

Lesson No. (46)

Welcoming The Strangers

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References

The story of St. Pachom.

Luke 10:30-37.

Notes for Servants

- ★ The Christian way of life is far from selfishness and self loving, it is putting other's needs before ours.
- ★ You, as Christian and servant of God, must go the extra mile and put even non-Christians before yourself, and examine their reaction toward that.

Objectives

General: welcome the strangers.

Specific:

The children will be able to

- A. understand that we should welcome relatives and friends who are coming from Egypt or other places to start their life in Canada.
- B. share with their families in making their stay in our houses comfortable.
- C. learn to offer those people financial help, and assessed them in searching for home or work.

Bible Verse

" God loveth a cheerful giver. "

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Teaching Aids

Prepare your own.

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) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the

lesson.

Story Time

Once upon a time there was a pagan family who lived in upper Egypt, they worshipped idols and the family had a son his name was Pachom (Pachomious). When Pachomious became a young man he joined the army and became a soldier. One day, while they were travelling to Ethiopia to fight there, they lost their way. They ran out of food and water and were starving and were about to die.

Suddenly, Christians from the city of Esna brought them food and drink. Pachomious was surprised and asked why these people were very good to them and treated him and the other soldiers with sympathy even if they do not know them. One of the Christians answered, "O we are Christians, we always welcome the strangers and we do this for God." When he heard that, he decided to be a Christian and he prayed to God that if he saved him from this war he will serve him all the days of his life, and serve who ever is in need.

God helped the army to conquer the enemies, Pachomious was freed with all the soldiers and returned back to his family. Pachomious was baptised and spent three years travelling from village to village to help the needy. After three years he became a disciple for a monk named Balaemon.

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.