

Then he told them a story like this: Once upon a time a man made a great supper and invited very many of his friends to it. When all was ready he sent a servant to say so, but the people were so rude that they thought they would not go into this party. One man said that he must go and look at some land he had bought, and another said that he must look at some oxen, and they all made excuses. The man who gave the party was displeased to hear all this; no one would like it, certainly. So he said: "Then go and bring in the poor and lame and blind, that my house may be filled with people." Then they came from the lanes and streets and the roads, and down by the rows of bushes. I hope they had a lovely and happy time, don't you? The story is here. [Read Luke 14. 16-23.]

Explain unusual words: "Certain," "bidden," "yoke," "consent," "excuse," "maimed," "halt," "hedges," "compel."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story, Bible lesson, and Golden Text.

Monday. Talk of the kindness of the man to take the trouble to prepare a great supper for his friends, and to send word to them that all was ready. God has made ready for us this beautiful world where we may live, and he has sent Jesus into it to show us how to live and how to be thoughtful for others.

Tuesday. The people who were invited thought of many other things, and did not come to the house; but the man was glad to have others come. If we do not care to be polite and kind to others we lose much happiness. Teach a lesson of consideration for others.

Wednesday. God's great love has given to us a world of life and beauty here, and by and by, when our journey in this world is all done, a beautiful home and a welcome will be all ready for us.

Thursday. Study the thought and word pictures of the lesson hymn upon the leaflet. All the dear children, no matter how poor, lame, blind, or from whatever countries, are invited to come to him and to share all the blessings of his love. They all will be welcome. They all are God's children.

Friday. Study the Golden Text. Let us "come" and do the right, the true, the helpful acts always, for all people, and God himself will help us if we try and if we obey the words of Jesus; for he has said we are to teach and to help people of all nations. It was Jesus himself who gave to us the Golden Rule.

NATURE WORK. Talk of the countries of the world wherein live the little children who are to be told of Jesus's love. They will be glad to "come," and will be ready to obey his words. Talk of seas, rivers, lakes, and of all that God has done in this world, so that "all things are now ready" and we may travel, we may write and send messages in wonderful ways to all people.

ART WORK. Show a school globe (borrow one for one lesson at least if you have not one), and explain its usefulness of beauty, color, and form.

HAND WORK. Make streets, lanes, and highways in the sand table, and with sticks and blocks make them upon the kindergarten tables.

The **TRANSITION CLASS** may color the countries of the world upon the card.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH MOTHER. Read the lesson hymn and talk of the little feet in every home which are walking through this world to the other and the better life. The older children may find something about the frozen Greenland and talk of explorers and of what they have found. India's flowers and heat may be explained and described to the little ones. The sandy Africa country and the customs of people living there will interest mothers and children alike. Talk of islands. Find them on maps and make them in your play when out of doors. Try to have all who are in the home interested in the children's lesson.

LESSON III. (April 19.)

THE LOST FOUND. Luke 15. 11-24.

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

Primary Notes.



There lived at one time in a large city a family in which there were a father and mother and two little boys. One day toward evening word was sent to the friends of the family that the children were lost. You can hardly think of the sorrow that was in that home; the mother was almost crazy from grief, and what do you think the father was doing? All he could think of to find the boys; he went in every direction and had all the policemen looking for them.

The hours went by while the parents and friends watched and waited and sought for the lost; at last, late in the night, a glad cry was heard; what was it? "The boys are found!" and not long after in they came. What was waiting for them? [Print "Welcome," in an arch, at the head of the board.] Where was the welcome waiting? [Uncover or make a doorway with steps, and print within it "Home."]

To find anything that we care for and that is lost always makes us glad. Tell me of some things you have lost and found. Were you ever lost? There is one way a person may be lost that perhaps you never thought of; when any one stops obeying and pleasing God, and just spends the days in