

Lesson No. (38)

The Widow's Offering

(The Widow's Two Lepta)

References:

Luke 21:1-4.

Notes for Servants

- ★ How great is the virtue of almsgiving. It deserves our appreciation. The Lord said, "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17.)
- ★ The Saints understood the supreme power of this virtue so they pleaded with others to accept their alms. God does not look at the quantity but He looks at the quality. Almsgiving should result from true love. The Lord praised that widow but He did not praise the rich. The widow expressed her love for the Lord by these two lepta.

Objectives

General: Almsgiving combined with love.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. learn the importance of the alms-giving life.
- B. understand that giving is not to the poor only, helping others in their troubles is a type of giving.
- C. explain the ways of giving.

Bible Verse

" For God loveth a cheerful giver. "

(2 Corinthians. 9:7)

Teaching Aids

The servant brings the alm box and places it in front of the children and each of them puts some money in the box. To act the story, the servant can bring a dark coloured head veil and two coins.

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) Encourage the children to give alms out of their pocket money, and to honour the poor so that they may not be selfish in using their money and the things they possess.
- (4) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

The Lord Jesus Christ went into the Temple. He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts and offering money and other things in the treasury. They put in a lot of money. Then, The Lord saw a poor widow came last, walked to the treasury and there she put two lepta. She was happy to do that. The Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them."

The people asked, "How can that be, each one of us has put at least one dinar." They did not know that the Lord Jesus does not look for the amount of money but He looks for the heart. The Lord Jesus gave them a lesson. He said to them, "This poor widow has put in more than all of them, for they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all her saving that she had." The widow was happy to do that. The Bible says, "For God loves a cheerful giver."

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.