

Lesson No. (39)

The Fruits of The Holy Spirit

References:

Acts 2:1-26.

Notes for Servants

- ★ The Day of Pentecost was a wonderful day in the history of humanity. In it, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and opened their eyes; they were filled with a great power from above. They were no more workers, but the Spirit of God worked in and through them.
- ★ They were a group of fearful and anxious men before. In the day of the crucifix of Jesus, everyone fled to a different place and when they gathered, it was in secret. Now, here they are speaking in public and facing the multitudes not only bravely but accusing them and putting the responsibility of crucifying Christ on them. The Holy Spirit was working in them and gave them both courage and knowledge.

Objectives

General: The Power of the Holy Spirit.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Know that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God.
- B. Acknowledge the Power of the Holy Spirit in our life as we receive it in baptism.
- C. Learn some of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

Bible Verse

**"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire,
and it sat upon each of them."**

(Acts 2:3)

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

Story Time

The Day of Pentecost approached. It was a big feast for the children of Israel which fell on the fiftieth day after the Passover. It was also the feast of harvest which they celebrated by happy and bright festivals. Jerusalem was full of pilgrims who had come from different countries of the world to participate in the joy of the feast. Amidst all these festivals, there was a small group of men and women gathered in the upper room. They were sharing with each other their memories of Jesus, waiting for the promise and praying.

The Day of Pentecost came, and the small group was in the upper room, suddenly a great thing happened and there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them tongues as of fire and it sat upon each one of them" (Acts 2:1-4).

We also, received the Holy Spirit when we were Baptized and anointed with the Mairon. Saint Paul teaches that the Holy Spirit produce fruit in us. What are the Fruits of the Holy Spirit? The Fruits of the Spirit are a different kind of fruit—it grows in lives, not plants. But there are similarities. Check this out: We're all "bushes"—but what kind? How do you know what kind of bush is growing in your backyard? You check its fruit. If you find raspberries, it's a raspberry bush. Simple. The fruit tells you what kind of bush it is because it grows according to the bush's nature. Raspberry bushes only produce raspberries.

The Bible talks about how we grow fruit. Like berries, our fruit grows according to our nature. People can tell what kind of "bush" we are by looking at the fruit we grow—like how we talk or act. "Every good tree bears good fruit. But a bad tree bears bad fruit... You can tell each tree by its fruit" (Matthew 7:17, 20). A poison berry bush can't suddenly decide to grow raspberries. Its nature controls what it grows. After Adam and Eve sinned, our nature became sinful and controlled what we grew: sinful fruit like disobedience, hatred, and lying. But through the Spirit of God which is within us we must produce good fruits

What are the Good fruits? Saint Paul tells us that the good fruits such *as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith*. If do not have these fruits in us then we can't say that we are Christians.

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.