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READING STORIES.

Jean and Marion are always just as happy as can be when they are seated on their papa's knees listening to the stories which he either tells or reads to them. They are particularly fond of stories about animals. One day their father read them one about a wild turkey which said that the turkey is a native of North America, and is sometimes caught in traps. After



hearing this story, the little girls thought over it a good deal, and one day the thought came to them that, as they lived in North America, there must be turkeys about, so what did they do but make a trap, but, alas! no poor turkey was ever caught in it.

 SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 3.] THE LOST SHEEP AND LOST COIN. [Oct. 21.

Luke 15. 1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.—There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.—Luke 15. 10

MEMORY VERSES, 4-7.—What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

To the folks at home: Please help the little ones to learn this lesson.

 LESSON STORY.

Another of the parables Jesus spoke was about a lost sheep.

The Jews despised the publicans because they were the tax gatherers. At this time the Jews were ruled by the Romans and had to pay taxes to them. They hated to do this so much that they even hated the men to whom the taxes were paid. So when Jesus was kind to the publicans and sinners who gathered about him, the Pharisees wondered at it very much.

It is easy to see what Jesus meant by the lost sheep. The Jews thought they were God's people and that all who were not Jews were sinners and God could not love them. Jesus taught in this story that the lost sheep, or the sinner, is the one that God seeks the most earnestly.

Then he told the story of the lost piece of silver and the joy the woman felt when it was found. Both parables taught the same lesson.

 LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who came to hear Jesus?

Publicans and sinners.

2. Who were publicans?
Men who gathered taxes.
3. Who hated them?
The Jews.
4. What did the Pharisees do?
They found fault with Jesus.
5. For what?
For loving bad people.
6. What did Jesus tell them?
That he came to seek and to save that which is lost.

O Shepherd, strong and tender,
If I should wayward be,
O let me hear thee calling
Thy lost lambs unto thee.



LITTLE BIRDS THAT SEW.

In a far-off country called India there live some tiny yellow birds about as large as papa's thumb. They are called "tailor birds," because they can sew. Tailor birds are very wise, for they build their

nests where they cannot be seen by hungry monkeys. They pick up a dead leaf and fly up into a high tree, and, with a fibre for a thread and their bills for needles, sew the leaf on to a green one hanging from the tree. They sew up the sides and leave the top open. After laying some of their soft feathers and down



in it, their home is finished. The frisky monkeys never know the nest is swinging there in the breeze with two little eggs in it, and mamma bird safe in the nest, too, while papa bird sings near by. One day out of the little white eggs will come two yellow baby birds, which will fly away with papa and mamma bird.



How happy our little man looks in this picture! He has found the basket too heavy for him to lift, even with the apples all out. So he has put them back in, and has climbed up on top. There he sits, joyfully waving his fat, chubby arm, and pretending that he is on horseback.

A CHILD'S LOVE.

A lady friend is intimately acquainted in a family in which there is a sweet, bright little boy of some five years. One day she said to him: "Willie, do you love me?"

"Yes, indeed," he replied, with a kiss.

"How much?"

"Why, I love you up to the sky."

Just then his eyes fell upon his mother, who was sitting near. He exclaimed: "But, mamma, I love you 'way up to God."—*Sunday-School Evangelist.*