

Lesson No. (49)

TRANSFIGURATION

References:

Matthew 17.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Jesus wanted to show these three disciples His glory that they may know truly who He is and to give them an idea about the kingdom that He is preaching.
- ★ This is the kingdom which we are waiting for, and that is the glory which we will enjoy in the life to come. Do we prepare ourselves and our children for it?

Objectives

General: Christian courage.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Express their imagination about the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- B. Express the feeling of the disciples at that time.
- C. Express in their own words what the heaven will look like when we go there.

Bible Verse

**"And was transfigured before them:
and his face did shine as the sun."**

(Matthew 17:2)

Teaching Aids

Icon.

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) Discuss the story of the Baptist with the pupils as it is well known to them.
- (5) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

Jesus took Simon Peter, James and his brother John into the mountains with him. As they climbed higher the air grew cooler and lighter, and the country stretched out beneath them. It was evening. Jesus looked down onto the Promised Land, the land of Israel. Its ridges and valleys lay sharp and beautiful under the setting sun. Then darkness closed in on them. It was night. They were high above the world, high above the homes of men.

Peter, James and John leaned back in the shelter of a boulder; they were very tired. Jesus prayed to God. Suddenly his whole appearance changed; his face shone with the glory of God, and his clothes were so brilliantly white that they blazed with light. Moses and Elijah stood beside him, talking to him.

"Oh, Master!" Peter cried out. "It is wonderful to be here. If you like, I could put up three tabernacles, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He was so excited and afraid that he hardly knew what he was saying. While he was talking a bright cloud of light came down over the mountain and covered them, so that they could see nothing. A voice said out of the cloud: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

The three disciples fell to the ground, hiding their faces. At last they looked up. Jesus was standing alone, a little way off. There was a sense of stillness and peace in the air. Jesus came back to them and touched them gently. Stand up," he said. "Don't be afraid. But don't tell anyone about this yet."

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.