

Lesson No. (19)

Jesus Is Blessed

References

Luke 2:22-40, The Jesus Story by Mary and Herb Montgomery.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Jesus was God's son, but His family carried out these ceremonies according to God's Law. He was not born above the Law; instead, He fulfilled it perfectly.
- ★ Although Simon and Anna were very old, they still hoped to see the Messiah. Led by the Holy Spirit they were among the first to bear witness to Jesus.
- ★ As Christians we should respect the elders and listen carefully when they speak.

Objectives

General: We go to Abouna to get blessings.

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Know that we go to Abouna to receive his blessings.
- B. Learn that when we go for blessing, we should be quiet.
- C. Go to Abouna and ask him to pray for them.

Bible Verse

“ My eyes have seen Your salvation. ”

Luke 2:30

Teaching Aids

Felt figures and flannel board.

Introduction

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

Story Time

Jesus was still a baby and it was time to take Him to the temple in Jerusalem to be blessed. It was a time to ask God to protect Jesus and help Him become a good and loving person.

In Jerusalem, there lived an old man who was called Simeon. Simeon was a good and wise person. God had promised Simeon that he would not die until he saw the Son of God.

The day that Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple, old Simeon was there. Simeon looked at Jesus. "May I hold your baby?" He asked Mary and Joseph. They said, "Yes."

Simeon held the baby gently and gave thanks to God. He said that one day Jesus would help people know about God's love. Mary and Joseph listened to Simeon, but they did not understand all of the things he said. After Jesus was blessed in the Temple, they took Him back home to Nazareth.

Jesus grew up like the other children. He explored the town and climbed the hills. He played games with His friends and He went to school. Jesus also worked with Joseph. He learned how to do good work as a carpenter.

For many years, Jesus spent His life with Mary and Joseph. One day, Jesus would be a grown-up. Then, His work would be to teach people about God just as old Simeon had said the day Jesus was blessed in the Temple.

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.