

Lesson No. (23)

God gives Joseph favour

in the sight of Pharaoh

References

Genesis 41.

Notes for Servants

- ★ O Lord, choose for us the good things You desire to give us, for when we choose by ourselves, we may lose these good things.
- ★ O Lord, choose for us because Your wisdom never makes mistakes, but we are stubborn and blind.
- ★ Let us continue our struggle patiently and with self-denial enduring hardships without fear of losses as glory lies beyond suffering and the throne lies beyond the cross.

Objectives

General: God's care for Joseph.

Specific:

The children will be able to...

- A. Learn the meaning of honesty in doing things.
- B. Understand that when we visit someone, we must keep everything as it is and not break anything.
- C. Be faithful and honest in your homework.

Bible Verse

“A faithful man shall abound with blessings”

(Prov 28:20)

Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
 2. Video.
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Instructions

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

Joseph spent two years in prison. One day, there was something unusual in Pharaoh's palace. What happened? Pharaoh had two dreams in one night. He sent for all the magicians and wise men in Egypt. He told them his dreams, but no one could explain them to him.

The wine steward remembered Joseph explained his own dreams. He told Pharaoh about him. The King sent for Joseph, and he was immediately taken out of prison. His hair was long and his clothes were dirty. After he had showered, shaved and changed his clothes, he came into Pharaoh's presence. He stood bravely before the King and saluted him. The following dialogue ran between them: "I have heard that you interpret dreams." Joseph said, "It is God's gift to me." The Pharaoh asked him, "Can you interpret my dream?" Joseph answered, "I, myself, know nothing but what the Lord has given me."

The King explained, "I dreamt that I was standing on the bank of the Nile, when seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the river and began feeding on the grass. Then, seven other cows came up which were thin and bony. The thin cows ate the fat ones, but they looked as bad as before. After this, I woke up. I also dreamt that I saw seven ears of corn which were full and ripe. Meanwhile seven ears of corn sprouted, thin and scorched by the desert wind, and the thin ears of corn swallowed the full ones. I told the dreams to magicians, but none of them could explain them to me. Can you explain them?"

Joseph prayed, then said: "The two dreams mean the same thing. The seven fat cows are seven years, and the seven full ears of corn are also seven years; they have the same meaning. The seven thin cows which came up later and the seven thin ears of corn scorched by the desert wind are seven years of famine. There will be seven years of plenty in all the land of Egypt. After that, there will be seven years of famine. Now, you should choose some men with wisdom and insight and put him in charge of the country. This man should be able to collect food during the years of plenty and store it so that people may find food to eat during the famine. You must also take a fifth of the crops and store it in the first seven years of plenty to be used as food during the seven years of famine." The King saw that the idea was good.

The Pharaoh said to him, "I will never find a better man than you to do this task. I will put you in charge of my country and all my people will obey your orders because you are faithful." The King removed from his finger the ring engraved with the royal seal and put it on Joseph's finger. He put on him the robe of a great man. He gave him the second royal chariot to ride in.

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.