

Lesson No. (4)

Jesus Heals A Paralytic

References

Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Together with your brothers and sisters in the service, pray to the Lord for those who are astray with the intercession of the saints that the Lord may guide them to His way.
- ★ Remember all your pupils, especially the naughty ones. Always pray for them and never fall into despair as you see the strong faith of those who offered help to the paralysed man.
- ★ Form a friendship between you and the saints so that they may help you with their prayers and intercessions and bring you to the Lord in times of affliction.

Objectives

General: God's care for the sick.

Specific: The children will be able to:

- A. Sense the power of faith of the Saints.
- B. Understand that God loves the friendship between people and the Saints.
- C. Feel God's care for everybody in every condition.

Bible Verse

“Son be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.”

Matthew 9:2

Teaching Aids

Servant to prepare his/her own teaching aids.

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

One day Jesus entered a house in Capernaum. Many people gathered around Him, including sick people and people who loved Him. The Lord received and welcomed them all, until the house became crowded with people.

There was a man in Capernaum who had been ill for a long time. He and his relatives heard that Christ was in the city and that He was in one of the houses. The paralysed man said to his friends, "Have mercy upon me and take me to Jesus so that He may heal me." Four of his friends put him on a mat because he was completely paralysed and could move neither his hands or legs.

1. What is the name of the city?
2. Where did Jesus go?
3. Who carried the paralysed man?

The friends found that the house was extremely crowded with people both inside and outside. They climbed up a ladder to the top of the house. They removed some tiles from the top of the roof and then lowered their friend in front of Jesus with the aid of some ropes. Jesus looked at the paralysed man, then he looked up to where the four friends were standing. Jesus smiled at them with love. He looked at the paralysed man and said, "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee".

The people who were present murmured and said to themselves, "God is the only One who can forgive sins." The Lord Jesus knew what they were thinking and he said to them, "Is it easier to say to this paralysed man, 'Your sins are forgiven', or to say, 'Get up, pick up your mat, and walk?'" They did not answer and kept silent.

1. Why did the people murmur? What did they say?
2. What did Jesus say to them?
3. Where did the paralysed man descend from? How did he come down?
4. Let us say the verse together, "Son, be of good cheer..."

Jesus told the paralysed man to pick up his bed and go home. These words sent a wonderful power into the body of the paralysed man. He stood up, thanked God, picked up his mat and went home happily, singing hymns. His friends also went home joyously, while the people who witnessed the miraculous deed wondered greatly and glorified God. All the people murmured to one another, saying, "We have never seen such a thing".

1. What did the Lord Jesus say to the paralysed man?
2. How did the man go home? What did the people say?
3. Are there any sick people in your family? What service can you offer them?

Discussion

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

Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.