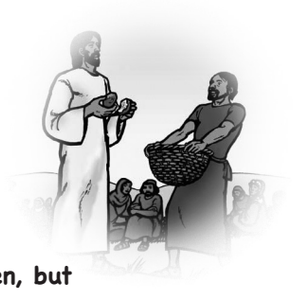
LESSON 21

THE PROPHET LIKE MOSES



Aim: **To teach the children that Moses gave the people bread from heaven, but that Jesus himself is the bread from heaven who gives life to the world.**

Scripture Reading: **Deuteronomy 18:15, 18; John 6:1-13; 25-40**

Memory Verse: **John 6:35**
"I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will
never go hungry ..."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Begin the lesson by talking about the older people in our families.
Example: Ask the children to put up their hands if their grandmothers live near, or with them. Ask what she does. Someone may answer that she looks after the little ones when their mother is at work and cooks. Perhaps she collects the firewood for the household. **Make them see that Grandma is a very important family member.**

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. Moses was an important person. He helped the Israelites cross the Red Sea. **Show picture 7.** He followed God's plans and provided his people with the water and bread God sent them. Show picture 18. He taught them God's rules of life. **Show picture 9.** Moses grew old and served his people for many years. Before he died God said to him, "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him" (Deut 18:18).
2. People waited many generations for this prophet to come. Then God sent his Son, Jesus, to this world. He pleased God. He performed many miracles. Like Moses he fed the people.
3. **Show picture 21. Tell the story of John 6:5-13 in your own words.** There was a big crowd. They were hungry. Jesus asked Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" Philip could think of no solution (Jn 6:5, 7).
4. Andrew found a boy who was willing to share his lunch with everybody (v 8-9). Jesus told the disciples what to do. Then he gave thanks for the bread and everyone had enough to eat (v 10-13).
5. This made the people think Jesus had to be the prophet God spoke about to Moses (v 14). Jesus told the people who he was, saying, "I am the bread of life" (v 32-35).

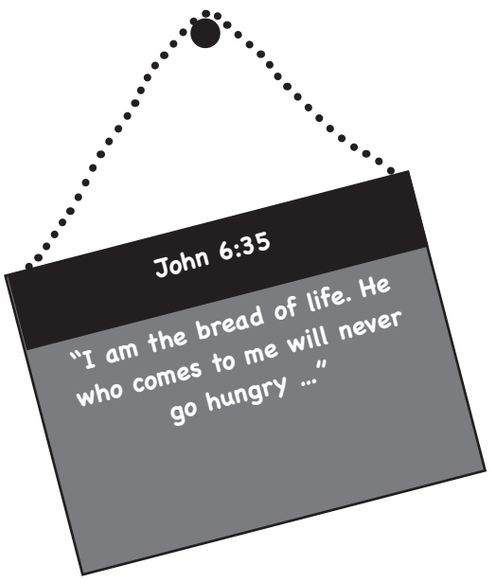
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Our Response to the Story

Look at picture 18 again. After they had eaten the manna the Israelites became hungry again. Regular bread satisfies our hunger, but we always become hungry again. But Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." By these words Jesus meant that those who believe in him and love him will be like people whose hunger is stilled for ever, because they have all they need. There will be difficulties and problems, but he will be right by our side. We never have to face anything alone or with our own strength. Jesus is the bread of life, who strengthens us. When we obey Jesus' commands it is like feeding on the bread from heaven. Our spirits will not go hungry and we shall enjoy eternal life with him. This is what the memory verse means.

Instil the Memory Verse



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