

Lesson No. (6)

God's Care For Mamoh & His Wife

References

Genesis 13 - 16.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Samson's mother was barren and the Lord gave her ability to give birth to a child.....This stands for the fruitless soul which becomes fruitful between the hands of the Lord, both in life and in service.
- ★ Manoah was a symbol of simplicity. When he knew that the angel appeared to his wife, he prayed asking for the angel to appear to him to teach him what to do. When he realised that it was the Lord that appeared to him he was afraid he might die.
- ★ At the beginning of Samson's life, the Lord's Spirit moved him but when he submitted himself to the desires of the flesh, he fell.

Objectives

General: To recognise the potentialities of the great power of God in our life.

Specific:

The children will be able to

- A. understand that God is everywhere and protect his children.
- B. believe in the power of God His control over all things.
- C. feel save as long as they believe in God.

Bible Verse

" If God be for us, who can be against us? "

(Romans 8:31)

Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
2. Video.

Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

Story Time

There was a pious man called Manoah. He was married but had no children. While his wife was praying to the Lord to give her a son, the place was suddenly filled with light. She was deeply disturbed when the angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, "Peace be to you...You will be pregnant and will give birth to a son. This son of yours will deliver the people of God from the hands of the Philistines."

(These words should be recited calmly, deeply and seriously)

The angel disappeared...Manoah's wife came to herself. She ran to her husband in the field. Her husband wondered what made his wife come to him - He was worried and said, "Is it well with you?" She said, "It is well - the angel of God appeared to me and said... The man was amazed...He paused for a while then he said to his wife: **"Let us kneel down and pray." "O Lord, Let the man of God that you sent come back to us and tell us what we must do with the boy when he is born.** O Lord we thank you because you will give us a son...We are confident of the truth of your words...Amen." What is the name of the man? Why was his wife praying? What did the angel speak to her about? Why did Manoah pray?

One day...Manoah was in the field...His wife was at another place caring for cows and milking them...Suddenly she saw the angel standing near her...She ran to call her husband...Come quickly...The angel has come...The man went quickly with her. They bowed to him.

+ "Sir, you said to my wife...what shall we do with the child?"

+ "Your wife must not drink wine and your son's hair must not be cut...Your son also must not drink wine as he is a Nazarite."

+ "What does a "Nazarite" mean sir?"

+ "It means that he is chosen by the Lord to rescue the people of God from the Philistines."

+ "What is your name sir?"

+ "My name is a name of wonders do not ask about my name."

+ "Allow me to offer you a sacrifice."

Manoah took a young goat, slew it and put it on fire...To their surprise - Manoah and his wife saw the Lord's angel go up towards heaven in the flames. They threw themselves face downwards on the ground. When the man disappeared, they rose to pray and thank the Lord.

Nine months later, Samson was born. They brought him up in the fear of God and taught him how to pray and how to read...The boy grew up...What is the thing that characterised Samson in his appearance and made him different from his companions? (his long hair) What does this mean?...In fact Samson was dedicated to God as a Nazarite - that is why the Lord gave him a brave heart and wonderful powers...He was very strong. One day he was walking with his parent in a place full of grapes...Suddenly a lion appeared to them and it was roaring (How does a lion roar? Have you seen the lion? I think it is terrible) - What was to be done? Manoah was afraid and his wife was afraid - Samson said to them, "The Lord will fight for you, do not be afraid...He ran to the lion and got hold of its head...Manoah was anxious about his son Samson...His wife screamed...Keep away from the lion, Samson, do not do that ... The lion will devour

you...O Lord help us...Samson was able to get hold of the head of the lion... He managed to get hold of the lion's jaws...The lion made a vain attempt to devour Samson but could not...Samson cried "The Lord fights for you" O Lord, help me to kill this lion...He was able to separate the jaws and destroy the mouth of the lion...The lion fell dead and Samson threw it to the ground...Manoah and his wife were amazed at the great power of Samson...They all; knelt down and thanked God. They went their way then they came back safely...What is that? The lion was still on the ground...What is there in its belly...? Many bees bringing out honey...Samson stretched out his hand and took some honey...They all ate honey and Samson said, "**Out of the eater came something to eat.**" And the Lord made Samson rescue his people from their enemies.

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.