

Lesson No. (1)

Nairouz

The New Coptic Year

References

The story of Saint George.

Notes for Servants

- ★ "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20).
- ★ These words sound strange and are hard to understand, but this is a normal life for those who want to live for Christ.

Objectives

General: The intercession of the saints.

Specific:

The children will be able to . . .

- A. Learn that the saints are around us.
- B. Name some saints they know.
- C. Call the saints' names in their prayers.

Bible Verse

"The Lord is my Shepherd."

Psalm 23:1

Teaching Aids

The picture of Saint George.

Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Give the children an idea about the celebration of this feast.
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

Story Time

Once upon a time a Coptic family decided to celebrate the feast of St. George with their son Isaac. One day his family travelled to visit the church of St. George where a great celebration was held every year. Isaac was very happy to go and attend the celebration because he loved St. George very much.

The family took a boat and sailed to the place where the church was located. The trip was long and it was getting dark, so Isaac fell asleep. In the middle of the night, Isaac woke up and started to walk around, then suddenly he fell off the boat. His father and some men jumped off the boat to save the little boy but it was too dark to find him. His mother prayed to God and cried loudly to St. George to save her son.

Isaac's father said, "We will go to the church and pray, and St. George will save him." They went to the church and met the priest who immediately saw the sadness on their faces.

"What is the matter?" He asked. Isaac's mother told him that Isaac drowned in the river. Abouna began to pray then stopped suddenly when Isaac walked into the church.

"Isaac! Isaac!" His mother cried aloud. Isaac ran to his parents.

"Isaac, what happened to you?" His mother asked. Isaac told his parents what happened to him after he fell in the river. He cried for help and called to St. George to save him, then a big fish full of light came and carried him to shore. They were all so happy and glorified God and thanked St. George for saving their son Isaac. Isaac went with the other children, holding a candle, and joined the procession for St. George. They walked around the church three times, singing hymns and beautiful songs for St. George.

Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

Learning Activities

Colouring Page.