

Lesson No. (43)

PRAYER: KING HEZEKIAH

References:

2 Kings 18, 19 and 20.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Prayer with contrition and confidence pleases God. Confidence in God is your faith and it will fill your heart with peace.
- ★ Hezekiah was faced with so many troubles and in everyone of them his solution is to pray, and in everyone of them the Lord answered his prayer.
- ★ The pure in heart see the Lord and understand His purpose. Isaiah the prophet is a blessed model of this.

Objectives

General: The power of a prayer that is offered with faith and contrition.

Specific:

The children will be able to

- A. Learn the meaning of prayers with faith and why God answer them.
- B. Know that God will know if our prayers is a result of a good faith in Him.
- C. Express how can they pray to the LORD.

Bible Verse

" I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee. "

(2 King 20:5)

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) Concentrate on prayers.
- (5) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

HEZEKIAH was a good king. When he became king, he found that the Israelites worshipped idols and the bronze serpent. The king burnt them and destroyed the altars of idols and stopped that worship. He mended the Lord's house, opened it and began to worship in it. The kingdom flourished during his reign whether in civil domains or in spiritual domains. The Lord was pleased with him because of his fidelity so He made him overcome his enemies through many miraculous deeds. His guardian angel killed 185,000 of his enemies when Assyria besieged Jerusalem.

King HEZEKIAH fell ill and almost died. The prophet Isaiah went to see him. HEZEKIAH longed to know the will of God. "The Lord tells you that you are to put everything in order, because you will not recover. Get ready to die." Isaiah said. HEZEKIAH turned his face to the wall and prayed. "I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And HEZEKIAH wept sore." (2 Kings 20:3)

Isaiah left the king, and before he passed through the central courtyard of the palace, the Lord told him to go back to HEZEKIAH and say to him, "I have heard your prayer. I will let you live fifteen years longer. I will rescue you from the king of Assyria." Isaiah went back to the king and told him. (Describe HEZEKIAH's feelings when he saw Isaiah coming back. His reaction when he heard the good news, he rejoiced. The whole members of the royal family and the people living at the royal palace were happy. ministers, chiefs, soldiers, and servants rejoiced. They asked Isaiah, "What shall we do to the king? Shall we bring doctors?" But Isaiah said, "The Lord will perform a miracle. Doctors cannot heal him. Put a paste made of figs on the boil and he will get well." Some of them doubted, others were confident. They put the paste made of figs on the boil and waited. The king got well, he was healed, happiness increased. The news was fulfilled, it came true. The king asked for a sign.

"And HEZEKIAH said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day? And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? And HEZEKIAH answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz. (2 Kings 20:8-11) They were all surprised and praised the Lord. The king got well, and left his bed. He began to work as usual. He served the Lord fifteen years more and died.

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.