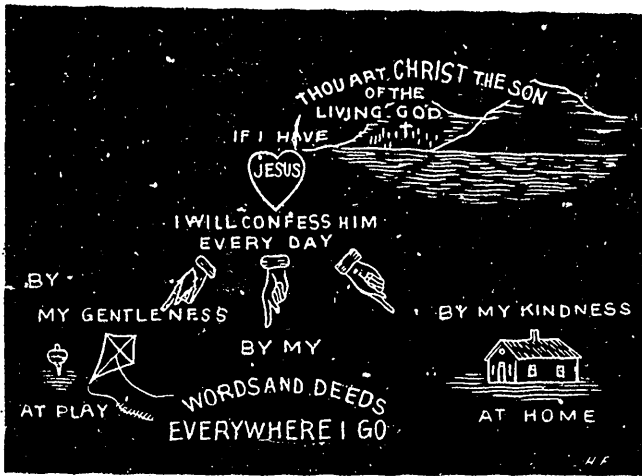


Peter confessed Christ because he believed in him. He loved Him and had seen His mighty works. The remainder of the lesson is so simple that I need scarcely speak of it. Use such symbols as you may have or draw the house and the toys.



PRIMARY QUESTION DRAWER.*

1. Why use a blackboard in Primary class?

- (1) You cannot do the best work without it.
- (2) There is nothing so helpful to attract attention.
- (3) There is nothing so helpful to hold the attention.
- (4) It helps to explain the lesson.
- (5) We can get into the heart through the eye most easily.
- (6) If carefully used the truth will live in the child's mind.
- (7) It is one of the best ways to impress the truth.
- (8) It aids the memory of the child.
- (9) It makes the lesson story clearer.
- (10) It makes the application clearer.
- (11) It enables us to condense the truth.
- (12) It is one of the best means of teaching geography.

(13) It saves time.

(14) It is helpful in teaching the golden text.

(15) The last look at the board recalls the lesson.

2. I cannot draw. How can I use the blackboard?

- (1) It is not necessary to draw well.
- (2) Pencil over the work beforehand with slate pencil.
- (3) Use symbols and pin them to the board.
- (4) Occasionally cover the work with paper until you teach.
- (5) Uncover it little by little.
- (6) Cut letters from white paper, join them together with black paper into words and pin them to the board.

(7) Get some black paper, draw beforehand with chalk the lesson in parts, and pin to the board as you teach the lesson.

Thus anyone who wishes can use a blackboard.

WERE THERE TWO BETHSAIDAS?

(Additional Note on Lesson 11: Feeding of the Five Thousand.)

According to Dr. Thomson and others there were not two Bethsaidas, but one city on the eastern and western banks of the Jordan where it enters the Sea of Galilee. The western side was the city of Andrew, and Peter, and Philip (John 1: 44; 12: 21), and the scene of many miracles (Matt. 11: 21). The eastern side had been built by Herod and named in honor of Julia, the daughter of Augustus and wife of Tiberias. It is objected to this theory that (1) in verse 45 it is stated that Jesus constrained his disciples to go to the other side before him unto Bethsaida, so that there must have been a city of that name on the western shore; and (2) John (12: 21) speaks of "Bethsaida of Galilee," which could not have been Bethsaida Julias, for it was partly in Gaulanitis. Still, writing so long after the political boundaries had changed, in Ephesus, and for Christians all over the world, John may have called the whole region around the lake by the name best known. And, in reference to the first objection, it may be said, that the disciples wanted to go to the north end of the lake, but were driven south by the storm, and forced to cross to Capernaum (John 6: 21-24). Certainly we have no need to assume the existence of another Bethsaida in order to get over the difficulty.

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