Lesson 29 Life after Death

Pictures 4, 5, 21, 35



Aim

To teach that Jesus spoke about life after death.

Teacher Preparation: Rejoice today and thank God that you have salvation and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Then read and study John 5:21-29, John 14:1-4, and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: John 5:24

Whoever hears my words and believes in him who sent me has eternal life.

Lesson Plan

Introduction



Death is not an easy subject to speak about but a Sunday School lesson gives an opportunity to show the Christian teaching and practice when a death occurs.

It is very likely that there will be a funeral somewhere nearby when this lesson is given. Talk about this. By asking questions bring out the differences between a Christian and a traditional funeral. There is hope and joy at a Christian funeral as well as sadness.

Main Points of Lesson

1. *Show picture 35.* We have another sad picture to look at. The man in the picture has died. His family are very sad. We all have to die one day.



2. Just before he died Jesus told his friends what would happen when we die. He told us not to be worried. Jesus died because we have sinned. *Show picture 21 and picture 5.* Death came into the world because we have sinned. *Show picture 4.* Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Jesus came to take away sin. If Jesus Christ has taken away your sins and made you a new person you do not have to be afraid. When you die you will go to heaven to live forever with God. This is called eternal life.

3. Jesus said that when he returned to his Father in Heaven, he was going to prepare a place for us to live with him. He is doing that now.

4. We are sad when someone dies. We do not see them anymore now. We are glad for them because if they love God they will be with God. Christians will meet each other again one day in heaven.



5. There are people who die who do not know or love the Lord Jesus. What happens to them? Jesus says he will judge them. We must trust his judgement. He is a true judge.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that when we belong to God's family through faith in Jesus Christ we have abundant life now and in the world to come. Jesus would not have told us this if it was not true.

Teach Memory Verse

Our Response to the Lesson

Pray for any people the children know who have had deaths in their family just recently.

Ask the children about the progress of those people who were sick last week. Continue to pray for them.