

Lesson No. (18)

Angels and Shepherds

Angels' Hymn

References

Matthew 1, Luke 2:8-14.

Notes for Servants

Jesus came to the world for you and me.

- ★ Did you think, how much it cost Him?
- ★ Did you know that He had to leave His glory in heaven to save human beings from death.
- ★ Do you accept him as your Saviour and Redeemer, and are you joyful when you remember His coming?

Objectives

General: children to be joyful to celebrate Christmas.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. understand that Christmas means that God came to save us.
- B. share with others what we have.
- C. learn the meaning of the angel song "Glory ..."

Bible Verse

**"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace,
goodwill towards men."**

(Luke 2:14)

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

About two thousands years ago, the Roman Emperor Augustine wanted to count all his people, so he ordered every person to register in his home town. All people obeyed his order, and one of them was a man named Joseph and his fiancée Mary who came from Nazareth All the way to Bethlehem.

When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem, they were very tired and could not find a place in the inn the town was full of outsiders from everywhere. Yet, the inn's owner looked at the Mary's face and noticed how tired she was. He wanted to help them so he led them to the stables - a lowly place wormed by the breathing of cows and the smell of straw. Here the little baby Jesus was born. His mother wrapped him in swaddled clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

There were shepherds in the same country, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. In the middle of the night, something strange happened. They heard beautiful voices and they heard the song : "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill towards men." And the angel of the lord came upon them and told them, "for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The shepherds went to Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph and the baby laying in a manger. When they had seen the Baby they told other people and then went back to their flocks.

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.