

Lesson No. (26)

The Unmerciful Servant

References:

Matthew 18:21-34.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Jesus is a merciful and forgiving God. He is waiting for us to come and confess our sins.
- ★ God want us to be holy as He is Holy, that is why He wants to be forgiving as He is forgiving.
- ★ Have mercy God and let me live in holiness and teach me to forgive.

Objectives

General: Forgive others as God has forgiven you.

Specific:

The children will be able to...

- A. Understand that Jesus hates sin.
- B. Learn that Jesus will forgive us our sins when we confess them.
- C. Know that we should forgive others as God forgive us.

Bible Verse

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

(Matthew 6:14)

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.
- (4) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

Jesus talked about forgiveness a lot. He told this parable because Peter came to Him and asked, "Master, how often should I forgive a brother who sins against me? Seven times?"

Jesus replied, "Forgive him seventy times seven times (490 times)! The Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date. He called in one of his servants who owed him a huge amount of money. The servant couldn't pay, and begged on his knees for mercy, promising to pay if the king did not punish him. The king, filled with pity, actually forgave him the entire debt.

When the servant left the king, the servant went to a man who, in contrast, owed him a smaller amount of money and demanded that the man pay immediately. When that man begged for mercy, the servant said he couldn't wait and had the man thrown into jail.

When some fellow servants saw this injustice, they reported it to the king. He called his servant back and reminded him that he should have taken pity on the other debtor as he himself had been shown pity. Then the king threw the unmerciful servant in jail until he could repay the entire amount. This is how my Heavenly Father will treat you if you refuse to truly forgive others."

Memorizing Tip: Get permission to write this verse on the bathroom mirror with lipstick or washable marker. Leave it up for a while as a reminder of what it means to treat others as you treat that person in the mirror.

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.