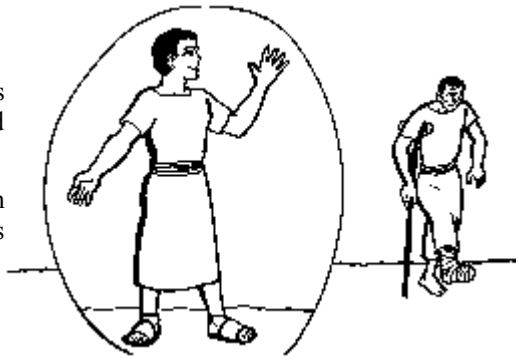
Lesson 30 What is the Church?

Picture 36



Aim

To teach that the church is made up of different people. God has given us all different gifts which we use together to worship and serve Him.

Teacher Preparation: Ask God to help you use your gifts for Him and thank Him for the gift of teaching. Then read and study Romans 12:4-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:23

Christ is himself the Saviour of the church, his body.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Sing one or two songs the children know that use different parts of the body in the actions that go with it. Example: `Father Abraham has many sons,' or `Two little eyes,' or any others you know.

Main Points of Lesson

1. *Show picture 36.* What are the pictures of? (A whole man in good health and one who is sick and crippled). Ask the children to identify parts of the whole man's body (eyes, ears, mouth, etc.) Call out other parts of his body and tell the children to point to each parts on their own body.

   Question: What do all these parts together make?

   Answer: They make a complete body.

2. Each part of the body has something to do.

   Question: What does the eye do?

   Answer: It is for seeing.

Continue with the other parts of the body.

3. *Look at the second picture*. What is wrong with the man? He's hurt. When one part of our body is hurt then often the whole of our body feels sick.

4. God says that all Christians are like the different parts of a body. They are all different and they are all given different jobs to do in the church. Give examples of your church. Use their names:

   James is the Pastor.

   Ben, Anna, Maria are Sunday School teachers.

   Umberto finds seats for people in the church etc.

Each person is given different gifts by God to use for him.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that just as many strands put together make a strong rope many different people using many different gifts from God make up a strong church.

Our Response to the Lesson

When a Christian in the church is in trouble, or someone in his family has died it is like the man in the picture who is hurt. How can people in the church help him? Get suggestions from the class. e.g. visit the family, take food, fetch water.

All parts of the body are important. One part of the body is not more important than any other. A Christian must not say that his gifts are more important than those of another Christian. All parts of the one body must love one another. Most of all they must love Jesus who is the head of the body.

Teach Memory Verse