

Lesson No. (25)

Elijah Pray to Hold the Rain

References

1 King 16:29-17:7.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Elijah, was a man like us, he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and it did not rain. then he prayed to rain and the heave gave rain.
- ★ the prayer of righteous man/woman has great effect and power.
- ★ Does your prayer have the same effect and power? If you give yourself to him totally he will give you.

Objectives

General: The Lord answer the prayers of the saints.

Specific:

The children will be able to

- A. Sense the power of the prayer.
- B. Feel how does God takes care of his people.
- C. Understand that prayers is the communication with our creator.

Bible Verse

"Hear me, O Lord, hear me."

(1 King 18:37)

Teaching Aids

Video.

Introduction

- (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

King Ahab did wrong and acted wickedly more than all the kings before him. His wife Jezebel was the daughter of a pagan king. She brought her idols with her and built a great temple for the idols. Jezebel ruled with Ahab and brought him under her control and ordered all the people to kneel down before Baal. She killed all those who refused to worship it. Elijah was one of the true men of God. He did not worship the idols but he always prayed to God and used to say, "O Lord reveal yourself to those wicked people."

Elijah was filled with courage and asked the guards to let him enter the palace as he decided to meet the king. He met the king and said to him, "The Lord the God of Israel lives." Ahab was furious, there would be no rain therefore there would be no sowing, nor reaping. That there would be no food there would be a severe famine.

Ahab's men knew that Elijah was a prophet by his clothes. But how was this prophet saved? Surely Jezebel would kill him. Ahab did not believe Elijah's words. Days passed, the sun rose daily as usual but it was very hot. The land became dry, the plants were dry, and people waited for the dew of the night but there was neither dew nor rain.

Animals did not find food to eat, the crops that belonged to the poor and the rich went bad and were damaged in the fields, there was famine. People thought that if they worshipped the idol and offered it their prayers and sacrifices, rain would fall. They offered prayers and sacrifices. "O idol listen to our prayers," but rain did not fall.

We know who listens to our prayers and to whom to we should pray? People began to suspect the power of the idol. Then these stones are not gods because they do not hear us. King Ahab and his wife were angry. They asked, "Where is the man that has brought this horrible message and prevented the rain from falling? "Search for him, compel him to change his mind and if he refuses, kill him." He said these words to his men. They searched for Elijah everywhere but he could not find him because the Lord said to Elijah, "Hide yourself from the king and the queen."

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.