

Lesson No. (9)

Gideon

References

Judges 6-7.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Very often when we go astray and get busy with the world and its needs and pleasures, God allows bad things to happen to return us back to His path.
- ★ God always comes at the bad times to prove to us that He cares and to show us the way out of this trial.
- ★ Be patient and wait for the Lord on His own time, for His time is the right time.

Objectives

General: God's power and His care for us.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Know God talks to us and why.
- B. Understand the meaning of obeying God and our parents.

Bible Verse

"My help comes from the Lord."

Psalm 121:2

Teaching Aids

Flannel board and figures.

Introduction

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

Story Time

The people of Israel promised to love and serve God always. Soon, they forgot their promise and did not obey God. One day, robbers came into the land stole grain, sheep, cows and donkeys. The people of Israel hid themselves from the robbers in caves.

There was one good man, his name was Gideon. One day, Gideon sat under an oak tree and God came and talked to him. Gideon did not know that this was God, Himself. God said to Gideon, "God is with you, brave man."

Gideon answered, "God has left our people. Now robbers are taking all our food and animals."

Then, God said, "I am the Lord. I want you to chase the robbers away."

Gideon said, "I can't. I am not strong."

God told him, "I will help you."

Later on, Gideon and his army went to chase the robbers away. God told Gideon, "Do not take many people. You must trust Me, I said I will help you. You only need a few men. Send the others back home." Gideon obeyed God. He sent many men home. Finally, there were only three hundred men left.

That night Gideon told his men, "Get up! God will help us chase the robbers away." Gideon gave each man a trumpet. He also gave them a jar with a burning torch inside. Gideon told the men, "Watch me. Do what I do." Gideon and his men went all around the robber's camp. Gideon blew his trumpet and broke his jar. He held the burning torch high in the air. All his men did the same. They all shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" The robbers were afraid. They saw fire around their camp and heard so much noise. Gideon and his men chased the robbers out of the land. The people of Israel were very happy.

They said, "Gideon, please be our king. You saved us from the robbers."

But, Gideon told them, "God is your King. He is the One who saved you."

Discussion

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

Learning Activities

Colouring Page.