

Primary Department.

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HOW TO MAKE A SAND MAP.

Have a tray made of wood about 48 inches long by 32 inches wide, and 2 inches deep. Cover the bottom of it with blue cheese cloth or some such material. Get moulders' brown sand that has not been used before—about a bucket and a half for this size map will be required. The sand must be kept damp when in use. The tray can be mounted upon a table, but a stand made especially for it is the best. Suggestions will be given in these pages from time to time about the use of it. A smaller size, say 36x22, will do for a small room.

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The Power of Jesus. LUKE 5: 17-26.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "The Son of Man hath power upon earth to forgive sins." Luke 5: 17-26.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: Forgiving like Jesus.

III. REVIEW: In what city did Jesus live for many years? What did Jesus do one Sabbath day? What did the people do? How was the Scripture fulfilled? What was our prayer for last week? (See Primary Quarterly for "Little Folks.")

VI. INTERVENING EVENTS: Jesus' rejection at Nazareth and removal to Capernaum. Calling of Peter, Andrew, James and John. Healing of a demoniac in the synagogue at Capernaum. Healing of Peter's wife's mother and many others. A tour through Galilee. Healing of a leper.

V. LESSON STORY: The people of Nazareth were very unkind to Jesus, after he had spoken to them in the synagogue, and wanted to kill him, but he escaped from them and went down to Capernaum to live. Here, he called some more of his disciples to be his followers. One Sabbath day he performed some wonderful miracles. Amongst others he healed Peter's wife's mother of a fever. Then, he and his disciples went for a journey through Galilee, healing the people and teaching them, after which he went back to Capernaum. While there, the people brought their sick friends to him, and he made them well. Amongst others, there was one man who had a dreadful disease called palsy, and was not able to walk; so four of his friends had to carry him. They laid him on a kind of thick quilt, or mattress, and one man took hold of each corner, and in that way carried him. As they came near the house where Jesus was, they found so many people around it, that they could not get in at the door, but they wanted so much to have him healed, that they carried him up the stairs, which were on the outside of the house, and lowered him down through the roof. When Jesus saw how anxious they were to have the man cured, he not only cured him, but also forgave his sins. Some of his enemies were angry at Jesus when he said to the man "Thy sins be forgiven thee," for they did not know that Jesus was God's son, and had power to forgive sins. Boys and girls have not power to forgive sins that are committed against God as Jesus had, but they have the power to forgive any one who is unkind to them. They will not do so unless their hearts are loving and kind, and true, as was the heart of Jesus.

VI. HOW TO TEACH LESSON STORY: This story is a very interesting one, and there are a number of ways that it can be made vivid to the child mind. Always keeping in mind that through the eye to the heart is the easiest way, let us seek to gain and keep the co-operation in this lesson by an illustration that will appeal to the eye. Make a paper house, after the fashion of an eastern dwelling, put the stairs on the outside, have the front of the house so arranged that when the proper time comes it can be easily removed, to show the mattress being lowered from the roof. Make a small mattress, with four ropes attached, one at each corner, and put something upon it to represent the sick man. If you have a sand map (see directions for making a sand map above), make a road leading to it. Show how the four men carried the sick man along the road, and finding the great crowd in front of the house, made their way up the stairs, and lowered the man down into the presence of Jesus. Some pieces of stiff paper, cut about an inch long and one-sixteenth of an inch wide, stuck into the sand, will represent the crowd around the door.