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SHINING FOR JESUS.

Little Mary wished to shine for Jesus. Her pastor told her to ask Jesus to show her what she could do. She did so. Soon after this she



went to the pastor's house to visit his little girl. She stayed to dinner, and heard the pastor ask God's blessing upon the food. When she went home she told her grandmother about it and asked, "Why don't we pray when we eat?" Her grandmother said, "Because none of us are Christians but you." "Aren't you and papa and mamma and my two brothers Christians?" "No; none of us are Christians but you." Then Mary began to cry. Her grandmother told her not to cry, that she could pray at meals if she wished to. The next morning at breakfast, when father began to pass the food to the family as usual, suddenly grandmother rapped with her knife on the table for silence and said, "Now, Mary you may pray." Mary began to ask God to bless the

food, but her heart was so full that she said, "Oh, dear Jesus, make my papa and mamma Christians, and make my brothers Christians too," and bursting into tears ran away to her room. Soon her grandmother and father and mother and brothers all gave their hearts to the Saviour.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 9.] JESUS HEALING IN CAPERNAUM. [MARCH 4.

Mark 1. 21-34.

GOLDEN TEXT.—And he healed many that were sick.—Mark 1. 34.

MEMORY VERSES, 32-34.—And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

And all the city was gathered together at the door.

And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

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

LESSON STORY.

The people of Nazareth drove Jesus away, and after that Capernaum became "his own city." Think that the child who is willing to listen to Jesus and be taught by him may be called "his own child." The people of Capernaum who went to church that Sabbath saw a wonderful miracle. If we want to know what God can do we must go to his house. It is a great mistake to stay away from God's house.

It is pleasant to know that Andrew and Peter had a home in Capernaum. And how beautiful to learn what help and blessing the coming of Jesus brought to that home. Can you make a picture in your mind of the joy there when the sick woman rose up and went joyfully about the house waiting upon the wonderful Guest? It is no wonder that soon the whole city gathered around the Great Healer.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Were did Jesus go?
To Capernaum.
2. What did he do there?
He taught in the Synagogue.
3. Who heard him?
A man with an unclean spirit.

4. What made the man uneasy?
To have Jesus see him.
5. What did Jesus command the bad spirit?
To come out of the man.
6. Did it obey?
Yes. For Jesus has all power.
7. Who did he cure next?
Peter's wife's mother.
8. Who came to him at evening?
A crowd of people who needed help.
9. What did Jesus do?
He helped them all.

A QUEER LITTLE FELLOW.

A queer little fellow indeed was Tommy Dick. Why, he would give away the last marble he had if a boy wanted it. He would run on errands all day long, and never grumble. He would always give the best place to somebody else, no matter who, and feel so honestly glad in seeing other folks have a good time that he really forgot all about himself.

Don't you see he was a very queer little fellow?

But somehow, everybody liked to have the "queer little fellow" around. Grandma always smiled all over her face when she saw Tommy coming. Aunt Lois, who was a very busy woman, used to say, "Well, now you've come just in time, Tommy. Run and—"

When Tommy went to spend the day with grandma or Aunt Lois the folks at home all missed him. One would say, "Where's Tommy? I wish he would come home." And another, "Now, if Tommy were only here!"

You see Tommy was one of the unselfish helpers; and what a tiresome world this would be if there were not a good sprinkling of such people!

Are there any Tommies at your house? It wouldn't do any harm if there were more than one, you know. Indeed half a dozen boys and girls with the spirit of Tommy Dick would make home a very pleasant place.

Don't you think so?



THE DRUNKARD'S CHILD.

Does not your heart ache when you come upon such wretchedness as you see in this picture. Poor thing, she is truly in a pitiable condition with her bare feet exposed to the icy coldness of the pavement. And see how thinly she is clad. That thin shawl can surely not be much protection against the wintry winds.

Why is it that this poor girl is in such a destitute condition? you may ask. I will tell you: it is because the poor child has only a drunken father and mother, who spend every cent they can get on whiskey. When we know that strong drink has such dreadful effects should we not do all in our power to have the traffic in it done away with. Let us use our influence against it whenever we can.

NOT FULLY ASSURED.

Jamie, so the story goes, had been to Sunday-school and had learned with great care the text, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." He had then come home and thought it over. When mamma put him to bed that night he asked suddenly, as she helped him to pull off his socks, "Mamma, is Jamie a good boy?"

"Yes, my dear," said mamma, "a very good boy."

"Because," said Jamie, picking up one pink foot and looking at it critically, "I think there is a little 'crimson' left there yet."