

where Jesus healed the man with the withered hand. Now ask for whom Jesus said that the Sabbath was made (see v. 27 of the lesson), and point out that the Sabbath is not only the Lord's Day, but also MAN'S (Print) day. Bring out the thought that it is right on the Sabbath to do anything that is for man's real good and speak of ways in which the holy day should be spent.

Lesson VI.

JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE

February 10, 1918

Mark 3 : 7-19a. Study Mark 3 : 7-35. Scripture Memory Verses.

GOLDEN TEXT—He appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.
—Mark 3 : 14 (Rev. Ver.).

7 But Je'sus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea : and a great multitude from Gal'ilee followed him, and from Jude'a,

8 And from Jeru'salem, and from Idume'a, and from beyond Jor'dan ; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For he had healed many ; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

Revised Version—1 And Jesus with his disciples withdrew ; 2 Omit him ; 3 Omit from ; 4 Omit they ; 5 hearing ; 6 little boat ; 7 crowd ; 8 as many as had plagues pressed upon him that they might touch him ; 9 the ; 10 whosoever they beheld him ; 11 charged them much ; 12 himself ; 13 went ; 14 appointed ; 15 might ; 16 authority to cast out devils ; 17 them he surnamed ; 18 Sons ; 19 Canaanite.

12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would ; and they came unto him.

14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, 15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils :

16 And Si'mon he surnamed Pe'ter ;

17 And James the son of Zeb'edee, and John the brother of James ; and he surnamed them Boan'erges, which is, The sons of thunder :

18 And An'drew, and Phil'ip, and Barthol'omew, and Mat'thew, and Thom'as, and James the son of Alpha'us, and Thaddae'us, and Si'mon the Canaanite, 19 And Ju'das Iscar'iot, which also betrayed him.

Profane swearing, and speaking about God and holy things in a light or thoughtless way.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 5. Are there more Gods than one ? A. There is but One only, the living and true God. Ques. 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead ? A. There are three persons in the Godhead ; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost ; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : Memory Hymn—Primary, 26 ; Junior, 24, 111, 238, 575, 240.

Special Scripture Reading—Isa. 42 : 1-8. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 496, Jesus Teaching His Disciples. For Question on Missions, H. M. 757, Picnic of French Protestants, Quebec. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto.)

- LESSON PLAN**
- I. Retreating from the City, 7, 8.
 - II. Healing by the Seaside, 9-12.
 - III. Ordaining on the Mountain, 13-19a.

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Jesus chooses the Twelve, Mark 3 : 13-19. T.—Prayer and the choice of the Twelve, Luke 6 : 12-16. W.—The purpose in choosing the Twelve, John 15 : 15-27. Th.—The cost of discipleship, Luke 14 : 25-35. F.—Jesus' prayer for his disciples, John 17 : 9-21. S.—The relation between master and disciple, Matt. 10 : 14-25. S.—The reward of discipleship, Matt. 19 : 23-30.

Primary Catechism—Ques. 71. What are some of the common ways of taking God's name in vain ? A.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—Summer A.D. 28 ; perhaps the Horns of Hattin, a two-crested mountain not far west of the Lake of Galilee.

Connecting Links—The lesson continues Mark's narrative without a break.

I. Retreating from the City, 7, 8.

Vs. 7, 8. *Withdrew himself* ; left the synagogue for the lake side, likely because of the Pharisees who turned the synagogue authorities against him. *With his disciples* ; learners, the company who often followed him about. The twelve disciples, known as apostles, were not yet chosen. *A great multitude* ; gathered from a wide area : (1) Tyre and Sidon and Galilee to the north of Pales-

tine ; (2) Judea and Jerusalem in the centre ; (3) Perea, "beyond the Jordan," on the east ; (4) Idumea, Herod's native country in the south. *What great things he did* ; his wonderful miracles. *Came unto him*. This was the time of Jesus' growing popularity, which the opposition of the Pharisees was powerless to check.

II. Healing by the Seaside, 9-12.

Vs. 9, 10. *Spoke to his disciples* ; told them, gave orders. *A small ship* ; one of the fishing boats with which the surface of the Lake of Galilee, which teemed with fish, was crowded. *Should wait on him* ; should constantly be in readiness. *Because of the mul-*