Lesson 25 God has Power Over Evil Spirits

Picture 31

Aim



To teach that the Lord Jesus Christ has power over evil spirits.

Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson praise God that Jesus has overcome Satan and evil, and thank Him that you and your students and Christian believers do not have to fear evil spirits because they are subject to the power and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then read and study Luke 8:26-39 and the Lesson Plan.

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:4

The Spirit who is in you is more powerful than the spirit in those who belong to the world.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Before the Sunday school begins ask about 6 or 8 of the older children if they will help you at the beginning of the lesson. They should be an even number and boys may enjoy this more than girls. At the beginning of the lesson divide your helpers into two teams of equal numbers to have a game called Tug of War. A teacher may like to be the leader of each team.

Each team member holds around the waist of the person in front. The leaders hold hands. A mark is made on the floor between the two leaders. At the word "Go" each team has to try and pull the other across the mark. The team members must not let go of each other. Play this game once and then send children back to their places.

Main Points of Lesson

1. That game was fun but suppose it was like a tug of war going on in your head. You would be mad. One day Jesus met a man like that. *Show picture 31*. This man is not in his right mind. Describe how he lived and what was the matter with him. His body was possessed by (belonged to) many evil spirits, Luke 8:27,29-30.

2. Describe how one day Jesus met him. The evil spirits knew who Jesus was and recognised his power over them, Luke 8:28.

3. Jesus ordered the evil spirits out of the man and allowed them to go into the pigs. Jesus has power over all the evil spirits. The demons were forced to leave the man called Mob (Legion) because Jesus is far more powerful than any demon, Luke 8:32-33. Demons or evil spirits are afraid of Jesus. Jesus' power can take away our fears of evil spirits.

4. The man called Mob was like a new person, Luke 8:35. He asked if he could stay with Jesus but Jesus gave him a new job to do, Luke 8:39. He was a changed person.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that because of his authority and power Jesus was able to help a man other men thought was evil, mad, dangerous and impossible to save. Nothing is too hard for God.

Our Response to the Lesson

Teach Memory Verse

As you teach it explain that it means God's Holy Spirit in the Christian is more powerful than any spirit in the world. Evil spirits cannot harm us as Jesus protects us when we ask for his help.