

which can be arranged on a table, before the class. Teachers should be familiar with the structure of the temple, courts, gates, etc. Call special attention to the gate Beautiful and the steps leading up to it. See! I am placing a man on the steps. (Pin on steps a sitting figure, with paper crutches lying beside him.) He cannot walk. His friends had to carry him and place him there. What is the matter with him? Lame! Did you ever see a lame person? How sad it is not to be able to walk and run! Why does he sit on these steps all day? (Verse 2.)

Lesson—Here come two men to the Temple at the hour of prayer. We have seen them before. One is the preacher we heard about last Sunday. The other is "the beloved disciple"—(strokes). Tell the lesson story.

A Thankful Heart—Speak of the lame man's gratitude to God when he was healed. God helps us in many ways. Repeat Golden Text. We should have thankful hearts, and show our thanks to the good God.

"Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee."

The Lord is my Strength—Tell Peter's words. (Verses 12, 16.) Without Christ we can do nothing. Show some money. Speak of the usefulness of money. What Peter had was better than money.

Healing—the gift; *Christ* the giver; *Peter*—the carrier.

Ways of Helping—Some of us have money to help those in need.

"Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold."

Some have no silver norgold, but can give
kind words and kind deeds.

A gentleman was once walking behind a very handsomely dressed young girl and thought, "I wonder if her heart is as nice as her clothes." A poor old man was coming up the road with a loaded wheelbarrow of coals, and just before he reached this young girl, he made two attempts to go into the yard of a small house, but the gate was heavy and would swing back before he could get through. "Wait," said the young girl, springing lightly forward, "I'll hold the gate open." She did, and received his thanks with a pleasant smile. "She deserves to have the beautiful clothes," thought the gentleman, "for she has a beautiful spirit."

A Beautiful Hymn—It is a very familiar one. This verse will recall the others—

"Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Make our earth an Eden
Like the heaven above."

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The teachers have described the lame man at the Beautiful Gate. Go back to him again, for we are all so like him—outside of the Beautiful Gate of life, and helpless to enter in; so much in need of peace and joy and strength and no one to bestow these on us. Who can give what our souls need? Can Peter? Or John? Or any man? Who can? He alone to whom all power is given in heaven and in earth. Recall how great His gift to the lame man through Peter was, and how closely it fitted his needs, and withal, how freely it was bestowed. Then follow the lame man as, now restored, he enters into the temple. What gain has he made? All that could make life happy—sound and strong limbs, eyes to see His Saviour and a heart to praise God, the company of good men, and by testifying of Jesus, an acceptable and useful way of serving God.