

ter's money, so that he had now ten talents.

The man with two talents did the same, and made them after a while, by hard work, into four talents. But he that had received only one talent said: "My master is rich enough already. I will not trouble doing anything." So he put the talent into a hole in the ground for safe keeping.

After a long time their master suddenly came home, and sent for his servants to give an account of themselves. When the man who had ten talents came, his master said: "I am greatly pleased with you. You have been so faithful that I will make you a partner in my business and you shall be called my friend instead of a servant." He said the same thing to the man who had made four talents out of two, and praised him for his honest work.

Then the idle servant came who had hidden his master's money. He began to make excuses for himself, saying rudely: "I was afraid of making some mistake for which you might scold me. Here is your talent, it is all I owe you."

Then his master was angry and said: "You are a wicked and useless servant. You

should at least have put my money into the bank, where I would have been paid for the use of it." Then railing to the others he said: "Take away this man's talent and give it to the one who has ten talents, for he who has already gained something is fit to be trusted with more, but he that wins nothing shall lose even that which he has."

Then said their master: "Send this idle fellow out of my house. He shall be severely punished."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What story did Jesus tell to teach that all His servants must work? 2. What did the servant who had been lent five talents do with it? 3. How much did the man with two talents gain? 4. How did the man with the single talent behave? 5. When was the reckoning-day? 6. What did the master say to the faithful servants? 7. How did the idle servant speak to his master? 8. To whom was the unused talent given? 9. Why was it fair to give it to him? 10. What did the master command to be done with the wicked servant? 11. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus wants me to be faithful



Primary Catechism — 12. Are the Father, Son and Holy Spirit different Gods? No. These three persons are one God.

Shorter Catechism—62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the sabbath-day.

Lesson Hymn

All through the day, I humbly pray,
Be Thou my guard and guide;
My sins forgive, and let me live,
Blest Jesus, near Thy side.
O make Thy rest within my breast,
Great Spirit of all grace;
Make me like Thee, then shall I be
Prepared to see Thy face.

Amen.

Hymn 589, Book of Praise