

"JUST LIKE A GIRL"

"WHAT a beautiful garden it's going to be,"  
Said Faith as she planted her pansy-bed,  
"With morning-glories to cover that tree,  
And dozens of roses, yellow and red!"

"And maybe," she added, the earnest  
thought

Illuming the face that was sweet and fair,  
"We can make little nosegays of every sort  
For the hotel ladies to buy and to wear."

"That is just like a girl!" said indolent  
Joe,

As he spilled his sister's begonia-seeds;  
"But the worms will ruin the roses, I know,  
And the garden will be overrun with  
weeds.

"When the tenderest seeds decay or bake,  
And the others are all by the Leghorns  
scratched,

You will find you have made a silly mistake  
In counting your chickens before they are  
hatched."

"What dire predictions!" said Faith with a  
laugh.

"Don't prophesy further, I beg! I beg!  
For I'd rather count my chickens by half  
Than to kill them all off while yet in the  
egg."

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LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
MATTHEW.

A.D. 28.] LESSON III. [Oct 16.

POWER TO FORGIVE SINS.

Matt. 9. 1-8. Commit to memory vs. 4-7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of man hath power on earth to  
forgive sins. Matt. 9. 6.

OUTLINE.

1. Power to Heal.
2. Power to Forgive.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Jesus go? Back to Caper-  
naum.

Why was it his own city? He lived  
there part of the time with Simon Peter.

Who crowded the house to hear him  
preach? Many of the scribes and Jewish  
teachers.

Who was brought to him carried on his  
bed? A man sick with the palsy.

What was Jesus's first word to him?  
"Son, thy sins are forgiven."

What did the scribes think when they  
heard this? "This man blasphemeth."

What was their belief? That only God  
could forgive sins.

Why did they not then believe that Jesus  
came from God? Because they did not  
want to.

How did Jesus rebuke them? "Why  
think ye evil in your hearts?"

What did this show them? That the  
thoughts of their hearts were known to him.

What did he ask them? If it was easier  
to forgive sin or heal disease.

What did he declare? (Repeat the GOLDEN  
TEXT.)

How did he prove his power to heal?  
He made the sick man strong and well.

Of what was this a proof? Of his power  
to forgive sin.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Which is the more dangerous, the disease  
of the body or the disease of the soul?

Which is more awful in the sight of God?

Who has POWER to heal and save both  
body and soul?

"Look upon my pain and forgive all my  
sins."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Omniscience.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What will become of those who do not  
repent? After death they will be cast out  
of God's presence forever.

A.D. 28.] LESSON IV. [Oct 23

THREE MIRACLES.

Matt. 9. 18-31. Commit to mem. vs. 23-26.

GOLDEN TEXT.

According to your faith be it unto you.  
Matt. 9. 29.

OUTLINE.

1. The Diseased.
2. The Dead.
3. The Blind.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who came to Jesus? Jairus, a ruler in  
the synagogue.

How did he show his faith? He fell  
down and worshipped him.

What did he ask Jesus? To go and heal  
his little daughter.

Who touched Jesus on the way to the  
ruler's house? A woman who had been  
sick twelve years.

Why did she touch him? She believed  
if she only touched his clothes she would be  
made well.

What did this show? Faith in his power  
to heal.

How did Jesus comfort her? "Daughter,  
thy faith hath made thee whole."

What did Jesus and the ruler see when  
they entered the house? All the friends  
weeping and wailing for the dead child.

What did Jesus tell them? "She is not  
dead, but sleepeth."

Did they believe him? They laughed at  
him.

What did he mean? That he could  
wake her as easily as if she were sleeping.

What did Jesus do? He raised her to  
life by a word.

Who followed Jesus as he left the ruler's  
house? Two blind men.

What did they believe? That Jesus  
could make them see.

What did he tell them? (Repeat the  
GOLDEN TEXT.)

What do these wonderful things teach us?  
To have faith in Jesus's power to help us.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Do you ever thank God for giving you  
your eyes to see?

Does Satan ever blind you?

Does he make wrong things look right to  
you?

Who only can make you see and do right?  
DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The resurrection.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Who will be the Judge of all men? Our  
Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, will be  
the Judge of all men.

THE FLOWER CLOCK.

A GENTLEMAN has told this pleasant  
story. He says he went to visit a friend in  
New Orleans, and as soon as he entered the  
broad hall a cool breeze laden with the  
fragrance of a thousand flowers refreshed  
him. The hall led right through the house  
into a perfect fairy-land. Plants were  
there from every country under the sun.  
The white-haired friend he had come to  
see, and a group of grand-children, took him  
about and showed and explained everything.  
By-and-bye they stopped at a large oval  
plot set out with small plants around the  
edge.

"This," said the old gentleman, "is my  
clock. Clara, what time is it?" he asked  
of one of the children. The little girl ran  
round the plot and said it was 4 o'clock;  
and so it was: the four-o'clocks were in  
bloom.

The clock was made up of flowers. The  
plan was this: The owner of the garden  
had noticed that at almost every hour of  
the day some plant blossomed, and so he  
had selected such and placed them in  
regular order in this circle. There was one  
for every hour.

This was a very ingenious and pretty  
contrivance, and one we could all copy if  
we chose. If you study the flowers you  
will learn their habits.