

forgive SINS. Dan. ix. 9; Luke v. 21. The "Son of man" ON EARTH shows that he holds the power of heaven. He works two miracles: (1.) Heals the soul of the palsied man, (v. 2); (2.) Cures the body; for the paralytic AROSE AND DEPARTED. Christ manifests the power of the omnipotent God. BED. Rug, pallet, or light mattress.

4. GLORY AND PRAISE FOR HIS LOVE AND POWER, ver. 8. (1.) *Publicity of the miracle.* No miracle of Jesus "done in a corner." Acts xxvi. 26. MULTITUDES SAW IT. Luke v. 17. (2.) *God glorified.* The "scribes" reviled and blasphemed; but the people MARVELED—wondered—"were all amazed," (Luke v. 26; Mark ii. 12.) and GLORIFIED GOD, being convinced that SUCH POWER as Christ has shown comes only from God. (See *Illus. 6.*)

#### ILLUSTRATIONS FOR LESSON IX.

1. Faith is the hand that lays hold on Christ. A child's hand may grasp as readily, though not as firmly as a man's. It is, however, Christ taken possession of by faith, and not the faith that saves, just as when we receive medicine from the physician, it is the medicine that really heals, and not our receiving it.—*Pilgrimage.*

2. Court, or impluvium, generally in ancient and modern Oriental dwellings, *roofless*. Sometimes covered with leather or canvas, thin stone slabs, painted or burnt tiles, or matting.

3. If one should come to a physician of whose skill he has heard, and should meet hundreds whom he had cured, this should encourage him to expect to be also healed. Thus should every persistent sinner flee to Christ, the Great Physician of his soul, because so many thousands have been healed, so many great sinners have been forgiven, such as Manasseh, David, Mary Magdalene, St. Peter, St. Paul.

4. Cato was so grave and good a man that none would behave unseemly in his presence: whence it grew to be a proverbial caveat, "Take heed what you do, for Cato sees you!" How reproachful it is to us, that the eyes of a man should have more effect upon our manners than the penetrating eyes of God!—*Secker.*

5. David Hume, after witnessing in the family of the venerable La Roche those consolations which the Gospel only can impart, confessed with a sigh that "there were moments when, amid all the pleasures of philosophical discovery and the pride of literary fame, he wished that he had never doubted."—*Sunday Teachers' Treasury.*

6. The sun is gazed on by all the world with admiration—yea, it is so admired, that by many it is adored and worshipped for a god, as by the Persians; and many insensible creatures, (as marigolds and tulips, the sequey and mallow flowers) are sensible of its presence and absence: there seems to be such a sympathy, that if the sun be gone or clouded, they wrap themselves up, or hang their heads, as unwilling to be seen by any eye but His that fills them. Thus it is . . . that Christ's name is Wonderful. Angels and saints for love, the world and devils for fear, wonder at him; . . . and were there ten thousand suns, the saints would admire Christ ten thousand times more than them all.—*Spencer.*

#### HINTS FOR INFANT CLASS TEACHERS.

##### Whisper-Song.

Come, ye sinners,  
Poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded,  
Sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands  
To save you,  
Full of pity,  
Love, and power.  
He is able,  
He is willing;  
Doubt no more.

Describe the sick man and his disease. Helpless, he is brought on a bed by his friends; and Jesus forgives his sins. Then show how Jesus knew the wicked thoughts that were in the hearts of the scribes. He knows all

our thoughts. Dwell on this and show the impossibility of concealment. Then show how, in obedience to the command of Christ, the sick man picked up the mat on which he had been lying and walked away. The wonder of the multitude, and the praise they gave to God, may also be noted. Then impress on the class the fact that, by reason of sin, we need a Saviour as much as this sick man needed help. Jesus is our Saviour. Do we receive him?

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

*Prayer Meeting Topic:* Jesus the sinner's Friend.... *Texts:* Sol. Song v. 16; Matt. xi. 19; Luke vii. 34; John xv. 13; Rom. v. 8; 1 Tim. i. 15.... *Foster:* 680, 686, 2099, 2106, 4217, 4221.... *Blackboard:* Draw the picture of a cross, and around the head of it let a wreath of flowers rest, in which write the words FORGIVENESS and REST.

#### Lessons for September.

SEPT. 7. The Twelve Called. Matt. x. 1-15.  
SEPT. 14. Jesus and John. Matt. xi. 1-11.  
SEPT. 21. The Gracious Call. Matt. xi. 25-30.  
SEPT. 28. Third Quarterly Review.