

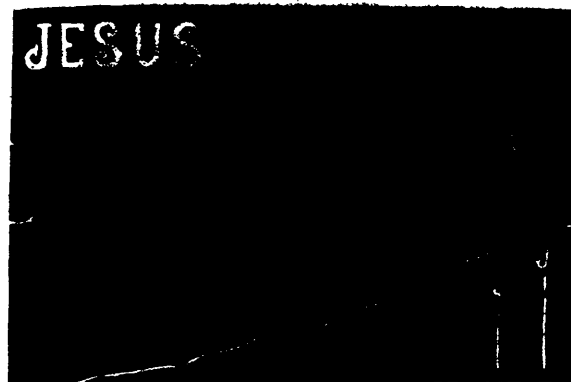
goes to Cana to see Jesus and ask Him to come and heal the little sick boy. (Draw two strokes, Christ and the nobleman.) Read the conversation regarding the boy. (It is not necessary with the very little ones to mention the other remarks made by Jesus.) Note the *growth* of the father's faith. At first he believed that Jesus could help; he thought Jesus must be there in person to heal; then he believed Christ's words, "Thy son liveth," and went away satisfied. He arrives at home next day—is met by servants, who tell him "Thy son liveth." His faith grows stronger still when he knows that his little one grew better at the very hour (one o'clock) when Christ said, "Thy son liveth;" so the nobleman himself

believed (explain) and his whole household (family).

Practical Thoughts.—Jesus' power is so great. He healed and saved that little boy although the boy did not see Him at all. Jesus can heal and save now although we cannot see Him. (The telephone may be used as an illustration of unseen power and communication.) (We know that our prayers reach Jesus although we cannot see Him; He can hear our voices.) This little boy learned to love Jesus through sickness. (Trouble should draw us nearer Jesus). Someone says: "God lays us on our backs that we may look heavenward." Jesus loves us more than our fathers and mothers love us. He wants

to save us. Christ drew the nobleman to Him by the heart strings. It was the father's faith that saved the boy (explain). Our faith may save some one. Some of our dear friends may be ill or in trouble or in need of help. We can pray to Jesus and tell Him all about it, and if He sees that it is best for them He will heal and help them. Some of them may not have taken Jesus for their friend. We can ask Jesus to draw their hearts to Himself and save them.

Blackboard.—Sea of Galilee. Nobleman's house at Cana.



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LESSON VII.—February 12, 1899

CHRIST'S DIVINE AUTHORITY, John 5: 17-27

PREVIEW THOUGHT: Christ gives Light through His words and works

Golden Text.—"This is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world," John 4: 42.

To-day's Lesson Thought.—Jesus reflecting God's light.

Connection.—Draw outline picture of last lesson. Let the children tell the story, the Golden Text and the Thoughts of the lesson. (This is an important part of the teacher's work—finding out the ideas the little ones have received.)

Sometime after this miracle Jesus went from

Galilee to Jerusalem (trace journey on map, draw a square for Jerusalem some distance to the south of the Sea of Galilee). Tell of Jesus at the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath day giving strength to the man who had been helpless for 38 years (chap. 5). Explain the zeal of the Jews for the mere outward observance of the Sabbath. They did not want Jesus for their Saviour, and were anxious to find fault with Him. They said he had broken the Sabbath by helping this poor, weak man. In our lesson to day we shall hear what Jesus says to them.