

Lesson No. ( 34 )

## St. George and the Poisoned Cup

### References:

Mark 16:17-18, John 14-17.

The Life of St. George, Published by Coptic Church in London

### Notes for Servants

- ★ The Lord was with St. George and delivered him from all the pains and afflictions that surrounded him.
- ★ The Lord who was with St. George in his pains can deliver us from all the dangers of the wilderness of this world.

### Objectives

**General:** God's care for us.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

A. Recognize the power of the cross and its protection.

B. Understand there is nothing that can harm those who love God.

C. Learn to do the sign of the cross on food, drink, and themselves before they do anything or go anywhere.

### Bible Verse

**“Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him.”**

(Psalm 91:14 )

### Teaching Aids

1. A big picture of St. George.
  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.
- (4) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the

lesson.

## **Story Time**

St. George grew up in a town called Cappadocia. He joined the army. He became a leader (a captain). He loved the Lord Jesus. He deserted his job and his great position when he saw the pagans attacking Christians with the help of Diocletianus, the king.

St. George was very brave when he resisted the king. He refused to worship the idols. He tore up the circulars which were stuck on the walls. The king sent for him to punish him. At first he ordered him to burn incense to the idols, and St. George refused to do so. The king offered him a poisoned cup. The Saint crossed the cup with the sign of the cross, saying in the name of the Father... (The children cross themselves with the sign of the cross). The Saint drank the cup and the poison did not have any effect upon him; "Because he cleaves to me in love."

The king was astonished at what he saw and the Saint seized the chance and preached to the queen. He talked about Jesus Christ. The queen believed and revealed her faith before her husband, the emperor and before all the people. And the Saint was faithful unto death.

The king ordered his soldiers to bring him the Saint, and the king forced him to bow and burn incense to the idols. The Saint said to the idols, "Do you want me to offer you a sacrifice as you were the Lord of the earth and heaven?" A loud voice came out of the idol saying, "I am not a god but the true God is the Lord you worship, o Saint." And immediately all the idols fell down and were broken. At that moment people believed in Christ. They glorified the Lord, and sang hymns "St. George, St. George".

### **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.