

Lesson No. ( 44 )

## The Apostles Feast

John The Beloved

### References

The Life of the Apostles.

### Notes for Servants

- ★ How do you look at the sinner? Do you look at them with love as brother and sisters for whom Christ shed his blood? Or you judge them as outlaw people.
- ★ Did you ever get in trouble for trying to save someone? what did you do then? Did you get upset? Did you say in your heart "I will not help any body again"? or were you very happy that you had the blessing of helping someone.

### Objectives

**General:** John's love for the sinners comes out from the great love that he has for the Lord Jesus.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to

- A. love others even if they are sinners.
- B. care about the salvation of others.

### Bible Verse

*" Considering the end of their conversation. "*

(Hebrews 13:7)

### Teaching Aids

None

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### 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) Give the children an idea about St. John: John the beloved was one of Jesus' disciples how followed Jesus unto the cross. The Lord gave him his mother St. Mary to look after her. After the day of Pentecost, John went to preach about the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ everywhere to all people.
- (5) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

## Story Time

Once St. John was preaching in one of the cities, there was a young teenager who did not care for anything but himself and how to enjoy his life. When he heard St. John preaching he felt something strong in his heart, he believed and was converted in that day and became a very good Christian.

When the time came for St. John to move to another city he told the priest to look after that young man and to take care of his spiritual life. St. John continued his travelling preaching everywhere until he became very old. One day he returned to this city to check on his flock and how they were doing in their spiritual life. St. John did not see that man in the church so he asked the priest about him, the priest told him in a sad voice that he returned back to his bad way, he became a thief and had a group of bad people with him. St. John was sad over this news and cried saying "Where are you my beloved son", the priest told him where he was staying but told St. John not to go there because he may harm him. St. John prayed to God have mercy on this man and to help him to return the young man back to His way.

St. John as his master Jesus Christ he left the Ninety nine and went to look for the lost sheep. He forgot his old age and his health and went with the help of his stick to look for that man to return him to Christ. He went searching for him until he found him, when the man saw St. John coming to him, he knew him and tried to run away from him.

St. John kept running after him begging him to have mercy on his old age, the man felt sorry in his heart and stopped and turned back to St. John and bowed to the ground and said "Father, I have sinned would Jesus accept me back after all that I have done? St. John answered "yes my son, He will because He loved you very much for you are his son too and he wants you back". The man confessed all his sins to St. John one by one and repented from his heart turned back to live God's life again and was attending the mass every Sunday and all the church meeting, and never turned back again.

### 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.