

Lesson No. (3)

The Angel Delivers Jerusalem

References

2 Kings 19.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Contemplate any event in your life from which God saved you. The Lord, because of His great love to you, sent His angel to rescue you.
- ★ Contemplate the angel whom the Lord sent to Daniel when he was cast in the den of lions. They did not injure him and the horrible gloomy den became a place of peace and praise.
- ★ St.Basil said, "Each believer is in company with an angel and the angel attends him, teaches him, guards him and guides him in his life." St. Irenaeus said, "How valuable the souls are; that God has appointed an angel to guard each soul."

Objectives

General: The angels guard and serve the saints

Specific: The children will be able to:

- A. Express their feelings about how God saved Jerusalem;
- B. Know that God uses His angels to care for us in this story;
- C. Accept that God is with us everywhere.

Bible Verse

**“The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him
and delivereth them.”**

Psalm 34:7

Teaching Aids

Servant to prepare an icon of a guardian angel.

Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Recite the verse.
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

Story Time

Sennacherib was king of the Assyrians and he was the enemy of Hezekiah, king of Judah. King Hezekiah was righteous and zealous. His concern was the glory of God and worshipping Him. The Lord was with him and so Hezekiah was successful in everything.

Sennacherib besieged Jerusalem and sent a letter to King Hezekiah threatening him. He said, "If you do not surrender to me, I shall destroy the city. What god will be able to rescue you?" He also warned the people of Jerusalem saying, "Do not rely on the Lord because He cannot save Jerusalem from me. Do not listen to Hezekiah."

1. Who was the King of the Assyrians?
2. What was the name of the city he wanted to besiege?

The Lord answered Hezekiah's prayer and sent him a message through Isaiah the prophet, a man of God. The message said, "The Lord listened to your prayer concerning Sennacherib." King Hezekiah was comforted and waited for the work of the Lord.

That same night, while Sennacherib and his army were asleep in their tents, the Lord's angel came to the tents and killed 185 000 Assyrian soldiers. What a wonderful victory!!!

Early the next morning, when a small number of soldiers got up and found that all the other soldiers were dead, they were frightened. Sennacherib went back to Nineveh and stayed in his house. One day when he was worshipping in the temple of his god, two of his sons killed him. Thus we see that the Lord reveals his power and grants victory to all that trust in Him.

1. What was the name of the King who loved God?
2. Why was he sad?
3. Who did he go to for protection?
4. Where did he pray?
5. How did the Lord answer Hezekiah's prayer?

Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

Learning Activities

Draw a picture to show the effect of Hezekiah's prayer for Jerusalem. Show that the Lord sent an angel as a result of Hezekiah's prayers.