

Lesson No. (15)

The Fall of Samson

References:

Judges 16:15-21.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Delilah was a fraudulent woman. She insisted that Samson should tell her his secret to prove that he was really in love with her. That was a case of a sinful wicked woman. How much more should we, the children of the Lord, show our love to the Lord whom we love with our hearts, and how much more should we reveal our secrets to Him.
- ★ He knows all our secrets and problems, but He likes to see His children resorting to Him all the time telling Him all their secrets, problems, talking with Him about their joys and griefs so long as they love their Father and have trust in Him. Let us confess that we are weak in our fight against sin and let us thank the Lord for His great care for us.

Objectives

General: The punishment of sin.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand the meaning of the word Nazarite.
- B. Know that the result of sin always bad for the sinner.
- C. Learn that God because He is Holy, He hates sin very much.

Bible Verse

" Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. "

(Rev. 2:10)

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.

Story Time

Samson was very strong man. He fought and defended his people against their enemies. They were astonished at his great strength. The enemies tried to defeat Samson, but they could not. They asked Delilah to trick him. Delilah was a Philistine woman. She pretended that she love him and kept asking him, "Tell me what makes you so strong." Samson did not want to tell her but she cried. Samson loved her and did not want her to cry. He told her his secret... "I am a Nazarite from birth. No razor has come upon my head. My hair has never been cut. I have been dedicated to God as a Nazarite from the time I was born. If my hair were cut, I would lose my strength and be as weak as anybody else."

When Delilah new his secret, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines. She told them his secret.. Then, the lords of the Philistines gave her some money to cut his hair. She took the money from them. When Samson visited Delilah she cut his hair off while he was sleeping.

Samson lost his strength. The Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes, bound him with fetters (A chain attached to the ankles), and he was put in the prison and they humiliated him. They mocked him and forced him to dance in a great ceremony of their own. Samson had a lot of time to think about his disobedience to God and Samson asked God for forgiveness. Samson's hair start to grew again.

One day, the Philistines had, a great celebration to thank their god for delivering Samson to them. Nearly three thousand people gathered in the huge temple of Dagon. After the ceremonies, the people cried "Go get Samson! Let him entertain us! We want to see the once strongest man!" Samson was led in and chained between the two centre pillars of the temple and mocked him. Samson said to the young boy who led him to the pillars, "Let me touch the pillars that I'm chained to. I am so weak that I need to lean against them." The boy placed each of Samson's hands on the pillars that held up the roof of the temple.

Then Samson raised his face to heaven and prayed, "Lord, remember me and strengthen me this one time." Samson then bowed his head and pulled down the two centre pillars of the temple. The whole temple collapsed and killed the Philistines inside. After the dust settled,, Samson's brothers came and took his body And they buried him between his mother and father in Manoah. Samson's act of bravery made him into a legend of faith.

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.