

From the synagogue Jesus went home to dinner to Simon's house, where Simon's mother-in-law lay very ill with a fever. As soon as He heard of it, Jesus went to the sick woman's bedside, and taking her by the hand, lifted her up; and at once she became strong and well and able to wait upon them at dinner.

Soon every one in Capernaum had heard where Jesus was staying. And at sundown, the Sabbath and the heat of the day being over, people from every part of Capernaum and the country nearby, came hurrying to Simon's house, some carrying their sick on mattresses, others leading their blind and lame friends by the hand, to see if Jesus would help them also. Seeing nearly the whole city gathered at the door, Jesus went out and, laying His hands upon those who were sick, He healed them; and quieting and curing all such as had evil spirits, He sent the whole multitude rejoicing to their homes.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did the people come in such crowds to hear Jesus? 2. To what city did He go after leaving Nazareth? 3. Whither did He go on the first Sabbath of His stay here? 4. Who came into the synagogue while He was preaching? 5. How did the evil spirit behave? 6. What did Jesus say to it? 7. How did it leave the man who was cured? 8. What did the astonished people say? 9. Where did Jesus go from the synagogue? 10. Who was ill in the house? 11. How did Jesus cure Simon's mother-in-law? 12. Who came to him at sun-down? 13. What did Jesus do for them? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Nan and Victor were playing in the snow. "Let's make a snow man," said Victor. "Oh Victor," pleaded Nan, "I've helped you build more than twenty this winter. I always play what you like. Let's make something else."

"Well, I'm the eldest," began Victor, but the words were scarcely spoken, when a little voice somewhere under his jacket whispered, "Don't be disagreeable. Please your little sister this time,"

It cost him a struggle, but after a minute he was heard to say, "It's all right Nan. What would you like to play?" "Let's make a—a snow-woman," answered Nan, surprised that Victor should be so kind. So they set to work merrily, Victor enjoying himself all the more because he had got the better of his evil spirit of selfishness.

Lesson Hymn

At even, ere the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay;
O in what divers pains they met!
O with joy they went away! Amen.
—Hymn 366, Book of Praise

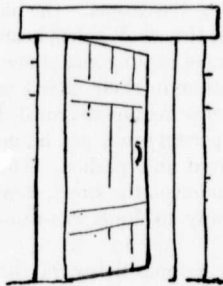
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—71. What are some of the common ways of taking God's name in vain? Profane swearing, and speaking about God and holy things in a light or thoughtless way.

SHORTER CATECHISM—7. What are the decrees of God? A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

We gladly open the door of our home to our friends. Now Jesus is always willing to have us come to Him. He is ever ready to



bless us. Never did He send any one away without doing Him good. And He is very, very glad when children come to Him.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS CAN HEAL ME