

Lesson No. (50)

Her Childhood & Her Life
In the Temple Where She is Brought Up.

References

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Notes for Servants

- ★ Contemplate the Lady Virgin's meekness and purity.
- ★ We should set the Virgin's life as an example to us and to our children, which prove that godly life is possible in this world full of evil.

Objectives

General: Beautifying the Lady Virgin.

Specific:

The children will be able to...

- A. Learn that saint Mary was a little child like they are now, and they should be good as she was.
- B. Know that we all can be like her if we listen and obey our parent and behave good.
- C. Tell how should they behave to be like her.

Bible Verse

"For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed."

(Luke 1:48)

Teaching Aids

Felt figure and flannel board.

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

There was a man called Joakim and his wife Anna. Joakim was a shepherd and he had no children. Joakim and Anna prayed to the Lord to give them a child. "O Lord, if you give us a son or a daughter, we shall send the child to the temple to serve you."

The Lord answered their prayers and gave them a beautiful daughter and they called her, Mary. When Mary was three years old, her father took her to the temple and left her there in charge of the priest to serve the Lord. She stayed in the temple until she was 12 years old. During this time, her father and mother died.

Mary was a gentle girl. She obeyed the priest and followed his advice. She served in the temple. She cleaned the temple. She made beautiful napkins, polished the censor and prepared everything for the time of prayer. She used to pray while working at night, in the morning and at noon. The priest loved her because she was calm and meek and because of this, the Lord chose her to give birth to Christ, his Son, and He sent her an angel to announce His birth. She said, "For behold, henceforth ..."

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.