

sible, in a mistake, now found fault, saying angrily, "How can this man forgive sins? Would he take upon himself the power that belongs to God only?"

When Jesus saw their rage, He said quietly, "Tell me which is the easier thing to say, 'Thy sins be forgiven,' or 'Arise, take up thy bed and walk'?" But they did not answer. Then Jesus, to prove that He had power to forgive sins, said to the sick man, "Arise and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." And immediately the man, who had not walked for years, sat up and finding his strength returned stood upon his feet, and throwing his mattress over his shoulder walked out of the house, well, before them all. Then his friends and the scribes and all who saw it were amazed, and they praised and glorified God, saying, "Did any one ever see such a thing as this?"

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the people of Capernaum receive Jesus?
2. Who wanted to see Him, but could not for the crowd?
3. How did the cripple reach the home where Jesus was?
4. What did his friends do when they found the door blocked?
5. What did Jesus say to the sick man?
6. Why were the scribes angry?
7. What did Jesus say to them?
8. What did He then say to the sick man?
9. How did he prove that he was cured?
10. What did the people say?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

One day Sadie broke the handle off Amy's new bat, which had been given her for her birthday. "I'll never forgive you, no, never," said Amy, stamping her foot and glaring angrily at her little sister.

"Oh, Amy" sobbed Sadie, "you know I didn't mean to do it. Won't you please forgive me, and I'll never touch your things again without asking?" "Well, I suppose I'll have to forgive you, seeing you are my sister and the only child I have to play with," said Amy, in a rather sulky voice. "But you can't expect me to forget about it."

Was it not rather strange that at bed-time the text mother had for the children to learn was this: "Their sins and their in-

iquities will I remember no more." "Does God really forget about our sins?" asked Sadie. "Yes," said her mother. "He says He has put them all behind His back." "We'll say no more about the bat, Sadie," whispered Amy gently.

Lesson Hymn

Be Thou our great Deliverer still
 Thou Lord of life and death;
 Restore and quicken, soothe and bless
 With Thine Almighty breath;
 To hands that work and eyes that see,
 Give wisdom's heavenly lore,
 That whole and sick and weak and strong,
 May praise Thee evermore. Amen.

—Hymn 38, Book of Praise

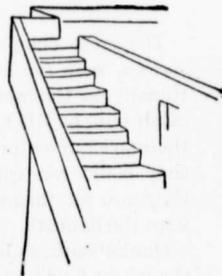
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—72. Which is the Fourth Commandment? The Fourth Commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." **73. Which day of the week is our Sabbath?** The first day of the week is our Sabbath.

SHORTER CATECHISM—8. How doth God execute his decrees? A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence. **9. What is the work of creation?** A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

People in Eastern lands had outside stairs leading to the flat roofs of their houses. There is a staircase that leads right up to



heaven. Its first step is trust in Jesus the Saviour. The rest are loving words and deeds. The best of it is that Jesus himself helps us up these stairs.

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