Lesson 21 Walk in the Light

Pictures 25, 26

Aim



To teach that Satan wants us to walk in darkness but God's Holy Spirit enables a Christian to walk in the light.

Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson ask God to continue to help you to walk in the light and to be a faithful witness to God's love in Jesus. Then read and study Ephesians 5:8-20, Joshua 7, Luke 19:1-10 and the lesson plan

Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:8

You must live like people who belong to the light.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Before Sunday School ask two older children to help you and explain what you want them to do. At the beginning of the lesson ask the first child to walk across the room from one side to the other. Have a table and a chair there so he has to walk around them. Ask the second child to do the same but he must cover his eyes. Ask the class who walked more easily and quickly. Answer - The first, because he could see where he was going. He walked in the light.

Main Points of Lesson



1. *Show the children Picture 26.* Talk about the two pictures. *First Picture:* What is the man in the first picture doing? He is walking down the road in the dark. The road is bad. He falls down the holes. He is frightened. *Second Picture:* What is the man in the second picture doing? He is walking down the road in the light. The road is good. He is happy. Stress the point that one man is in the dark and the other in the light.

2. *Look back at picture 25.* Who came to help Jesus' followers? Jesus sent God's Holy Spirit to help them. The Holy Spirit helps us to please God. This is like walking in the light. But Satan tries to make us walk in the dark. He tries to stop us following Jesus.

3. There was once a soldier called Achan. He fought in a battle against a big city called Jericho which had high walls. God said that Jericho's walls would fall down. None of the soldiers were to take anything from the city. Tell the story of what Achan took and hid in his tent. Joshua 7:21. The next battle Achan and the Israelites fought they did not win because Achan had disobeyed God. He stole. He was walking in the dark. He was punished. He was like first man in Picture 26. He followed Satan.

4. Tell the story of Zaccheus, Luke 19. Zaccheus worked for the government. He often stole money from the people. One day he heard Jesus was coming to his town. He was short so he climbed a tree to see Jesus. Jesus stopped under the tree. He wanted to come to Zaccheus' home. When Zaccheus met Jesus, he wanted to follow him. He wanted to walk in Jesus' light. Zaccheus said any money he had stolen he would return 4 times as much. Give an example (If he had stolen $10 he would give back $40).

Review

Briefly go over the lesson and emphasise the contrast between walking in the dark (deliberately sinning and being disobedient to God's Word) and walking in the light of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Teach Memory Verse

Our Response to the Lesson

Give an example of walking in the dark and walking in the light from life at home today. Try to get the children to give you examples also. For example helping with work in the home, instead of answering back or refusing to do as asked. The Holy Spirit helps us to walk in the light.