

Lesson No. (48)

Working Together

The Big Red Ball

References

Matthew 5:44 - 48.

Notes for Servants

- ★ If people offend you, forgive them and love them as Jesus taught us even to love our enemies.
- ★ Unity in any Christian group reflects the message of Christ in the whole world, division withhold this message from reaching others.

Objectives

General: To learn how to work together.

Specific: The children will be able to:

- A. Learn not to be mean to others.
- B. Be nice to others even if they are not nice to you.
- C. Work and play together nicely.

Bible Verse

“And be ye kind one to another”

(Ephesians 4:32)

Teaching Aids

Felt figures and flannel board.

Instructions

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (3) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

Drew, the bear had a really big, air-filled red ball, that was almost as big as Gary, the mouse.

One morning, while Gary was pulling his little wagon on a narrow path going up a hill, he saw the big red ball rolling down towards him. Since the ball was full of air, it wouldn't hurt Gary, but Gary didn't know this, so he jumped and Gary and his wagon fell in a huge heap. Then he saw Drew, standing near the top of the hill, laughing as loud as a big bear can laugh.

"It's not funny!" Gary shouted angrily. That made Drew laugh even more.

"I wish that old ball would burst!" Gary shouted at Drew.

Drew frowned when he heard that. He didn't like to think of his beautiful red ball bursting. "You don't really wish that," said Drew.

Gary thought he really did wish that. He was angry and hurt that Drew kept rolling the big ball at him.

At noon, Gary took a little picnic lunch out to the woods. "This is a quiet picnic away from Drew and his ball," Gary whispered to himself. But Gary had just picked up his Swiss cheese sandwich when he saw the big red ball rolling toward him. "Oh, no!" He shouted. Gary jumped away from his picnic lunch as the big red ball rolled over it. "Now look what you've done!" Gary shouted.

But Drew only laughed. He didn't laugh as loud this time, but he did laugh.

"I hope that old ball bursts!" Gary shouted. "I hope it bursts into a thousand pieces. I hope it bursts into a million pieces."

Drew frowned again when he heard that. "You don't really wish my beautiful ball would burst," he said.

That afternoon Gary thought he would take a nap near the rose bushes. He found a nice comfortable spot and stretched out. As soon as Gary lay down and yawned, he saw the big red ball rolling toward him. Gary jumped out of the way and the big red ball went rolling into the rose bushes. Drew had forgotten that rose bushes have thorns.

Gary started to yell, "I hope that old ball bursts into-@ But he couldn't finish his sentence. The big red ball really did burst into one big, glob of red stuff. Drew picked up the red glob that had been his beautiful red ball, sat down beside the rose bushes and cried as he looked at his ripped ball.

Gary felt sad now. He wished he had not said that he wanted the red ball to burst. Then, Gary had an idea. He ran home as fast as he could. Before long, he was back with Drew.

"Look what I have for you," he said. Drew looked. It wasn't a big red ball. Little mice don't have those things. But it was a *nice* ball. "I have an idea," said Gary. "Instead of the rolling ball at me, let's play together with it." Drew thought that was a great idea and they did just that.

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.