

journey has come to see me and I have nothing to give him to eat."

The surly neighbor would not take the trouble to come to the door. "Do not trouble me," he said. "The door is locked and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you bread at this hour of the night." But the man kept on knocking till at last the surly neighbor got up unwillingly and gave him the bread.

Jesus said, "If this surly neighbor gave the man what he asked for because he kept on asking, surely God also, so willing to give all we need, will give us what we ask. "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," Jesus said.

Jesus told them to think how willing they are to give good things to their children. If you fathers are willing to give good things to your children, how much more willing your heavenly Father is to give the best gift of all—the Holy Spirit—to those who ask him.

Our Golden Text is, "Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need." This just means to *pray*.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus praying? 2. What did his disciples ask him to do? 3. What are the words of the Lord's Prayer? 4. Why did Jesus tell them a story about a surly neighbor? 5. What did the kind man say to the friend at midnight, tired and hungry? 6. What did he do when he found he had no bread in the house? 7. What did he ask his neighbor to do? 8. What did the surly neighbor say? 9. Why did he give the bread at last? 10. What did Jesus say about asking and seeking and knocking? 11. What will God give to those who ask him? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

The birds without barn
Or storehouse are fed;
From them let us learn
To trust for our bread:

His saints what is fitting
Shall ne'er be denied,

So long as 'tis written,
"The Lord will provide." Amen.

—Hymn 16, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—104. How are we baptised? We are baptised with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 105. Why is this sign used? Because Jesus Himself commanded it.

The Question on Missions

3. What is the guest room like? It is a large room opposite the gate where guests are received when they call. There are scrolls on the walls and a table and two chairs opposite the door. The guest is always invited to drink tea, and one has to be very careful about his manners.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*color*) shows a man standing before a closed door and knocking for admission. Now praying to God is like knocking



at the door of a friend who loves us. Just as a true friend will gladly open the door for us, so God will hear our prayers.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD PRAY EVERY DAY