

Lesson No. ( 47 )

## **Showing Respect for Priesthood**

### **Korah and Dathan**

#### **References:**

Numbers 16:15-35.

#### **Notes for Servants**

- ★ Pride and envy are dangerous and the cause of all divisions. The envy of a group resulted in their rebellion and the spread of the spirit of division. Envy makes man blind to the truth.
- ★ Moses was very patient with his people. They saw him as a proud ruler who deprived his people of their rights. If you envy any of the servants of the Lord, pray to the Lord to reveal to you His advantages and pray for him may God grant him his grace and blessings.

#### **Objectives**

**General:** We must show respect for our fathers the priests.

#### **Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand why we kiss Abouna's hand ( because he holds by his hands the flesh and blood of the Lord.)
- B. Show respect for the priests because he is God's servant.
- C. Obey him because he speaks to us God's word.

#### **Bible Verse**

**“Moses said, Hereby ye shall know  
that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works.”**

(Numbers 16:28)

#### **Teaching Aids**

None.

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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) Conversations between Moses, Dathan and Korah can be performed in a way that shows how Moses defended the rights of priesthood and the service of the Lord to which Aaron and his sons were dedicated.

(5) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

## **Story Time**

Moses, Aaron and the sons of Levi did services in the tabernacle of the Lord. Korah, and Dathan and their sons said to Moses, "You have gone too far. Why did you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord? Why do you distinguish yourselves and give yourselves the right to serve the altar of the Lord? For all the congregation are holy. Aren't all the congregation priests?" They overlooked the verse, "And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron." (Hebrew 5:4) When Moses heard this, he fell on his face.

Moses said to the sons of Korah and the sons of Dathan, "Do this tomorrow, take censers, put fire in them (show the aids to the children) and put incense in them before the Lord. And the man whom the Lord chooses shall be the holy one." There were about two hundred and fifty censers. The glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation. And the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron, "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment..." And they fell on their faces. The Lord did not forgive Korah and Dathan. Then, the ground under them split asunder, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men that belonged to Korah and all their goods.

So, they and all that belonged to them went down alive into sheol and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly, and fire came forth from the Lord and consumed the two hundred and fifty men offering the incense. The task is holy. "No man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God."

## **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.