

Lesson No. (29)

John Defends the law

References

Matthew 14.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Do you feel that you want to defend the truth in your life? Many hearts contain lower dark rooms, where conscience is confined.
- ★ Some people's outside appearance expresses joy but their inner hearts are full of anxiety. Examine yourself, make sure that inside you have true joy which appears outside and fills all whom are around you with gladness.

Objectives

General: Courage in declaring the truth.

Specific:

The children will be able to

- A. defend what they believe in no matter what.
- B. understand that they have to apply the truth on themselves first.
- C. know that God support us when we fight for him.

Bible Verse

~~“It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.”~~

(Mark 6:18)

Teaching Aids

Felt figure and flannel board.

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

King Herod who killed the children of Bethlehem, when he knew of the birth of the Lord Jesus, died. He had a son named Herod. One day John went to him and said: You are committing sin with your sister Herodias, the wife of your brother Philip when he was alive. This is the commandment of God, It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.

John was very brave like Moses, Elijah and the Lord Jesus.

Herod heard him and was afraid of him because, John was a holy man. he said to him: "Your courage pleases me. I would like to see you again." Herodias encouraged Herod not to leave her and according to her mother's suggestion, he sent John into prison.

Herod wanted to kill John but he dared not do that as John was loved and respected by people who considered him a saint Herod intended to set John free to rescue himself from the Lord's punishment and anger. But Herodias was a wicked woman who feared neither God nor man - She always refused to let Herod set John free - She made fun of Herod's fear of the Lord's punishment Thus John remained in prison - John prayed inside the prison and he grieved, anyway he had told the truth. His disciples visited him and told him the good news specially what they heard about Jesus. At that time Jesus was performing miraculous . He knew that John was in prison and that he would die as a martyr and he would take a heavenly crown. We know that John is now in heaven putting on the crown of martyrdom.

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.