, just as he sees all the burdens now, and he pitied them all—even the people who would not follow him—and he wanted to help and comfort them. How kind and loving a Friend is Jesus! When you know that some one does not like you and says unkind things about you, do you try to think what you can do to make him happier? That is what Jesus did. The sun shines because it cannot help it. It is so with the love and goodness of God. "God is love," and so he can never stop his love flowing out toward us! If you are naughty, Jesus goes right on loving you, and asking you to come to him and be made good. This lesson brings you another of his invitations. See, I will print it on the board in large letters—"COME."

*My part.* Of whom do we think when we see the sun on the blackboard? Yes, of the great and good God. Do you see his love and kindness streaming down on the child who is carrying a



heavy burden? But for fear he may not know what to do with his burden, Jesus speaks to him.