

Lesson No. (50)

The Virgin in Egypt

References:

Matthew 2:13-23.

Notes for Servants

- ★ The Sun of Righteousness shone on Egypt when the Lord came to Egypt. All the idols were destroyed.
- ★ Egypt became Christian, the deserts became spiritual places. Visitors come from all over the world for blessing, to praise the Lord and offer their gifts to the Lord.
- ★ The Lord Christ came to Egypt and blessed her people as the prophet Isaiah said, "Blessed be Egypt my people." (Isaiah 19:25)

Objectives

General: Honouring Saint Mary the Mother of God.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Accept that Saint Mary is the mother of God.
- B. Learn that our church honours her, and has a special fast in her name.
- C. Ask for her intercession when they pray.

Bible Verse

“Behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.”

(Luke 1:48)

Teaching Aids

Picture of the Holy Family or the Flight to Egypt.
Felt figure and flannel board.

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

King Herod gave an order to kill all children from two years and under. The angel told Saint Joseph to take Saint Mary and the Baby Jesus and flee to Egypt. In the dark of the night, Saint Joseph prepared his donkey and sat Saint Mary with the Baby Jesus on it. They took some food and clothes for the trip and left the city. This small modest group walked by night calmly and without fear because Jesus Christ was with them. Emmanuel was carried on the shoulder of His mother who was walking in the desert on her way to Egypt.

The Holy Family walked on their way to Egypt, they arrived at Farama near Al Areesh. They did not enter the town but they spent their night outside it. On the second day they continued their journey to Zagazig, and from Zagazig they went to Miniet Ganah near Samanoud. Then, they entered the city of Samanoud. After they left Samanoud and went to Al-Burlous and Deirel-Maghtass, then they continued their journey to the Valley of Natroun, and from there they went to Upper Egypt to Meir, and to Buk, and to Timsahya, and to Al-Koussya. At last they settled near Kuskam where the Monastery of Al-Mouharrak stands now.

They returned by the same route to Old Cairo where the Holy Family settled in the place of the church of Abi Sirga. Then they journeyed to Almatarya where the tree of the Virgin is, then they left for Mustorud. They continued their journey till they were back in Palestine, after the angel had informed them of the death of those who sought the child's life. They withdrew to the district of Galilee where they stayed in a quiet place. He went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophet might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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.