

do—to forgive sins or to heal a sick man? But to show you that I have power to forgive sins, I will also make this sick and helpless man well."

Then Jesus said to the sick man, "Arise, take up thy bed and go home." And immediately the man who had not walked for so long, got up, and taking his mattress on his back, walked out cured before them all. And the great crowd of wondering people glorified God and said, "We never saw anything as wonderful as this healing in all our lives before."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the people of Capernaum do when they knew Jesus had come? 2. Who were some who came? 3. Who was unable to go? 4. Why did he want to see Jesus? 5. What did four friends of the sick man do? 6. What did they find when they reached the house? 7. In what strange way did they reach Jesus? 8. What did Jesus say when He saw this? 9. Who was displeased at this? 10. What did they say? 11. What did Jesus say He would show them? 12. What happened next? 13. How did the man show he was perfectly well? 14. What did the people say? 15. To whom did they give glory for the wonderful healing? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Benny's back was crooked, and it ached and ached all day long and most of the night too. All sorts of hard and dreadful things had been done to it and it was no better, so when the news came of a wonderful doctor in a nearby city, father and mother felt too discouraged to try again. They thought it would only mean more torture for their little boy. But Benny had a different feeling. He trusted the kind friend who had brought the news, and "besides", he told them, "I've been praying for nearly a year, and perhaps God is going to answer me now." So Benny was taken to the new doctor, and the prayers and Benny's faith must have had some effect, for he came back cured. "Oh, what if I hadn't been sure He'd do it!" he cried. "Then my back would not have been straightened and would have kept on aching."

Lesson Hymn

Be Thou our great Deliverer still,
Thou Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
With Thine Almighty breath;
To hands that work, and eyes that see,
Give wisdom's heavenly lore,
That whole and sick, and weak and strong,
May praise Thee evermore. Amen.

—Hymn 38, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—79. *How do we worship God when we go to His house?*
We worship God by praise, prayer, the reading and preaching of God's Word, and by our offerings.

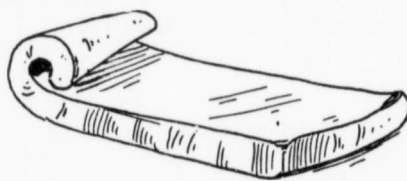
SHORTER CATECHISM—11. *What are God's works of providence?* A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

The Question on Missions

11. Besides touring, what other methods are employed in village work? Villages near the mission station are visited throughout the year. Catechists are placed in out-stations from which they can regularly visit a number of villages. Schools are opened in out-stations. The missionary makes periodical visits supervising the work.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The drawing (*color*) shows the kind of bed on which the sick man in the Lesson was carried to Jesus. But Jesus made him so



perfectly well that He could walk home and carry his own bed. Besides Jesus forgave the man his sins, and He will do that for us if we ask Him.

I Have Learned To-day That
JESUS CAN HEAL SOUL AND BODY