

Lesson No. (25)

God Saves Daniel

References

Daniel 6.

Notes for Servants

- ★ "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" (Romans 8:35)
- ★ Do you stick to the commandments of the Lord in your practical life or do you become lenient because of men's inducements and threats? Examine yourself carefully before the Lord and pray to the Lord to help you.

Objectives

General: God's care for the Daniel.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Explain how God cares and protects those who love Him.
- B. Express how God protects His children.
- C. Learn not to be afraid of anything.

Bible Verse

"My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths."

Daniel 6:22

Teaching Aids

A picture Daniel in the lions' den.

Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Who has seen a lion? Where do lions live?
- (5) What do lions eat? What do they do when they are hungry?
- (6) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

Daniel was one of the beloved children of God. He used to pray and fast regularly. He was also honest in his work. King Darius appointed him governor. Daniel became distinguished above all the other governors. They tried to find something wrong with the way Daniel administrated the empire, but they could not. They went and made a statue for the king and asked him to give orders that for thirty days no one is to be permitted to worship anything but the King's statue. Anyone violating this order is to be thrown into lions' den. The king signed the order, he did not know that the order was a plot against Daniel because he prays only to God.

When Daniel learned that the order had been signed, he opened the window of his room and knelt down and prayed to God three times a day. When Daniel's enemies observed him praying to God, they went to the King to accuse Daniel. They said, "Your Majesty, you signed an order that for the next thirty days no one can worship any other god or would be thrown into the lions' den." The King said, "Yes." Then, they said to the King, "Daniel does not obey your order, he prays to his God three times a day." The King looked at their faces and understood their plan against Daniel. But a royal order issued by the King could not be changed. The King was upset.

They arrested Daniel, tied him with chains and brought him to the King. Daniel stood there before the King politely and bravely. The King said to him, "Have you heard the order I issued?" "Yes, Your Majesty," Daniel answered. "Then, why did you not obey my order?" the King asked, and Daniel said, "Because we must obey God rather than men." The King said, "The punishment is that you will be thrown into the lions' den." Daniel answered, "May God rescue you."

They took Daniel and threw him into the lions' den, the lions were very hungry for sometime now. The men were very happy and went back to their houses, but the King was sad. He spent a sleepless night without food. At dawn, the King hurried to the pit. When he got there he called anxiously, "Daniel, servant of the Living God, was your God able to save you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "God sent His angel to shut the mouths of the lions so that they would not hurt me." The King was overjoyed and ordered his guards to pull Daniel out of the pit. So, they pulled him up and saw that he had not been hurt at all. The people were astonished. Daniel told them the story. The King and his men believed in Daniel's God.

Discussion

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

Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.