

Lesson No. (25)

Jesus Heals an Infirm Man at Bethesda

References

John 5:1-15.

Notes for Servants

- ★ If Jesus has no authority over illness, he would not ask the sick person, "Do you want to be whole?"
- ★ Sometimes we like to be sick and we do not want to be healed. Sometimes we get used to being sick and we do not want any other way.
- ★ If the sick person felt in his heart should know that it was God who healed him, not the doctor or the medicine, he would be thankful to the Loving Lord.
- ★ If we have faith that Jesus is Almighty and the Shepherd of our lives, we would not be disturbed by illness because Jesus is our healer.

Objectives

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

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Know that God loves and cares for the sick.
- B. Understand God's power over illness.
- C. Learn to pray when they get sick or for any sick person.

Bible Verse

“I am The Lord that healeth thee”

(Exodus 15:26)

Teaching Aids

Felt figures and flannel board.

Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (3) Give an idea about the pool and how the angel healed the sick.
- (4) Jesus' compassion on the sick people and His love for them.
- (5) The condition of the sick person for 38 years and how he was tired and lost hope.
- (6) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the

lesson.

Story Time

In Jerusalem, by the sheep market, there was a pool called, in the Hebrew tongue, Bethesda, 'having five porches.' In these lay a great multitude of sick folk that were paralysed, blind and sick in some way, waiting for the moving of the water.

An angel would come down at a certain time into the pool and trouble the water. Whoever first steps in after the water was troubled was made whole of whatever disease they had. There was a certain man, who had a sickness for thirty eight years.

When Jesus saw him lying beside the pool. He knew that he had been there for a long time. He said to him, "Do you want to be made whole?" The sick man answered, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool, when the water is troubled. Every time I try to go in, another steps down before me."

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." Immediately after Jesus said that the man was made whole, took up his bed and walked.

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.