

Lesson No. (17)

Virgin Mary and the Angel The Annunciation

References

Luke 1:26-45.

Notes for Servants

- ★ God loved St. Mary because she was very humble. We should humble ourselves before God that he may have mercy on us.
- ★ Let us meditate in St. Mary's saying, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord", and apply it in our service.
- ★ St. Mary is full of love, when she knew from the Angel that Elizabeth is pregnant she forget herself and her own baby and she went immediately to help her because Elizabeth was an old woman. We should serve others when we know their needs even before they ask us.

Objectives

General: To share with the church the joy of Christmas.

Specific:

The children will be able to

- A. know that prayer is our contact with God.
- B. learn to be good in order to receive blessing.
- C. understand that helping others is a christian virtue.

Bible Verse

"Blessed art thou among Women."

(Luke 1:28)

Teaching Aids

(1) Act:

- a. Make two wings, let one of the boys dress them.
- b. Choose one of the girls to act as St. Mary.
- c. Servant tells the story while children acting.

(2) Video Cassette.

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) Let the children feel the happiness and joy of the annunciation, let them feel happy to wait for

Jesus's birth.

(5) You may start making the manger. You need carton box, hay, and figures: Baby Jesus, St. Mary, Joseph, some animals.

Story Time

A long time ago, there was a young girl, her name was Mary. She had been promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, she lived in a town called Nazareth. One day something unusual happened to her while she was praying, She saw a bright light and then Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and told her, "rejoice, be happy, God is with you."

St. Mary was a little afraid, she asked the angel what did this mean, "why do you tell me these strange things?" The angle said, "Mary don not be afraid, God is very pleased with you and you are going to have a baby boy and his name will be called Jesus."

St. Mary was surprised to hear these words and she asked, "How can this be?" and the angel told her Jesus will be a holy baby, he is the son of God. The angel also told her good news about her cousin Elizabeth, she was very old and also was pregnant with a baby that she wanted for a long time. St. Mary told the angel, "I am God's servant. May everything happen as what God wants." After that the angle left her and she was very happy.

St. Mary knew that her cousin Elizabeth is an old woman, and she never had children before and she will need help. She could not wait, she hurried to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was staying in a town in the hills. When Elizabeth saw her coming she was very happy and she was suddenly filled with the Holy Spirit. She ran to welcome Mary and told her: "you Are blessed among women you are the mother of our Lord. When you greeted me just now, my child leaped for joy inside me. How important it is for a woman to believe in God, for you and I are proof that God can make wonderful things happen!"

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.