

Lesson No. (17)

Mary visits Elizabeth

The Birth of John

References

Luke 1:39-56.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Contemplate the humility of Mary and her love for Elizabeth. When she heard that her cousin was pregnant, she went to visit and congratulate her, even though, she was the mother of the Lord. Do you congratulate the children on every happy occasion?
- ★ Contemplate John who was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was in his mother's womb. You, too, have been filled with the Holy Spirit since your childhood, so have you chosen the fellowship with God for a long time and can you speak of the good things the Lord has given you?

Objectives

General: Sharing with others their feelings.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand the meaning of sharing with others their feelings.
- B. Learn to sympathize with others.
- C. Learn how to comfort others.

Bible Verse

"And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour."

Luke 1:47

Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
 2. Video.
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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) Servant should draw the children's attention to the importance of sympathising with others, i.e. to acknowledge the presence and to respect the feelings of other. When a friend celebrates his/her birthday we should rejoice and when a neighbour is ill or a relative is in trouble we should not play and be merry.

Story Time

When St. Mary heard from the angel that Elizabeth is pregnant and will have a child, she forgot that she, also, was pregnant and will have the Lord Jesus. She remembered one thing, that her cousin Elizabeth is an old lady (very old, like a grandma). St. Mary decided to go to visit Elizabeth and share her joy with her for the expected child. St. Mary stayed with Elizabeth for six months helping her clean the house, cook her food and preparing what she needed for the new child. After doing all that, she went back to her home.

Discussion

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

Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.