

**The Lesson Catechism.**

(For the entire school.)

1. Whom did Peter and John meet at the Beautiful gate of the temple? *A lame man.*

2. What did Peter say to him? *"Rise up and walk."*

3. In whose name did he say this? *In the name of Jesus Christ.*

4. What did the lame man do? *"He, leaping up, stood and walked."*

5. What did this miracle show? *The power of Jesus's name.*

6. By what name did Peter call Jesus? *The Prince of Life.*

7. What is the GOLDEN TEXT? *"The Lord is my strength and song," etc.*

**The Church Catechism.**

44. How doth our Lord set forth our duty to God and our fellow-men? Our Lord sets forth our duty to God and our fellow-men in these words: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

**THE LESSON OUTLINE.**

**Conditions of Revival Effort.**

**I. CHRISTIANS UNITE IN EARNST PRAYER.**

*Went up together into the temple. v. 1.*

I was glad when they said.... Let us go into the house of the Lord. *Psa. 122. 1.*

Be perfectly joined together in the same mind. *1 Cor. 1. 10.*

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. *Psa. 84. 4.*

**II. THE UNSAVED FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THEIR SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES.**

*Who seeing Peter and John... asked an alms. v. 3.*

If thou knewest the gift, thou wouldest have asked of me living water. *John 4. 10.*

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss. *James 4. 3.*

Set your affection on things that are above. *Col. 3. 2.*

**III. THE CHRISTIAN OFFERS TREASURES OF GRACE TO THE UNSAVED.**

*Such as I have give I thee, v. 6.*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God. *Matt. 6. 33.*

As every man hath received, so let him minister. *1 Pet. 4. 10.*

Give to him that asketh thee. *Matt. 5. 42.*

**IV. THE CONVERTED MAN IS A NEW CREATURE.**

*His feet... received strength. v. 7.*

Put on the new man. *Eph. 4. 24.*

Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power. *Col. 1. 11.*

It is God that girdeth me with strength. *Psa. 18. 32.*

**V. CONVERSION BRINGS HAPPINESS.**

*Leaping, and praising God. v. 8.*

O magnify the Lord with me. *Psa. 34. 3.*

Giving thanks unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance. *Col. 1. 12.*

Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. *Eph. 5. 19.*

**EXPLANATORY NOTES.**

The excitement of the Pentecost has subsided, and the Church has settled down in quiet. Public interest has for the time being turned in other directions. The disciples are yet as thorough Hebrews in creed as they are Christians, and so they steadily attend the services of the temple, while they see probably a new meaning in the offered lamb, and feel a new power in the choral song. One afternoon as Peter and John, typical leaders, are about to enter the temple for "daily prayers," they see, close to the Beautiful Gate, a wretched man, crippled from birth, laid there to beg. He cannot enter, for he cannot move, and if he could ritual regulations might exclude him. He asks help, and Peter gives it in a fashion he had not expected. Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth, Peter declares to be the royal Messiah of Israel—dead, as all the nation knew, but alive for evermore, and wielding power to heal the blasted body and save the sinful soul. The beggar hears, believes, and new life thrills through his feeble limbs. He leaps for the first time in all his life, and, rushing up the marble steps, enters the temple from which till now he had been excluded, and praises God, while crowds around gaze in blank astonishment. Peter, taking advantage of the curiosity, preaches to hundreds the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.