

wickedly I have behaved, and ask him if he will forgive me and take me back, not as his son, but as one of his hired servants."

But long before he reached home, his father saw him coming and ran out to meet him. Taking no notice of his offer to be a servant, the father threw his arms around his son's neck and kissed him, and saying not a word about his wickedness, led him straight into the house. Here, calling a servant, he told him to bring the best guest-robe for his son, and to put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet, and to see that dinner was got ready quickly and the neighbours invited to rejoice with them. "For," said the father, "this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the young man in Jesus' story ask his father? 2. What did he do when he received his money? 3. What kind of friends did he choose? 4. How did he spend his money? 5. What happened in the country whither he went? 6. Why was the young man hungry? 7. To whom did he hire himself? 8. What work was he set to do? 9. What did he eat? 10. What did he made up his mind to do? 11. Who saw him when he was still far from home? 12. How did his father receive him! 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

One morning Henry's father sent him into the garden to plant pumpkin-seed. But when Henry had planted fourteen rows and there were still seven to be done, he grew tired, and looking round to see that no one was watching, he kicked a deep hole in the earth and buried the whole of his remaining seed.

At dinner-time his father asked. "Did you plant all the seed?" "Yes," answered Henry, but how ashamed he felt.

One Sunday, some weeks after, Henry and his father were walking in the garden, when they came upon a perfect tangle of pumpkin vines. "Is this your work?" asked his father, and the whole sad story came out.

Henry's father did not scold, but remarked in a voice that the boy never forgot,

"You see how true it is, that ' whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.' "

Lesson Hymn

Come to the Saviour, make no delay,
Here in His word He's shown us the way :
Here in our midst He's standing to-day,
Tenderly saying, ' Come ! '

Think once again, He's with us to-day ;
Heed now His blest command and obey ;
Hear now His accents tenderly say,
Will you, My children, come ?

*Joyful, joyful will the meeting be,
When from sin our hearts are pure and free ;
And we shall gather, Saviour, with Thee,*

In our eternal home. Amen.

—Hymn 560, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—92. What did Jesus say the Commandments teach us? Jesus said the Commandments teach us to love God with all our heart, and to love others as ourself.

SHORTER CATECHISM—22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man? A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

You know this picture. Here is the son who has been wandering in a far country. The old father is giving him a loving wel-



come. You know what the picture teaches, too. It teaches that our heavenly Father is willing, oh ! so willing, to receive and pardon us, however we have sinned.

I Have Learned To-day
TO KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD