

Lesson No. (21)

How to Pray

References

Matthew 5:34.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Beloved servant, God gave us a gift that is prayer in which we communicate with Him and submit our souls to him.
- ★ Did you use this gift of grace and keeping yourself as a good branch in the tree of life?

Objectives

General: God's love and His care for us.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand our relationship with God and why we pray.
- B. Sense that God does not like bad words.
- C. Know that God loves us even when we do bad things.

Bible Verse

"Swear not at all"

Matthew 5:34

Teaching Aids

Felt figures and flannel board.

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) This lesson teach children how to pray.
- (5) Teach the children how good it is to pray to God.

Story Time

Once upon a time there were two sisters who loved each other and always prayed together before they went to sleep, one named Mary and the other named Nancy.

Mary used to close her eyes, stop moving and stand still when she prayed, but her sister Nancy used to pray while her eyes were opened and looking around, also she had a very bad habit, she used to swear. Nancy asked Mary why she prayed for such a long time while she prayed so quickly. Mary told her when she closes her eyes she sees Jesus, the angels, and all the saints around Him. Nancy wondered why she did not see all these good things Mary saw. Mary told her that maybe she was doing something that upset Jesus.

That same night while the two sisters were sleeping, Nancy saw that heaven was opened and beautiful angels came down to her and told her that Jesus loved her very much but he is unhappy because she swears and she would not be able to talk again until she stops swearing. Then, the angel went away.

Nancy tried to talk but could not, she cried a lot and prayed in her heart, because she was not able to talk. She prayed to God to forgive her sin and make her able to talk again. After a while the angel came down again and told her that Jesus has heard her prayer then he touched her tongue and she started to talk again, she knelt down on her knees and thanked Jesus and promised never to swear again.

Next morning Nancy woke up and told her sister all about her dream, and since that day she learned how to stand still, and always closed her eyes when she prayed.

Discussion

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

Learning Activities

1. Let the children practice standing for prayer.
2. Colouring Page.