

Lesson No. (44)

Lord Christ Appears to Paul

References

Acts 9.
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Notes for Servants

- ★ When Jesus appeared to Saul, his life changed completely. What about you? Does your life change when you meet Jesus at Communion?
- ★ He might have knocked on your door several times. Did you open for Him? Did you ask Him to enter your heart and change your life?

Objectives

General: Celebrating the Apostles' Day.

Specific:

- The children will be able to...
- A. Learn that God can change anyone.
 - B. Forgive those who persecute them and pray for them.
 - C. Have faith in God and His power.

Bible Verse

" Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? "

(Acts 9:6)

Teaching Aids

Felt figure and flannel board.

Instructions

- (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

There was a man called Saul. He hated the Christians and persecuted and killed many of them everywhere. One day, he heard that there was a great number of Christians in a city called Damascus. He quickly rose and took with him some strong men who also hated Christians and said to them, "Let us go to Damascus to kill all the Christians there."

They rode their horses and were on their way to Damascus. As they came near the city, a light from the sky suddenly flashed all around them. The light was stronger than the light of the sun. Saul and those with him could not look at the strong light. Saul fell to the ground and could not move, the others were afraid. They fell down from their horses and their faces were to the ground. They all heard a voice coming from heaven saying: "Saul...Saul...Saul. Why do you persecute me?" Saul could not lift himself up. He was trembling out of fear. He said, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am Jesus whom you persecute," the voice said. "He who persecutes Christians persecutes me." Saul's wicked power weakened and faded and he changed into a new man; meek and humble. He said, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Jesus said to him: "Get up and go into the city, where you will be told what you must do. There is a man called Ananias, he is My disciple. He will pray for you and will tell you what to do."

Then, it was quiet. Saul said to the men, "I see nothing. I cannot see a thing!" They led him into the city taking him by the hand. The Lord Jesus told Ananias to go and pray for Saul. Ananias went to Saul, placed his hand on Saul and prayed. Saul received his sight once more. Ananias preached Saul about Jesus, he baptised him and he became a Christian.

His name was changed to Paul. He became apostle of Jesus Christ and preached Christianity in many places until he was martyred by the Romans.

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.