

Lesson No. (25)

The Angel That Appeared to Gideon

References:

Judges 6.

Notes for Servants

- ★ The principle by which the Lord chooses the leader is without change. He chooses the man whose heart is full of love for His people.
- ★ This is the Lord's way. The Lord leaves His children until they confess their weakness and inability to shoulder the responsibility. As Gideon said, "Pray Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Behold my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." Gideon then deserved to listen to the Lord's voice saying, "I will be with you and you shall smite the Midianites as one man." (Judges 6:16)

Objectives

General: The Lord sends His angels to the Saints, and fights for us.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Know some information about angels and their ranks and work.
- B. Learn about the angels and their duties as the messenger of the Lord.
- C. Accept that angels are spirits but able to appear in the shape of human.

Bible Verse

**“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage;
be not afraid.”**

(Joshua 1:9)

Teaching Aids

A picture of the Lord's angel and Gideon.

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) Draw a lovely picture of an angel and concentrate on the personality of the angel.
- (5) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and the Lord gave them into the hand of Midian for seven years, and they made for themselves the dens, the caves, the tombs and the strongholds. For whenever the Israelites put in seed, the Midianites and the Amalkites and the people of the east would come up and attack them and destroy the produce of the land. Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the people of Israel cried for help to the Lord.

When the people of Israel cried to the Lord on account of the Midianites, the Lord sent an angel to them. Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valour." And Gideon said to him, "Pray sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this befallen us? And where are all His wonderful deeds which our fathers recounted to us saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? But now the Lord has cast us off and given us into the hand of Midian."

And the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the Midianites. Gideon apologized saying that he was weak and the least in his family. The Lord said to him, "I will be with you and you shall smite the Midianites as one man." The Lord showed him a sign. Then, the angel disappeared. Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God. For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face." But, the Lord said to him, "Peace be to you, do not fear, you shall not die." Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord. Then, he carried out the words of the Lord.

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.