Lesson 18 The Way Back to God

Pictures 20, 22, 23



Aim

To teach that belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour is the way back to God.

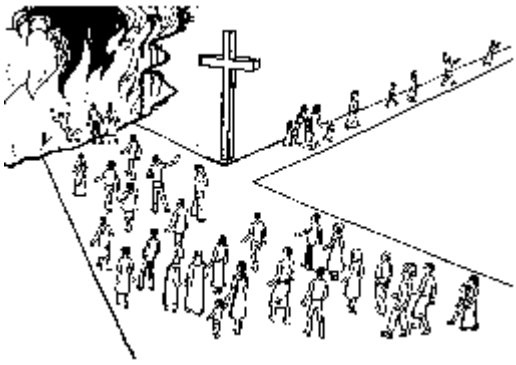
Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson thank God for leading you to Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. How blessed and privileged we are to be able to tell people about Jesus' love and power to save. Read and study Matt. 7:13-14, John 14:1-7, Rev. 3:9-10 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: John 14:6

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Lesson Plan

Introduction



Describe the roads you walk along to get to Sunday School. Some are wide roads, some are narrow. Some have holes, some are flat. Life is like a journey along a road. Where are you going in your life?

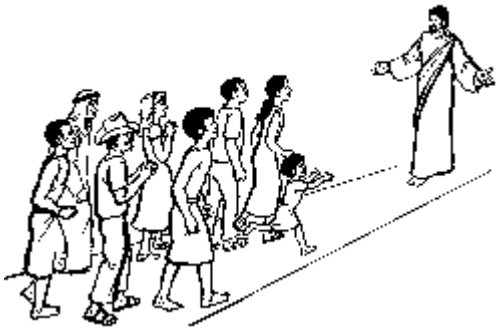
Main Points of Lesson

1. *Show picture 22.* A big, wide road which is easy leads to the place of punishment. God gave us life, we must take care of it. Give examples of this, such as if we drink too much alcohol it will harm our body; if we smoke cigarettes these will destroy our lungs; if we take illegal drugs they will affect or destroy our minds and bodies. Point to the wide road on the picture.

2. The narrow road is harder to find. It goes past the cross. It leads to life with Jesus. Point to the narrow road on the picture. *Say Memory Verse. Look briefly back to picture 20.* Jesus promised he would go and prepare a place for those who believe and trust in Him. There is no punishment for them because Jesus took it all on the cross.

3. This lesson would be easier to understand if illustrated by stories of people who took the different roads. *Tell the story of:*

a) Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:1-12, who took the wide road. They were selfish and pretended to the church that they were better than they really were but they lied to God.



b) The Ethiopian, Acts 8:26-38, who took the narrow road. He believed the good news about Jesus Christ.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson making it very clear that the narrow road (Jesus' way) leads to abundant life now and in the world to come, whereas the wide road (the way of the world) leads to death and separation from God.

Our Response to the Lesson

Show picture 23. God wants every person from every tribe and nation to follow him. Here is Jesus welcoming those who love him and want to follow him. Which road are you taking?

Teach Memory Verse