Lesson 24 God's Power, Not Magic

Picture 30



Aim

To teach that Christians do not need charms. God is more powerful than any charm or evil spirit.

Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson renew your allegiance to the one true God as you worship Him and commit this lesson and your students to Him. Then read and study Acts 19:11-20 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Luke 10:27

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

The children will have seen charms being worn by people around the neck or wrist or else where, they may even wear them themselves. Ask the class (not a child who is wearing one) why people wear charms. The answer you want is that people believe they are a powerful protection.

Main Points of Lesson

1. Tell the following story. This is a story set in Africa.

There was no rain in Riwoto, Southern Sudan. The crops were dying. The elders came to see Pastor Peter - the missionary from Kenya. They asked him, "Please will you pray to God to send us rain?" Pastor Peter said he would but first they must take off all the charms they were wearing. If they prayed together with those on they were not trusting in God's power. The charms were taken off and with the Pastor they prayed for rain. That night it rained so hard that Pastor Peter could not leave his house the next day. It was a very powerful witness to people who did not know the power of God.

2. *Show picture 30.* Talk about what the men are doing. It is not easy to destroy charms etc. It is a big step of faith to trust in God's power. The men are obeying God's command.

Teach Memory Verse

God will bless us when we do this as he did the people at Riwoto.

3. Tell the story of Acts 19:18-20 in your own words. The people of Ephesus made a big fire of all the books of magic and charms. God blessed them because they showed they trusted his power. The church grew.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that God's love and power are completely sufficient for our daily Christian living. No one else and nothing else has any power to help us.

Our Response to the Lesson

If possible, end this lesson with a story you know like the one the lesson begins with.