

Lesson No. (13)

The Lord Appears in the Temple

References

1 Kings 9.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Continue reading and meditating upon Solomon's long prayer which he said during the consecration of the temple (1 Kings 8:22-53).

Objectives

General: Respect the house of the Lord.

Specific: The children will be able to:

- A. Understand what the church means to God Himself;
- B. Learn how to behave in the church;
- C. Donate money to the church to help satisfy its needs.

Bible Verse

"That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day."

(1 Kings 8:29)

Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
2. Video.

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) The Servant should encourage the pupils to save some money to be offered to the church as a sign of love for the house of God.

Story Time

When King Solomon finished building the Temple, he made a great feast that the world had not seen anything like it. He brought the Ark of the Lord and put it together with all the vessels used in the service in its new place. Those vessels were in the Tent of Meetings. Then Solomon Consecrated the House of God and God was pleased with Solomon for all what he did. The Glory of God came on the Temple in the form of a cloud all the days of the feast. That cloud used to appear over the Tent of Meetings in the wilderness, and it was a proof that the Lord filled the Temple, people felt that the Lord still desired to dwell among his people. The reign of Solomon was a peaceful time.

+ What did Solomon do after he had finished the Temple?

+ What does the word "dedicate" mean?

+ How did the Lord show that He was pleased with Solomon?

When the Ark of the Lord was set in its place in the Temple, Solomon stood before all the people and blessed them in the Name of the Lord and he prayed and said... (The Servant reads part of Solomon's prayer). Sacrifices then were offered on the alter of the Temple. They offered oxen and sheep. The people were in complete joy and happiness for fourteen days. Then Solomon asked the people to leave, each to go to his house. They all went home joyful for that great blessing from God, which God promised David. God appeared to Solomon for the second time and told him that He heard his prayer and if he will follow His commandments by all his heart and He will support him all his life.

+ Who of the kings, thought first of building the temple?

+ Who built it? Who took part in building it?

+ How did the people offer their gifts?

+ Where was the temple built? How can you express your love for the church? + Do you offer your offerings (your gifts) in the church treasury?

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.