

disciples had reached the beautiful city of Jericho (meaning "perfumed") with its rich gardens of sweet-scented flowers. (Use blackboard or sand tray.)

See! at the side of the road sits a man. He had heard of Jesus. Now he hears the voices and footsteps of Jesus and His disciples, but cannot see Jesus, cannot see the beautiful gardens, etc. This is blind Bartimæus. Tell the lesson story. Bartimæus did not go away and forget Jesus, who helped him. He used his opened windows for Jesus. He followed Jesus. He gave praise to God, and all the people who saw the miracle praised God also.

Golden Text—The prayer of Bartimæus should be ours. We should ask Jesus to let us "see Him" with our hearts so that we may love and serve Him, to let us "see ourselves," so we may know when we do wrong and see what Jesus would have us do.

Practical Thoughts.—God has given us "windows." He has also given us "shut-

ters." (Touch eyelids.) There are things we should not see, things mother would not like to have us see. God wants us to drop down our shutters, so we will not see the bad things about us and learn naughty ways. God wants us to "close our window," so we shall not always see faults in other people, but look within ourselves. Jesus wants us to use our eyes for Him, to look about us for people who need our help and kind words, to use our eyes in reading His Word, to be always looking for kind things to do for other people.

Illustration—An illustration may be given by telling a short story of a child who looked about for work to do for Jesus and found it right in her own home in helping mother, and in her own street taking some neglected little people to Sunday School. She always "dropped her shutters" when children were quarrelling or doing naughty things, or when she felt envious of other people's nice things, etc. A good example to follow.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

A TONGUE to ask
THE EAR that hears
THE HAND that helps

The story of Bartimæus reveals how very close together are our needs and the power and grace of the divine Son of man. The review exercise may profitably be occupied in impressing this thought. We have tongues to ask with. He has an ear that hears and a hand that helps. The main features of the story may be recalled, using the outline on the board to assist. Then make as impressive as possible the fact that heaven and earth are, after all, not so far apart, that, even as by the telephone one may speak to an unseen person hundreds of miles away, we may speak into the very ear of God. The words of Solomon's prayer—"Hear thou in heaven" (1 Kings 8 : 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 43, 45, 49)—may be used with effect; also such an incident as that of Acts 7 : 55-60. It is blessedly true concerning our Redeemer and Lord that—

"Though now ascended up on high,
He bends on earth a brother's eye."

Verily His ear hears and His hand helps all who ask in faith, nothing doubting.