

given power to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils, and even raise the dead. Having received this power freely, they were to distribute it freely.

Very minute instructions were given them, as to dress, provisions, etc., as also rules, or principles to guide them as to their conduct in each place. They were to go forth in the name of their Master, as sheep among wolves, and were commanded to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON.

1. Review last lesson so far as the call of Matthew.

2. Who has been a disciple the past week? How? It will be helpful to the children, if done in the right spirit, to give them an opportunity to tell how they have been following Jesus the past week.

3. God has given to His children His Spirit instead of the Spirit of anger and pride, etc., etc. He has put the Holy Spirit of love, joy, peace, etc., within our hearts, and He wants us to go out and take this Spirit to others, thus preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom to others.

He said to the twelve, "Go preach." He says to us, "Go preach." How? By walking in His footsteps. Here review the footsteps of the last lesson.

4. Who were the twelve? Call for the names and have them repeated till they are familiar. Write them on the blackboard and then add to them the names of some of the children who said they had been trying the past week to be disciples.

5. Where shall we go this week and preach with our lives? At home, at work, at school, at play.

6. Now as a review of the whole lesson begin by:—

1. Who were the disciples?

2. What is it to be a disciple?

3. How shall we show we are disciples? By walking in His footsteps. The twelve were to do the very things which he did, heal sick, cure lepers, even raise the dead. So we must take the Spirit of love, joy, and peace to others as Jesus brings Him to us.

4. Where shall we preach?

5. The Golden Text. The Holy Spirit of love is given us freely. Freely ye have received, freely give.

LESSON IX.—February 27th, 1898.

WARNING AND INVITATION. MATT. 11: 20-30.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11: 28.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: Jesus Christ, God's Son, is our Saviour.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: How to find rest.

IV. REVIEW:

1. How many apostles were there?

2. Name them?

3. What did Jesus want them to do?

4. What was last Sunday's Golden Text?

V. SYNOPSIS: The words of our lesson were spoken by the Saviour while at Capernaum. He had just returned from a special visit to Nain, where He had raised the widow's son, and on His return the disciples of John the Baptist had come to Him, having been sent by their master from his dungeon.

Jesus satisfied them by His miracles that He was the promised Messiah, and sent them to

comfort the lonely Baptist with the assurance that the Christ truly had come. Turning now to the people, He pronounces woes on the Chorazin and Bethsaida.

The wise and prudent Pharisees were the hardest people in the world to live amongst, and the most difficult to convince that He was the Messiah. Even these mighty works, and the signs, and wonders that He had wrought before their eyes, did not convince them that He was the Christ of God. The people of Tyre and Sidon would have long ago repented and received Him, but not so these Pharisees of Chorazin and Bethsaida.

Turning to the common people, He speaks to them out of a heart of great tenderness, saying: These Pharisees will not come to ME, they will go to the Scriptures, and ransack them, for there they think they have eternal Life, but they have not. They will not come to ME that they might have life. In tones