

School. When Jesus and the three disciples went down from the mount of Transfiguration, they found a great multitude, and the scribes about the other disciples, questioning them. When the people saw Jesus, they all ran to him. One of the multitude then told Jesus about his afflicted child, who had a dumb spirit, and he said; "Whosoever the spirit taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him. I spake unto thy disciples that they should cast him out, and they could not, but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us and help us. Jesus saith unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Then the father of the child cried out with tears and said, "Lord, I believe: help thou mine unbelief." Whereupon Jesus cured the child of his affliction.

Pastor. What does this lesson teach.

School. The power of Satan, the power of faith, and the power of prayer.

Supt. What is the Title of the last lesson?

Boys. The Child-like Believer.

Supt. What is the Golden Text?

Girls. I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit.

Supt. Give an outline of last Sunday's lesson.

School. 1. Child-likeness: Shown in Christ's rebuke of those disciples who disputed as to who should be the greatest. Jesus took a child and set him in the midst of them: "And when he had taken him in his arms, said: Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me." 2. Charity: When the disciples complained of one who was doing the work of Christ, but who followed not them, Jesus said, "He that is not against us is on our part." 3. Carefulness: In the remaining verses the disciples were taught to exercise great care not to offend those who trusted in him, and also to be careful lest they themselves should lose their fidelity to him and friendship for one another.

SINGING BY THE SCHOOL.

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer:
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

—"How can a better church attendance of scholars be secured?" was a question discussed at a Methodist Episcopal Sunday-School Congress at Westfield, N. J., October 5, 1881. The following were some of the answers given: 1. Let teachers and parents go themselves. 2. Adapt the preaching so that it will attract and interest the young. 3. Give the children a part in the service, as the singing of a Sunday-school song. 4. Let parents bring their children. 5. Let the authority and love of the parents lead their children to the church. 6. Let teachers urge their scholars to be present. 7. Inquire in the Sunday-school how many have been present at church, and make it a part of the secretary's report. 8. Have the text of the morning sermon repeated in concert by the school in the afternoon. 9. Let the pastor invite the Sunday-school both from the pulpit and in the session of the school. 10. Let the pastor get acquainted with the children, speak to them on the street, and visit with them at their homes. 11. Let the pastor urge upon the parents in his pastoral visiting the duty of bringing their children to church. 12. Hold a children's meeting on some afternoon during the week. 13. Let the church notices be always announced in the Sunday-school.—*The Study.*

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