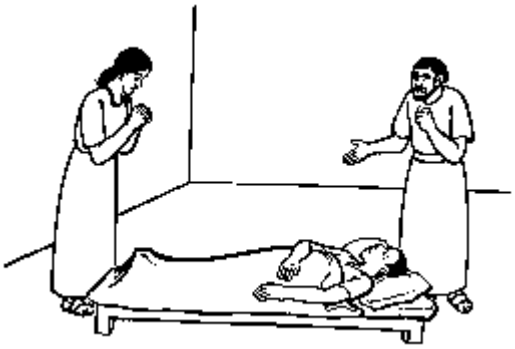
Lesson 28 Christians Should Always Pray

Picture 34



Aim

To teach that wherever he is or whatever he is doing, a Christian can always talk about it to God.

Teacher Preparation: A lesson on prayer is a good thing to be reminded of our own prayer life and its importance. Ask God to teach you to pray. He wants you to praise Him, to confess your sins, to thank Him, to pray for others and to bring your own needs and problems to Him. Pray to Him now. Then read and study James 5:13-18, Philippians 4:5-7, 1 Kings 17 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: James 5:13

Is any among you in trouble? He should pray.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Before Sunday School begins, arrange with a small group of about 6 children to help with this introduction. The selected children come into the class one after the other at the beginning of the lesson, acting as if they each have a different illness. For example, one could walk in holding his stomach as if he has a stomach ache; another could put her hand to her head as if she has a bad headache and so on. Ask the rest of the class what is wrong with them? They are all sick.

Main Points of Lesson

1. *Show picture 34.* Someone is very sick. What do people do when they are sick? Get the children to tell you. Some suggestions:

    Take traditional medicine or go to the witch doctor.

    Go to the clinic or hospital and take medicine from there.

When Christians are in trouble or sick they can pray. The Bible tells us to do this. *Read memory verse.*

2. Anybody can become sick - those who are Christians and those who are not. If you are sick, pray to God and ask him to help you get well. Sometimes God will heal you at once. He may use doctors and hospitals to make you well. God is powerful and if you pray to him in Jesus' name, he will hear and answer your prayer. When God doesn't heal us immediately, we think he has not heard us praying. Sometimes God does not heal us. He has something for us to learn about him while we are sick. We can trust God. His power is greater than the witch doctor's.

3. There was a prophet called Elijah. He taught people about God. The king did not want to listen. Elijah taught the king that God is powerful and hears prayer. Elijah prayed there would be no rain. There was no rain for 3½ years. God looked after Elijah. He had water from a spring and the birds brought him bread and meat to eat.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson making sure the children understand that God wants us to pray and Christians can pray at all times for anything (not just in regard to sickness). But we need to do more than ask. We need to love God and tell Him so, to thank Him for all His blessings, and to confess our sins. God listens to our prayers and always answers. His answer is always the right answer even when it's "No" or "wait".

Teach Memory Verse

Our Response to the Lesson

Get the children to tell you names of people they know who are sick. End the lesson with prayer for them.