

"gems" that can be wrought into a sort of ritual. These should be pasted into a scrap-book under such headings as "Opening Exercises," "Closing Exercises," "Prayer Service," "Collection Service," "Birthday Celebrations," "Welcoming New Scholars," etc., in order to have them in the most available shape.

The memorizing of such hymns as the following should be commenced in the Primary Department, where there are children above six years of age: First and second verses of "Jesus, Lover of my soul," all of "Sun of my soul," "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," the first two verses of "My faith looks up to thee," "Safely through another week," etc.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS. FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON V. (Nov. 4.)

THE UNJUST STEWARD. Luke 16. 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Luke 16. 13.

Primary Notes.

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Introductory. Do you know what money is? How many of you ever have any money of your own? Can you do what you like with your own money? Yes, if you choose to do right. You must al-

ways choose to do right, but you have a better right to spend your own money as seems best to you than you have to spend another person's money, haven't you?

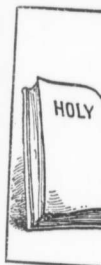
A man who lived in the country once asked a boy who was going to town, to buy a tool for him, giving him the money. The boy was too lazy to go to the store where the best things of this kind were kept, and he went to the nearest shop and paid far too much for a poor tool. Was this fair? It was a sort of cheating, for he wasted his neighbor's money. It was only fifty cents, but the next time the farmer wanted something that cost much more would he trust that boy to buy it for him? No, indeed. He found that the boy was too lazy and thoughtless to be faithful,

and to do his best. If he wasted part of fifty cents he could not be trusted with two dollars, could he? What he did in little things showed what he would do in larger things. It is wrong to waste pennies as well as dollars. To-day's story tells us about a man who wasted what belonged to another. It is the story of

The unjust steward. To be unjust is to be unfair—to cheat. A steward is what we would call an agent. A man who has so much money that he cannot do all the buying he wishes himself, and has so much business that he cannot attend to it all himself, gets a man to do part of it or all of it for him. This agent, or steward, does business for his master, and has the care of his master's goods. If he is honest and fair he does the business as well as if it were all his own. He spends a little money or a great sum of money in the best way, if he is a faithful man. Jesus told his disciples about a steward who was very unjust, who was his master's goods and money as if they were his own, and wasting them in a careless way. His master was rich, and the steward did not care what he did. At last somebody told the rich man how the steward was wasting the goods, and the master said to him, "What is this I hear? You must finish up your work with me, and tell me how you have done it, for you cannot be my steward any longer." The man was much troubled about losing his place. He said to himself, "I am ashamed to beg, and I cannot dig. I must do something to make a place for myself when I can stay here no longer." Now we learn

What he did. He had a last chance to cheat, and he used the chance before he left his master. There were some people who owed his master oil and wheat, and other things, and the steward called a man who owed a hundred measures of oil, and said to him, "Write down on your bill that you only owe fifty." Then he told one who owed a hundred measures of wheat to write that it was only eighty. Of course, these men were very glad to pay less than they owed, and were so much obliged to the steward that when he was turned out they were ready to take him into their houses. While the steward was engaged to work for one master he was trying to serve another, himself, and, to make ready a place for himself, he cheated. He was unjust, unfair, unfaithful. So the lesson we are to learn is

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