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 SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.
 

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LESSON 3.] THE LOST SHEEP AND LOST COIN. [Oct. 21.

Luke 15. 1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.—There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.—Luke 15. 10

MEMORY VERSES, 4-7.—What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

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

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 LESSON STORY.

Another of the parables Jesus spoke was about a lost sheep.

The Jews despised the publicans because they were the tax gatherers. At this time the Jews were ruled by the Romans and had to pay taxes to them. They hated to do this so much that they even hated the men to whom the taxes were paid. So when Jesus was kind to the publicans and sinners who gathered about him, the Pharisees wondered at it very much.

It is easy to see what Jesus meant by the lost sheep. The Jews thought they were God's people and that all who were not Jews were sinners and God could not love them. Jesus taught in this story that the lost sheep, or the sinner, is the one that God seeks the most earnestly.

Then he told the story of the lost piece of silver and the joy the woman felt when it was found. Both parables taught the same lesson.

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 LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who came to hear Jesus?

*Publicans and sinners.*