

The man answered: "Wicked servant! Thou thoughtest I was a hard-hearted man; that I would take everything for myself! At least thou couldst have put my money in the bank!" There the money would have been safe and the owner would have got something for the use of it.

Then he said to men standing near: "Take the pound away from him and give it to my servant who hath earned ten pounds. Those who are faithful over a little can be trusted with much. But the unfaithful will lose even what they had."

Now the nobleman had some enemies who hated him and who had sent a message after him to say that they would not have him as their ruler. These enemies he had brought in and put to death before him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was a nobleman about to do?
2. Whom did he call to himself? 3. What did he tell them? 4. What did he give to each? 5. What did he do when he returned?
6. What did the first servant say? 7. How did the master reward him? 8. What did the second servant say? 9. What reward did he receive? 10. What did the third servant bring? 11. What reason did he give for not using the master's money? 12. What did the master say to him? 13. What was done with the servant? 14. To whom was his pound given? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Well, I'm the biggest, and I *ought* to have the hardest job," bragged Edgar. "Uncle knows I can climb, so that's why he trusted me to pick the apples off the trees." "I can climb some, too," sighed Billy, "and p'raps I will next summer 'stead of just picking up those on the ground. Won't Uncle be glad when he gets home and finds the apples all in?"

But when Uncle drove home next day, he looked in surprise at three small apple baskets. "Is that all? I thought I'd have a couple of barrels off those trees. Are they all here?" "Not quite," murmured Edgar, while a glance at one still loaded tree told Uncle all. "I know who will be

trusted to pick from the trees next year," he said quietly. "Any boy who can do a small task so well, should be ready to look after a bigger one."

Lesson Hymn

Though small is all that we can do
To please the King of Heaven;
When hearts and hands and lips unite
To serve the Saviour with delight,
They are most precious in His sight:
Such grace to mine be given. Amen.
—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—106. What does the water in baptism mean? The water in baptism teaches us that we need to have our sins washed away.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 94-96.

The Question on Missions

4. What kind of people are the East Indians? They are highly intelligent, with strong religious feeling, refined and teachable, yet jealous and resentful when roused. They are eager for education, adapt themselves readily to Western habits and rise rapidly into positions of prominence and responsibility.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the words in the drawing, and remember that Jesus will speak these words

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to us if only we serve Him faithfully. For, although we cannot see Him now, He will surely come again and will reward all those who have been diligently trying to do His will.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS TRUSTS ME