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The Mysteries

Three mysteries there will always be :
The changeless soul of the changing sea,
The riddle of God in flower and thorn
And the mind of a child that is newly born.
And the greatest of these is the smallest
still,
For the sea can be plumbed to its depths
at will ;
And God can be found in the loneliest wild—
But who shall fathom the mind of a child ?

Some Bible Sabbaths

By Mary Isobel Houston

I. A SABBATH AT CAPERNAUM

Jesus and His four first disciples were spending the Sabbath in Capernaum. It was the very first Sabbath these men had been with Jesus. They went into the Jewish church or synagogue, and there Jesus taught many wonderful things.

There were many other people in the synagogue that day ; among them was a man who was sick and troubled with an evil spirit. This man seemed to know who the wonderful new teacher was, and Jesus stopped teaching and commanded the evil spirit to leave the man. None of the people who were in the synagogue had ever seen such a wonderful cure being performed before. They could hardly believe it when the man seemed to be quite well again.

Of course, before very long, news of this wonderful healer was spread all about Capernaum. Even the people in the country round about heard of it, and began asking questions about Him.

But that was not the only wonderful thing Jesus did that day. Simon, or Peter, the very first to become a disciple, told Jesus of another sick person, his own mother-in-law, who had a fever. Jesus went to Simon's home. He took the sick woman by the hand and helped her to rise. How surprised they all were to find that the fever had gone and she was able to go about her work again !

The people of Capernaum now became more excited than ever. After sunset, when the Jewish Sabbath was at an end, they brought all their sick friends to the door of the house where Jesus was. They begged Jesus to come out and heal them, and He did so.

It had been a busy day for Jesus, but He was still not too tired to help all who came. Do you wonder that all who were made well learned to love and believe in Him ?

We do not know where Jesus slept that night. Mark, who tells of it, does not say. But, when He had done all that He could for the sick, He did sleep. Next morning, long before daylight, He rose and went away by Himself to a quiet spot to pray. Do you not think He wanted to thank His Father for all the people who were learning to believe and trust Him ?

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Putting Baby to Bed

By Rae Furlands

A mother of my acquaintance never put her baby to bed (awake) after the first month without gently laying her hand over the baby's eyes and repeating a little prayer verse.