

Lesson No. (9)

God Cares For Paul

References

Acts 27 and 28.

Notes for Servants

- ★ See how much effort Paul put into his service, and how much suffering he had to go through, starvation, fasting, troubles on the road, in the sea, everywhere.
- ★ Look into the personality of that apostle, even when he was a prisoner, how he could have. We should follow his faith in Christ that promise to save us from all troubles.
- ★ Christ does not lift up troubles, rather he put us on top of them.
- ★ Humble yourself before Christ the saviour and ask him to help you to much effort as you can to serve him, and to teach you how to suffer for his name sake.

Objectives

General: God's care for us.

Specific:

The children will be able to

- A. learn to have faith and confidence in Christ.
- B. call God first in any trouble they may face.
- C. tell how they can use this example in their lives.

Bible Verse

"The Lord thy God is with thee."

(Joshua 1:9)

Teaching Aids

1. Picture of Paul.
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.
- (4) Give a brief about Paul life before and after his conversion.

Story Time

The Jew hated Paul For his preaching, and they tried to kill him. Once they took him to the Roman king and after questioning him they decided to send him to Rome to the Emperor. And when it was determined that he should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band. They sailed by the coasts of Asia, shortly, arose against them a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon. And when the ship was caught by the wind, they let her drive until they get to a certain island which is called Clauda, they had hard time to bring the ship to the shore.

And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, they lost all hope. But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, you should have listened to me, and to have gained this harm. Now I exhort you to be of good cheer, for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me last night the angel of God, whom I serve, saying, "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee ". Therefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me, we will be saved.

After fourteen days about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country, they cast four anchors and waited for the morning. And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, you cannot be saved. Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let it fall off.

Next day, Paul asked them all to eat some food for their health, and he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all and when he had broken it, he began to eat. Then they were all of good cheer, and they also took some food.

When they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea. And the soldiers' wanted to kill the prisoners, so that they would not escape. But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land, and the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land. And when they escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

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.