

Lesson No. (41)

Do Not Swear at All

References:

Matthew 5:34, James 5:12.

Notes for Servants

- ★ As God's people we should always speak the truth no matter what. We can gain other's trust by our Christian behaviour only.
- ★ Using the Lord's name to prove anything even if it is right, is a sin.

Objectives

General: Do not take the Lord's name in vain.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand the significant of God's name on earth and in heaven.
- B. Know that swearing to God may save them for short time but eventually the truth will come out.
- C. Learn to stop using God's name in their talk, and if they do, they should confess about it.

Bible Verse

" Swear not at all. "

(Matthew 5:34)

Teaching Aids

The whole story should be acted (a shop - a purse - a book - money - three persons)

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

One non-Christian merchant left a deposit of 100 pounds with a Christian jeweller named Peter, then went to a far country, where he stayed for many years. Peter waited for him but he did not come back. Peter, for some reason, sold his shop to another Christian jeweller whose name was also Peter.

Two years later, the merchant returned from his trip and went to Peter's Jewellery Shop to return the money that he left with him. But the second Peter knew nothing about this deposit and said to the man that he did not take any money from him. The merchant was surprised and asked him to swear by the Holy Bible. Peter refused to do so, no matter what. Peter decided in his heart not use the Name of the Lord in vain, even if he had to give him the money from his own pocket. Peter give the merchant the amount of money he asked for.

The Lord desired to show His glory and to declare Peter's innocence as he observed the commandment "Swear not at all". One day the first Peter met the merchant in the market, he asked him where have you been?, I was waiting for you to give you your money back. What money? The merchant asked. Peter said the hundred pounds you left with me two years ago before I sold my shop. The merchant knew what happened and was amazed, they both went to the other Peter to give him his money back. The merchant was deeply affected by the superiority and purity of the Christian teachings. He was baptised and became a Christian.

Notes:

Types of common vows that annoy our guardian angel and make him cover his face are: (By the name of God - Christ - Gospel - the Cross - The Holy Communion - the saints)

How to stop using the name of God in vain?

- + Pray
- + To feel that action grieves the Lord
- + Convince people that you say the truth - Your words should be either yes or no.

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.