

because it really meant more to call back the straying one.

But the Lord told another story almost like this. See on the board a picture of the happy shepherd bearing home his sheep, and here in this corner see a woman with a broom. She has lost a piece of silver, one of ten she had. The nine left are not enough; she lights a candle, takes a broom, and sweeps the house till she finds the lost piece. Then she asks her neighbors to be glad with her. So it is in heaven when the news rings out, "A lost one is found!"

*The lesson for us.* Where shall we find joy in this lesson? Was not the sheep on the shepherd's shoulder glad to be found? When we do wrong and grieve Jesus, and so get away from him by doing what he doesn't want us to do, can we be happy? Never. When we hear his voice in our hearts calling us back, when we come to his loving arms again by feeling sorry and saying so, and asking him to carry us, then do we not have joy? When others come back too we are glad for them, as the angels too are glad, because the heart of the Saviour is full of joy. It is best of all not to run away again. Then we can keep the joy.



### For the Youngest Children.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

*Point of contact.* A child lost and in danger.

*Approach.* The finding of the child and joy in the home.

*Lesson story.* Emphasis on the story of the shepherd and the lost lamb.

*Impression.* The great love of Jesus, who even when we disobey him is tenderly watching over us, and who is very glad when we choose to do right.

*Expression.* Sorrow for wrongdoing.

Ellen's mother and father were in a great deal of trouble. Ellen was only four years old, and because they knew it was not safe for her to be anywhere outside their own garden alone they told her she must not ever go out of the gate. But Ellen had disobeyed. She had gone away, and no one knew where she was. Of course everyone was afraid that she might be run over or some other accident happen to her, so all the neighbors started out to help her father and mother look for her. A long time they searched, up one street and down another, and at last a long way from home they found the tired, disobedient little girl under a tree where she had cried herself to sleep. How glad everyone was when Ellen was found! They knew she was not safe when she was away from her home and her father's and mother's care, and so they had been very much worried about her. But now she was safe, and they were happy to know that.

There was once a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. When he went to put them in the fold, where they would be safe from robbers and wild animals all the night, he found that one disobedient little lamb, which wanted to have its own way, had not come with the others, so he knew it must be out in the dark on the mountain alone. The kind shepherd knew the lamb was in great danger, and he was worried: so after shutting the others up safely he went away to look for the lost one. When he found it he was so very glad, and, carrying it on his shoulders as he went to the fold, told all his friends how he had found it, and they were glad too.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and he wants to take care of all the people in the world. He specially wants the children to follow him, for he has said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me;" and those who obey him are always safe. But sometimes some are disobedient, and when they are they cannot be safe. Then Jesus is anxious about them, and wants so much to have them come back to him. When anyone who has been naughty is sorry and tells him so it makes him very glad. He tells us that even the angels in heaven are glad, for he says, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

When he was here some thought it strange