

Lesson No. (25)

Confession

References

See church library for several references.

Notes for Servants

- ★ List all your sins precisely - Pray and remember what you should confess.
- ★ Confess regularly and keep your record with God clean all the time.

Objectives

General: God bless us by His forgiveness.

Specific: The children will be able to:

- A. Understand the meaning of the sacrament of confession;
- B. Learn that confession is very important for our salvation;
- C. Begin confessing their sins if they have not confessed before to be blessed by receiving God's forgiveness.

Bible Verse

**"If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."**

(1 John 1:9)

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

What is a sacrament? What is the meaning of an ecclesiastical sacrament? It is a consecrated work through which a believer receives an invisible grace through visible material. A lawful priest utters some holy words which are known, and uses a known material such as water in baptism. We know that we, through Baptism, acquired a new nature, but we live in the world so we make mistakes. How can we clean ourselves from these mistakes? The answer is through new washing and clean clothes.

During the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, the Lord Jesus Christ poured some water into a vessel and asked his disciples to draw near so that He might wash their feet. Peter said, "No Lord..." Jesus, however, said to him, "If I do not wash your feet, you will no longer be my disciple." Peter replied, "Then wash my hands and head too, Lord." (John 13)

All of us are clean. Whoever has taken a bath (baptism) is completely clean, and does not have to wash himself, except for his feet, to clean himself from the dust of the world (confession). For example, sin. Sin is like puss in a wound. If we do not clean it, it will corrupt the wound and then you have to apply a cleansing material. Thus you have to confess, then receive the Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

What makes confession lawful?

1. Confession should be to a priest. (John 20:23)
2. The believer must examine their conscience and recall their sins that he/she made against the Lord and against his/her neighbours.
3. He should feel how horrible sin is. He should repent and have the intention of not returning to sin through the grace of God.
4. He should come to the priest, bow before him, make the sign of the cross, say the Lord's prayer, and confess his sins precisely without hiding any sin.
5. He must not mention any names in his confession lest he begin confessing for others.
6. He should obey the priest and follow his advice.

Why was the sacrament of repentance and confession set?

Why did the Lord incarnate and become man?

When and how did our Lord lay the foundations of this Sacrament?

What are the conditions that make confession lawful?

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.