

Lesson No. (23)

Jonah and The Great Fish

References

The Book of Jonah.

Notes for Servants

- ★ You cannot seek God's love and runaway from Him at the same time. Jonah soon realized that no matter where he went, he could not get away from God.
- ★ Jonah had ignored God and rebelled against Him, but God still showed him compassion. When we ignore God, he may punish us, but He will show compassion and forgive us if we return from our sins.
- ★ Despite the wickedness of the Ninevite people, they opened their hearts for God's message. We, also, should open our hearts for His messages everyday and every hour.

Objectives

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

Specific:

The children will be able to ...

- A. Know that God loves us even when we do bad things.
- B. Find out that God will send somebody to tell us when we do something wrong.
- C. Learn the about fasting and confession.

Bible Verse

“Salvation is of the Lord.”

Jonah 2:9

Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
 2. Video.
 3. Jonah's story book.
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Introduction

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

Story Time

One day, God said to Jonah, "I want you to go to the city of Nineveh. I am angry with the people. You must tell them that their city and everything in it will be destroyed." But Jonah was afraid and ran away from God. He got on a ship going far away from Nineveh.

God sent a great storm. There were huge waves and thunder and lightning. The sailors were afraid. They prayed to their God to keep the ship from drowning. The sailors threw many things into the sea, but the storm went on. When the ship's captain went down below, he found Jonah asleep. "Pray to your God!" cried the captain.

Jonah woke up and said, "God is angry with me. Throw me overboard and the storm will go away." The sailors did not want to do that, so they rowed hard trying to get back to land. But the storm got worse, at last they dropped Jonah into the sea. The winds died down at once.

God sent a great fish, like a whale, and it came and swallowed Jonah up. For three days Jonah prayed to God from inside the fish. The Lord heard Jonah's prayer and the great fish brought him safely to the shore. Jonah went to Nineveh and spoke to the people, as God wished him to do. They were saved from God's anger.

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.