

Lesson No. (49)

Thanking God

The Bear Who Squeaked

References

None.

Notes for Servants

- ★ This lesson teaches the children to be thankful for the lives they have. Are you thankful for the many blessings God gives you?
- ★ Do you often think that your life is easier than everyone else's? You must always remember that everyone faces difficulties and hardships throughout their lives.

Objectives

General: To learn how to be thankful.

Specific: The children will be able to;

- A. Know that God has given them many blessings.
- B. Understand that everyone has difficulties;
- C. Learn that God is there to help them.

Bible Verse

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God."

(Ephesians 5:20)

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

One day, Drew the bear and Gary the mouse had another argument. It all started when Drew said it must be easy to be a mouse. "Nothing to do all day but snooze and eat cheese," Drew laughed. "What an easy life!"

"Not as easy as being a bear," Gary snapped back. "Nothing to do but snooze and eat honey. What an easy life!" Actually, neither Drew the bear nor Gary the mouse knew what they were talking about.

Gary and Drew were both very tired and soon they fell asleep. Gary dreamed a strange dream. He wasn't a mouse at all. He was a bear, just like Drew. A very hungry bear. "Honey! That's what I need," said Gary in his dream. He started through the woods, looking for honey. Before long, Gary saw honey in a big hole in the side of a big tree. "This will be easy," he said. So, he started to scoot up the tree.

But when he reached the honey, he saw that something else was there. "Bees!" said Gary. "Millions of them! they're coming after me." Gary, who was now a bear, tried to climb down the big tree. But he moved so fast that he fell with a bump.

"OW!" He shouted. The bees had caught up. Gary the bear ran as fast as his legs could go. He had never run so fast in his life. When Gary saw the pond, he jumped into it and stayed under water as long as he could. As soon as he poked his nose above the water, a bee stung it. Then the bees finally went away.

While Gary was having this strange dream, Drew had a strange dream, too. Drew the bear dreamed that he was a mouse. He was very hungry. "Cheese!" said Drew, who was now a mouse. "That's what I need! Lots of cheese." Before Drew could find cheese he met a cat. The cat called for all his friends. Suddenly there were dozens of cats who all began chasing Drew the mouse. Drew ran as fast as he could go.

The cats ran as fast as they could go, too. The cats almost caught Drew when he saw a pond. He jumped into the pond and stayed under the water as long as he could. As soon as he poked his nose above the water, a cat scratched it. Then, all the cats ran away.

Then, Drew and Gary woke up. They began to laugh. "I'm so glad I'm a mouse!" Gary said. "And I'm glad that I am a bear." Drew answered.

Drew thanked the Lord that he is a bear, and Gary thanked the Lord that he is a mouse.

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.