

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 5 ]

THE UNJUST STEWARD.

[Nov. 4.

Luke 16. 1-13.

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

MEMORY VERSES 10-12 —He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

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

## LESSON STORY.

In several of the parables of Jesus he speaks of "a certain rich man." It is God who owns all the riches, and anything that we have is lent to us by him to be used for him. One who has goods to use which belong to another is that one's steward. So each one to whom God has trusted some of his goods is his steward. The steward in the story thought he could do as he pleased with the things which belonged to his master, and he wasted them shamefully. When his master knew this he told his steward that he must send him away because he had not used his goods rightly. The story shows how the unfaithful steward began then to manage so as to be taken care of. So Jesus tells us to be wise about preparing a place for ourselves in the heavenly world. If we use what God gives to our care faithfully, God will be pleased and will welcome us to heaven some day.

## LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What is a steward?  
*A kind of servant.*
2. What did this steward do?  
*Wasted his master's goods.*