

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 4.]

THE PRODIGAL SON.

[Oct. 28.

Luke 15. 11-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.—I will arise and go to my father.— Luke 15. 18.

MEMORY VERSES, 20-24.—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.

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

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:

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

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

*To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.*

## LESSON STORY.

One of the parables that Jesus taught that day in the house of the Pharisee is so beautiful that it may be called the "Pearl of Parables." The lesson is the same as that taught by the "Lost Sheep," and the "Lost Coin." We may call this "The Lost Boy." It is the story of a boy who cared more for himself and his own pleasure than for his dearest friends, or even for his God. He wanted the best things to eat and drink and he wasted his money on all sorts of foolish and wicked things. He had let selfishness grow until it was his master and he was a poor slave. By and by his money was all gone, and he was hungry and without a friend. Then he began to want his father. But he was afraid and ashamed to go home. However, when he did go home he found his father overjoyed at his return. So is our Heavenly Father joyful at every sinner's return.

## LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What does prodigal mean?

*Wasteful and foolish.*