

Lesson No. (45)

THE CHURCH

THE HOUSE OF GOD

References:

Exodus 25,26,27 and 28.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Christianity is build on giving, from money to time to even your own life. Giving, prayer and fasting forms a very strong rope which, when we get hold of it, we can be safe and secure.
- ★ This is what the early Christians understood, and this was the motto of the first Church. This principle is clearly worded by St. Paul in his talk to the priests of Ephesus when he said to them, "In all things I have shown you that by so toiling, one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Objectives

General: Our love for others.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Learn the importance of the donation in the church.
- B. Understand that giving is not to the poor only, help in building the church.
- C. Know that the church have expenses to pay.

Bible Verse

" For God loveth a cheerful giver. "

(2 Corinthians. 9:7)

Teaching Aids

Servant to prepare his own.

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 draws the children's attention to the necessity of giving donation to the church.
- (5) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

Moses went up to the fire which burned at the top of the mountain and hung like a cloud around it. He stayed in God's presence for 40 days and 40 nights, and God spoke to him all the time.

"Tell the Israelites," God said, "to collect a special offering to be given to me. Take it from everyone who is willing to give it. Take gold and silver, bronze and yarn and fine linen. Take leather, oil and spices, jewels. and powder to make incense with. "I want them to build me a shrine so that I can always be present among you, my chosen people.

"I want them to build me an ark, a chest of acacia wood four feet long and two and a half feet broad and high. Overlay it with gold, outside and inside, and put a band of gold all round it. Cast four rings of gold for it and fasten them to its four supports, two rings on one side and two rings on the other. Then, carve poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold, and slip the poles through the rings at the side of the ark so that it can be carried. The poles must always rest in the rings; they must never be taken out. "Inside the ark you must keep the laws that I have given you.

"Make a cover for it out of pure gold, four feet long and two and a half feet wide. Make two winged creatures out of gold for the two ends of the cover, one at one end and one at the other. The wings of these creatures must be outstretched and spread over the cover, and they must be facing one another over the top of the cover.

"Inside the ark you must place the laws that I give you. In that place you must put the two stone tablets with my laws written on them which I will give you, and there I will always be present to meet you and tell you what the Israelites must do.

"Make a table out of acacia wood overlaid with gold, and make poles so that the table can be carried too. Make bowls, pitchers and cups out of gold to stand on the table and to hold your offerings to me. Always keep an offering of bread on the table, it will be a sign that I am present among you.

"Make a lampstand out of gold with seven branches and a lamp hanging from each one. Make a tabernacle out of wood, draped with hangings of linen and skins, and hang a curtain of purple and red linen inside it. Put the ark inside the tabernacle, with the curtain hanging in front to screen it like a treasure for the space behind the curtain will be called the Holy of Holies."

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.