

The more he thought about the dear home the more he wanted to go back to it, and one day he made up his mind that he would go, and he started. Do you suppose his father let him come back? What do you think? What do you say? Let us see. [Read Luke 15. 11-15; 17-20.]

Explain unusual words: "Certain," "falleth," "substance," "riotous," "famine," "citizen," "perish," "compassion."

OUTLINE.

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

Monday. The younger son wanted to go where he could have his own way and please himself. He forgot that his father knew better what he needed than he knew, but his own way was not the best way. His father was kind and loving, but he was a restless boy.

Tuesday. He went far away among strangers, and he did not know enough to save his money, so he spent it all and had nothing to eat. How much better if he had only stayed at home and obeyed his father!

Wednesday. He tried to earn his living, but he was hungry. I think he was hungry for home love as well as for bread, and he could not forget home.

Thursday. He made up his mind to go right home again. He knew that he had done naughty things, after thinking naughty thoughts, and he was sure he must tell his father so and ask him to forgive him. That was the only right way to do. It is as we should do always. Ask forgiveness for naughty words and acts, and come to our dear heavenly Father asking his forgiveness.

Friday. Let us say the Golden Text, and remember it. The young man's father saw him coming and felt sorry for him, and ran to meet him. He gave him a welcome with a kiss. O, are we not glad we have a dear heavenly Father, who is just as glad as this when he sees that we are sorry for naughty ways? Whenever we feel sorry let us go to our Father.

NATURE WORK. The children may talk of husks as being somewhat like any old or naughty habit which we put off. We may put away husks, and then will come the new and fruitful and good acts. Analyze beans and peas, taking off the husk or jacket, and show where the life bud is. Plant them, and as the bean comes up you can see it put off the old and put on the new.

ART WORK. Try to get some good picture representing the return of this son, and have the children tell what they see.

HAND WORK. Let the kindergarten children build flat-roofed houses, model bread loaves, and draw pictures of husks.

The TRANSITION CLASS may outline the words upon the lesson card. It is a prayer that we may

be shown the way when we arise to go to our Father.

SCIENCE AT HOME WITH MOTHER. Talk of the danger of people wanting to have their own way. Nothing brings so much trouble into our homes as selfishness and doing just what we want to do, not caring for others. Dwell upon the thought that good comes to the smallest child who is glad to do what will help others in the family.

"Be kind to thy father, for when thou wert young Who loved thee so fondly as he?
He caught the first accents that fell from thy tongue,
And joined in thine innocent glee."

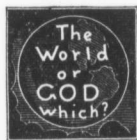
"Be kind to thy brother wherever you are;
The love of a brother shall be
An ornament purer and richer by far
Than pearls from the depth of the sea."

LESSON IV. (April 26.)

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS. Luke 16. 19-31.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Luke 16. 13).

Primary Notes.



How many ever saw China or India? Do you believe there are such countries? What makes you? How many have ever seen heaven? Do you believe there is such a place? Why? Though you have never been there you all believe there is another world. Who live in this world? Who live in the other? We are going to talk of these two worlds to-day. Let us call the world where we live now, Here [print], and the other that we can't see yet, There [print].

What kind of a world is this one? [Draw from the children the beautiful things to be found here, and then make them think how sin came bringing wickedness and sorrow.] In the other world we call heaven what is found? The beauty here is as nothing to the beauty there, the joy and greatest happiness here are small compared to the joy and happiness there. Which is worth most? Can all who live here one day have heaven for their home? There is another part of that other world that is full of misery and sorrow, deeper and sadder than any we know here; no one wants to go there, but if we would be sure of never going there, but of one day entering that heavenly world, who must we obey here? [Print "God" at bottom of the board.] Do all obey God? Ah! here there are many who are obeying other masters; some are trying to get all the good times and fun out of this world they can; they make pleasure their master, forgetting to obey

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