Lesson 27 The Forgiveness of God

Picture 33

Aim



To teach that when we sin, God forgives us when we are truly sorry and turn away from the sin.

Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson ask God to forgive your sins as you forgive those who have sinned against you. (Don't forget that sins can be wrong things that we think or do and the things we know are right that we fail to do.) Then read and study Luke 15:11-24, 1 John 1:9 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins to God he will forgive us our sins.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Begin with a story from your life or make up a story about someone who was a Christian but who sinned.

For example: Wani was a Christian. He loved the Lord Jesus and tried to serve Him. Wani had a test at school. He had learnt his work but Micah who hadn't done his work, cheated. He looked at Wani's paper. Wani hit him and a fight began. Micah should not have cheated but Wani should not have hit him. What could Wani have done?

Main Points of Lesson

1. Even when we become Christians we still sin. What must we do about our sin? *Ask the children this question.* Try to get these answers:

   We must know that we have sinned and done wrong.

   Say we are sorry to God.

   Say we are sorry to the people we have wronged.

2. Say memory verse, 1 John 1:9. If we confess our sins to God he will forgive us our sins. Jesus told a story about a man who needed forgiveness. Tell the story of Luke 15:11-24. *Note to Teacher: Read the Bible story many times so you know it well.*

3. *Show picture 33*. Point to the father. He is very happy. His lost son has come home. *Point to the son*. He has come back to the father. He is sorry for his sin. The father welcomes the son.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson to emphasise that Christians still sin but know God's forgiveness when we recognise we have sinned, say we are sorry to God and turn away from our wrong doing. God forgives us just as the father forgave his son in the story Jesus told.

Teach Memory Verse

Note: This is a very good story to act. Have everyone taking part except those who are really too shy.

Our Response to the Lesson

The story in Luke 15 is a good story to discuss with your class and to act. Dramatisation will help to fix the story in your students' minds and to underline the lesson's main points.

The son in the story is like us when we sin. We need to say we are sorry to God. This is hard to do but God is like the father in the story. He welcomes us and forgives us when we are truly sorry and turn away from that sin.