

Luke 15 : 1-10—Memory Verses, 8-10.

**Golden Text**—There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.—Luke 15 : 10.



1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it ?

5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me ; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it ?

9 And when she hath found it, she calleth

her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me ; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

One day the scribes and Pharisees saw many sinners following in the crowd after Jesus. You remember that the scribes and Pharisees were those people who thought that they did no wrong. They thought they were better than other people in the world round about them.

"Jesus lets these sinful men come near Him ! He goes with them ! He talks to them ! He even eats with them !" exclaimed the scribes and Pharisees. They were glad, for they thought, "Now we can find some fault with Jesus."

Jesus turned to the scribes and Pharisees and said : "Suppose you were a shepherd and had a hundred sheep. Suppose one of your sheep should forget to listen to its shepherd's voice. Suppose it should go astray ; far, far away from the good, right, safe path. Suppose your sheep was lost.

"Would you not leave the ninety-nine safe sheep and go after the little wandering sheep?

Would you not hunt for the one that was lost till it was found ?

"When you had found your lost sheep you would gather the poor, tired, foolish thing to your shoulders. You would carry it home. You would call to your friends and neighbors : 'Come, rejoice with me ! I have found my sheep which was lost !' "

Then Jesus said : "That is the way it is in heaven. Heaven is like the safe sheepfold. My people who are there, are like the ninety-nine safe sheep. There is great joy in heaven when those who have sinned and wandered away come back. There is great joy when My lost sheep come back to the Shepherd who loves them."

Jesus told another story to show how glad He is to bring wrongdoers back to the right way. He said : "Suppose a woman had ten pieces of silver money. Suppose she lost one. Would she not light a candle and sweep the house ? Would she not hunt till she found it ?