



around us, we never could get free till some one came and cut the rope and set us free (draw a broken rope, yellow chalk).

There is another kind of rope now tell the little children—the *Rope of Sin*. How do we begin to make this rope of sin? Suppose a little girl thinks if she tells one little lie it will not do any harm (one little fibre that is drawing her to sin's prison house). When she has told one lie it does not seem so bad to tell another (another fibre). This rope of sin is getting bigger and bigger, till at last she thinks nothing of telling

big lies (here are the big strands by which the sin of untruthfulness is holding her a prisoner). It will get so strong she never can break it, and everybody will know her as a girl that cannot be trusted. (Other sins can be illustrated in a similar way, anger, bad words, intemperance and many other ropes of sin the children will be able to tell you.) *Someone* must break the rope and set us free, or else we shall be always bound.

Practical Thoughts.—

Jesus flashes light into sin's prison-house, to shew what a bad place it is so that the prisoners will want to be set free (explain), and Jesus is the only one who can break the rope of sin. (Golden Text) (Explain). Ask Him to keep us from getting the first little fibre of sin's rope around us. Jesus wraps us around and around with "cords of love" that will never break. These cords of Jesus' love will draw us away from all sin into the "paths of righteousness," and will at last draw us into the beautiful Heavenly home He has gone to prepare for us.

LESSON XI.—March 12, 1899

CHRIST HEALING THE BLIND MAN. John 9 : 1-11

PREVIEW THOUGHT: Christ gives Light through His words and works

Golden Text.—"One thing I know that, whereas I was blind, now I see."—John 9 : 25.

To-day's Lesson Thought.—Jesus opens blind eyes to the Light.

Connection.—A piece of rope might again be shewn to the class and the practical thoughts of last lesson recalled. Have we asked Jesus every day to keep us from being held prisoners by sin's rope?

We are now going to hear about a wonderful miracle that Jesus did a few days after this talk in the Temple.

Lesson Story.—Ask the children to close eyes tightly. How dark it is! How anxious we are to get them open again! How sad to live all the time with eyes closed, never to

be able to see our friends or any of the beautiful things around us—to be blind! Nothing but darkness! (Open eyes!) Do the children know any one who is blind? There are many blind people in the world, many little boys and girls, so many that there are schools for blind children where they are taught to read by moving the fingers over raised letters and feeling the shape of the letters in place of seeing them. (The Bible is printed in this way for them.) This is another way of seeing. (Shew some raised print.) How thankful we should be that God has given us our sight! God has some good reason for letting those boys and girls be blind—whatever God does is for our good.

One day Jesus was passing by the Temple