

to speak kindly and softly to them so that they might see for themselves how ugly sin

was, and learn to hate it and turn from it and be holy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. In what part of the Bible are this quarter's lessons? Ans.—In the Old Testament. 2. Who wrote to-day's lesson? Ans.—Hosea. 3. Who was he? Ans.—One of God's prophets. 4. What is a prophet? Ans.—One who speaks for God to men. 5. To whom was this prophet sent? Ans.—To God's own people. 6. What was Hosea's message? Ans.—He was to invite the people to return to God. 7. How had they got away from God? Ans.—They had done wrong. 8. What had they done? Ans.—They were worshipping idols. 9. How did they learn

to do it? Ans.—They copied their heathen neighbors. 10. What did Hosea say they must do? Ans.—Ask God to forgive their sins. 11. How must they feel? Ans.—Sorry for what they had done. 12. What did God promise to give them? Ans.—His help to make them do right. 13. What did God say His help was like? Ans.—The dew. 14. Did God speak angrily to them? Ans.—No. He spoke as a father. 15. What is the Golden Text. Ans.—“Come and let us return unto the Lord.”

How to Forgive

Once there was a man who had two boys. When they grew a little older the younger one said, “Father, I want some money,” so the father gave him half of all he had.

Two or three days after this young man packed his things and left home. He went far away and had what he called a “jolly good time.” He spent his money foolishly; and when it was gone he had nothing to eat but dry husks used for feeding pigs.

Then he thought of home, and said to himself, “My father's servants have more than they can eat. I know what I'll do. I'll go

home and ask my father to forgive me and let me be one of his servants.”

When he had gone part way his father saw him and came running to meet him, and almost before he could say a word had kissed him on both cheeks.

Then the father called to his servants to bring fine clothes and shoes for his boy and to get dinner ready quickly. “And don't forget the gold ring for his finger! for this my son was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.”



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I Should be Sorry for my Sins



Golden Text—Come and let us return unto the Lord.—Hos. 6: 1.

Catechism—36. What has God done to save us from sin? God sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to save us from sin.

Lesson Hymn

IF I come to Jesus,
He will hear my prayer,
For He loves me dearly,
And my sins did bear. Amen!
—Hymn 553, Book of Praise