

HOW IT HAPPENED.

"I'm going now to run away,"
Said little Sammie Greer one day,
Then I can do just as I choose;
I'll never have to black my shoes,
Or wash my face or comb my hair,
I'll find a place, I know, some where,
And never have again to fill
The old chip-basket, so I will.

"Good-bye, mamma," he said, "good-bye!"
He thought his mother then would cry.
She only said, "You going, dear?"
And didn't shed one single tear.
"There, now," said Sammie Greer, "I know
She does not care if I do go,
But Bilget does, she'll have to fill
The old chip-basket, so she will.

But Bridget only said, "Well, boy,
You off for sure? I wish you joy."
And Sammie's little sister Kate,
Who swung upon the garden gate,
Said anxiously as he passed through:
"To-night, whatever will you do
When you can't get no 'lasses spread
At supper-time on top of bread?"

One day from home and Sammie Greer's
Weak little heart was full of fears;
He thought about "Red Riding Hood,"
The wolf that met her in the wood,
The bear-stalk boy who kept so mum
When he heard the giant's "Fee fo fum."
Of the dark night and the policeman,
And poor Sammie homeward ran.

Quick through the alley-way he sped,
And crawled in through the old wood-shed
The big chip-basket he did fill,
He blacked his shoes up with a will;
He washed his face and combed his hair;
He went up to his mother's chair;
And kissed her twice, and then he said,
"I'd like some 'lasses top of bread"

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A. D. 28.] LESSON VII. [Feb. 17

THE TIMID WOMAN'S TOUCH

Mark 5. 25, 34. Commit to mem. vs. 32, 34.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Be not afraid, only believe. Mark 5 36

OUTLINE.

1. The Touch of Faith, v. 25 29
2. The Word of Power, v. 30 34

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who tried to get near Jesus in a great crowd? A woman who had been sick twelve years.

What did she think? That Jesus could cure her.

To whom had she gone for help? To many physicians.

With what result? She grew worse instead of better.

What did she want to touch? The garment of Jesus.

Why did she fear to speak to him? Because of the crowd.

What showed her great faith in Jesus? She thought a touch would cure her.

What followed the touch? She was healed at once.

Was it Jesus' garment that cured her? No; it was Jesus himself.

Why did Jesus ask who touched him? He wanted the woman to confess him?

What did the woman do? She came and told all the truth.

Was it easy for her to do this? No; she feared and trembled.

What does this teach us? That Jesus wants us to own him.

What did Jesus say to the woman? "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

What great lesson is here? That faith in Jesus saves.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Let us Remember
Came to Jesus to get help
That it was not Jesus' garment, but
This woman Jesus himself that cured her.
That before she could "go in peace"
she had to confess Jesus

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—Confession of sin.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

20. Who were the Four Evangelists? St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John; who wrote the Four Gospels.

A. D. 28.] LESSON VIII [Feb. 24

THE GREAT TEACHER AND THE TWELVE.

Mark 6. 1-13. Commit to mem. vs. 10-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And they went out, and preached that men should repent. Mark 6 12

OUTLINE.

1. The Teacher, v. 1-6.
2. The Twelve, v. 7-13.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Jesus now go? To "his own country," Nazareth.

Who went with him? His disciples.

Where did Jesus teach on the Sabbath day? In the synagogue.

Who heard him? His own countrymen.

Why were they astonished? At his wisdom and power.

What did they ask? Is not this the son of Mary.

What did they forget? That he was the Son of God.

What caused them to be offended or displeased? Envy, and lack of faith.

Where did Jesus say a prophet is without honor? In his own country.

Why could not Jesus do mighty works there? Because of their unbelief.

Where did Jesus go, teaching and preaching? Into the villages and towns.

Whom did he send forth to do the same kind of work? His disciples.

What power did he give them? To heal the sick, and cast out evil spirits.

What did they tell people to do? To repent.

What are true disciples doing now? The work to which Jesus calls them.

Who gives power for this work? The Lord.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

The First Missionaries.

The twelve disciples were the first missionaries.

Jesus sent them to their own friends first.

Little disciples may be missionaries, too.

They may begin by helping at home.

"The least you do for Jesus,

Will be precious in his sight."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Missionary spirit.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

21. Who were Ananias and Sapphira? A man and his wife who were struck dead for lying to the Holy Spirit.

WHAT BOYS AND GIRLS CAN DO FOR MISSIONS.

LOOKING through a missionary treasurer's report, I noticed this clause: "Miss. Rags, 25 cents," and I said to myself, "That young lady has a queer name, and not a very pretty one, either. A little further down the report I noticed again, "Miss. Rags, 45 cents," and I thought, Why, there must be a family of rags in that town also! But when I came to the third "Miss. Rags, 31 cents," I found that instead of meaning a young lady, it was a short way of writing Missionary. I then understood that here and there some one had carefully put all the rags and waste-paper into the ragbag and the money received from the ragman had been sent to the missionary society. Here seemed to be one answer to the question, "What can boys and girls do for missionary money?"

On further study of the subject, I discovered that rags were not the only things to have the title of missionary. I found Miss. Patchwork, Miss. Berries, Miss. Flower-seeds, and even Miss. Henna.