

Lesson No. (23)

Jacob's Marriage

References

Genesis 28-29.

Notes for Servants

- ★ In times of trouble, do not fall into despair. Instead, be sure that God is near.
- ★ Love makes rough roads smooth. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour the love of Christ into our hearts and to teach us to love one another as the Lord loves us.
- ★ During times of trouble do not lose hope, but have faith in God your Saviour that He will protect you from your enemies.

Objectives

General: God is with the righteous and blesses them.

Specific: The children will be able to ...

- A. Learn that God always takes care of His people.
- B. Learn that love forgives all sins; we should forgive others their sins and pray for them.
- C. Understand what kind of blessing we can receive from God.

Bible Verse

**"And, behold I am with thee,
and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest."**

Genesis 28:15

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) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

After, Jacob had his dream, he arrived at a well in a place called Haran where his uncle Laban lived. Jacob ended up meeting his cousin Rachel. Jacob looked up and saw Rachel with her father's sheep. He walked up near Rachel, rolled the stone from the well, and watered the flock of Laban his uncle. Jacob told Rachel that he was her cousin, and that he was Rebekah's son. Upon hearing this, Rachel ran and told her father.

When Laban heard the news about Jacob, he ran to meet him. Laban kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told him all that had happened. Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh. Stay here with us for a while."

Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Jacob loved Rachel very much and wanted to marry her. When Jacob told Laban that he wanted to marry Rachel, Laban said, "Serve me seven years and I will give her to you." Due to, Jacob's wisdom and God's blessing, Jacob was very successful during his stay. So, Jacob served Laban for seven years for Rachel. When seven years were up, Jacob said to Laban, "I have served you for seven years. I want my wife."

Laban was not fair, he cheated Jacob. He took Leah his older daughter and brought her to Jacob instead of Rachel (Servant may explain the marriage custom at this time and the bridegroom does not see the bride until after the marriage ceremony). When Jacob found out who he married, he was very angry. "Why did you do this to me?" Jacob asked angrily. "Did not I serve you for Rachel?"

Laban told him, "In our country, we can't give the younger daughter in marriage before the eldest. Serve me seven more years and I will give you Rachel to marry as well." Indeed, Jacob did serve Laban for seven more years and married Rachel.

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.