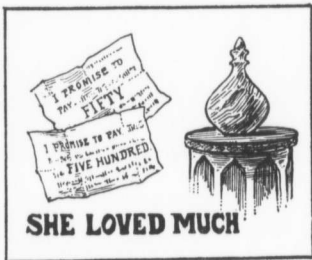


said again, "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."

*Showing gratitude.* We know how to show thankfulness to kind and loving friends, but how shall we show it to Jesus, who has given his life for us? What did the woman do? She was sorry she had ever sinned against such a Saviour. Her tears showed it, but tears are worth nothing unless they mean that we are so sorry that we will do so no more. This woman's tears meant this. Then she brought what she had and did what she could for Jesus. When he told her she was forgiven she believed him. It is very ungrateful to doubt the word of one who has done much for us. Let us do these things. Let us be sorry we ever sinned against the loving Saviour; let us come close to him, give him our hearts, our love, and all we are; let us do all we can to please him, and let us take him at his word.



#### Sub-Primary Hints.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "I will confess my transgressions (sins) unto the Lord." Psa. 32. 5. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1. 9.

**Lesson theme:** If we are truly sorry for our sin and make confession, the Lord will forgive. To be forgiven is to be treated as though we had not sinned. To repent is to be so sorry that we will never do that wrong again. **Illustration hints:** John behaves very well while his mother's eye is upon him. When he thinks he will not be found out he is cruel to his brothers and sisters. Sometimes he is found out and punished. Then he is sorry about the punishment, and determines never to do wrong again except when he is sure he will not be found out. Is this repentance?

Teach the meaning of the word by its use in this illustration and the next. The meaning of the word "forgiveness" is brought out in our second illustration, given here merely in barest outline.

A little child strays away just as night is falling. He has been forbidden to go outside the gate. He chases fireflies across the field to the woods. Night comes on, and he cannot find the way home. The story goes on to show that the child was naughty, lost, sorry (repentant). The mother seeks the lost, finds, forgives, loves with all her heart.

Our parallel lesson shows that the Lord feels toward us as that mother felt toward her disobedient and repentant child. "All we like sheep have gone astray." The Lord is our shepherd. He will bring us back to the fold when we have strayed into paths of wrongdoing; but not unless we want to come. Our Bible lesson story tells us of a man who appeared to be good in the sight of men, just as John was good while mother's eye was upon him; but the man was really selfish and cold-hearted, not caring to be better. Our story also tells us of a sinner who felt herself lost, but wanted to come to the Lord and be forgiven and loved.

#### LESSON STORY.

Jesus was invited to dine at Simon's house. Simon, the man who seemed to be good. In that country any passer-by could look on at a feast whether invited or not. Let us join the people who are standing in the door to watch the feast. We notice that as the guests come in they all take off their sandals [showing picture]. Jesus takes off his sandals with the others. This is always the polite thing to do on entering a house in that country. We notice that Simon is not kind or polite to his heavenly guest. He fails to give him the kiss of welcome and to offer him water for his dusty feet, which is always the kind and polite thing to do in that hot country. Simon shows no love for his heavenly guest. He probably invited him because he wanted to see a man who could open the eyes of the —, heal the —, and raise the dead to —.

Here is a woman pushing her way among the lookers-on who are standing in the door. She wears on her neck a beautiful and costly little vase full of rare and sweet perfume, and carved out of a stone like this [showing specimen of alabaster]. This woman has

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