

four men to bring the sick man. Not one of them could do it by himself. Show how a number of people giving money together support one missionary. Ask for any ways in which a number of boys and girls working together could do something for Jesus that one alone could not do.

Picture the low, flat house with a stairway up the side on the outside, the crowd about the doors, the men unable to get through going up the steps, tearing up the roof and letting down the bed. Point out that the men did not turn back when they saw what trouble they were going to have. Faith and pluck finds a way or makes it.

Jesus healed both body and soul, vs. 5 and 11. He does the same to-day. Ask how a drunkard weakens his body,—bleared eyesight, trembling nerves, flabby muscles. Develop the idea that disobeying Jesus is likely to have evil effects upon the body, just as

obeying means following the laws of health.

But there is something more important than a sound body. The man needed forgiveness of sin, v. 5. That meant most to him. Bring out the idea of how much more important greatness of soul is than greatness of body, by the following story. There was once a famous Greek general named Agesilaus. An Egyptian king sent messengers to him to come and fight for Egypt in a certain war. Agesilaus went. Now the king had never seen the Greek and did not know that he was a hunchback. When the king saw him he sneered at him. Whereupon the great soldier went home with his soldiers and left the king to his enemies. The foolish king did not know that a great soul might be in a poor body. Go on to show that Jesus gives greatness of soul to those who trust and follow him. He cleanses from evil and gives strength of character.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

ANSWERS, Lesson III.—(1) Luke 4 : 16-19. (2) John 6 : 42.

Something to Look Up

1. "This is my beloved Son...hear ye him." Find the saying.
2. Where is it written that Simon Peter said: "We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God?"

For Discussion

1. Is sickness always the result of sin?
2. Are those who practise "faith healing" right?

Prove from Scripture

That Jesus was a hard worker.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

A Look Forward—We are going to hear about Jesus the mighty worker being a friend of sinners. He loved everybody, no matter how bad they were.



Lesson Thought—Teach the children that they should be loving and forgiving for Jesus' sake.

Approach to the Lesson—Show a model of an Eastern house (this is easily made with a small square pasteboard box) with steps leading up to the flat roof. This is the kind of house that Jesus was stopping at in the city of Capernaum with his disciples (recall last lesson).

Lesson—Jesus has come back to the city beside the sea, and he is again in the home of his disciples Simon and Andrew. As soon