

Lesson No. (21)

The Walls of Jericho

References

Joshua 5 & 6.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Fear not... this is the Lord.
- ★ The fortified, high walls of Jericho were pulled down by no more than marching around the city seven times in the service clothes and blowing the trumpets in the name of the Lord.

Objectives

General: God's care and His power.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Sense the hand of God helping and protecting His people.
- B. Learn that God will give us power to overcome our enemies.
- C. Accept and believe that God can do anything.

Bible Verse

" By faith the walls of Jericho fell down. "

(Hebrews 11:30)

Teaching Aids

None.

Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) The servant discusses with the class, who are the people of God now days, and how the Lord cares for the Church. Then, the servant speaks about the ancient people and explains that the lesson is a story about those people, but the story tells us about the Lord's deeds with His children who are the members of the church now.
- (5) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

The people of God continued their journey under the leadership of Joshua. Joshua looked and saw that the walls of Jericho were high. The gates of Jericho were kept shut and guarded to keep the Israelites out. While Joshua was near Jericho, he suddenly saw a man standing in front of him, holding a sword. He thought, is this man a friend or an enemy? He asked him, "Are you one of our soldiers or an enemy?" "Neither", the man answered, "I am here as the commander of the Lord's army." Joshua threw himself on the ground in worship and said, "I am your servant, sir, what do you want me to do?" The commander of the Lord's army said to him, "Take your sandals off, you are standing on holy ground." Joshua did as he was told.

Joshua knew that the Lord was with him... then all things were possible. The Lord said to Joshua, "See I have given Jericho to you, there is no need for fighting... just do what I tell you. You shall march around the city, and all the men of war shall go around once.

Thus shall you do for six days. You shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark, and on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets, and when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a loud voice, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, Jericho shall fall down and the men shall take Jericho." This passes all understanding, going around the city seven times causes the high walls to fall down. As Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets went forward with the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord following them. The armed men went before the priests.

They went about the city once, then they went back into the camp and spent the night in the camp. The Canaanites were looking from above the walls of their city mocking the Israelites saying, "Ha, ha, these people are foolish. What are they doing? They are going round the high walls of our city."

On the second day the people did the same thing they did on the first. They did the same thing for six successive days. Their march was long and tiring but the people did not complain. On the seventh day, they had to go around the city seven times. They got up early on that day, the task was hard, the people were faithful and obedient. The priests blew the trumpets. The people looked at the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord which was a symbol of the presence of God among them, then the people shouted, and the miracle took place. The walls of Jericho fell down. The gates of the city opened, the people entered and the Lord gave them the city as He promised.

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.