

Lesson No. (8)

God Cares For Daniel

References

Daniel 1:1-21.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Are you truly keeping the commandment of God in your practical life or do you forget it when people threaten and tempt you? Examine yourself carefully and ask God to help you.
- ★ The result of holding on God's commandment and bearing the cross, may prevent you from gaining any earthly benefits like jobs or promotion, etc. Are you ready to face your future keeping the love of Jesus Christ whatever the sacrifice is?

Objectives

General: Loving God as He loves us.

Specific:

The children will be able to

- A. learn to stick with Jesus' commandment under any circumstances.
- B. express how to apply this in day to day life.
- C. ask their families to fast on Wednesday and Friday.

Bible Verse

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and your neighbour as thyself."

(Luke 10:27)

Teaching Aids

1. Picture of Daniel.
2. Video or film strip

Instruction

- (1) Review last week lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (5) Daniel was a young youth when he and all of his people were captured by the king of Babylon, explain the meaning of hostage or capture
- (6) Daniel has three friends, their names were, Shadroch, Meshach and Abednego.

Story Time

One day Nebuchad-nezzar, king of Babylon called the housekeeper of his palace and said to him, bring me a group of children of Israel whom we captured, but they should be well favoured and skilful in all wisdom and in knowledge and they had the ability to stand in my palace to serve me. The housekeeper (master of the palace) said, Yes your Majesty I will, but please give me enough time to feed and teach them. The king asked, “How long this will take? Is three years will be enough time?” “It is enough your Majesty”, answered the housekeeper and bowed his head and went his away.

The housekeeper of the palace went searching among all the people for those smart children, he found a lot among them were Daniel and his three friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. He took them to the palace and told them that the king want them to serve in his palace, so they obeyed him. The housekeeper gave them very nice cloth and let them live in the palace and when he brought them food consisted of pig meat, wine and many other food, which was not allowed to them by the law of Moses. They put in their heart not to spoil themselves by the King's food because it was against God well.

Daniel talked to the housekeeper of the palace saying: “We have to obey God commandments. We will eat vegetables and lentils only , please don't urge us to eat from king's food.” The housekeeper answered saying: “I fear the king may see he see your bodies skinny and your faces unhealthy and not like the other children whose are of your sort, and you'll put me endanger, he may kill me.” Daniel said: “Sir, please try us for only 10 days, let us eat vegetables and lentils, and if we lose weight and if we became weak so do whatever you want to do with us.” The housekeeper loved Daniel and his friends because they were very polite and nice, so he agreed with them.

The ten days passed, the children looked better than before, they appeared fatter in flesh. The housekeeper was astonished. Daniel said to him: “God taught us to stick with what we have, and the one who sticks with God words, God will give him health and peace.” For three years they ate only lentils and vegetables and during this time the children learned all the Babylon language, handwriting and science. When the time comes to stand before the king, they were well dressed and they learned how to give full respect to the king. The king was very happy when he saw them, and when he asked them, they answered him nicely. The king put out an order to let them work as permanent employees in his palace, the king loved them very much.

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.