

and serve God. Others have no thought but to get rich, money is their master; and so you find there are many masters here; are there many there? Only one—God.

Jesus called these masters by a hard name. I'll print it below "God," the one Master. [Print "mammon."] When we have to leave this world what do you think these masters will do for their servants? Nothing; they will leave them to their misery. Do you think it would be possible to serve mammon part of the time here and God part of the time, and so have all that seems like a good time here, and then be taken to that blessed world over there where there are pleasures forever? No, no; Jesus says, "Ye cannot serve two masters, ye cannot serve God and mammon." [Finish printing Golden Text.] Jesus felt so anxious that all should know that this was impossible, and that even if serving God here should be harder than serving these other masters, there were comfort and happiness in heaven to more than repay for all. He told his disciples a story to help them to understand.

[Tell the parable as told in Luke 16. 19-22. When telling of the rich man, make a large house with wall and gate; print "rich man" on the house and "Lazarus at the gate." Show the children how death came to both, ending the fine living of the rich man and the sufferings of Lazarus.] How kind Jesus was! He gives us a little glimpse into the other world and shows us what came to the two there. [Finish lesson story, verses 23-41.] What did poor Lazarus find? Comfort. Do you think it was because he had suffered and been poor here that God gave him comfort there? No. It must have been because here he had served God even in his trouble and poverty. What did the rich man find? [Print "torment."] Exactly what that means we do not know, only we are sure that it means suffering that is worse than we can imagine. It wasn't because the rich man had had so much here; no, it was because he had been serving himself, his own comfort and pleasure, here, and had forgotten God.

Oh! children, this lesson makes us think very earnestly; it is a warning to us always to remember that there is another world than this, that our life does not end here, and that if we would go from this home to the heavenly home, we must do what? Serve God and be careful that the good things here do not make us forget that we "cannot serve God and mammon." Try to make a world on paper, like this [show a model], cut it out and print on it "The World [that means, the things that only belong to this world] or Christ, which?" Which will you choose?

BLACKBOARD COLORING. "Here" and "There," and Golden Text, white; house, wall, path, light brown; grass on the graves, green; cross and monument, white; "rich man" and "Lazarus," yellow; "evil things" and "comfort," pink; "good things" and "torment," blue.



Kindergarten Hints.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. The Rich Man and LAZARUS. Luke 16. 19-21.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25. 40).

AIDS TO THE KINDERGARTNER. Holy Bible, John 12. 1-10; *The Parables of Jesus* (Goebel), pp. 232-257; *The Parabolic Teaching of Christ* (Bruce), pp. 376-400; *Credo* (Dr. L. T. Townsend), pp. 351-370; *Psychology* (James or Sully) [read what is said of "Memory"]; "If God be for us, who can be against us?" *Oratorio of the Messiah* (Handel).

ATTENTION STORY.

Jesus taught the people that they should be kind to neighbors as well as to fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters, and that is why he wanted all the lame and blind and poor people to be made happy and comfortable. If everybody obeyed the Golden Rule which Jesus had given to us all, how happy all people would be!

This word says in one place, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor" (Psalm 41. 1). That means that those who think about the poor and help them are happy and peaceful. Jesus told the people a story about a very rich man who wore a beautiful suit of purple cloth, and he had a great feast every day, but he was so selfish and forgetful of others that he acted worse than the priest and the Levite did when they passed by the sick man on the road. This man stayed in his house enjoying good things, and right at his gate was a man who was poor and sick, and who wanted some crumbs to eat; but no friends came to him except kind dogs. They tried to be friendly with him. If the man in the house had helped the sick man, he would have been happier, and the poor man would have been made comfortable and happy, too.

Jesus says that if we help anyone, even the poorest and "least," it is just the same as if we do it to him. Let us read the Bible verses and then learn the Golden Text. [Read Luke 16. 19-21.]

Explain unusual words: "Certain," "sumptuously," "desiring," "moreover."

OUTLINE.

Sunday. Attention Story, Bible lesson, and Golden Text.

Monday. Talk of the opportunities which we have for helping others. Jesus has taught us that.