Lesson 19 You Must Be Born Again

Pictures 15, 22, 24



Aim

To teach that if we want to live with the Lord Jesus we must be born again.

Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson thank God for the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. Ask Him to help you teach your students the Bible truth that in His love God offers us new birth in Christ. Then read and study John 3:1-17 and the lesson plan.

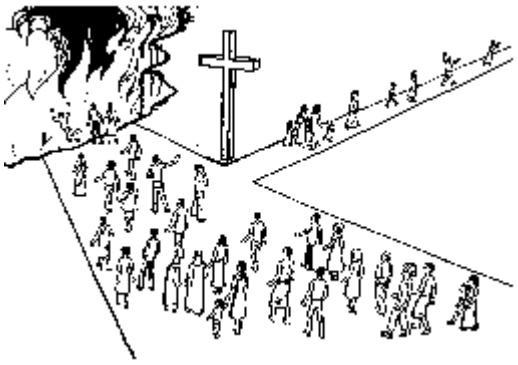
Memory Verse: John 3:3

No one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Begin the lesson by describing how you would prepare your house for the visit of an important person. Get the children to make suggestions too. You would sweep the house, put flowers around and so on.



Main Points of Lesson

1. One day when Jesus lived on the earth he had a very important visitor. He was a religious leader of the Jews. His name was Nicodemus. *Show picture 24.*

2. He came to see Jesus at night. Why did he do that? He didn't want anyone to know he had come to see Jesus. He came secretly because he was afraid of what the other leaders would say. He came because he had many questions to ask Jesus.

3. He knew Jesus was a teacher sent by God because of the miracles Jesus did, John 3:2. *Show picture 15.* Ask the children to name some miracles. Nicodemus wanted to know how he could follow God and live with Him.

4. Jesus told him he must be born again. Nicodemus asked: "How can a grown up man like me be born again?" John 3:3

5. Jesus said that this is a different birth. God's Holy Spirit is born in a person who wants to follow Him. He is changed so that he can enter heaven. *Refer to Picture 22.* We cannot change ourselves because of sin, John 3:5-6



Review

Briefly go over the lesson and emphasise that the Holy Spirit in a person's life enables him/her to be born into God's family and to become an inheritor of His Kingdom.

Teach Memory Verse

Our Response to the Lesson

End the lesson with a brief testimony about someone whose life has been changed. Provide a few examples of people whose lives have been changed by the power of the Holy Spirit and new birth in Christ (from personal experience, from the New Testament, or from church history). The children may be able to provide examples.