

Lesson No. (50)

Do Not Worry

Stripes and Spots

References

Matthew 6:25-34.

Notes for Servants

- ★ Do not worry about the daily troubles of this world. Have faith that Jesus loves you and take care of you.
- ★ Worry is sin, it means that we are not sure that God can take care of what we worry about.
- ★ Pray to God that He may give strong faith so you may live worry free life. Have faith that our God is a sovereign God.

Objectives

General: To learn not to worry.

Specific: The children will be able to:

- A. Learn that worrying is useless;
- B. Be grateful for what they have;
- C. Trust that God will help them through their troubles.

Bible Verse

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee."

(Isaiah 41:10)

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

"Why do I have to have stripes all over me?" Jim, the zebra asked himself. "Look at everyone else. Not one of them has stripes." Jim, feeling sorry for himself, looked in the mirror and saw twice as many stripes.

There is nothing like a good nap to make a zebra feel better, Jim said to himself. I'll crawl behind this big bush and sleep where nobody will see me and my ugly stripes." Jim was almost asleep when he heard voices on the other side of the bush. He listened carefully.

Rocky and Frank were whispering. "Did you get the paint?" Frank asked. "Yes, said Jim. "It's about as red as I could find. We can paint some wonderful red spots, but we'll have to do it while he is sleeping. Won't he be surprised when he wakes up?"

Jim wasn't sleeping now. He was wide awake. My very own friends are going to paint red spots all over me?! Jim thought. He looked at his black and white stripes and then thought about red spots. Jim thought how terrible the red spots would look. The black and white stripes looked better already.

What shall I do? Jim wondered. If he got up now, his friends would see him and know that he had heard what they said. Jim decided that he would lie quietly until his friends left. Jim didn't have long to wait. In less than a minute, Jim's friends walked off together laughing.

"Won't he be surprised?" Rocky said with a big laugh.

"I can't wait to see him," said Frank.

Jim really felt sorry for himself now, and he fell asleep. Late in the afternoon, Jim finally woke up. He looked at himself, and was very surprised to find that there weren't any red spots on him! Jim got up, turned around and saw his wagon sitting in front of him. There were big red spots painted all over it just like he had always wanted! Frank and Rocky stood smiling at Jim.

"Oh thank you so much!" Jim said to them. "Believe it or not, I was worried that you were going to paint me!"

"Silly, Jim! We're your friends! We would never do that."

I guess I was worried about something that could never happen," Jim told his friends.

"Well, you should never worry! It's a waste of time! Besides, that is never going to happen," said Frank.

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.