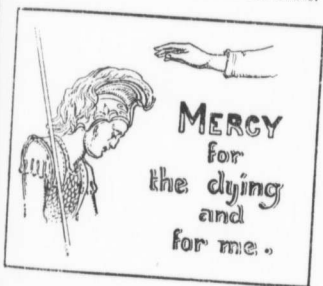


earnest prayer, a believing one, and it was offered to the One who could hear and answer.

But as Jesus was going with the men who came to ask him to go to the centurion's house, this captain's faith grew, and he sent another message to Christ. He said there was no need to have Jesus come to the house even. "Say in a word, and my servant shall be healed," he said, for now his faith was so great that he was willing to trust Jesus to heal without coming near. It was the greatest faith the Lord had seen in all that land, and he said so to those who stood by. Can we trust Jesus as this man did? We know more about him, and ought to believe him fully.

The answer. The word was spoken, though perhaps no one heard it. Those who came with the message went on to the centurion's house and found that the servant was well, and able to be about his work again. The answer had come. The Lord had pitied the master and the man, and had healed the sick one. O, how Jesus pities! A father will carry a sick child in his arms and try to quiet and ease him because his heart is full of love and pity, but our heavenly Father's pity is greater still. Let him hold you in his dear arms when you are sick or troubled. Remember, he pities his children. He loves and helps them, though no one sees him in the house.



Sub-Primary Hints.

GOLDEN TEXT: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28, 18.

We want to teach one lesson at least on the power of Jesus. The winds and the waves obey him, the sick are healed, the dead are raised; and he himself rose again from the dead. How safely we may give ourselves into the keeping of One so good, so powerful, and

strong! How safe to trust his every word, to obey him! This is the substance of our lesson and the end in view in teaching the three selected miracles.

We open with a brief discussion of the questions: What is it to obey? What is it to have authority? We obey parents, teachers, the governor, etc. They have authority over us. What does that mean? Are they stronger, better, wiser than we? Teach that these in authority are our protectors. They save us from hurt that might come to us from our own foolishness, as well as from mistakes and wrongs of others.

Have you ever seen the ocean in a storm? Let the children tell about the mighty waves, and the struggles of sailors in a storm. Then show a picture of Christ in the storm. We see that Jesus is asleep, and we point out the terrified disciples who are calling to him to save them. We see the waves are dashing over the frail boat. Why does Jesus sleep? He has been working to save the sick and the sinful the whole day long.

The disciples cannot guide their boat in such a storm. They look up to Jesus as their protector. Has he forgotten them now? Not for a moment! He wakes and speaks to the winds and waves. Who is this that even the winds and the waves obey him? Who is this? Our Saviour. Our Protector. He would have no hurt come to any of his children. Shall we trust him? He has authority over us. Shall we obey him?

We get out our sand-map and point to the lake (as represented in a former lesson), and show where the sudden storm seized the boat, and where Jesus and his disciples landed next day on the eastern shore. They go to a feast at Matthew's house. The feast, given in honor of Jesus, is interrupted by a man named Jairus, who hurries in, throws himself at the feet of Jesus, and begs him to come to his house and heal his little daughter, who is ill of fever. Jesus leaves at once. On the way a messenger meets them with the news that the child is dead. "Trouble not the Master further. It is too late," the messenger says. Will Jesus turn back and leave the father? He sees that the father fears it is too late to help the child. "Fear not," said Jesus, "only believe." Jesus goes to the home, bends over the child, and says, "My little lamb, arise!" In concluding the story we speak of the goodness, power, and wisdom of Jesus. "Give her something to eat." They were all so happy they might for-