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ON THE WAY TO SLEEP-EYE TOWN.

From Peep o'-Day Station to Sleep-Eye Town is a whole day's journey. To some little folks it is a joyful trip, passing along by Bountiful Breakfast, Good Dinner, and Pleasant Supper—all delightful stopping places. This journey carries other children by the towns of Crusty Breakfast, Scant Dinner, and No Supper, into the land of Hungry Dreams. Here are three little folks who look as if their trip had been a glad one to day; and now they are climbing upstairs to take the sleeping car to Dreamland.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 10.] THE PARALYTIC HEALED. [MARCH 11:
Mark 2. 1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.—Mark 2. 10.

MEMORY VERSES, 9-12.—Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

To the folks at home: Please help the little ones to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

If a stranger should come to your town or village and cure all the sick people who came to him, what a noise it would make! The crowds would follow him, and he would be the most popular man to be found. The people of Capernaum and the country about came in multitudes to Peter's house, in which the heavenly Stranger was stopping, and this lesson tells us of the great miracle he did there, how he cured the poor paralytic who was let down into the presence of Jesus. Can you imagine the excitement when the sick man rose up at Jesus' words and walked away, carrying his bed?

Notice, Jesus said only a few words to him, but there was power in them to heal the suffering body, and what was better, to set the sinful soul free from the chains of sin and death.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. In whose house in Capernaum was Jesus?

In Peter's.

2. Who came to hear him?

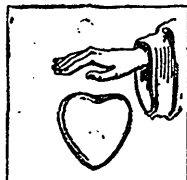
A great many people.

3. How was a sick man brought?

On a cot or mat.

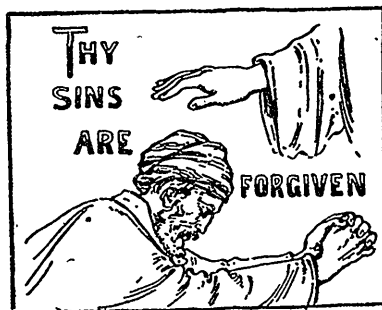
4. How did he get to Jesus?
By being let down through the roof.
5. What could Jesus see?
The man's heart.
6. What did he say to him?
"Thy sins be forgiven thee."
7. What did the man do?
He rose up cured.
8. What does this teach?
That Jesus has all power.

Holy Saviour, look within,
Heal my sickness, cleanse my sin;
As thou didst in Galilee,
Lay thy healing hand on me.



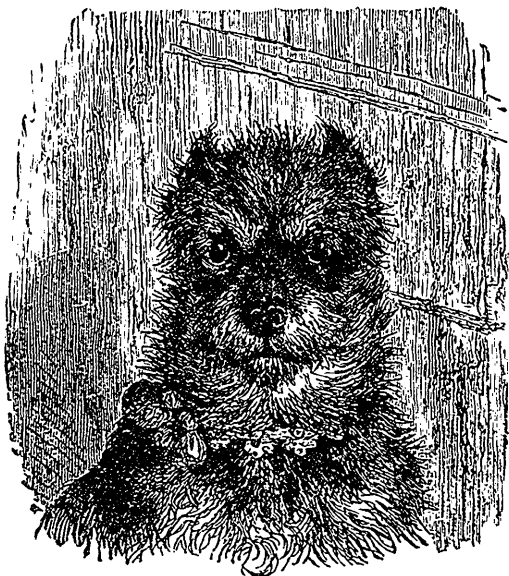
Lover of each little one,
Keep me till my life is done;
And if sin should soil my soul,
Touch me, Lord, and make me whole.

If a poor, sick man lived in a poor house, would he not rather be



made well himself than even to have the leaky roof and broken windows of his house mended? A man is worth more than a house. So our souls are worth more than the bodies or houses they live in, and it is worth more to have the soul made well of sin than even to have the body cured of sickness. Jesus, who had power on earth to for-

give sins, now has power in heaven to forgive our sins. Ask him now. He will do it.



OUR WATCHDOG.

Bow-wow! bow-wow! bow-wow! wow-wow!
Some one is surely coming now;
I see him plainly in the dark.
Why don't he stop? Just hear me bark!
It surely is enough to scare
Whoever may be prowling there.
But no, he's coming through the gate.
Why do the folks stay out so late
And leave me here to watch alone?
I'll bite him if he throws that stone:
I'm not afraid of you, sir man.
Why, I declare it's Master Dan.
"Ah, Rover! good old dog to stay
And watch the house while we're away!"