LESSON 6

Evil in God's World



Aim: **To teach the children that Christians stand strong, because they share this world with ungodly people and the forces of evil. One day, God's just rule will be established and all evil wiped out.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Memory Verse: **Isaiah 32:1**
See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Aliima lived in a town. One day she went to spend the holiday with her relatives, who lived in a rural area. She went out weeding the fields with them. In the town she did not even have a garden, so she did not know which were weeds and which were good plants. Her aunt looked at what she was doing. "Oh, stop, stop, Aliima!" she cried. "You are pulling out good plants as well as weeds!"

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Jesus told a story about good and bad plants. A man sowed good seed in his fields. During the night, his enemies came and sowed weeds among the good seeds (Matt 13:24-25). **Show Picture 6.**
   Both the good seeds and the weeds grew (13:26). When they saw the weeds, the man's servants came and asked his advise. The landowner told them to leave the field alone until harvest time. When the plants had matured, they could easily see which were weeds and which were wheat that could be used for food (13:27-30).
2. Jesus' disciples came and asked him what his story meant. **Describe what the different objects in the story represent (13:37-39).**
   Note: The weed in the story is a plant that grows and looks very much like good wheat until it is almost ready to harvest. But while wheat is good to eat, this weed is poisonous.
3. Jesus wants his followers to remember that we live in a world where there are people who disobey God, people who follow the Evil One. Christians must stand strong where they find evil. We can look forward to the day when Jesus' just rule will begin and all evil will be wiped out.

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Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

There are many stories about Christians in the Sudan who have stood firm in the face of evil during the difficulties the country is experiencing at present. **Find one and tell it to the class.**



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