

Lesson No. (41)

The Church Serves the Sick People

References

James 5:14-16.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Why we feel sick sometimes? Is it our body or our soul? Why does God allow these to happen to us?
- ★ Meditate in His love, He sometimes allow these things to happen to us to remind us about our wrong doing so we may confess our sins. Then, He will restore our health .

Objectives

General: The church prays for the sick.

Specific:

The children will be able to...

- A. Learn the names of the seven sacraments of the church.
- B. Tell the priest about the sick children whom they know.
- C. Pray for anyone they know who are sick.

Bible Verse

**" Is any among you afflicted?
Let him call for the elders of the church. "**

(James 5:14)

Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
 2. A plate - oil - cotton.
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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

A lady, from a city in upper Egypt called Assiut, was very sick. She could not move her leg. Her husband called the doctor to examine her. After He examined her, he said to her husband secretly, "Her leg must be cut off." The lady understood that her leg must be cut off. She wept bitterly and said, "My leg will never be cut off, I am confident of God's power, Jesus will heal me.

She asked he husband to call the priest to perform The Unction of the Sick sacrament, and anoint me with oil and I will be healed."

The Scripture says: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14)

After, the doctor left, her husband went to church and told Abouna what happened with his wife and asked him to come and pray for her. In the morning the priest came and brought with him a deacon carrying a small bag containing the Book of the Unction of the Sick Prayer, a censor and some incense. When they entered the house, the woman got up, greeted the priest and kissed his hand. He said to her, "If you have faith, Christ will make you whole."

He brought a plate, some oil and 7 pieces of cotton. He lit a piece of cotton, and said a prayer. Then, he lit another until he lit all 7 pieces in a shape of a Cross. He prayed seven prayers and all the members of the family prayed with him. He anointed her with the oil and left the house.

At night the woman felt something in her leg then she started to move it. She was shocked, she could move her leg again. She called he husband and said, "I am healed e, I cam move my leg. I told you that Jesus will heal me. Thank you God." She stood up and walked. They were all happy.

Next day they went to the church and prayed thanking God for His mercy. They went to Abouna to tell him the good news and to thank him.

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.