

Lesson No. (47)

**SHOWING REVERENCE FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD
ELI THE PRIEST**

References:

1 Samuel 2.

Notes for Servants

- ★ A servant's sin is more dangerous than other people's sin as it makes people indifferent to the holies of God. Be careful about your senses, your conduct, your dealings and your feelings.
- ★ If we neglect our duty towards sinners and wrong doers, to give advice to them, the Lord will punish us.
- ★ We have to show cordial, true, clear love and respect for the house of God as in doing this the children will imitate us.

Objectives

General: Children should show reverence for the House of God by entering and going out with reverence and prayer, by sitting calmly, listening and understanding what is said.

Specific:

The children will be able to...

- A.
- B.
- C.

Bible Verse

“My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer?”

(Mark 11:17)

Teaching Aids

Pictures of churches, the picture of the Tent, The picture of the lesson.

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

In the Old Testament, there was a priest named Eli. He had two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, who helped him. The people offered their sacrifices. There was a certain order for doing that. The priest took his position. Hophni and Phinehas were wicked men who sinned in the house of the Lord. The sons of Eli were scoundrels. They paid no attention to the Lord or to the regulations concerning what the priests could demand from the people. The people were annoyed and murmured against them. Many of them despised the Holy Place.

The Lord heard the people's complaints and saw the evil deeds. He was angry with Eli and his sons. He ordered Eli to rebuke them. Eli advised them not to do that again, but gently. The Lord was angry with Eli. A boy named Samuel was in the temple. The Lord appeared to Samuel and told him that He had decided to kill Eli and his sons. Eli knew the judgement of the Lord and was sad.

There was a severe war. The Israelites were defeated. Hophni and Phinehas were killed in battle. Eli heard the sad news. He knew that the enemies took the Covenant Box. He fell to the ground and died. So, those who despised the Holy Place of the Lord 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.