

Lesson No. ( 6 )

## **Saving the Prophets From The Poison**

### **References:**

2 Kings 4.

### **Notes for Servants**

- ★ God does not make a miracle unless it is necessary for it. The Jews asked for a miracle, but He did not respond to them.
- ★ Contemplate the Holy sacraments. Most of the time God made miracles with His power but some were under seen materials. In this miracle, Elisha put flour in the pot while it was full of poisoned bitter food, so it changed to good food.
- ★ In the Old Testament to God's flesh, the perfect liturgy makes the flour pounded with the oil as a sign that He was incarnated by the Holy Spirit. So, maybe this accident is a symbol that the bitterness and the poison which was in the wild vine is the mankind. Bitterness as a result of Adam's fault, the flour points to the promise of incarnation in which the salvation will come.

### **Objectives**

**General:** God's protection of His children.

#### **Specific:**

The children will be able to...

- A. Learn that God is Almighty and has control over everything.
- B. Know that He protects us because He loves us very much.
- C. Understand that the Devil has no authority over us unless we allow him.

### **Bible Verse**

**"And if they drink anything deadly it will by no means hurt them. "**

( Mark 16:18 )

### **Teaching Aids**

None.

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### **Instruction**

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (3) Who among you prays before eating?
- (4) Who gives thanks after eating?
- (5) Should we make the sign of the cross before eating?

## Story Time

One day, the prophet Elisha received guests, almost 50 people. Elisha was sitting and they were sitting in front of him. They liked to hear his teachings and his stories with joy because they were useful and interesting. Elisha loved them, sat with them, asked them, answered them and heard them speak. There was a famine in the land at these days, there was no rain. The plants died and the land did not give its harvest. But God said, "I will not forsake you."

Elisha found that it was suitable beside giving the spiritual food to his disciples to offer them the material food also. So, he thought about having them as guests. He called them with complete politeness saying, "No doubt that you are hungry, honour me by eating food with me." They agreed. Elisha ordered Gehazi to make food for them and boil it in the pot of stew. Except that Gehazi was lazy and disobedient, he did not go to pick up fruits from the herb field because it was far, but brought wild gourds (winter squash) which is a plant without stems. He filled his clothes and returned to slice them into the pot of stew and nobody knew about it. What a sorrow! The food was bitter and caused vomiting and sickness. He offered it to the guests. As soon as they felt the bitter taste they were afraid to continue eating.

It seems that Elisha was not eating with them, but serving them. As soon as they felt the danger they cried to him and said, "There is death in the pot, O man of God." He knew by spirit what happened, so he said do not be afraid because God said, "If they drink anything deadly it will by no means hurt them. Give the flour to me." He put it into the pot and he ordered them to eat. They ate and as if there was nothing harmful or bitter in the pot and Elisha stood serving and greeting them. They glorified God for this miracle and for His care which He showed through His prophet Elisha and they left giving thanks to their teacher for his nice invitation and his teaching. They asked Elisha to pray for them.

### Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

### Learning Activities

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