

sorry he was, but he seemed to think perhaps his father would not forgive him and treat him as a son again. Anyway he knew he did not deserve to be treated that way, and so he said: "I will arise and go to my father. I will tell him that I have sinned against God and against him, and ask him to forgive me and let me be as one of his hired servants." But when the young man came in sight of his home the father was watching, hoping his boy would come back, and when he saw him coming the loving father could not wait for him to come to the house, but ran to meet him and kissed him. The servants were told to bring the best clothes and put them on the son who had come home, and put a ring on his finger; and then a dinner was made ready to welcome him. Of course his father would not let him be like a servant. When he was away in the far country he was not a loving son, but when he was sorry and came back he was once more a son in the home, and his father was so glad to have him there.

Our heavenly Father is always waiting and watching to hear anyone who has done wrong say, "I am sorry." He can read our thoughts too, and knows when we are sorry even before we speak. When we are really sorry he forgives us always when we ask him.

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." How glad we are that God for Jesus' sake forgives our sins!

Whisper Songs for October.

FIRST WEEK.

Dear Saviour, pure and holy
As thou I cannot be;
But keep me meek and lowly,
And kind and true like thee.

SECOND WEEK.

Dear Saviour, when thou callest,
Though others turn away,
Give me a heart to hear thee,
And hearing thee, obey.

THIRD WEEK.

O Shepherd, strong and tender,
If I should wayward be,
O let me hear thee calling
Thy lost lambs unto thee.

FOURTH WEEK.

O loving, patient Father,
When I am far from home,
I will arise and seek thee,
If thou wilt whisper "Come!"

Order of Service

FOR THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Fourth Quarter.

GREETING.

Teacher. The Lord is in his holy temple.

Children (singing softly and reverently):

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of thee.

Heaven and earth are praising thee,

O, Lord, most high!"

T. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

C. "My lips shall utter thy praise."

PRaise SONG.

T. Why is it right for us to praise the Lord?

C. "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

ECHO PRAYER.

T. (Briefly explain a single clause of the Lord's Prayer, following with the concert repetition of the Prayer, slowly and reverently.)

OFFERING. (A simple exercise in connection with the offering may be made pleasant and helpful. This should be varied from quarter to quarter.)

T. Whom does our God love?

C. "God loveth a cheerful giver."

T. How did Jesus say we should give?

C. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

T. What are we told to remember?

C. "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

BIRTHDAY EXERCISE.

SINGING (appropriate to the lesson).

RECITATION (to precede Lesson Teaching):

T. What shall we ask for these little eyes?

C. "Open them, Lord,

To see in thy Word

Wondrous things;

Light them with love,

And shade them above

With angel's wings."

LESSON TAUGHT.

LAST WORDS.

CLOSING PRAYER.

"Dear Father, now, before we part,

Receive our humble prayer.

And fill with love each little heart;

Go with us everywhere.

O, may we ever watchful be!

Keep us from sin, and near to thee."