

Lesson No. (16)

Ananian and Saphira

References:

Acts 5:1-11.

Notes for Servants

- ★ We have to look honesty in its great meaning Is our feeling to everybody with true love? Is our repentance true? And is the fact of our religion true love for God?
- ★ Do I lie even if it is for fun?
- ★ Honesty does not oppose to fitness and hiding the fault to avoid hurting feelings.

Objectives

General: Sinning is against God.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand the sin of Ananias and Saphira.
- B. Learn that donation is by choice.
- C. Know that when you lay to anyone you sin against God Himself because God is truth.

Bible Verse

“Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

(Acts 5:4)

Teaching Aids

None.

Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

Story Time

The teacher reads Ananias and Saphira story from the Bible, which confirms that donation was by choice. The servant introduces by leading the children's attention on the basics which Christianity was built on love, sacrifices and organization ... and he touches the way of collecting and distributing donations in the days of the disciples (Acts 2:44-45). The children conclude through the teacher's question that according to this :

- 1 - There was neither rich nor poor but everything was shared.
- 2 - All the Christians used to eat at home with joy and simple heart praising God.
- 3 - The rich people were not forced to donate but it was their choice.
- 4 - The apostles were supervising the financial situation and they distributed it among the people according to their needs.
- 5 - When the evangelic work increased on the apostles they appointed seven deacons reputable and full of the holy spirit to accomplish this duty and they were receiving their authority from the apostles (bishops).
- 6 - The apostles did not save the money although it was too much and this is proved by Peter telling the lame man silver and gold I do not have but what I do have I give you.

Then the servant asks:

- 1 - What are the qualities which are obvious in the first church?
- 2 - To what limit were the apostle caring about money?
- 3 - How could everyone find his needs?

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.