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14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

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TIME.—Very early in A. D. 30. PLACE.—

Perca. Jesus was still journeying with his face toward Calvary, though none but himself could see the dark shadow of the cross that lay across his path.

HOME READINGS.

M. Joy in heaven. Luke 15. 1-10.

Tu. The Lost Found. Luke 15. 11-24.

W. Joy of salvation. Luke 15. 25-32.

Th. Departing from God. Jer. 17. 1-10.

F. Punishment and pardon. 2 Chron. 33. 1-13.

S. The Father's voice. Ezek. 18. 20-32.

S. Return! return! Hosea 14.

LESSON HYMNS.

No. 103, New Canadian Hymnal.

Would Jesus have the sinner die?

No. 104, New Canadian Hymnal.

Lord, as to thy dear cross we flee.

No. 106, New Canadian Hymnal.

Pass me not, O gentle Saviour.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. Lost, v. 11-16.

What were the property rights of a younger son according to Jewish law?

Could these rights be insisted upon before the death of the father?

Were famines rare in ancient times?

Did the "citizen" desire the prodigal's help?

How were swineherds regarded by Jews?

What sort of "husks" were fed to swine?

Did the prodigal eat these husks, or only long for them?

What does the "far country" typify?

What does the "mighty famine" stand for?

Why had the prodigal made no friends?

Is sin ever a real bond of sympathy?

What is God's remonstrance with the lost and needy? (Isa. 55. 2.)

2. Found, v. 17-24.

By whom was this lost son first found?

What do the "hired servants" typify?

What is the first impulse of the contrite heart?

How does the prodigal show his repentance is sincere?

Tell the actions of this father which are intended to show the eager sympathy of God with penitent sinners.

In what did the "death" of this prodigal son consist?