

Lesson No. (4)

Elisha Purifies the waters of Jericho

References

2 Kings 2.

Notes for Servants

- ★ The salt that Elisha cured Jericho's water with, indicates to God's children, which God created the world. "You are the salt of the earth." God's blessings are in them. So, am I one of God's children?

Objectives

General: God's power and His care for us.

Specific:

The children will be able to...

- A. See God's power through His children.
- B. Learn that when we come closer to God, we can do great wonders.

Bible Verse

" The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. "

(James 5:16)

Teaching Aids

Servant should prepare his own.

Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (3) You may touch the intercession subject: Alice asks the intercession of Elijah's Lord to divide the river and lead the children to ask the intercession of one of the saints to be a friend.

Story Time

After Elijah's death, God consoled His disciple Elisha by telling him, "I am going to be with you" Elisha was encouraged and stood in front of Jordan river. To imitate Elijah, he held his mantle and struck the river but the water did not divide itself. So, he said to God, "Oh my Lord, why doesn't this stubborn water obey me? Didn't you tell me I am with you? Lord, make a miracle not for me but for the people to believe that You sent me after Elijah. You said, 'The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.'" Then, he held the mantle again and said, "Oh, Elijah's Lord." He struck the water and it was divided this time, then he sang to God.

Elisha was in Jericho and the city men heard about him, they went to welcome him. "Our city is pleasant but it's water is bad. Please change this bad water into good water so that the land would be fruitful and the agriculture would begin." He told them, "Bring me a new bowl and put regular salt in it." So, they brought it to him and he took it, went out to the source of water and threw the salt in and said, "Thus says the Lord, I have healed this water from it there shall be no more death nor barrenness." So, the water remained healed to this day according to the saying of Elisha. The city became a source of support to its residents in the palms, grass and trees.

Questions:

- 1 - Why did Elisha ask for a new bowl?
- 2 - What is the meaning of God's speech, "You are the salt of the earth."
- 3 - What are the qualities you'd want to be in you from Elijah and Alice's life?
- 4 - What is the city that had bad water?
- 5 - What did Alice do to heal the water?

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.