

sends for a physician. He writes a prescription (Explain). No physician could cure those painful serpent bites, but God is merciful. He gives Moses "a prescription." (Read vs. 8, 9). (Draw a long, heavy stroke, with a line twisting about it). The cure was "without money," no bitter medicine! Just to raise their eyes and LOOK. Repeat Ps. 103: 8. Tell the story of Namaan's cure (2 Kings ch. 5) to illustrate our dependence on God's mercy for salvation and the necessity of our doing just what He tells us, however useless it may seem to us.

Golden Text—Print SIN. What suffering it causes! No physician on earth can "cure" it. God gives "a prescription" that will save our life. Draw a cross. On it print "JESUS" son of { MAN { God "lifted up" upon the cross.

BELIEVE L OOK, and we have ETER-
NAL LIFE.

The Eye of Faith—The children of Israel looked with these eyes (outline). We must look with our "mind's eye." (Draw a heart.) We "see Jesus" now with our minds and hearts. Show from such cases as Jesus' seeing Nathanael under the fig tree (John 1: 51) and his healing of the nobleman's son at a distance (John 4: 43-54), that Jesus can be really near us though we cannot see Him.

Jesus is Near—Repeat—

'Tis not far to Jesus,
No, 'tis very near,
He is all around us (wave arms),
He is with us here.
If we want to love Him,
Let us go and pray (clasp hands);
Then our heart can find Him,
Now this very day.

Christ in the Foreground—Show a picture of "Christ in the Temple." What do you see most?" After the great painter Leonardo de Vinci had finished his great painting "The Last Supper," a friend said, "That goblet is wonderful. It stands out like solid silver." The devout artist dashed his brush across the goblet, exclaiming, "Nothing shall draw the eye of the beholder from our Saviour." *Keep Christ in the foreground.* Do not let "money," or "dress" or "play" attract your attention from Jesus. Keep them in the background. Keep *yourself* in the background, and let people "see Jesus" in your life. Look at Him till you "copy" Him. As every bitten one who looked to the serpent was healed, so no one has ever looked to Christ in vain.

Prayer—

While we look within Thy word,
Show Thy face to us, O Lord.
Teach us Lord, whate'er it be;
Every lesson points to Thee.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

LIFE for a LOOK

Do we sufficiently realize the service rendered by favorite hymns in proclaiming the great truths of redemption? Witness Hymn 148, in the Book of Praise. It cannot be impressed too strongly upon the scholars that it is character and conduct that count. It is mockery to say that we are saved by faith, and therefore are free to sin. Nay, it is blasphemy. But unless we have the faith that saves—the faith that receives pardon of sin and the removal of the burden of guilt, through the "crucified One"; the faith in His mercy and His help, that makes us strong in His strength—holy character is impossible. A fresh look at the cross, therefore, through the hymn mentioned above, will bring all, teachers and scholars alike, afresh to the fountain of life. With a word or two of explanation of some of the hard words in it, let the hymn be sung by the school.