

power to forgive sins"; and He said to the sick man, "Arise, and take up thy bed and walk." Then the man got up, put his mattress on his shoulder and walked out through the crowd to his home strong and well. Everybody wondered at the sight and gave praise to God. It had been a very strange time. God seemed to be near.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. To what city did Jesus now come back. Ans.—To Capernaum, "his own city." 2. Who wanted to see Him as soon as He came back? Ans.—A man who was paralyzed. 3. What did the man do? Ans.—He got four friends to carry him to Simon's house 4. Could they get in? Ans.—No, it was too much crowded. 5. Did they go away then? Ans.—No. They carried the man up to the roof and let him down to where Jesus stood? 6. Was Jesus displeased to be interrupted? Ans.—No. 7. What did He say? Ans.—"Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." 8. Who thought that Jesus could not forgive sins? Ans.—The scribes. 9. How did Jesus prove that He could? Ans.—By telling the man to take up his bed and walk. 10. What did all the people think? Ans.—They were much surprised and praised God. What is the Golden Text?

#### Bobby's Friend and Bobby's Faith

A little street boy in London had both his legs broken by a dray and was taken to the hospital to die.

Beside him lay another little sufferer of his own age, who said, "Bobby, did you ever hear of Jesus?" "No, I never did." "Bobby, my teacher in the mission school told us that Jesus would take us to heaven when we died and we'd never be hungry any more, or have pain any more, if we asked Him."

"But how can I ask Him, if I don't know

where he is?" "Bobby, teacher says He goes round. Perhaps He'll come to this hospital to-night." "But I can't keep my eyes open; my legs is so bad." "Bobby, hold up your hand and He'll know what you want."

They got his hand up. It dropped with weakness. Bursting into tears he said, "I give it up." And then his little friend took his own pillow and propped up Bobby's hand and there it lay till he died. Bobby did not know much, but he had much faith.

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

## Jesus Forgives Sins

**Primary Catechism—76. Which day of the week is our Sabbath?**

The first day of the week is our Sabbath.

**77. Why is our Sabbath called the Lord's Day?**

Because on that day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

**Shorter Catechism—12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?**

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

#### Lesson Hymn

There is welcome for the sinner,  
And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior;  
There is healing in His blood.

If our love were but more simple,  
We should take Him at His word,  
And our lives would be all sunshine  
In the sweetness of our Lord.

Amen.

—Hymn 131, Book of Praise.