

Lesson No. ( 19 )

## God on His Throne in Heaven

and all the heavenly hosts around Him

### References

Revelation 4 and 7.

### Notes for Servants

- ★ St. Paul could not describe the beauty of heaven but he said, "But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Cor 2:9).
- ★ We should open our hearts to experience the life in heaven which we are preparing ourselves for and that will fill us with joy and help us to describe it to our little children in a suitable way for their imagination.

### Objectives

**General:** Make the children love the Paradise of Heaven, or the Paradise of Joy.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Imagine the beauty of heaven and the glory of God.
- B. Love to go and see what is in there.
- C. Know some knowledge about the heavenly hosts.

### Bible Verse

**"Praise him in firmament of his power."**

Psalm 150:1

### Teaching Aids

1. Felt figures and flannel board.
2. Picture shows the beauty of heaven. It is very important to give the children the right impression about heaven. Pictures should show Jesus, Angels, and the heavenly hosts.
3. Servant may make some angels' wings, let some kids wear them, let them sing the song that they love and enjoy. It is very important to create a happy environment, you too should be happy and smiling.

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### Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

- (4) Let children play and imagine that they are in heaven, this will make them feel happy.
- (5) Teach the children to respect the church and to stand up during prayer, because God is also present between us, even if we do not see Him, but He sees us.
- (6) We should participate in church prayers and songs.

## Story Time

Once upon a time there was a very good boy whose name was John. He went to church every Sunday, took communion, and went to Sunday School every week. John loved God so much, and he also knew that God loves us so much. John wanted very much to see Jesus and His angels.

One night he prayed to God before he went to sleep, that God would let him see his place in heaven. While he was sleeping he had a dream. He saw his guardian angel coming, and asked him, "Do you want to see heaven and Jesus?" John answered, "Yes, please."

The angel took him on a very nice trip to heaven, where he saw a very beautiful door and two angels guarding it. The guardian angel told the other two angels at the door, "Please open the door for John, Jesus loves him so much and wants him to see heaven."

The two angels opened the door for them. When they entered, John was surprised to see everything beautiful and bright, the land was covered in green and wonderful colours everywhere. He saw angels in their bright white clothes, and he felt so happy there. The angel and John walked to Jesus' place, and on their way they found two rows of angels bowing down, worshipping, and singing saying: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Hosts ... etc." They saw Jesus sitting on a beautiful golden throne (chair), and shining light brighter than the sun around him. John saw twenty four priests, and four saints: St. Matthew, St. Luke, St. Mark, St. John. He saw a lot of people, and all of them were very happy, singing with the angels: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Hosts ... etc."

When Jesus saw John, He hugged him, and told him, "I'm so happy because you always pray, you go to church and stay quiet and nice there, and you obey your parents." John was so happy, he asked his angel if he could stay there forever. The angel told him, "I will come to you again to take you to live in heaven when your life is finished, but you have to stay good all the time as you are now so you may come and stay here forever."

## 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 Picture.