Lesson 26 Satan's Opposition

Picture 32

Aim



To teach that Satan tries to stop us following Jesus Christ.

Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson ask God to thwart Satan in his efforts to prevent your students coming to Christ. Praise God for any student who you know has committed his/her life to the Lord. Then read and study James 1:14-15, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Mark 10:17-22 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Continue to learn last week's verse 1 John 4:4 or 1 Peter 5:8-9.

Be alert. Be on the watch. Your enemy the devil roams round like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Be firm in your faith and resist him. 1 Peter 5:8-9

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Begin with a short story either from your own experience or make one up about resisting a temptation.

Example: You are at school and the teacher is giving a test. You are sitting next to a boy in the class who is very clever and you can easily see his answers.

You ask the Lord Jesus to help you not to look at his paper. With God's help you keep your eyes off his paper and complete the test.

Main Points of Lesson

1. *Show picture 32.* The Christian is in the middle. He is turning his back on the temptation to drink too much and to get money the wrong way. It's important to say that money and riches are not wrong. They are God's gifts but they become wrong if they have the first place in our lives.

2. Tell the story of the rich young man who came to Jesus. He really wanted to follow Jesus. He had obeyed God's commands. Jesus told him to sell his possessions not because it was wrong to have them but because they were more important to him than serving God. The young man couldn't resist the temptation. Satan knows if he can get us to want material things then we will take our eyes off God.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that following Jesus and belonging to God's family is far more precious than worldly possessions or the friendship of unbelievers who are encouraging you to turn away from God.

Our Response to the Lesson

Show picture 32 again. Show the Christian turning away from what is being offered by Satan's friends and turning to Jesus. Ask the children what things they must turn away from. Is it quarrelling with a brother or sister? Make a few suggestions.

Teach Memory Verse