

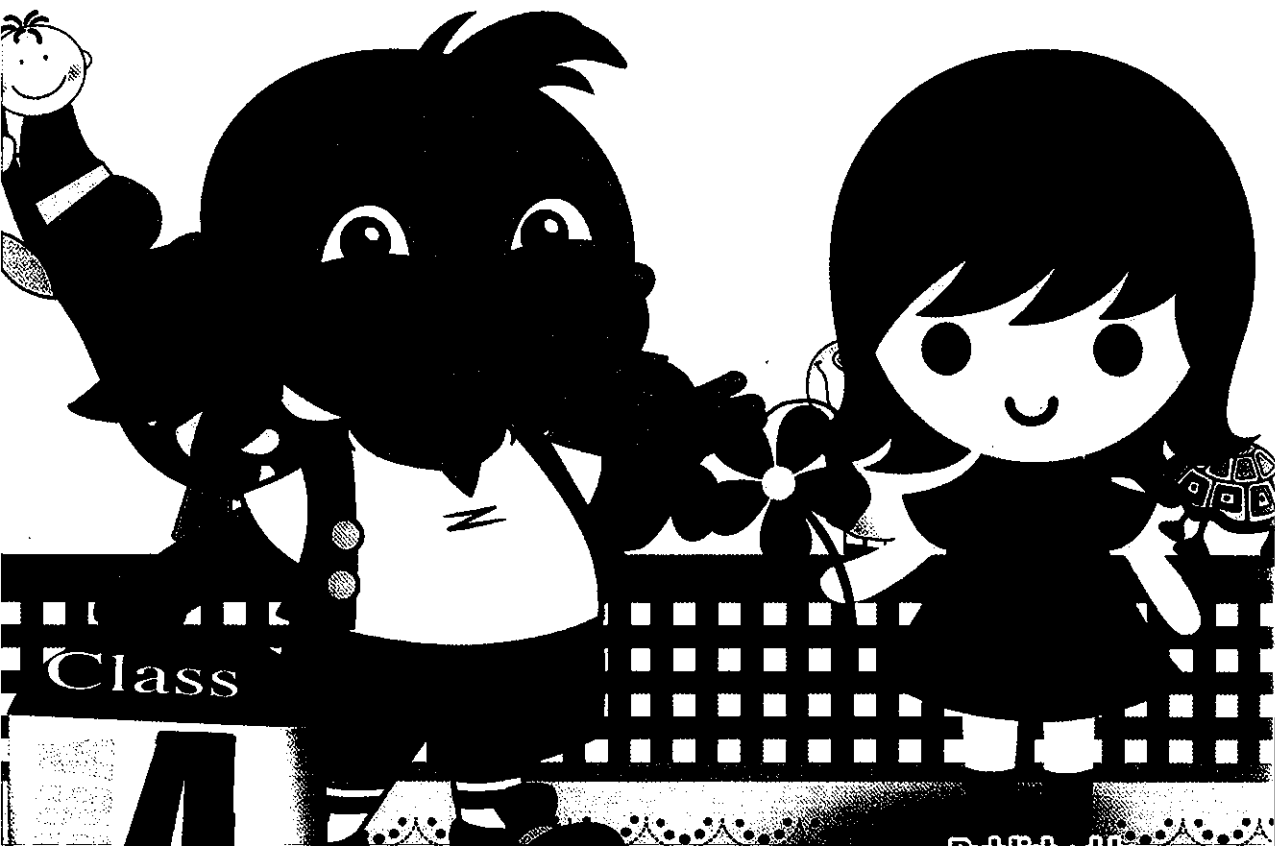


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PREFACE

The Sunday school has played a major role in the growth of the church. A majority of the believers had found Jesus as their savior during their Sunday school days. Apart from that, the Sunday school has been the foundation for Bible study in the lives of most of the men and women who have been mightily used by God's hands for his kingdom's glory from time to time. It is also worth telling that the Sunday school has been the starting point for many church ministries.

It is a great pleasure for me in seeing the steady growth and active functioning of the Sunday school in the Sharon Fellowship Church (SFC). This wonderful ministry of bringing children's to Christ is worth of all our appreciation. It is a truth that the Sunday school can breed mighty warriors for the kingdom of God.

Even my pleasure abounds to see the revisions taking place in the textual contents of the Sunday school books with regard to the present educational trends and standards. As a part of the efforts in this regard the class 4 book has been revised. I heartily congratulate all who have strived in this endeavor. It is my sincere hope and prayer that this book may be a blessing for all the children's.

Thiruvalla
10-11-2016

Rev. John Thomas
(General President)

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FELICITATION

The Sunday school plays a pivotal role in building up a generation for Christ. Children who have received the Sunday school teaching stand apart and above all other children in all aspects of social, mental and spiritual aspects. These children grow steadfastly in their spiritual life endowed with heavenly blessings.

The Sunday school has brought forth a generation thirsty for Christ, as this is what the nation needs. Thus, this ministry should be given prime importance by the churches. Many renowned workers of Christ found Jesus through the Sunday school. I pray that our children might be used by God for his kingdom.

The Sunday school books have been revised to imbibe the changing trends and standards of the education scenario of these present times. I applaud the Sunday school Association for this good work. I pray for the success of this endeavor and hope that it will be a blessing for the children's of the church.

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FOREWORD

Sunday school has always been a very integral and inseparable part of the church. Every church to some extent owes its growth and stability to the spiritual state of its youth and children. If the children and youngsters are strongly built up in the word of God, they can be the greatest wealth of the church.

The Sharon Fellowship Church has given utmost importance to Sunday school from the beginning. In the year 1998, we were able to provide a systemized syllabus for the classes 1 to 10 by the grace of the Almighty. Soon after these were also the books for classes 11 and 12 been published.

The published 12 books contained a detailed study of the Bible and also some other relevant topics from church history and missionaries. The purpose of this compilation is to equip the children's who has studied all the 12 books with as much knowledge as a bible college student.

Keeping in view to the changing trends and educational standards the previous class 4 book has now been revised by the grace of God. I sincerely applaud everyone who has worked for this and sincerely pray that it may benefit every Sunday school children's.

Aluva
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Dr. T.P. Abraham
(Acting President)

STATEMENT

The Sunday school has always been active from the starting of the Sharon Fellowship church. In order to facilitate the study of the word of God for children's, books were first published by Sharon Bible College, Thiruvalla and Mannakala Faith Theological Seminary. But later on these books were not available. It was at this juncture in the year 1998 that our present acting President Dr. T. P. Abraham took the initiative of printing apt Sunday school books for classes 1 to 10.

After the creation of the Sharon Sunday school Association in 1998, the books for 11, 12 and Nursery were printed and published. These books were relevant for imparting Christian values and Biblical knowledge to its readers.

We are in the age of technological advancement and it was essential to impart the word of God in an easy and understandable manner. It was for this reason that the previous books were revised according to the recommendations of the 2013 Committee. The revised versions of class 1 and class 2 were printed in 2013 and 2014 respectively. By the grace of the Almighty God this year also we are presenting English Edition of class 4 book to the church.

This book was prepared by **Pr. Abraham Mannamaruthy**. The Association expresses its heartfelt gratitude in this regard. English translation of this book done by **Some volunteers from Sharon Fellowship Church, Gujarat Zone**. We extend our hearty thanks to the precious work behind it timely.

The Sunday school needs everybody's prayers to carry on this responsibility of nurturing up a generation zealous in our Lord & Savior Jesus. Let us work together for this. I convey my sincere regards to all.

On behalf of the Sharon Fellowship Sunday School Association

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INTRODUCTION

Sunday school is doing the great ministry of relating children with Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore there is no wrong in saying that today's Sunday school is tomorrow's church. From this it is clear that the future of church is depending upon Sunday school. It is from this perspective that every church should see Sunday school and encourage its activities.

Sunday School Teaching is neither a trivial task nor simple mission. Rather it is very important like any other service of the Church. It is a mission that God entrusted upon us by considering us as Faithful. Therefore teaching ministry of Sunday school should be done with enough prayer and prayer.

Sunday school studies may enable our children to receive Jesus Christ as their personal saviour. It may also help them to grow in Christ and also to become the witnesses of Gospel where ever they are. This new curriculum of Sunday school is helpful to attain the above mentioned aims. Teachers should study it well and teach students with this aim.

Sharon Sunday School Association decided to revise the old curriculum by including the contemporary elements to get a quality Christian education for our children. As a part of it, this text book of 4th class is reaching in your hands. I pray that its learner may be blessed by this text book.

Pastor Abraham Mannamaruthy

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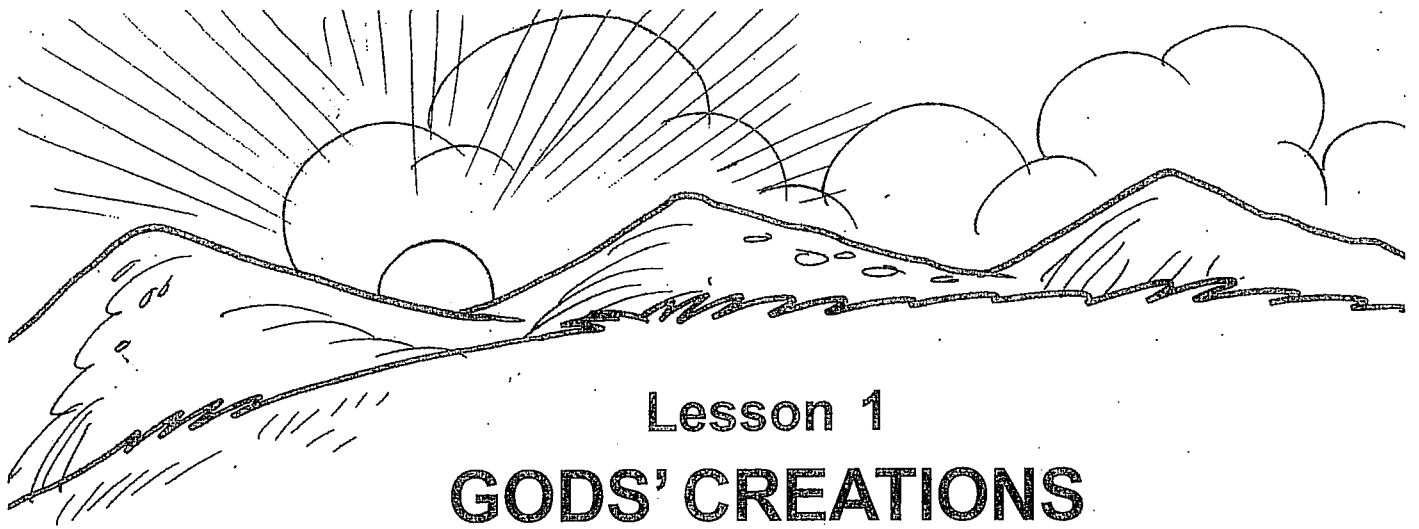
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Lesson 1

GODS' CREATIONS

Reference : Genesis 1:1-27

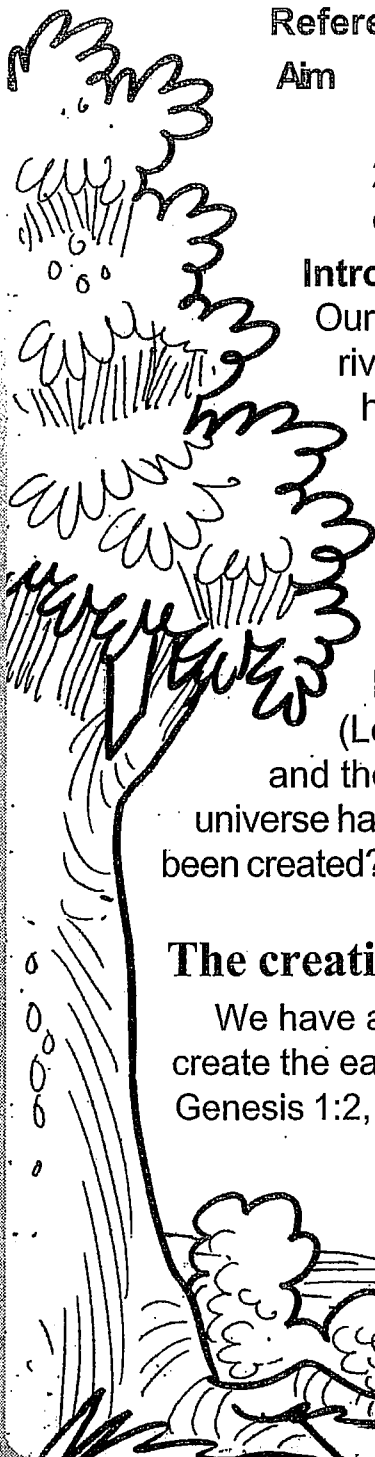
- Aim :**
- 1) To make the students aware that all the creatures have a creator and it is the God.
 - 2) To make the students understand the work of the creator of the universe and to prepare them to glorify Him.

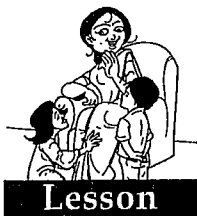
Introduction : What a magnificent earth are we living on? Isn't it? Our earth is so beautiful with the mountains, valleys, forests, flowers, rivers, etc.! It's very amazing when we look at the sky! You must have noticed that the sun, moon, stars, etc. do their work in a very orderly manner. All of them are miraculous works. Let us study about the creator of this wondrous universe and how it was created.

Detailed Lesson : Do you know who has created the earth on which we are living and the heaven above us? It is God. The Bible begins with the verse Genesis 1:1. Can you say that verse? (Let the children say... "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth."). We can understand from this verse that the entire universe has been created by God. Do you want to know how all these have been created?

The creation of earth

We have already learnt that God created this beautiful earth. Why did he create the earth? The answer is in Isaiah 45:18. It is for habitation. In Genesis 1:2, it is said that the earth was void and without form.





The earth was very beautiful when it had been created by Him. In those days, the Angels did praise God in loud voice with joy (Job 38:4-6). It is after that the earth became void and without form. It is not clear why did it happen? The Bible scholars referring to Ezekiel 28:12-17 and Isaiah 14:12-15 opine that, initially God made Lucifer, the leader of one of the groups of angels, to stay on the earth; but when he rebelled, God punished him and therefore the earth became void and without form (Jeremiah 4:23-24). What we see in Genesis 1:1 is about the recreation of the earth that became void and without form due to the rebellion of angels. The earth on which we are living today is the recreated earth.

The recreation of earth

The geologists estimate that the earth was made tens of millions of years back. We do not know for exactly how many years man has been inhabiting the earth. But it is generally considered that man is living here for over 6000 years. Men started living in the recreated earth. It is necessary for us to understand as to how God did the recreation.

The Almighty God created everything through His Word. 'Let there be' was the word. The creation was done very systematically in 6 days.

First Day

The earth which was without form and void was covered with darkness. God commanded to the dark earth "Let there be Light"! Suddenly there was light. You may have seen that our entire house becomes dark when the electricity goes off in the night. You must also have seen that when a torch or lamps is lighted, the darkness disappear from that place. Like this, when there was light on earth, the darkness disappeared. God separated the light and darkness. He called the light as day and the darkness as night. Thus day and night was created.

Second day

We read in Genesis 1:2 that the earth which was without form and void was covered with water. On the second day God divided the water. He divided the water in two parts by a firmament in the midst of water i.e. water below the firmament and water above it. The firmament was called heaven. The water below the firmament became sea and ocean. The water above the firmament was used for the flood which occurred in the time of Noah (Genesis 7:11-12, 9:11-15).

Third day

The waters below the sky were gathered at one place. When He commanded, "Let there be dry land", the dry land appeared. The land was named earth and the waters as sea. God's next action was to create fruit bearing plants and trees. The apple, grapes, mangos and oranges we see today were created like this. From this we can understand that the earth was recreated.

Fourth day

God commanded for creation of Sun, Moon and other stars in the sky. Their tasks were also fixed. With this night, day, years and other seasons were created. We are able to calculate dates, months, years, etc. due to the stars doing their tasks perfectly.

Fifth day



All the creatures that inhabited the first earth were ruined due to the catastrophe. Therefore on the fifth day, God created the creatures to live in sea and sky. When we see the birds flying in the sky and fishes moving in waters, we should glorify the God who created all these things. Read Psalms 104:24-25 and glorify Him.

Sixth day

After creating the birds and water bound living things, God created the wild animals, crawling animals, cattle, etc. on the sixth day. God created man in the last. We have already learnt that God created everything by His words. But only man was created with His hands. We will learn about the same in the next lesson.

Practical : Dear children, all the visible and invisible things are created by God. All these things were created as He is Almighty. He can provide all those things which are necessary in our life. He is mighty to give us knowledge, wisdom, capability, wealth, etc. We only need to pray to Him. Moreover, whenever we see the beautiful flowers and fruits, we must thank the Almighty Creator, God.



MY DECISION

I will thank God for all the things I see in sky and earth.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, I know that you are Almighty. Therefore, give me knowledge and wisdom to learn. Amen.



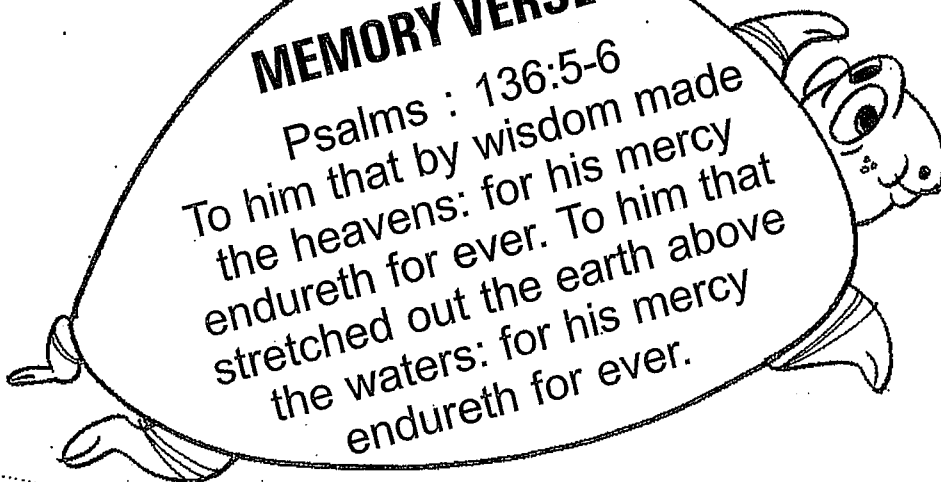
QUESTIONS



1. How did the earth become void and without form?
2. Who created the things in the earth and sky?
3. What was made on the second day?
4. In which day was man created?

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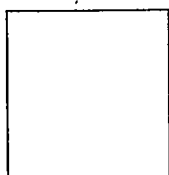
Psalms : 136:5-6
To him that by wisdom made
the heavens: for his mercy
endureth for ever. To him that
stretched out the earth above
the waters: for his mercy
endureth for ever.



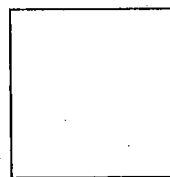


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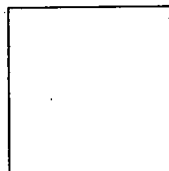
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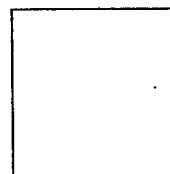
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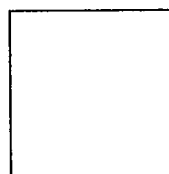
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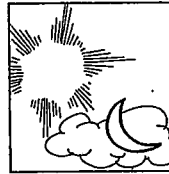
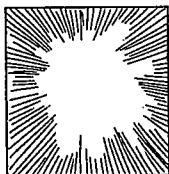
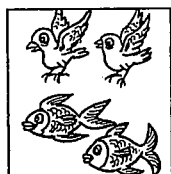
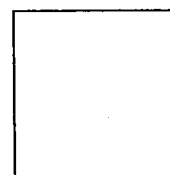
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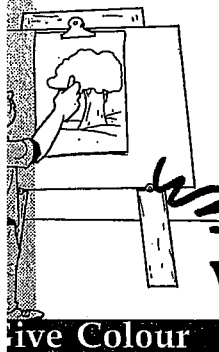
5th day



6th day



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Lesson 2

CREATION OF MAN

Reference : Genesis 1:26-28, 2:5-8

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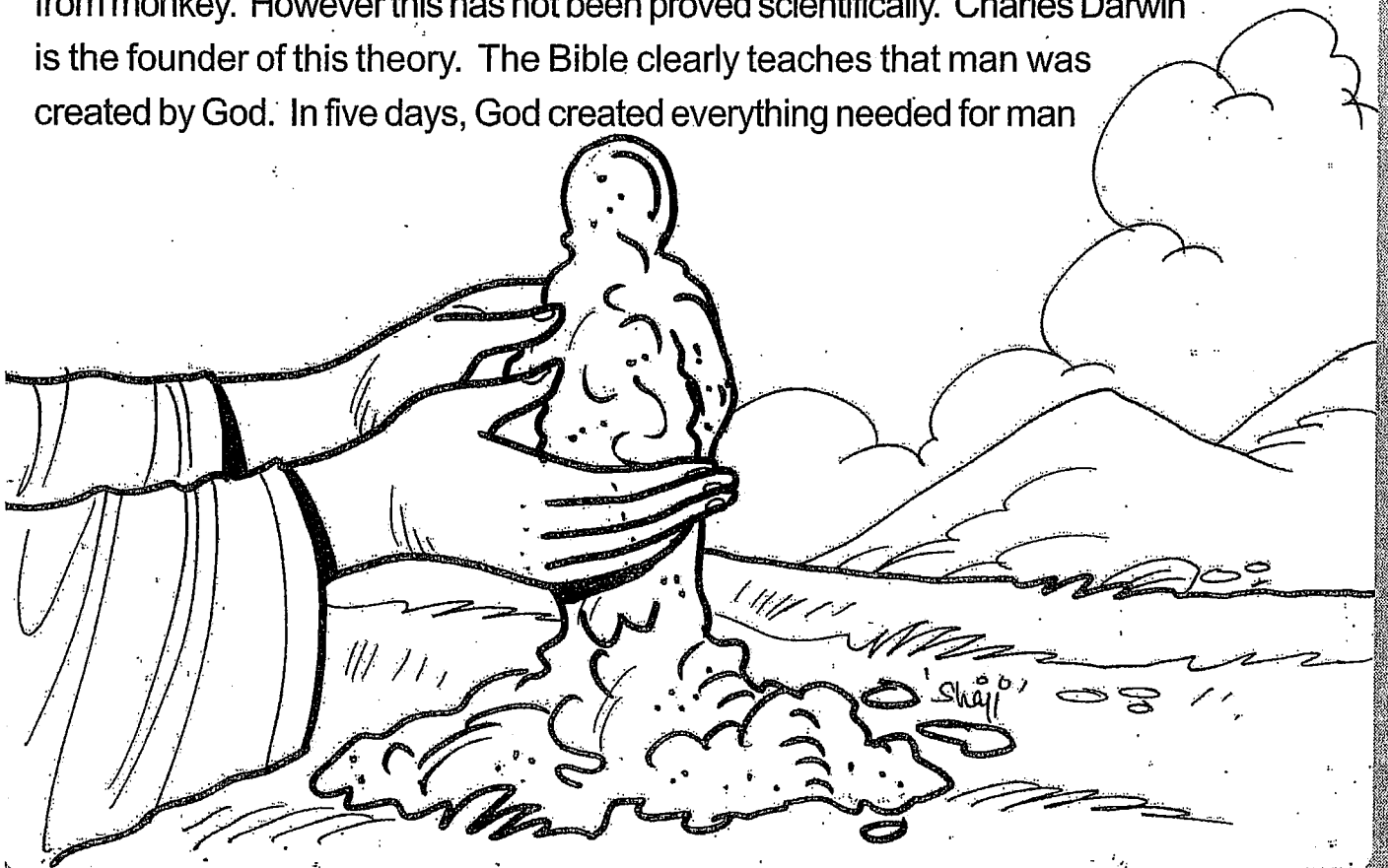
- 1) Man was created to live with God.
- 2) Wrongs and disobedience will be punished.

Introduction : Do you know that you are very handsome and beautiful? Have you ever noticed that only man has the capability and wisdom to take decisions and to understand the good and bad? What could be the reason? Let the children say. Man is the magnificent creature of God. Today we will learn about the creation of man and his special characters.

Detailed Lesson : Do you remember about the creation of man which we learnt in the last lesson? On which day he was created? (on the 6th day)! We have been created with very special characters.

God creates Man

There exist two arguments about the genesis of man. The first is that God created the man. The second is the evolution theory. This theory claims that man was evolved from monkey. However this has not been proved scientifically. Charles Darwin is the founder of this theory. The Bible clearly teaches that man was created by God. In five days, God created everything needed for man





and on the sixth day He created man. God said that let us make the man in our image and likeness and He created man from the dust of the earth. God breathed in to his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living thing. God named him Adam which means the 'to be red'. After giving Adam a deep

sleep, God took out one of his ribs and made a woman from it. She was named Eve. The meaning of this word is 'life'. They were the first humans of the world. They were created in the image and likeness of God. What is image and likeness? Image means, one can think, take decisions and to love like God. Likeness means the special characteristics of God. Love, holiness, righteousness, merciful, etc. are the special characteristics of God. Man is created with these special characteristics. For this reason it is said in Psalms 8:5, "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour."

Man and the Garden of Eden

Have you seen gardens bearing various fruits? They are very magnificent. Aren't they? God created such a garden to house man. It is known as the Garden of Eden. All kinds of fruits grew there. Can you name some fruits that you like? (apples, grapes, oranges, pineapples, etc.). God commanded the man to work in the garden and also keep it. While man had authority over all the living things and trees, he had no right to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Man breaks the law

Don't your parents tell you not to do certain things? Why do they say so? It is because those things are bad and dangerous for our life. Similarly, God had told the man not to eat the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. The reason was that they would die if they eat it. However, Satan approached Eve in the form of serpent and prompted her to eat it. Initially she resisted but later she obeyed Satan. Thus, Satan beguiled (cheated) her.

Dear children, our parents and God wish that we should be blessed. But Satan craves for our destruction. Therefore Satan prompts us to do all those things which our parents or God tells us not to do. Sometimes it occurs through our friends and sometimes through our thoughts. But we should never obey Satan.

Eve not only ate the fruit but also gave to Adam. Do you know what the sin that they committed was? It was disobedience.

The consequences of sin

God had told the man that you will die if you eat the forbidden fruit. As soon as man ate the fruit, the relationship between God and them was lost. This is called spiritual

death. The disobedient man was cast out of Eden Garden. The consequence of their sin was to be borne not only by them alone but also by all the mankind. The death of man came as a result of his sin (Romans 5:12). Moreover, sorrow, curse and enmity were also came into being due to sin (Genesis 3:15-16).

Practical : Disobeying God and parents is a sin. It is for sure that disobedient will be punished by God. God will bless the obedient.

**MY DECISION**

I shall not do what God told me not to do.

MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, I thank you for creating me in your image and likeness. Amen.

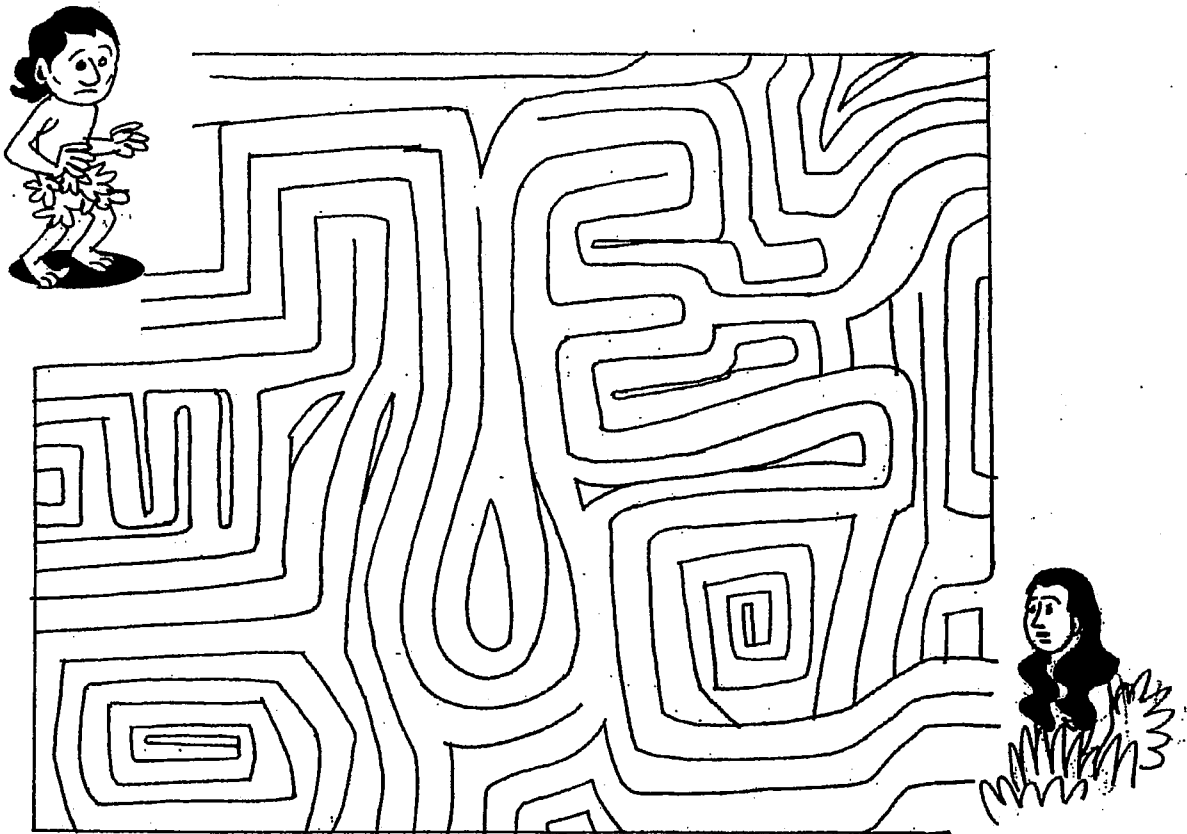
**QUESTIONS**

1. What are the two arguments about the creation of man?
2. What is the meaning of the name Adam?
3. What do you mean by the words image and likeness?
4. The fruit of which tree was forbidden to be eaten by God?
5. What do you mean by spiritual death?

MEMORY VERSE :

Psalms: 8:5
For thou hast made him a
little lower than the angels,
and hast crowned him with
glory and honour.

Help Adam to reach up to Eve



Find out the answer to the following questions from the columns below

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1. Find out two arguments.
2. Find out 3 fruits
3. What will happen if the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden?

Lesson 3

THE BEGINNING OF SIN

Reference : Genesis 3:1-24; Isaiah 14:12-16; Ezekiel 28:11-16

Aim :

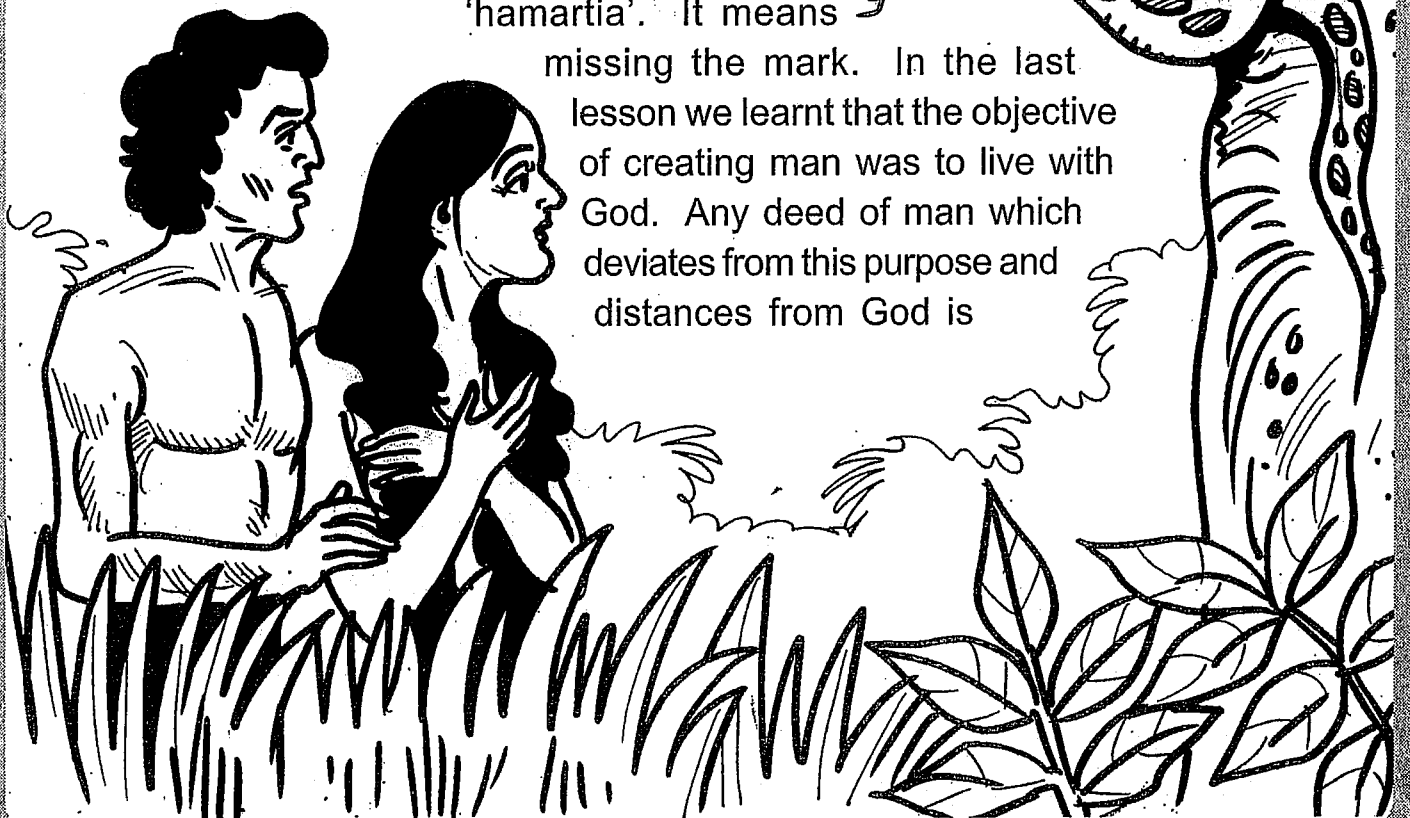
- 1) To help the students grasp as to how sin began
- 2) To help the students understand that sin is punished.

Introduction : Have you seen your classmates fighting with each other? What do they do after fighting? The one who lose the fight complains to the teacher. Immediately the teacher calls the one who initiated the fight, scolds and punishes him. Fighting is a sinful thing. We should know that all sin is punished like the teacher did. Today we are going to learn about this.

Detailed Lesson : You may be remembering about the disobedience of our first parents which we studied in the last lesson. Their disobedience is called sin. Disobedience is one of the several sins. Can you name some other sins? (Let the children say Stealing, murder, vengeance, jealousy, quarrelling). God always hate sin. But Satan always likes sin. Do you want to know as to how sin begun? We will tell you.

What is sin?

The word sin is translated from the Greek word 'hamartia'. It means missing the mark. In the last lesson we learnt that the objective of creating man was to live with God. Any deed of man which deviates from this purpose and distances from God is





called sin. Sin prompts man to violate the commands of God. Therefore those who do sin deserves God's wrath and is punished. Sins entered the world through Angels. Thereafter it came into mankind through Adam.

The sin of angels

We have already learnt in the first lesson that before creating man, God had created the earth and made the angels to live in it. The angel namely 'the morning star' (Lucifer) and his group were living in the earth. The Bible scholars opine that the description in Ezekiel 28:11-16 is about this group of angels. Here, it is said that the angels had certain qualities before they sinned. He was full wisdom and beauty. He was inhabited in God's garden of Aden. He was covered with all the precious stones of the earth (gold, silver, pure gold, etc). He was a covering Cherub. He walked between the fire stones. He was permitted to go to the presence of God and also to come to earth.

However, having the above qualities caused pride to enter his heart. He wanted to be equal to the most High God who created him and also wanted to exalt his throne above the stars of God (Isaiah 14:12-16). When these kinds of thoughts grew in him and he became proud, God took back all the abilities, position and authority he was holding. He was viewed as impure, discarded from the presence of God and sent to the earth as God's punishment. Thus, the morning star became the son of darkness. This angel became Satan and his group were turned into the army of Satan (1 Timothy 3:6).

Dear children, pride is a sin hated by God. Therefore we should not be proud in anything. When we get good marks or if we look handsome or beautiful we should not feel pride and ridicule others. Whatever we have is not because of our abilities but because of the mercy of God. Therefore we should be thankful to Him.

The sin of man

When the angels sinned, God removed them from Earth and made man to inhabit it. God permitted man to live there with all freedom except for eating the fruit of good and evil from the tree of knowledge. Thus man lived in delight with God in the garden.

But Satan did not like this joyous life of man with God. He was jealous for putting man in place of him in the Garden of Eden. He decided to tempt man somehow to commit sins so that man is separated from God. He was in search of a suitable occasion.

One day, when Eve was alone, Satan approached her in the form of serpent. He wanted her to eat the fruit which was forbidden by God. She obeyed Satan, ate the fruit and also gave to her husband, Adam. Thus, the sin of disobedience entered in to world for the first time. God punished them and cast out of the Eden Garden. Sin entered not only on them but also in the entire mankind (Romans 5:12).

Dear children, Satan is deceitful and crafty. He does not like our praying to God and living with Him joyously. Therefore he uses trickery to get us separated from God.

Moreover, he prompts us to do sins like disobedience, fighting, envy, etc. so that we hate each other and are separated. Therefore we should understand Satan's tricks and obey God.



The atonement to sin

When the entire mankind became sinners, Jesus came as a man to redeem the mankind from their sins. Jesus became man to take away our sins (1John 3:5). The blood that shed in Calvary is the only way to be saved from sin (1John 1:7). When we acknowledge and repent on our sins, accept Jesus into our heart and confess our sin, God will forgive us. Thus we will become sons of God.

Practical : Pride and disobedience are grievous sins. God always hate sin. But he loves the sinner. We should not agree to commit sin when our friends or others tempt us to do it. We have already learnt that God will punish our sins. Therefore, let us obey God and be blessed.



MY DECISION

As Satan is wily, I will identify his tricks and I will live with my God for ever.

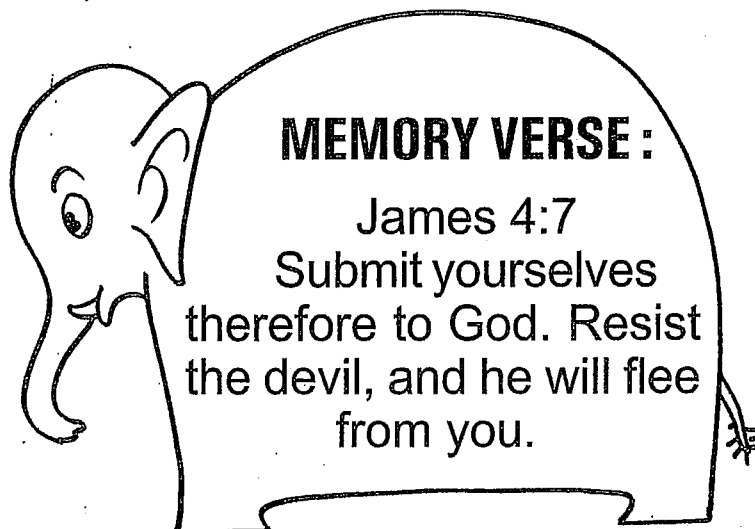
MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, don't let me be proud for the abilities you have granted me nor let me scorn others. Amen.



QUESTIONS

1. Which is the Greek word from which the word sin is translated?
2. What was the sin that was committed by the angel?
3. What was the sin that was committed by man?
4. What is the remedy to free us from sin?



MEMORY VERSE :

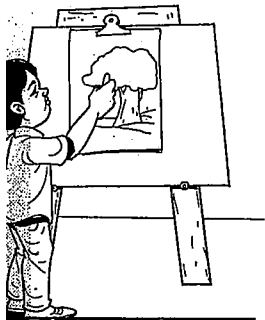
James 4:7
Submit yourselves
therefore to God. Resist
the devil, and he will flee
from you.



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1. The meaning of the Greek word 'hamartia' is 'missing the mark' ☐
2. God loves sin. ☐
3. The other name of Lucifer is the morning star. ☐
4. Man was full of wisdom and beauty. ☐
5. The morning star became son of darkness.. ☐



Give Colour

Colour the picture



Lesson 4

CAIN AND ABEL

Reference : Genesis 4:1-16

- Aim:**
- 1) To make the students aware that while worship is very important, it is equally important the life of the worshipper.
 - 2) Students to understand that God pleases on the good deeds and displeases on evil work.

Introduction : Children, why do you go to the Church every Sunday? (Let the children answer). We go to church to worship God, to listen to the Word of God, to pray to God and thank Him for all the blessings, etc. Do you do it with care or do you despise it and talk to each other? If we worship God with honesty and integrity, He will bless us. We are going to learn about two persons worshipping the Lord.

Detailed Lesson : Do you remember about God casting out the disobedient Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden? Can you say what their disobedience was? (They ate the fruit forbidden by God). When they were living outside the Garden of Eden, a son was born to them. They named him Cain. After sometime another son was born to them. They called him Abel. Adam nurtured his children in the fear of the Lord and taught them the manner in which they should worship God. Both the children grew up. The elder son Cain became a farmer and the younger one Abel a shepherd.





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The worship of Cain and Abel

One day Cain and Abel went to the presence of God to worship Him as learnt from their father. In ancient times, worshiping is done through offering sacrifice. Do you know what sacrifice is presented before God? Cattles like bullock or goat used to be killed and its body is divided and burnt on the altar. God used to please in such offerings and bless the one who offered it. But now we do not offer animals as sacrifice. Instead, we keep ourselves pure (Romans 12:1-3) and with that body we offer Him praise and glory as sacrifice of our mouth (Psalms 50:23).

As Cain was a farmer, he offered to God a sacrifice from his harvest. Abel offered one of the best lambs from his herd. God was pleased on the sacrifice of Abel. Do you know why? The reason was that Able led a pure life and therefore God was pleased with him. Hence, God was pleased in his offerings. For this reason it is written that God pleased in Abel and his offerings. But God did not like Cain's sacrifice because He did not like Cain's life. Some wrongs of Cain which the God hated are mentioned here. His anger with his brother and God (Gen 4:5), he deceiving his brother (verse 8), he murdering his brother (verse 8), his contempt towards God (verse 9), he envy towards his brother (verse 8), etc. were the sins which God did not like. Cain had all these characteristics. But these were revealed when God was not pleased in his offering.

Children, God pleases in us only if our character and life are good. If there is pride, stubbornness, vengeance, jealousy, etc. exist in us, God will not please in our life and worship. But if we rely on God and live in righteousness (Hebrews 11:3), He will please in our worship and bless us.

God speaks to Cain

Cain became angry when he saw that God did not please in his offerings. His face fell. Therefore God said to Cain *"Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him"*. As told above, here God tells Cain that He disrespected in his offering only because he did not do good. Moreover, God warns him about a sin waiting for him. But Cain did not heed to the word of God. Therefore that sin defeated him. Let us see as to what was that sin.

Cain kills Abel

As soon as God blessed Abel, Cain started feeling jealousy and anger against Abel. He decided to kill Abel. One day Cain pretending to be affectionate called Abel to the field. Without thinking anything and believing his elder brother, Abel went to the field along with elder brother. In the field, Cain confronted with his brother Abel and killed him. Thus Cain became the first murderer in the earth. Go had already warned about the sin lying before him and to win over it. As Cain underestimated God's warnings, the sin won over him. That sin was murder.

Dear children, sin is looking for a suitable occasion even in our life too. If we are not careful, the sin will enter in us. It can be lying, disobedience, fighting, etc. Therefore, we should be able to live without sin.

Cain being cursed

When Abel was killed, his blood started crying from the earth. Suddenly God asked Cain as to where was your brother? Instead of giving the correct answer, he angrily asked a counter question to God that, Am I my brother's keeper? Cain's contempt towards God is displayed here. Therefore, Cain was cursed because of his deeds.

Dear children, instead of being humble before God and worshipping, contempt to God and His servants are disliked by Him. Such deeds will bring curses on us instead of blessings.

Practical : If we want God to please in our offerings, our character should be good. It was Cain's nature not to obey God and disregard his parents. Therefore let us have good characters and please our God.



MY DECISION

I will have a life pleasing my God.

MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, help me to live with a good nature instead of fighting or being angry with others. Amen.



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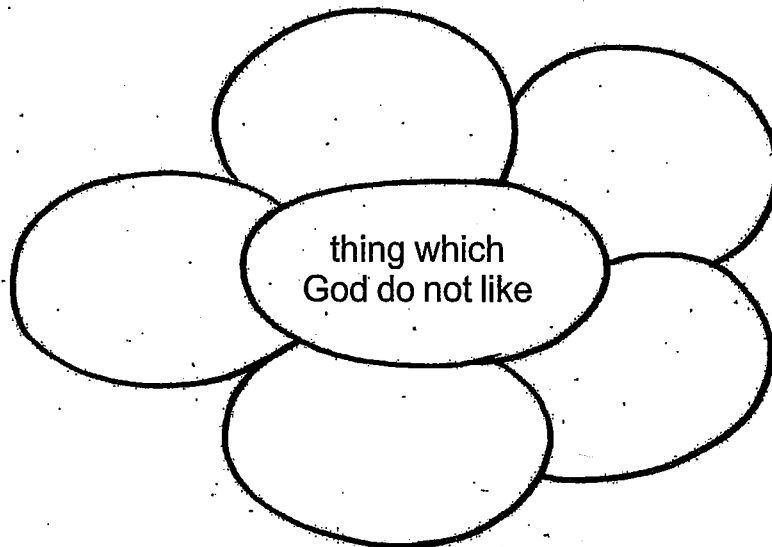


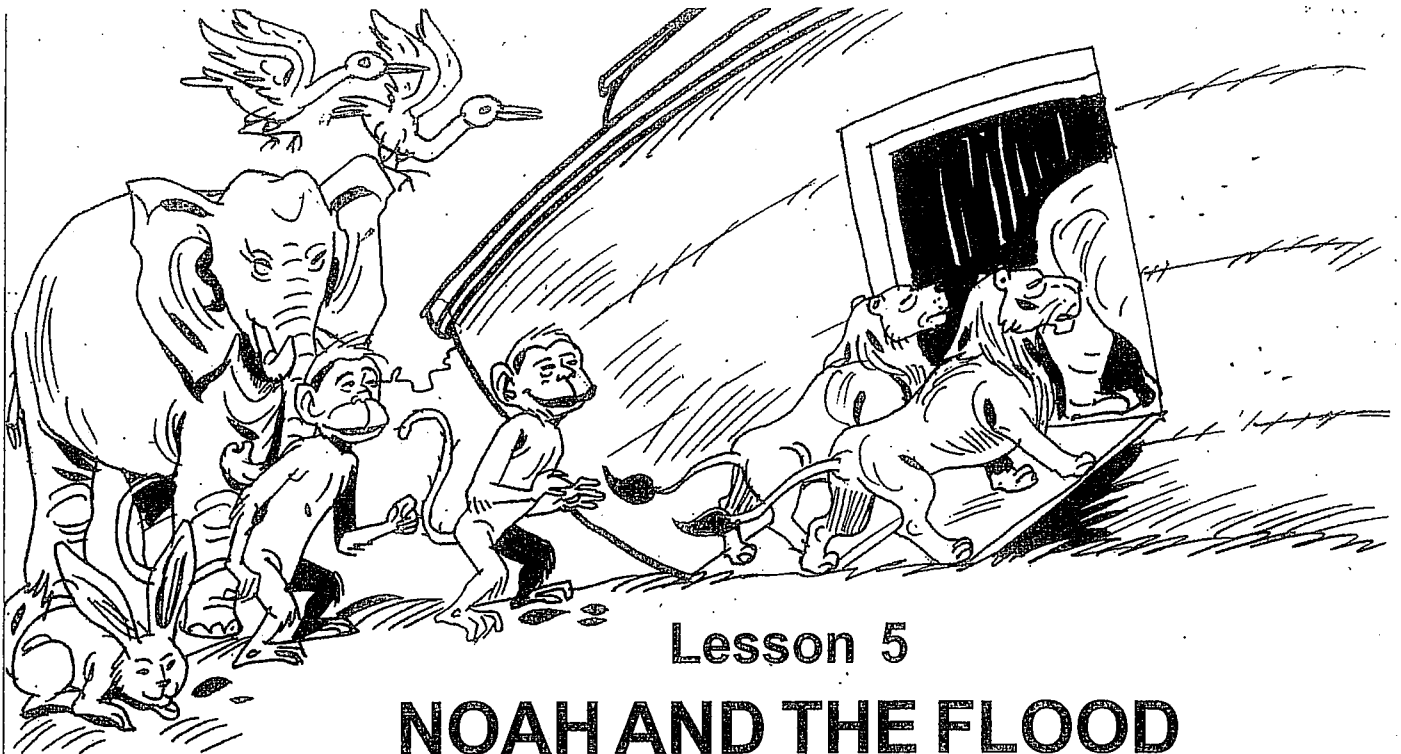
1. What are the names of Adam's children?
2. What did Abel offer to God?
3. What are the sins of Cain?
4. Why was God not pleased in Cain's offering?

MEMORY VERSE:

Hebrews 11:4
By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.







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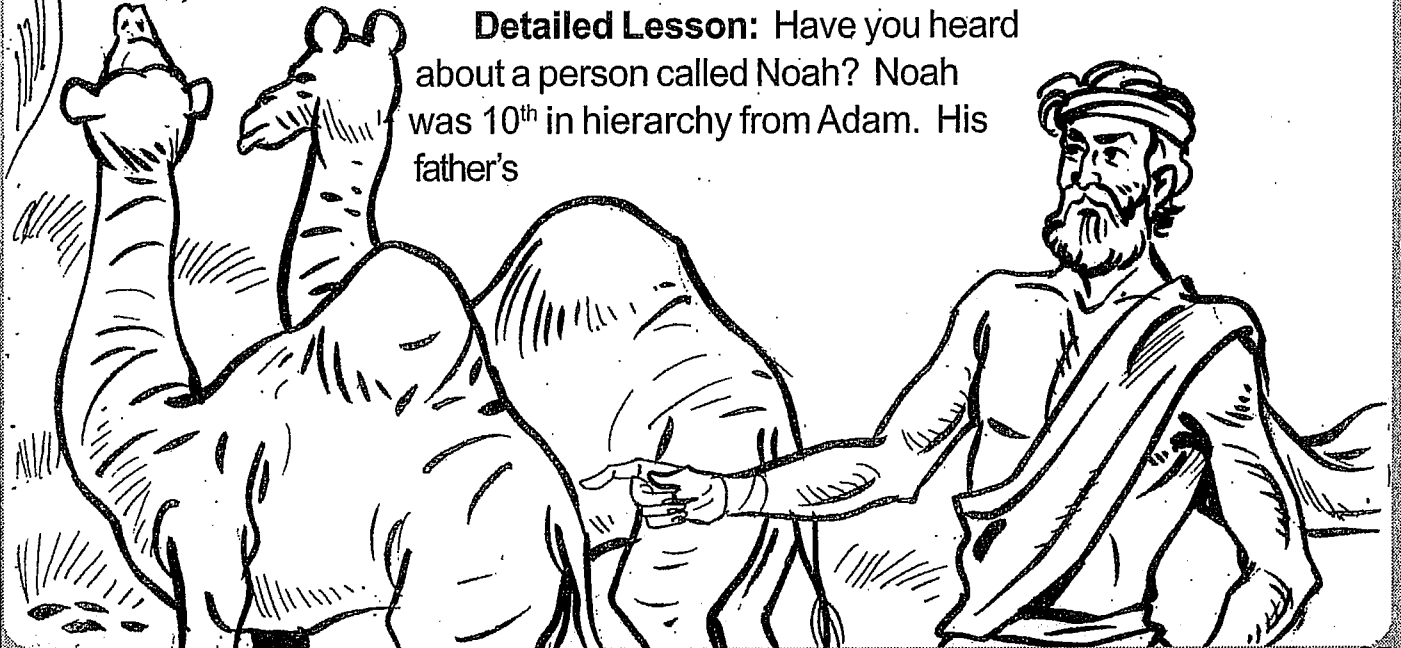
NOAH AND THE FLOOD

Reference: Genesis chapter 6-9

- Aim:** 1) To understand that God pleases if we love Him and live incorruptly.
- 2) To know that sin is always judged.
- 3) To understand that God always saves those who rely in Him from all afflictions.

Introduction : You must have seen that due to continuous rains many places get heavily flooded. Floods cause a lot of destruction. Doesn't it? People die, houses are damaged, agriculture and vegetation are destroyed and much more. Today we are going to learn about a heavy flood and a person was saved from it.

Detailed Lesson: Have you heard about a person called Noah? Noah was 10th in hierarchy from Adam. His father's





name was Lamech. The meaning of Noah is comfort. Noah had 3 sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

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The background of Noah's time

Man kept multiplying on the earth. Only a very small group of them were faithful to God. In the generation of Noah, majority of the people were wicked. Even God was grieved for creating man. One of their sins was that God's sons choose to marry the daughters of men. Do you know who are referred as the sons of men? There are many views among Bible scholars about sons of God. Some opine that they were angels. But majority feel that they are from the family of Adam's son, Sheth.

From the time of Sheth, there were two groups – one who worshipped God and the other rebellious with Him. Therefore, it is right to say that the group who worshipped God choose to marry from the group who were opposed to God. God did not like this relationship. Due to such wickedness of men, God said that He will destroy them and also reduce their age to 120 years. Before that men used to live over 500 years.

Children, we must remember that all of our mistakes and wrong deeds hurt our God. He does not like our disobedient and rebellious nature against Him and also against our parents. Do you know the punishment given to the wicked people? We will explain further below.

The flood

God decided to punish all the sinned people. His plan was to destroy all of them by a heavy flood. However, God desired to save Noah and his family from this flood. The reason was that Noah was very righteous and perfect in his generation. In order to save Noah, God told him to make an ark. Have you seen big boats? An ark is similar to a big boat. It was to have 3 storeys, 133 meter length, 22 meter breadth and 13 meter height. While building the ark, Noah preached to all the people there to save themselves from God's judgement (2 Peter : 2.5). But nobody paid any attention. When the ark was completed, Noah and his family entered in to it. There were 8 people i.e. Noah, his wife, 3 sons and their wives. Besides them, God had told them to keep one pair of male and female from each of the flocks and animals in the ark. Elephant, lion, rabbit, etc. were there in this ark. When everything entered in the ark, Yahweh closed the door of the ark. Thereafter there was incessant rain on the earth for 40 days and nights. The entire earth covered with water. The water kept on increasing for 150 days. Ho! How awful it was! All the animals and men who did not enter into the ark were destroyed.

When everything else died, Noah and his family were saved. After several months, the ark rested on Ararat Mountain. Do you know as to what does this ark indicates? It is the image of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 10:9). God will give awful judgement to those who sin and distance from Him. However, we can be saved by believing in Jesus Christ.

Noah's special nature

We have learnt that while everything else was destroyed, Noah was saved. Do you know why God saved him? He had certain qualities.



1. Noah found grace in the sight of God (Genesis 6:8)
2. Noah was righteous and perfect (Genesis 6:9)
3. Noah walked with God (Genesis 6:9)
4. Noah obeyed God (Genesis 6:22)
5. Noah feared God (Hebrews 11:7)

After the flood

After the ark rested on Mount Ararat, Noah sent a raven and a dove to find out if the water level has decreased or not. They kept on going and coming. When the cover of the ark opened, Noah found that the earth is dry. They all came out. The first thing Noah did was to offer a sacrifice (worship) to God. It was to thank God for saving him. We must also thank God for all the blessings and goodness given to us. Do you thank God every day for saving us from dangers, for giving wisdom to learn, for giving very good Pappa and Mummy, etc.?

Practical: God always hates sin. Besides this, God also punishes those who sin. However, if we live perfectly and obediently like Noah, He will bless us too. He will deliver us from all troubles.



MY DECISION

I will never sin and hurt my God.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, help my friends not to sin and hurt you.
Grant me your grace so that I too delight you always.
Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. What is the meaning of the name Noah?
2. What were the serious sins done by people in Noah's generation?
3. What were the length, breadth and height of the ark?
4. On which mountain did the ark rest?

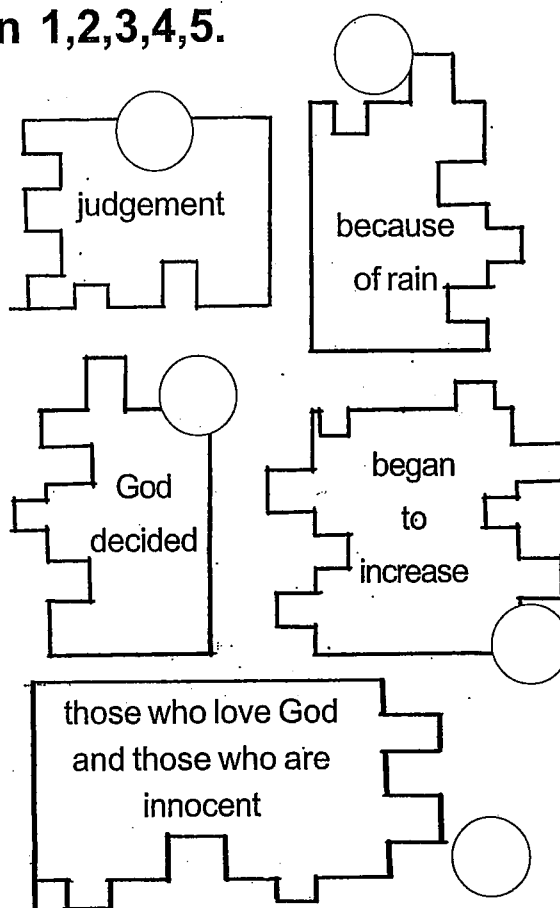
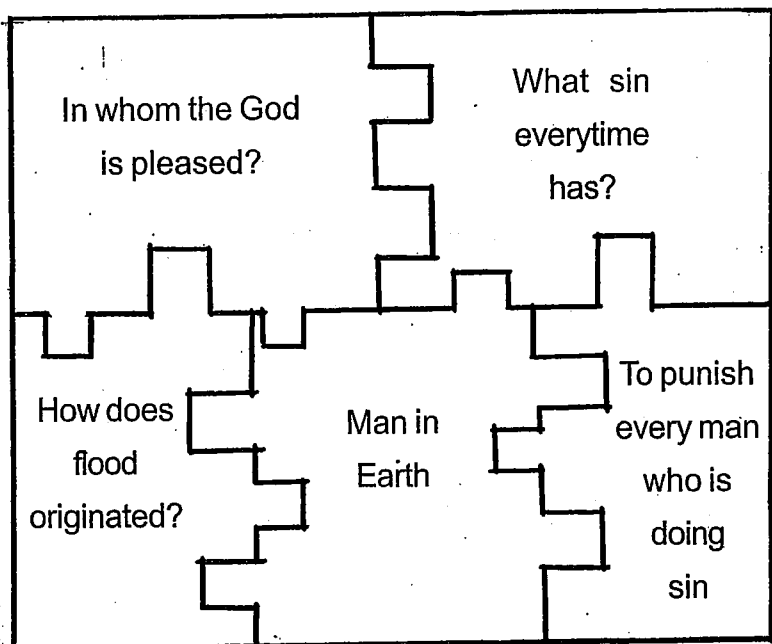
MEMORY VERSE :

Hebrews 11:7

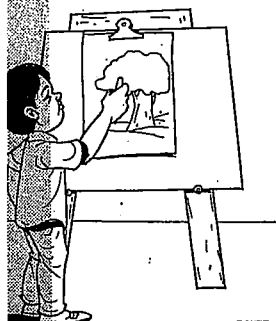
By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house.



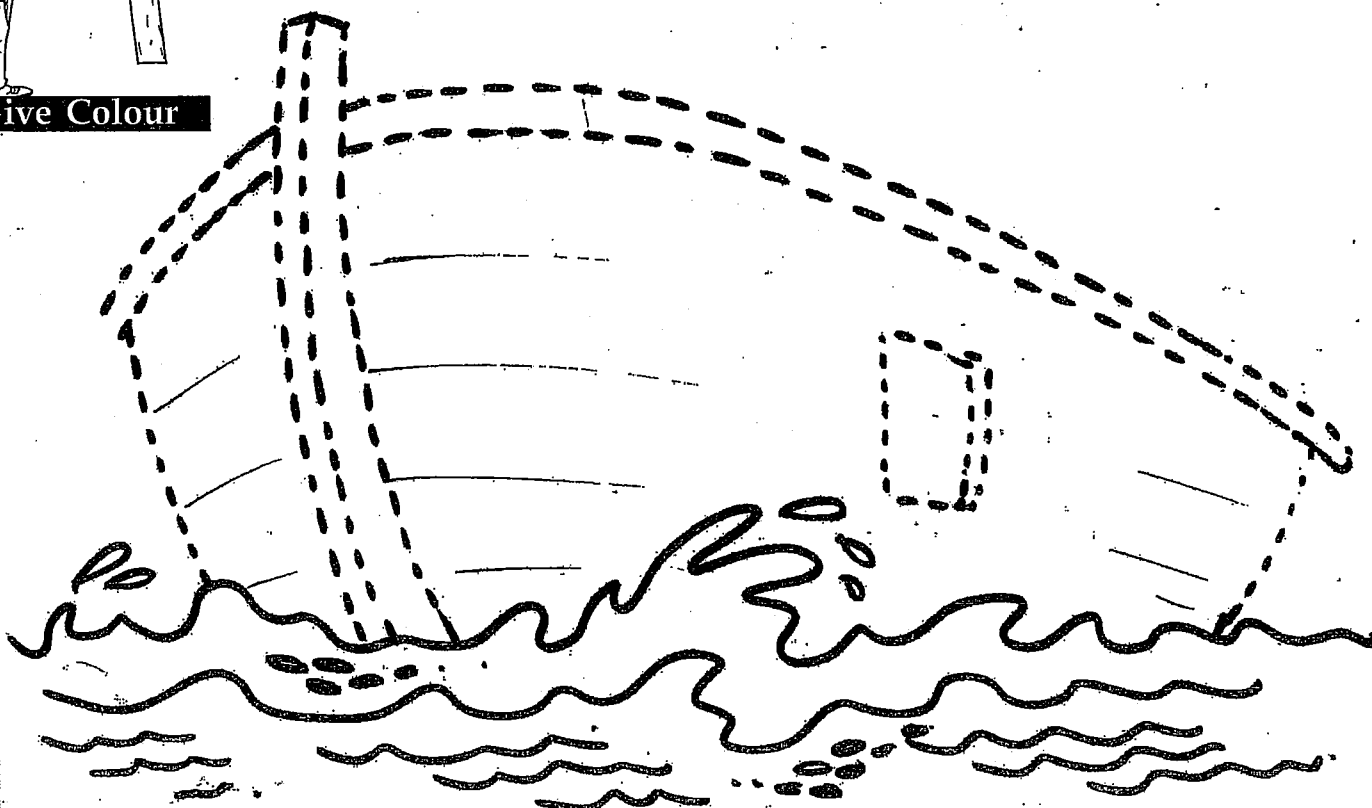
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Lesson 6

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Reference : Genesis 11:1-9

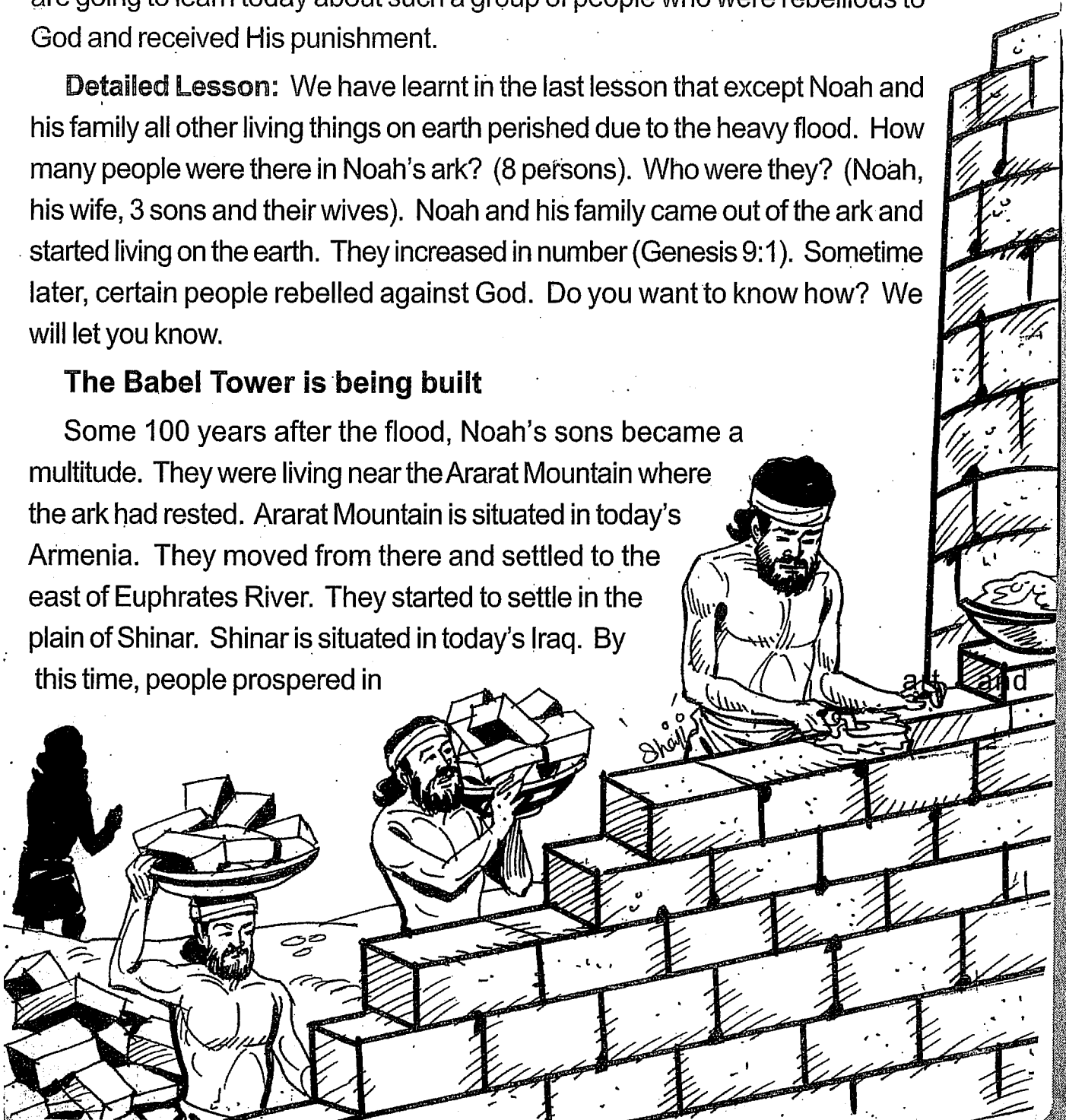
- Aim:** 1) To understand that it is dangerous to act against the will of God.
2) To grasp that anything done without God's will is futile.

Introduction: Have you ever been rebellious or disobedient to your parents when they ask you to do some work? Have you resisted it by saying that you will not do it? What would they do to you in such situation? They will punish you. Wouldn't they? We are going to learn today about such a group of people who were rebellious to God and received His punishment.

Detailed Lesson: We have learnt in the last lesson that except Noah and his family all other living things on earth perished due to the heavy flood. How many people were there in Noah's ark? (8 persons). Who were they? (Noah, his wife, 3 sons and their wives). Noah and his family came out of the ark and started living on the earth. They increased in number (Genesis 9:1). Sometime later, certain people rebelled against God. Do you want to know how? We will let you know.

The Babel Tower is being built

Some 100 years after the flood, Noah's sons became a multitude. They were living near the Ararat Mountain where the ark had rested. Ararat Mountain is situated in today's Armenia. They moved from there and settled to the east of Euphrates River. They started to settle in the plain of Shinar. Shinar is situated in today's Iraq. By this time, people prospered in





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trade. There were mighty hunters among them. At this time, they decided to build the tallest tower, the top of which would reach up to heaven. You must have seen high rise buildings in cities or watched in TV. Do you know where the tallest building of the world is situated? It is in Dubai. This building has more than 150 floors. If we look at it from ground, it looks as if the top is touching the sky. The people decided to build such a tall tower. There were two reasons for this. Firstly, they wished to have a name for themselves; secondly, they wanted to stay together without being scattered. Thus, they started making bricks and building a tower.

Lord comes down

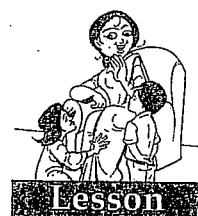
When the work of tower was going on, Lord came down to see the same. When He assessed their efforts, Lord found that the intention behind it was not good. God understood that even the thoughts of the people were not good. Therefore, at the outset, God confounded their language. In a fraction of second, all of them started speaking different languages. Till that time everyone spoke the same language. The Bible scholars believe that it was Hebrew language. All the languages that people talk today over the world originated from this place. What a pleasing language we speak! All languages are like this. Can you name some languages (English, Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, etc.). Due to the difference in languages, the people started staying separately. Those who spoke the same language started living together. In view of this confusion, they left the work of building the tower. Thus, different civilisations and cultures were formed based on language. As the language of the people was confounded, they called the place Babel. Babel means 'confused'.

Here, in fact, God was not trying to stop the efforts or abilities of men. Instead, He was correcting their wrong intention. We have already seen that there were two reasons to build the tower. Firstly, they wanted to earn reputation for themselves. The tower, the top of which reaches up to heaven indicates about their pride rather than its height. Here, God destroyed their attempt to earn a name by using their abilities, without obeying God and without seeking His will. Their second intention was to live together without scattering over the world. But this was not the will of God. After creating Adam, God said to him to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth (Genesis 1:28). After the floods, Lord said the same thing to Noah too. See now! They are doing just against the wishes of Lord. Instead of replenishing and spreading over the earth, they wanted to live together at one place. That is why, God confounded their language.

All our abilities and competencies have been given by God. You have the ability to sing, preach, study, get good marks, etc. But we should never forget that these are the blessings of God and should not be proud of it. Moreover, our abilities should not be used for working against God or scorn others. Instead, we should thank our God who

gave us the abilities and we should work for the glory of God.

Practical : Anything without God is useless. However, if we work along with God, it will be fruitful. Never reduce the time for Bible reading or prayer. Never to be absent from Sunday school classes. Every day we must read the Bible and pray before we start any work.



MY DECISION

I will never miss my Sunday School Classes.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, Don't let me be proud. Help me to be thankful to you for all the blessings. Amen.



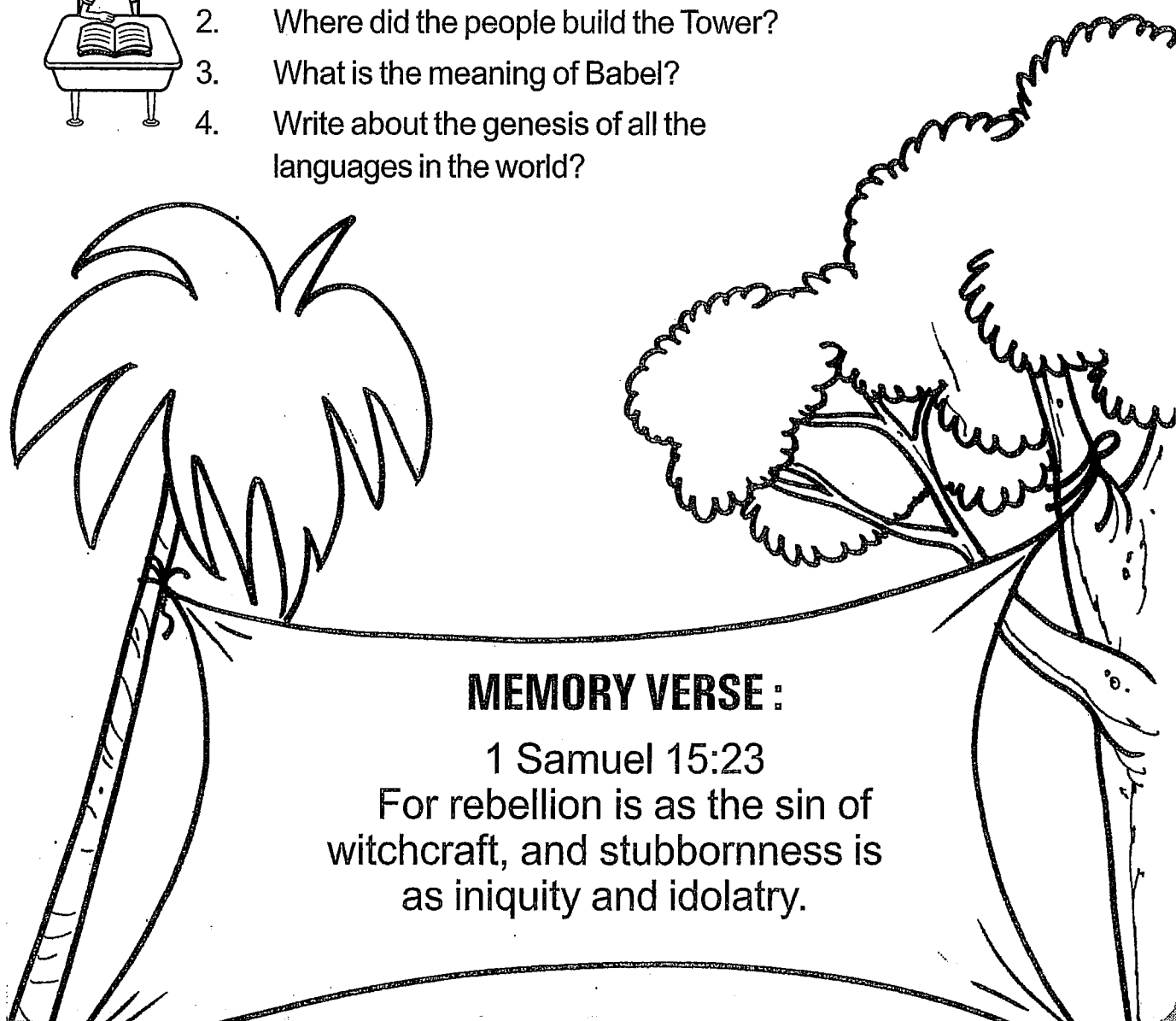
QUESTIONS



1. Where is Mount Ararat situated?
2. Where did the people build the Tower?
3. What is the meaning of Babel?
4. Write about the genesis of all the languages in the world?

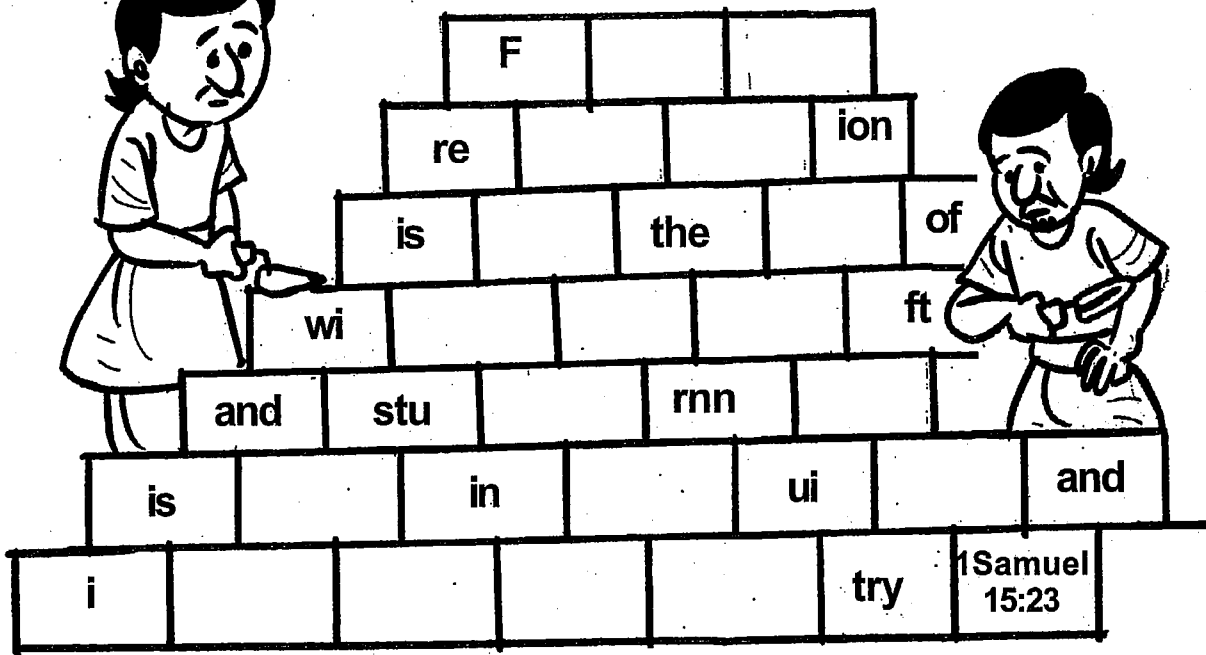
MEMORY VERSE :

1 Samuel 15:23
For rebellion is as the sin of
witchcraft, and stubbornness is
as iniquity and idolatry.

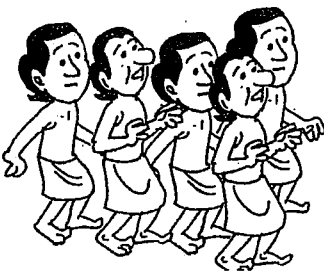
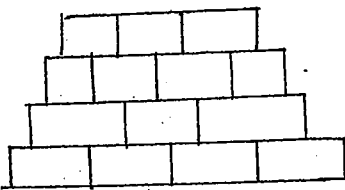
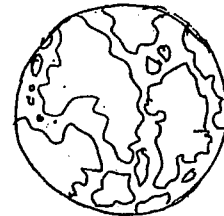
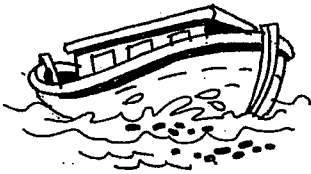




Complete the building by filling in the blanks



Match and join



Lesson 7

THE CALLING OF ABRAHAM

Reference : Genesis 11:32-33, 12:1-12

- Aim :**
- 1) To make the children understand that God will bless those who obey Him.
 - 2) To understand that it is essential for us to have faith in the Lord in order to receive His promises.
 - 3) To know that God is faithful in fulfilling his promises.

Introduction: Can you name a person whom the Christians, Jews and the Muslims equally respect? It is Abraham. Do you know why all of them respect him? It is because Abraham is known as the father of all these people. Abraham did not have children for some time. However, after a long time he had children and he became the father of many nations. We are going to learn about it today in detail.

Detailed Lesson: Abraham was born in the city of Ur in Mesopotamia sometime in 1900 BC. His father's name was Terah. His original name was Abram. But God changed it to Abraham. It means 'father of many nations'. His wife's name was Sarah. This means 'the princess'. The family of Abraham had been worshipping many gods and idols. Terah had been making and selling idols. One day Terah decided to





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immigrate to Canaan with his family. They travelled along the bank of Euphrates River and reached Haran, another city in Mesopotamia where they settled temporarily. Abraham, Sarah and Lot were also travelled with Terah. Terah died in Haran.

The calling of Abraham

After the death of Terah, God appeared to Abraham. Lord said to him that He would give him a magnificent place situated very far and that Abraham has to travel to that place trusting on the Lord. Abraham obeyed God's word exactly as told. Immediately, Abraham started his journey to that place along with his wife Sarah and nephew Lot. At that time he was 75 years old. When Abraham was called, God had told him that he will be blessed. Abraham received 6 blessings as follows :

1. I will make you a great nation.
2. I will make your name great.
3. You will be a blessing.
4. I will bless them that bless you.
5. I will curse him that curses you.
6. In you all families of the earth will be blessed.

When these blessing were given, Abraham did not have a child. Still he believed in God's promises. God blessed Abraham according to his faith.

Dear children, the Lord has given us so many blessings through the Bible we hold. God will heal us when we are sick; He will answer our prayers; those who have less wisdom will be filled with it! And so on! When we believe and pray that God will provide all these, we will get it.

God appears to Abraham

Abraham continued his journey and reached Hebron. God's blessings were with him all throughout. Abraham and Sarah had a worry that they did not have any child. Although God had promised Abraham that He would bless him with children, Abraham told God about it. After these things, one day God appeared to Abraham in a vision, saying, Fear not, I am your shield, and the exceeding great reward. Abraham said very sadly, Lord God, what will you give me, see I am childless, and my steward, this Eliezer of Damascus will inherit whatever I have. God very firmly told Abraham that a son will be born to him and he will inherit all the possessions of Abraham. Then, God took Abraham outside his tent and showed to him the stars of the sky and asked him to count. God said to Abraham, I will increase your children like this innumerable stars. Abraham trusted God. The vision and appearance of God removed Abraham's dejection.



Dear children, when we are worried or dejected, God will speak to us. God speaks to us through the Word of God or through dreams or through the sermons of His servants. Do you know why God speaks to us? We are God's children. You are aware that parents cannot bear the sufferings of their children. Likewise, God too speaks to us when we are in trouble.

As promised, God gave Abraham and Sarah a son. We will study about it in the next lesson. Besides this, God gave him the nation that was promised to him.

Practical : Perhaps your parents may not have provided all those things that they promised you. Do you know why? They are humans. Therefore, they cannot fulfil all the promises. But there is one person who can fulfil whatever he says. That is God. Nothing is impossible for God. Therefore let us rely on this God.



MY DECISION

I know that my God is Almighty and faithful in his promises and therefore I will always rely on Him.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, Help me also to wait patiently for the fulfilment of the promises on me. Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. Where was Abraham born?
2. What is the meaning of the word Sarah?
3. Where did Terah die?
4. What are the promises that God gave to Abraham?

MEMORY VERSE :

Galatians 3:6
Even as Abraham believed
God, and it was accounted
to him for righteousness.



Write 5 promises from the Bible

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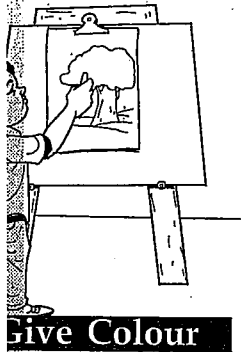
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Lesson 8

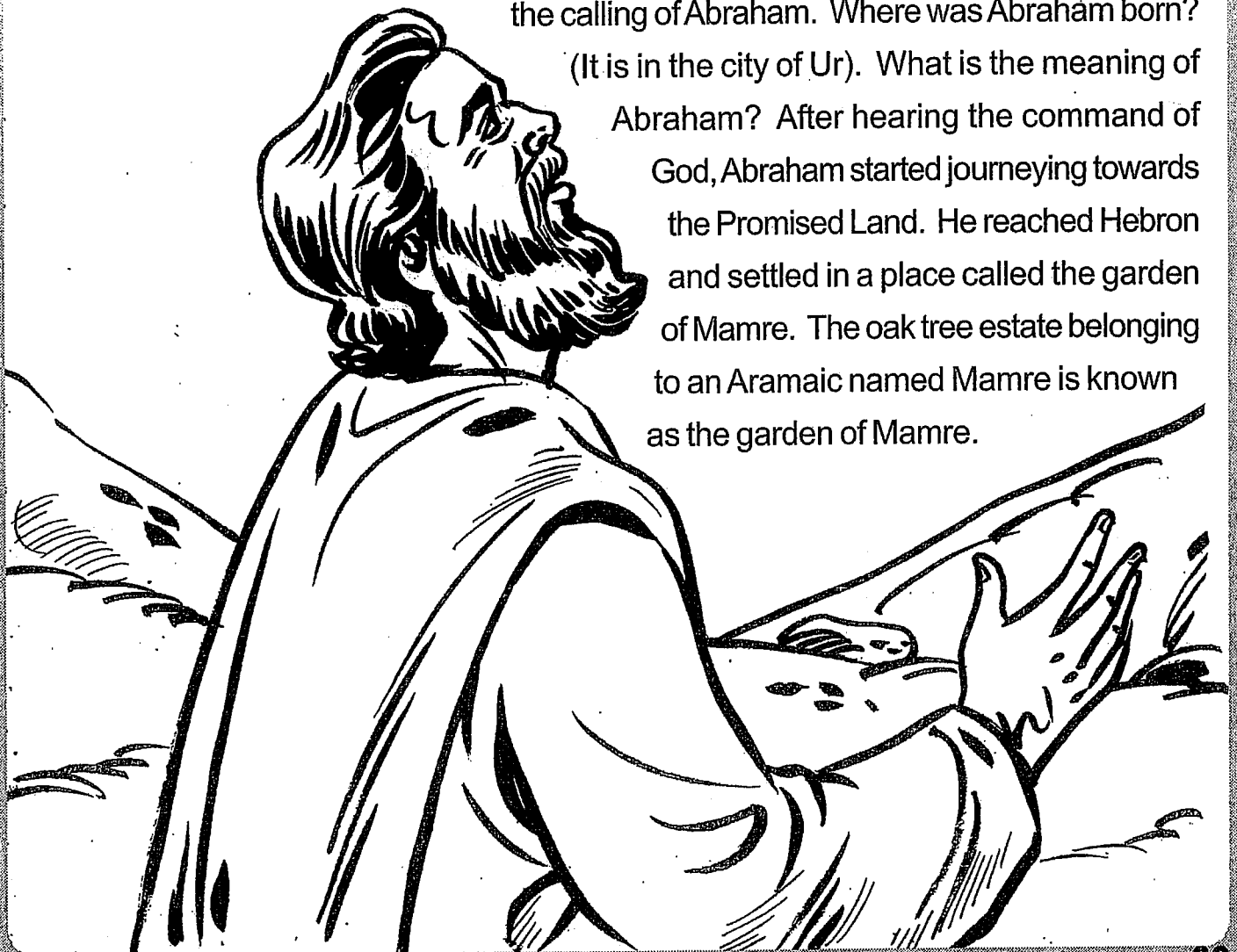
THE HOSPITALITY OF ABRAHAM

Reference : Genesis 18:1-15

- Aim:**
- 1) Children to understand about the importance of hospitality.
 - 2) To generate interest in children to entertain and serve God's children and servants.

Introduction : Do guests come to your home? What do your parents normally do when their relatives or the God's servants come to your home as guests? They cook sumptuous food and serve them. Isn't it? It delights you too because you can also have good food along with them. Sometimes we can have the gifts they bring (like Sweets, Cakes, dresses, etc). Thus, it gives us pleasure when guests come home. Today we are going to learn about the visit of certain guests to Abraham's home and the blessings they gave him.

Detailed Lesson: In the last lesson we learnt about the calling of Abraham. Where was Abraham born? (It is in the city of Ur). What is the meaning of Abraham? After hearing the command of God, Abraham started journeying towards the Promised Land. He reached Hebron and settled in a place called the garden of Mamre. The oak tree estate belonging to an Aramaic named Mamre is known as the garden of Mamre.





The guest at Abraham's house

On a sunny day, Abraham was sitting in his tent door at the garden of Mamre.

At that time, three men came to his tent door. Do you know as to what Abraham did? He ran to meet them and bowed himself toward the ground. He welcomed them to his place and seated them under a tree. He brought water and washed their feet. After seating them under the tree, Abraham rushed to Sarah in the tent and told her to quickly make 3 measures of fine meal. Sarah did what Abraham said. Then Abraham ran to the herd and fetched a tender and good calf and gave to the servant to cook it quickly. Abraham took the cooked food, milk and butter and served before the guests who were sitting under the tree. He stood under the tree while the guests were eating. These three men were God's angels. But Abraham was not aware of it. He understood it later.

What we see here is the craving of Abraham to receive guests. In spite of not knowing that the guests are angels, Abraham rushed to receive them and bowed toward the ground. This shows his meekness and submission. When any strangers visit, many people do not receive or invite them to the house. Some people don't even look at them. However, the submissive nature of Abraham has set as example (for us).

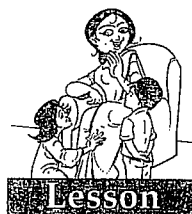
The Angels blessing Abraham

After they ate the food, they asked Abraham where is his wife Sarah. He replied that she was in the tent. Then one of the angels gave Abraham a gift. Do you know what it was? It was a promise to Abraham and Sarah that they shall have a son next year. God had promised this to Abraham long back. This event occurred after 24 years of the promise. At that time Abraham was 99 years old.

When this promise was given by angels, Sarah laughed within her standing behind the tent door. You must be thinking as to why did Sarah laugh. Sarah was thinking that she cannot bear a child as she was very old. She laughed because it was very difficult to happen. Then the angels asked Abraham as to why did Sarah laugh. Though nobody saw Sarah laughing, angels could make it. Sarah was scared. She said she did not laugh. But the angels replied, "No, you have laughed". We should not think that whatever is done by us is not seen or understood by others. There is a God who keeps His eyes on us always and everywhere. Therefore, we cannot hide anything from God.

The next year they had a son as told by the angels. They named him Isaac. Do you know the meaning of Isaac? It means laugh. See! God has made a thing happen

which was never possible in the sight of man.



Practical : Abraham received and welcomed the strangers to his house without knowing that they were angels. He shared his food with the strangers. Therefore, they blessed Abraham. Dear children, like this, we must also receive and welcome God's servants and children, share our food and serve them. This is because they too are like angels. If we do like this, God will surely bless us too like Abraham.



MY DECISION

I will share God's blessings given to me with others. I will receive the guests with warmth.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, Help me to receive guests with warmth like Abraham did without knowing that they were angels.
Amen.



QUESTIONS

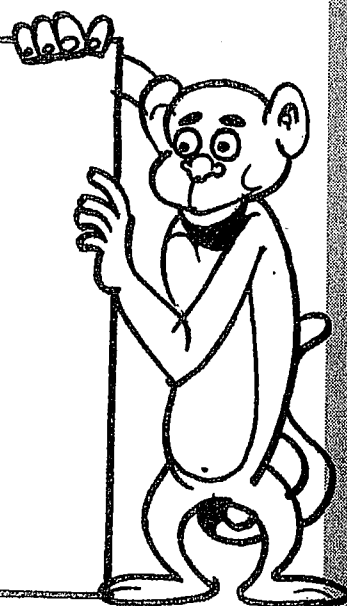
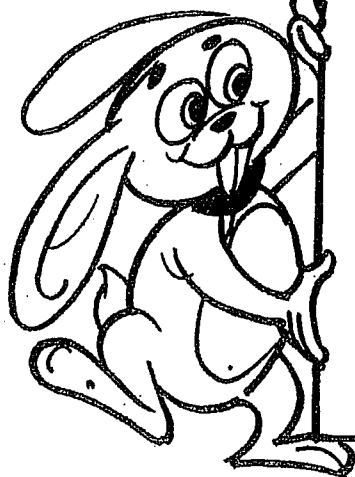


1. Where is the garden of Mamre situate?
2. How many angels arrived at Abraham's house as guests?
3. Why did Sarah laugh?
4. What is the meaning of the word Isaac?

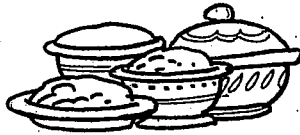
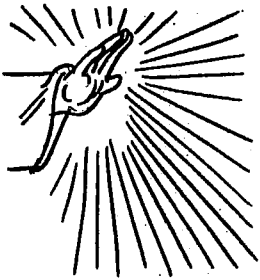
MEMORY VERSE :

Hebrews 13:2

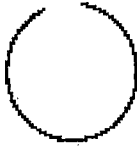
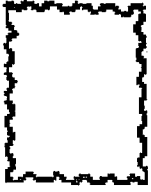
Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.



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Lesson 9

ABRAHAM WINS THE TEST

Reference : Genesis Chapter 22

- Aim:** 1) Children will understand that we must obey God in everything.
2) To understand that God provides everything to those who rely on Him.

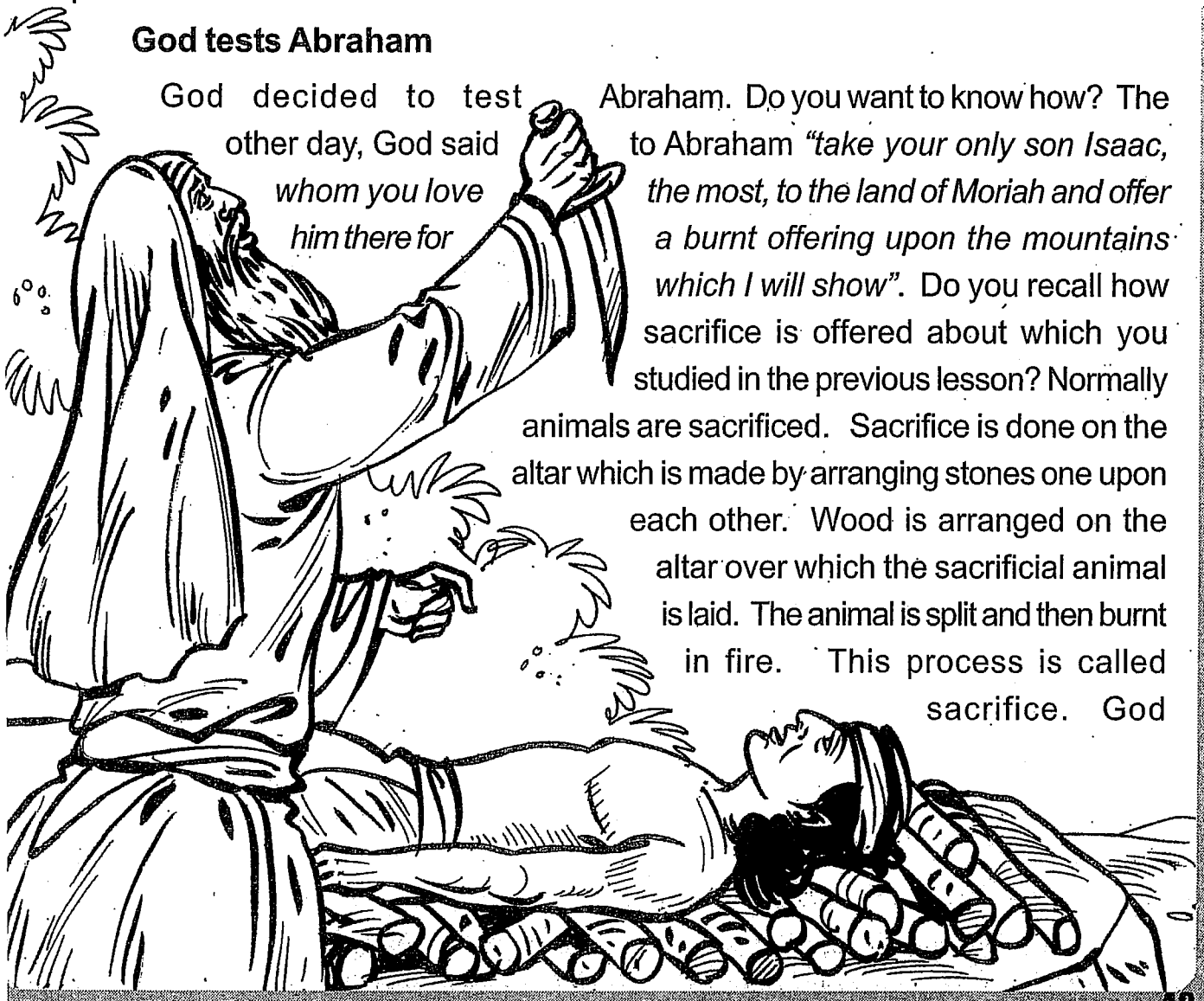
Introduction : Your parents appreciate you and give gifts when you obtain good marks in the examination. Wouldn't they? You have seen students receiving prizes for getting highest mark in Sunday School Exams. Do you know why we are given gifts? It is because we studied well and got good marks. Besides these, we also obey our parents. Like this, today we are going to learn about a person who obeyed God and won a test.

Detailed Lesson : In the last lesson we studied that a son was born to Abraham. What is his name? (Isaac). Abraham nursed him in the fear of God. Thus Isaac grew up.

God tests Abraham

God decided to test Abraham. Do you want to know how? The other day, God said to Abraham *"take your only son Isaac, whom you love him there for*

to Abraham "take your only son Isaac, the most, to the land of Moriah and offer a burnt offering upon the mountains which I will show". Do you recall how sacrifice is offered about which you studied in the previous lesson? Normally animals are sacrificed. Sacrifice is done on the altar which is made by arranging stones one upon each other. Wood is arranged on the altar over which the sacrificial animal is laid. The animal is split and then burnt in fire. This process is called sacrifice. God





wanted Abraham to offer Isaac as sacrifice.

Abraham obeys the Lord

Here too Abraham decided to obey God. Abraham used to obey God in everything. Abraham started his journey to Mount Moriah to sacrifice Isaac as burnt offering. What could be the reason for God asking Abraham to do this difficult job? Can you think and answer? Sacrificing man is a sin before the God. (Levi 20:1-5). In spite of this, God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son. We will answer. Abraham must have loved Isaac so much as he was born to them after 25 years of waiting. God never wanted that Isaac should be killed. But this was a test – a test to prove that Abraham loved God more than his only begotten son. Abraham won that test.

You love your parents and friends very much. Isn't it? But we should love our God more than that because He gives us life, health, air, clothes, parents and all.

Abraham goes to the place called Moriah

Immediately after the command of God, Abraham started his journey in the early morning along with Isaac and few of his servants to the place called Moriah. At that time Abraham was living in Bersheeba. The distance between these places was 60 miles. It took 3 days to reach there. (Genesis 22:3-4). After crossing certain distance, Abraham asked his servants to stay back there and continued the journey towards Mount Moriah along with Isaac. Isaac was carrying the wood for sacrifice. Isaac was helping his father in his work. Dear children, do you help your parents in their chores? You should do all those work which is possible for you.

While they were going, Isaac asked Abraham *"there is fire and the wood but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"*. He replied that God will provide a lamb for burnt offering. Thus they reached the Mount Moriah as shown by God. They built an altar there and arranged the wood over it. After that Abraham, with great pain, laid his son Isaac over it. He took out the knife that he had carried to slay Isaac. Suddenly he heard a voice. *"Abraham, Abraham, Here am I. Lay not your hand upon the lad, neither you do anything to him, for now i know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son from me"*. Abraham understood that it was God speaking from heaven. He refrained from sacrificing Isaac. When Abraham looked around, he saw a ram caught in the forest by its horns. He sacrificed that lamb as burnt offering in lieu of Isaac. He named that place as "Jehovahjireh" (meaning God will provide).

The blessing got by Abraham

When Abraham had offered his own son to God, He said to Abraham that He will bless him abundantly. Moreover, due to Abraham's obedience, God repeated His promise that He will multiply his seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore, and that his seed shall possess the gate of his enemies and

because of his seed, all nations on the earth shall be blessed.



Practical : Sometimes God may ask us to do certain things which is difficult for us to do. It would be difficult for us to give something we love the most to God or to others. But we must understand that God is testing our love towards Him and so do it with delight. Moreover, God always provides for us. Therefore, let us trust on Him.



MY DECISION

I will help my parents in their chores.

MY PRAYER

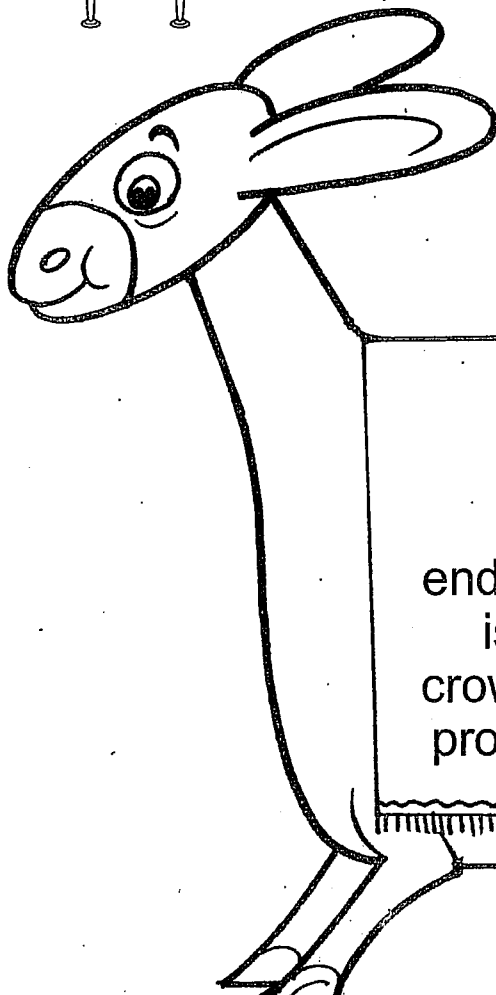
O Lord Jesus, Don't let me love anyone or anything more than You. Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. What is the distance between Bersheba to Mount Moriah?
2. How is sacrifice done?
3. How did God bless Abraham?



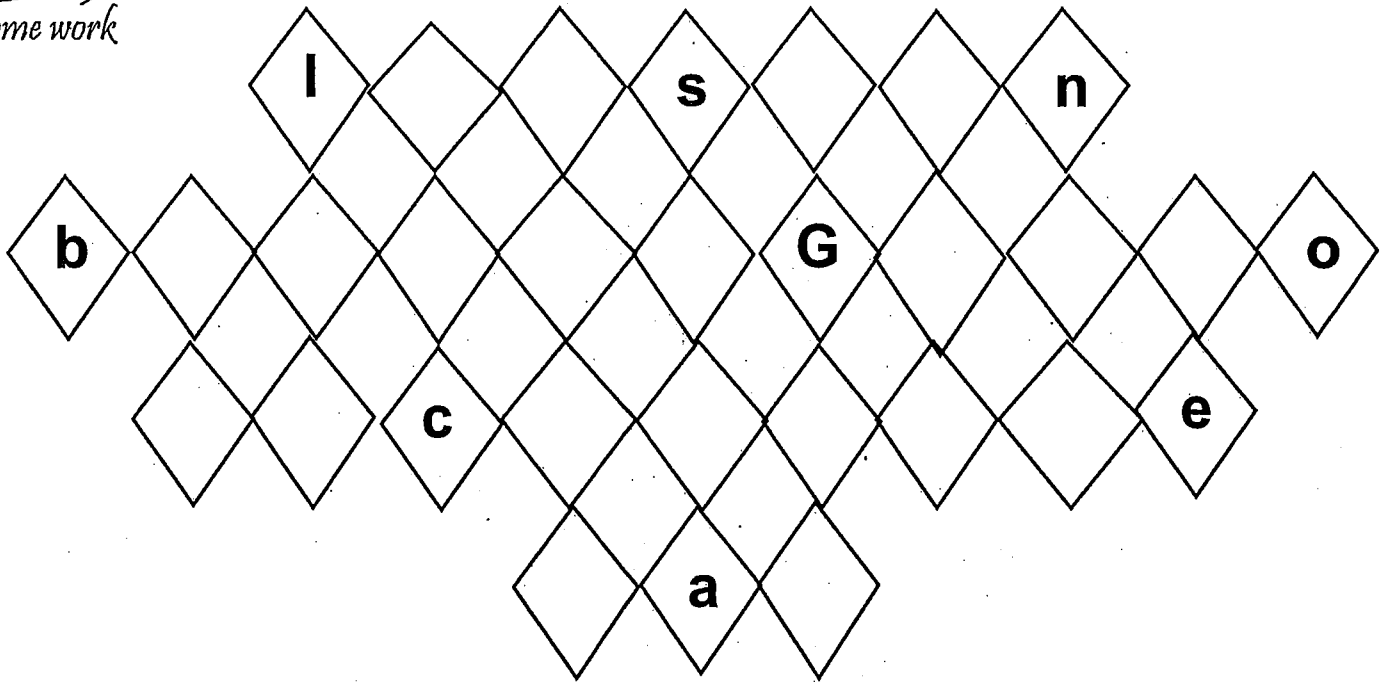
MEMORY VERSE :

James 1:12

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

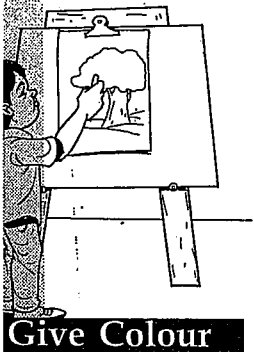


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(It is a sin before God to sacrifice man)

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Lesson 10

LOT AND SODOM

Reference : Genesis 13:5-13; 19:1-38

- Aim :** 1) Children will understand that since their friends influence their life, they must choose good friends.
- 2) To know that sin will always be judged.
- 3) To grasp that life without spirituality will lead them to destruction.

Introduction : You all have friends. Isn't it? Can you name some of them? How do you choose your friends? We must choose the friends after seeing their good characters. It is because our friends can make us good or bad. Today we will learn about a person from the Bible as an example to this.

Detailed Lesson : You may remember about Lot who also travelled to Canaan along with Abraham. Lot was the son of Haran, the brother of Abraham. Like Abraham, Lot too had too many herds and herdsmen. The herdsmen of Abraham and Lot were tending their herds together. One day there was strife between the shepherds. Knowing the matter, Abraham called Lot and asked him to separate to a place of his choice. Thus, Lot chose a place which was one of the prosperous cities of the time. The land was very fertile. Though the place was very good for animal husbandry and agriculture,





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the people there were exceedingly wicked and sinners before the God. In spite of this, Lot chose this place and started living there. Lot could not keep the faith and trust that he got from Abraham as his friends and neighbours were wicked and sinners.

Dear Children, for this reason you are advised to be careful while choosing your friends. Friends with bad characters will distance us from God. Sometimes even our own character will be damaged. The relationship with good friends will improve our character and make it better for us. Therefore, let us have friends who fear the Lord and study well.

God's angels at Lot's house

The wickedness of the people in Sodom city became grave before the Lord. Therefore God decided to destroy that city. God first told this matter to Abraham. Abraham prayed to God to save his nephew, Lot. Accordingly, God decided to save Lot and his family.

Thus, two angels of God went to Sodom to save Lot and his family. At that time, Lot was sitting at the main door of the city. Do you want to know the importance of the main door of the city? In the earlier times, people got together at the main door of the city to listen to news, to enter into trade and to do legal dealings (Ruth 4:1-2; 2 Sam 18:24). Lot had become one of the important citizens of Sodom. The angels first went to Abraham's house and then went here. When the angels went to Abraham, he was sitting at the tent door (Genesis 18:1). God's children would not enter into unnecessary worldly affairs like Lot. They would rather have more interest in prayers and Godly affairs.

Lot received the angels to his house. An important event occurred that night. Do you know what it was? The people of the city compassed Lot's house all round to attack the angels who were in his house. Despite his humble and sobbing requests, they did not withdraw. Suddenly God's wrath came over them and all were blind. They could not see anything and searched here and there to find the door of the house. The angels told Lot that the city will be destroyed immediately and he should run out of the city at once to be saved.

Lot runs away

Lot decided to run away from the city as told by Angels. Lot wanted to take with him his son-in-laws with whom his daughters were married and, therefore, he told everything to them. But they mocked Lot. Lot returned to his house. When he was getting late to leave the house, the angels pulled him, his wife and daughters out of the city forcefully. They told Lot to get escaped and not to look back. They started running. Lot's wife looked back to see as to what was happening to the city. Suddenly she became a pillar of salt. See the punishment given for doing what is forbidden! Friends, it is for sure to

be punished if we do not obey God. This is why the Lord said "Remember Lot's wife." (Luke 17:32).



The judgement of Sodom

After Lot and his family got out of the city, Lord sent his judgement over Sodom. Fire and brimstone rained over Sodom from the heaven. The entire Sodom city was burnt. Everything including men, animals and all living things were destroyed. See the grievous punishment to those who sinned and annoyed God! After death, the wicked who sin against God will be thrown in to the hell of similar fire and sulphur. However, God has provided heaven for those who please Him.

Practical : Lot's circumstances led him to this dangerous situation. Staying with Abraham was a blessing to Lot. But he lost his spirituality while living with Sodomites. Though he was saved from the judgement of the city, he lost his wife. Let us decide to have friendship with only those who fear the Lord and live a good life.



MY DECISION

I will have friendship with only those who possess good moral character.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, Help me to live with you and go to the heaven. Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. Name the place chosen by Lot to live?
2. What is the importance of the gate of the city?
3. Why did God judge the city of Sodom?

MEMORY VERSE :

Psalms 58:11
So that a man shall say, surely there is a reward for the righteous: surely he is a God that judgeth in the earth.



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What did God sent to the city of Sodom after Lot and family left.

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Davis - has it

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Eric - has it

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Lesson 11

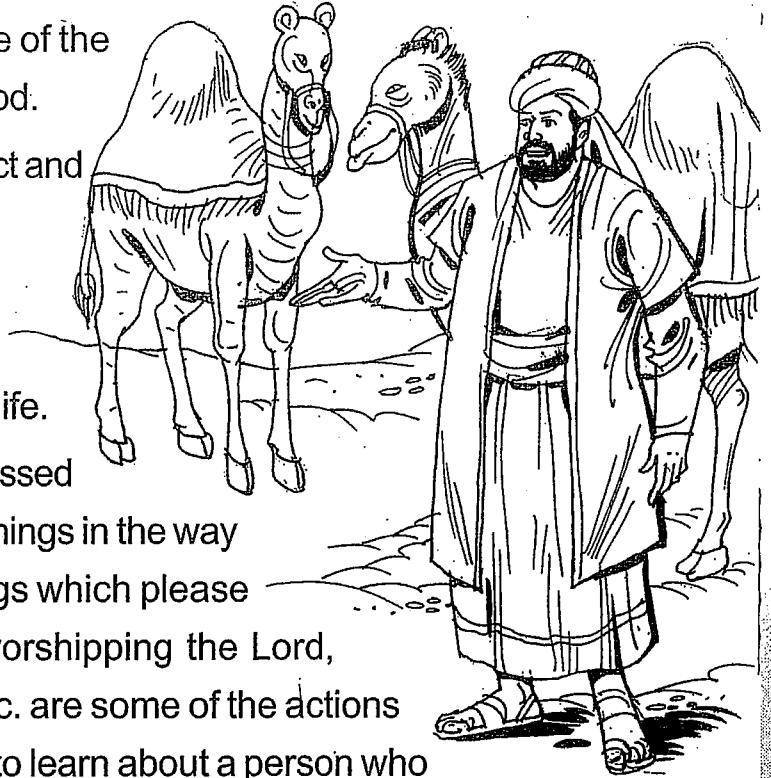
THE OBEDIENCE OF ISAAC

Reference : Genesis Chapters 22 and 24

Aim: 1) To make the children aware of the necessity of worshipping God.

2) To train the children to respect and obey their parents.

3) Children to understand that the will of God has the greatest significance in our life.

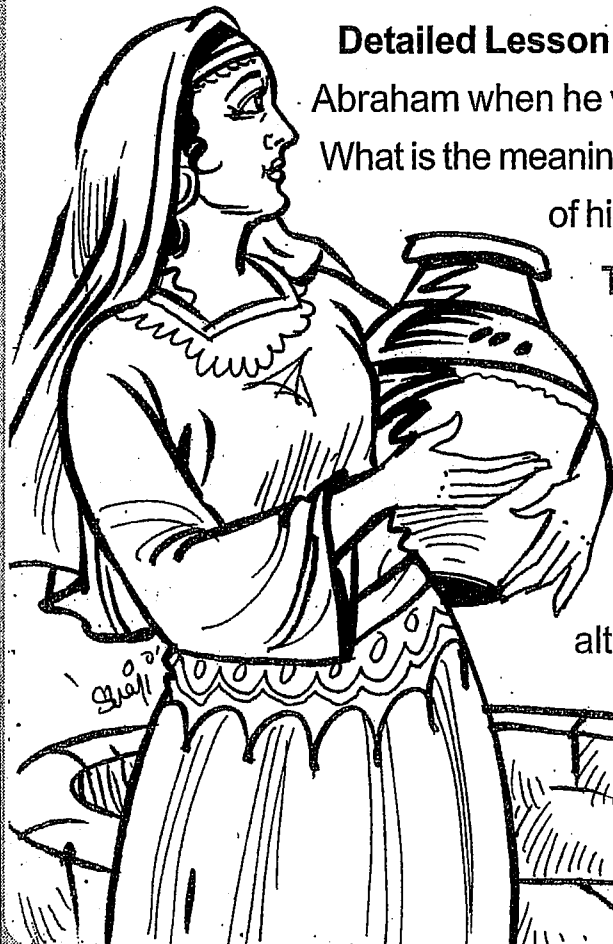


Introduction : All of us wish to be blessed by God. God blesses us when we do things in the way it pleases Him. Can you say few things which please God? Obeying God and parents, worshipping the Lord, helping parents in the daily chores, etc. are some of the actions that please God. Today we are going to learn about a person who pleased God and got blessed.

Detailed Lesson : You have already learnt about the son born to Abraham when he was 100 years old. What is his name? (Isaac). What is the meaning of Isaac? (Laugh). Isaac grew in the presence of his father Abraham and mother Sarah.

The special personality of Isaac

You have already learnt about Abraham taking Isaac to be sacrificed as a burnt offering. They had gone to the place named Moriah for offering sacrifice. Can you tell what all happened there? (Let the children say). Though they had built an altar and Abraham laid Isaac over it for sacrifice, they offered a ram as sacrifice in lieu of Isaac and returned to





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their house. Due to this action, God blessed Abraham and Isaac. Now, we will learn about certain important characteristic of Isaac.

Firstly, Isaac liked offering sacrifice to Lord. Very early in the morning he went to Moriah along with his father in great enthusiasm. On the way, he asked his father as to where is the sacrificial animal. Thus, Isaac knew about various ingredients for offering a sacrifice. Do you know from where he learnt all these things? It is from home because his father used to worship the Lord regularly.

Dear Children, we should be enthusiastic to go to our Church meetings and Sunday school classes. For this, we should rise up early morning and get ourselves ready. We should never be lazy to pray along with our parents. We should go to Church meetings to thank our Lord who gives us wisdom, abilities, health, etc.

Secondly, Isaac obeyed his parents in everything. He obeyed when his father asked him to carry the wood while going to Moriah. Besides this, when he was asked to lie down on the altar, he meekly obeyed that too. What would you do in such situations? You will run away from your father or start crying loudly. Won't you? But Isaac obeyed his father. Do you know why? He knew that his father loves him and would not do any harm to him. God and our parents love us more than anybody else. We should always obey our God and parents. They always wish our well being only.

The marriage of Isaac

When Isaac grew up, Abraham entrusted his chief servant the job of getting a wife for Isaac from his own people. The name of the servant is Eliezer. In search of young girl for Isaac, Eliezer reached the city of Abraham's brother Nahor in Mesopotamia. Mesopotamia is the native place of Abraham. There was a well of water. Every evening women come there to fetch water. On that day too Eliezer saw some virgins (unmarried girls) coming for water. He stood there and prayed to God. He prayed that when he asks the girls for water, the one who shall say "drink, and I will give your camels also drink" would be the girl for the son of my master. As soon the prayer ended, a young girl arrived there. It was Rebekah, who was the grand child of Abraham's brother Nahor. Her father's name was Bethuel. Eliezer asked her for some water to drink. She gave water not only to Eliezer but also to his camels. Thus God answered the prayer of Eliezer. He took her to the house of Abraham and she was married to Isaac and became his wife.

See, how obedient is Rebekah! To give the camels' drink is a hard job, unlike humans. Camel being an animal of the desert, it drinks and also stores huge quantity of water.

She gave water to ten camels of Eliezer. What a laborious job it was! Here we see the obedience and will of Rebekah to do hard work. Therefore God blessed her. The obedient Isaac got a wife with similar good character.



Practical : We should also be obedient like Isaac and Rebekah. Besides this, we should help our parents in their household tasks. Then God too will bless you.



MY DECISION

I will always be ready to do God's work.

MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, Help us to obey God in everything and always. Amen.



QUESTIONS

1. What are the two important characteristics of Isaac?
2. What is the name of Rebekah's father?
3. What did Rebekah do when Eliezer asked for water?

MEMORY VERSE :

Ephesians 6:1
Children, obey your
parents in the Lord:
for this is right.



Write 5 things you have obeyed in the last one week at School/home.

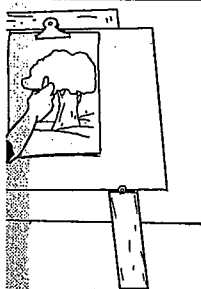
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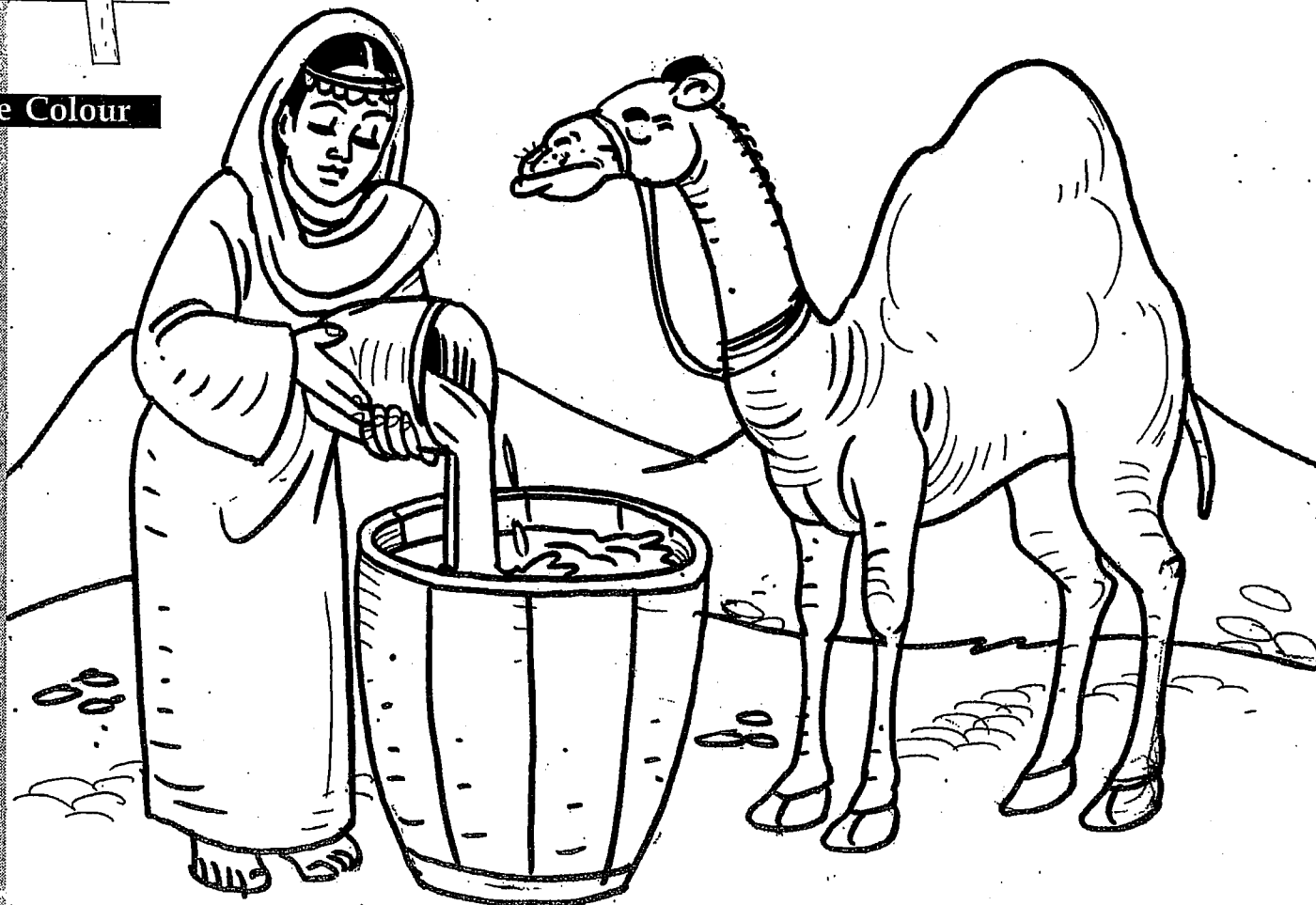
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Lesson 12

ESAU SELLS HIS BIRTHRIGHT

Reference : Genesis 25:20-24

- Aim:** 1) To understand that the spiritual values are above all other things.
2) To grasp that getting things done through wrong means is dangerous.

Introduction : If you ask your friends or brothers to do something for you, they too demand or expect something in return from you. Isn't it? What do you do in such a situation? You would compensate them if possible. Isn't it? However, you would not exchange big things for small favours. Today we are going to study about a person who lost a valuable thing as in lieu of a small thing.

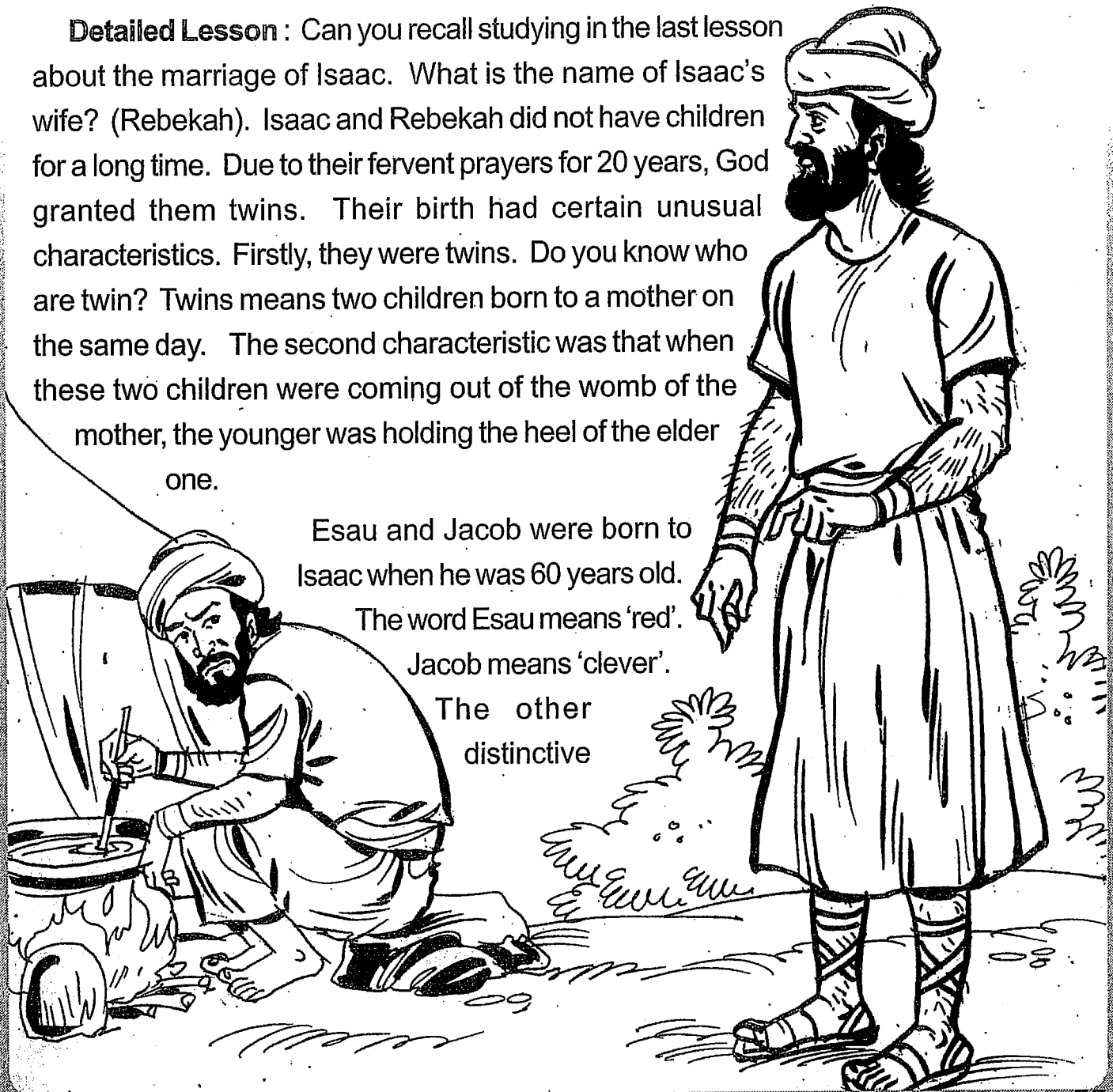
Detailed Lesson : Can you recall studying in the last lesson about the marriage of Isaac. What is the name of Isaac's wife? (Rebekah). Isaac and Rebekah did not have children for a long time. Due to their fervent prayers for 20 years, God granted them twins. Their birth had certain unusual characteristics. Firstly, they were twins. Do you know who are twin? Twins means two children born to a mother on the same day. The second characteristic was that when these two children were coming out of the womb of the mother, the younger was holding the heel of the elder one.

Esau and Jacob were born to Isaac when he was 60 years old.

The word Esau means 'red'.

Jacob means 'clever'.

The other distinctive





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thing about their birth is that God had foretold their future even before their birth. God had said that the elder will serve the younger and that the younger shall be stronger than the elder.

The pottage of Jacob

One day, Jacob made a pottage. Your mouth may be watering when you hear about pottage. Isn't it? The pottage made by Jacob was red in colour. At this time, Esau who was out of the house, passed by that way. He was very hungry and tired. When Esau saw the red pottage, he craved for it and asked Jacob to share some of it. Do you know what Jacob did? Jacob told Esau that "I will give you the pottage but you will have to sell the birthright to me". Esau sold his birthright to Jacob saying that what profit shall this birthright be to him and drank the pottage of Jacob. This action of Esau has been viewed in Bible as a grievous wrong. You may be thinking about the reason for it. We will let you know.

The characteristic of birthright

In Jewish families, birthright had certain special position and honour. The first son of the house is considered for birthright. This is a honour highly held. The father, before his death, blesses the elder son of the house and bestows this position. The birthright contains the following three main blessings:

1. The one who possesses the birthright controls the affairs of the house.
2. The person holding this position would inherit double the portion of the wealth of the father.
3. The priesthood is vested with the person who holds the birthright.

Thus, Esau was holding a great and distinguished position. However, when clever Jacob asked, Esau sold this highly honoured position to him. Very miserable condition! Isn't it? Jacob also did a wrong thing. He ought to have given the pottage to the tired Esau without asking anything in return. But in order to grab the birthright he negotiated it with the pottage. Dear children, all the blessings that God has given are to be shared. When you have plenty of food, you should share it with those who do not have enough. When you have money, you should give to the needy. Then God will bless you.

Practical : We should not lose the blessing that God gives us as a valueless thing like Esau did. Do you know the blessings that God gave you? Enthusiasm to study, desire to go to Church, to read Bible, to pray, etc. are some of the blessings. Satan is crafty. He will try to grab such blessings from you through his wiles. Satan will make you lazy, distracted, excessively sleepy, etc. and shall grab the blessing from you.

Therefore, the most precious blessings you received from God should not be exchanged with valueless thing.



MY DECISION

I will not try to cheat anybody nor grab anybody's things through wily means.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, Don't let me exchange your blessings like enthusiasm, abilities, etc. with valueless things like laziness. Amen.



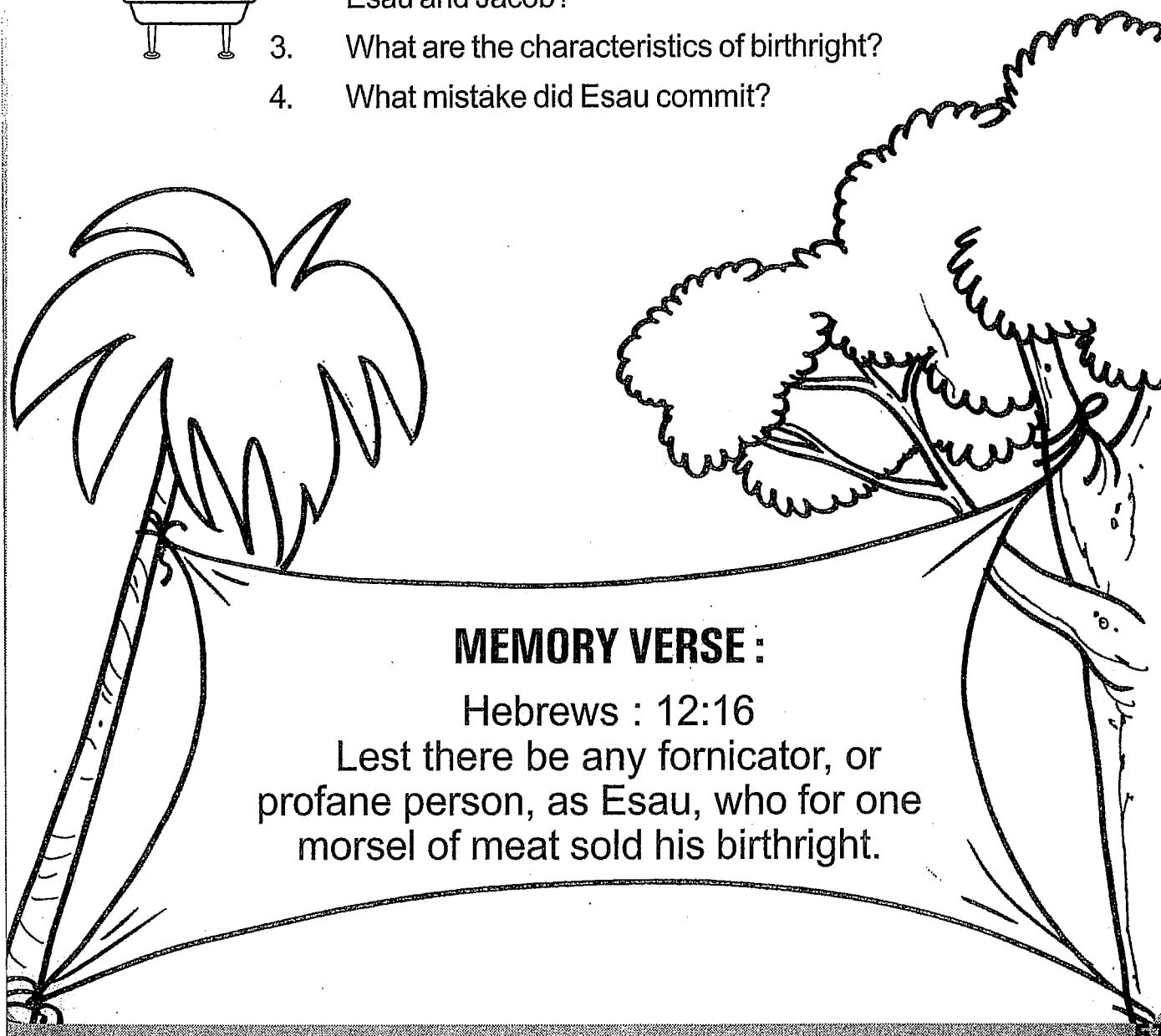
QUESTIONS

1. What is the meaning of Jacob?
2. What are the characteristics of the birth of Esau and Jacob?
3. What are the characteristics of birthright?
4. What mistake did Esau commit?

MEMORY VERSE :

Hebrews : 12:16

Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.





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Birthright

What was the age of Isaac when Esau and Jacob were born?

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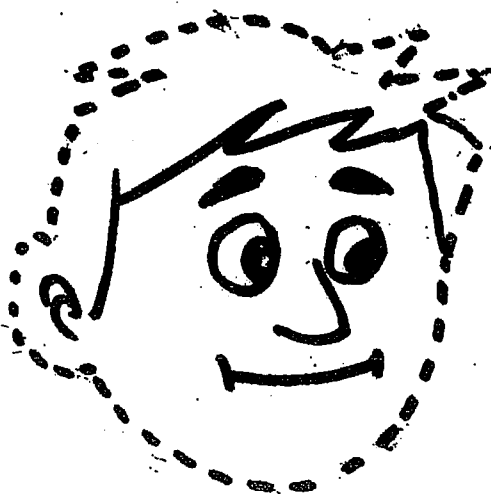
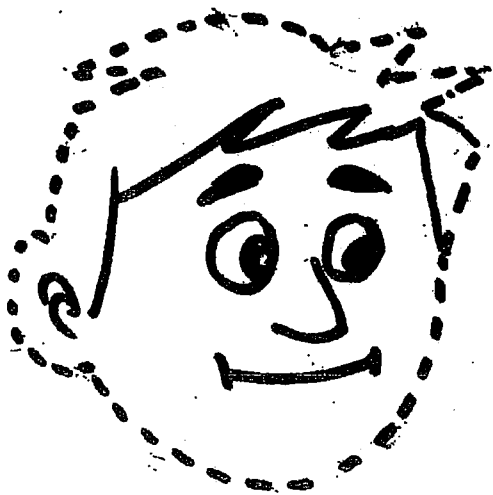
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Lesson 13

THE BLESSINGS TO JACOB

Reference : Genesis Chapter 27-30

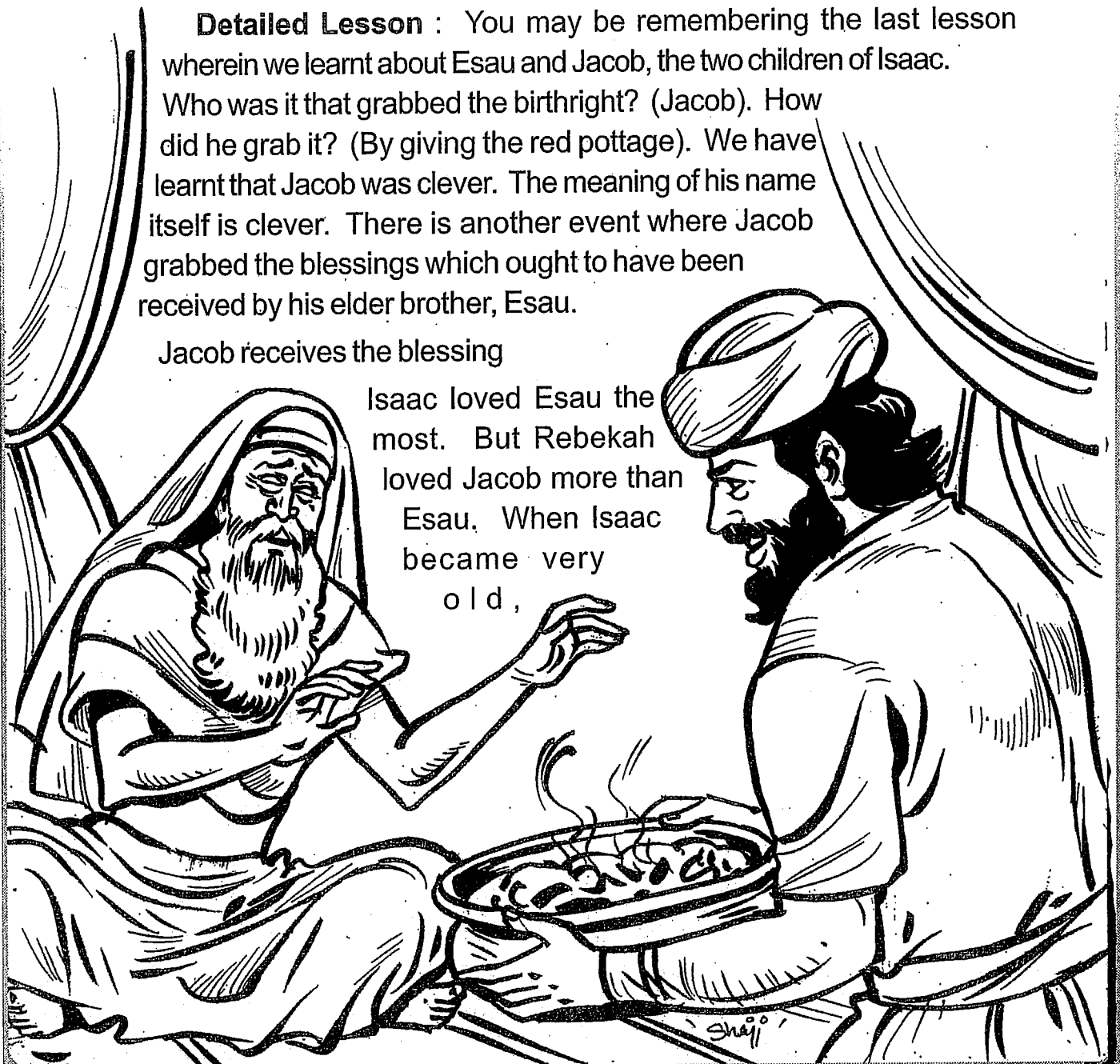
- Aim:**
- 1) To understand that it is wrong to cheat or deceive.
 - 2) To grasp that even if we do wrongs on somebody's provocation, the punishment shall have to be borne by us alone.
 - 3) To understand that we will reap what we have sown.

Introduction : Do you know what is acting? A person imitating another person is called acting. To speak, to dress up, to do things like others are some features of acting. You must have seen such things in skits or plays in your school. Today we are going to learn about a person who acted like his brother and received his brother's blessings.

Detailed Lesson : You may be remembering the last lesson wherein we learnt about Esau and Jacob, the two children of Isaac. Who was it that grabbed the birthright? (Jacob). How did he grab it? (By giving the red pottage). We have learnt that Jacob was clever. The meaning of his name itself is clever. There is another event where Jacob grabbed the blessings which ought to have been received by his elder brother, Esau.

Jacob receives the blessing

Isaac loved Esau the most. But Rebekah loved Jacob more than Esau. When Isaac became very old,





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he decided to bless Esau. Before that Isaac asked Esau to go to the forest and get some venison for him. Esau went for hunting as desired by Isaac. Rebekah overheard the conversation between Isaac and Esau. After Esau left, Rebekah called Jacob and told him everything in detailed. She cooked the meat of a lamb, made Jacob wear Esau's dress and sent him to Isaac to be blessed by him. As Isaac couldn't see, he thought it to be Esau and blessed Jacob. When Esau returned with hunted meat he came to know this. Esau decided to kill Jacob.

Here we see how Jacob did a wrong thing and his mother supported him. The blessing that his brother should have received was grabbed by Jacob. It is called cheating. After he received the blessings in this manner, he could not stay there. He had to flee towards his mother's house. Thereafter his mother Rebekah could not meet her son again. See the punishment received for cheating and deception. Dear Children, we should never cheat anybody. We should never take anything dishonestly. It would entail God's punishment.

Jacob runs away

Due to the fear of Esau, Jacob decided to go from his house at Beersheba to his mother's house at Padanaram. Before leaving, he went to Isaac and received his blessings and benediction in the proper manner. Thus, Jacob started his journey by walking through desert full of sand. After continuous walking, he got tired. He reached a place called Luz. It was night and he was alone in the darkness. See! Even his mother who prompted him to do wrong things was also not there with him. Many people provoke us to do wrong things. But when punishment comes, we will have to bear the brunt alone. We should not forget that those who prompted and provoked us will not be with us to share the punishment.

In the night, after the prayers, he took a stone as pillow and slept. He dreamt a dream while sleeping. He saw a ladder set up on the earth and top of it reached up to heaven. He saw angels of God ascending and descending on it. After sometime, God stood over the ladder and spoke to him. At that time Jacob awoke, praised the Lord and said that the Lord was here and he could not know it. He took the stone used as pillow and put it like a pillar and took a decision. He named the place as Bethel. You may be thinking as to why God blessed Jacob who cheated his father and brother. It is because there was a prophesy even before his birth that Jacob will become prominent. However, God punished him later for all the cheatings and deception he committed.

Jacob in Padanaram

In the morning Jacob woke up and started his journey from Bethel to Padanaram. He reached at his mother's house in Padanaram and started living with Labaan, his mother's brother. Laban had two daughters – Leah and Rachel. According to the custom prevalent in those days, Laban decided to marry his daughter to Jacob. Jacob desired to marry Rachel who was beautiful. For this Jacob worked in the house Laban



for 7 years. At last, everything was arranged for the marriage. In those days, marriage used to be conducted in the night. Jacob's marriage also conducted in the night. In the marriage, instead of Rachel, Laban gave his elder daughter Leah to Jacob. Due to darkness, Jacob could not recognise this fraud. Jacob cheated his blind father during daytime but Jacob who could see properly was cheated in the darkness by Laban. If we do any harm to others, we will receive the same treatment from somewhere else. Therefore the Bible teach us that we will reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7).

Thereafter Jacob worked for another 7 years and married Rachel. According to the custom of that place, Jacob was given one maid also along with each of his wife. Jacob stayed with Laban for 20 years. God gave Jacob 12 sons and 1 daughter. In addition to it, Jacob earned huge wealth like herds, camels, donkeys and other maids and servants.

Practical : God is faithful in His promises. God provides whatever He commits to us. We must not use wily methods to receive it like Jacob did. If we do like that, we will also receive His punishment.



MY DECISION

I will not do any act against God or men, whoever prompts me to do so.

MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, kindly help me to patiently wait for your blessings and live honestly. Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. Whom did Isaac love the most?
2. To which place did Jacob flee?
3. What name was given by Jacob to the place where God had appeared to him?
4. What punishment did Jacob who had cheated his father receive?

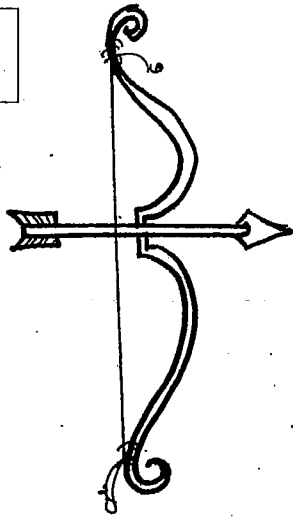
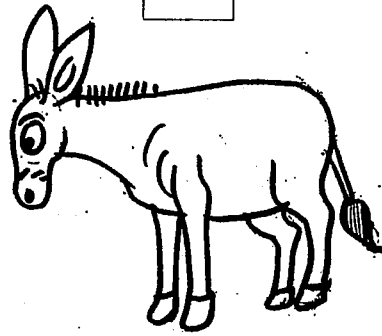
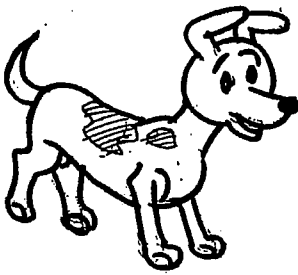
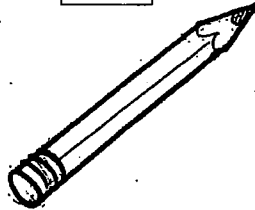
MEMORY VERSE :

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:



Find out and tick the box ☒ for the things required by Esau for hunting

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Make Jacob like Esau



Lesson 14

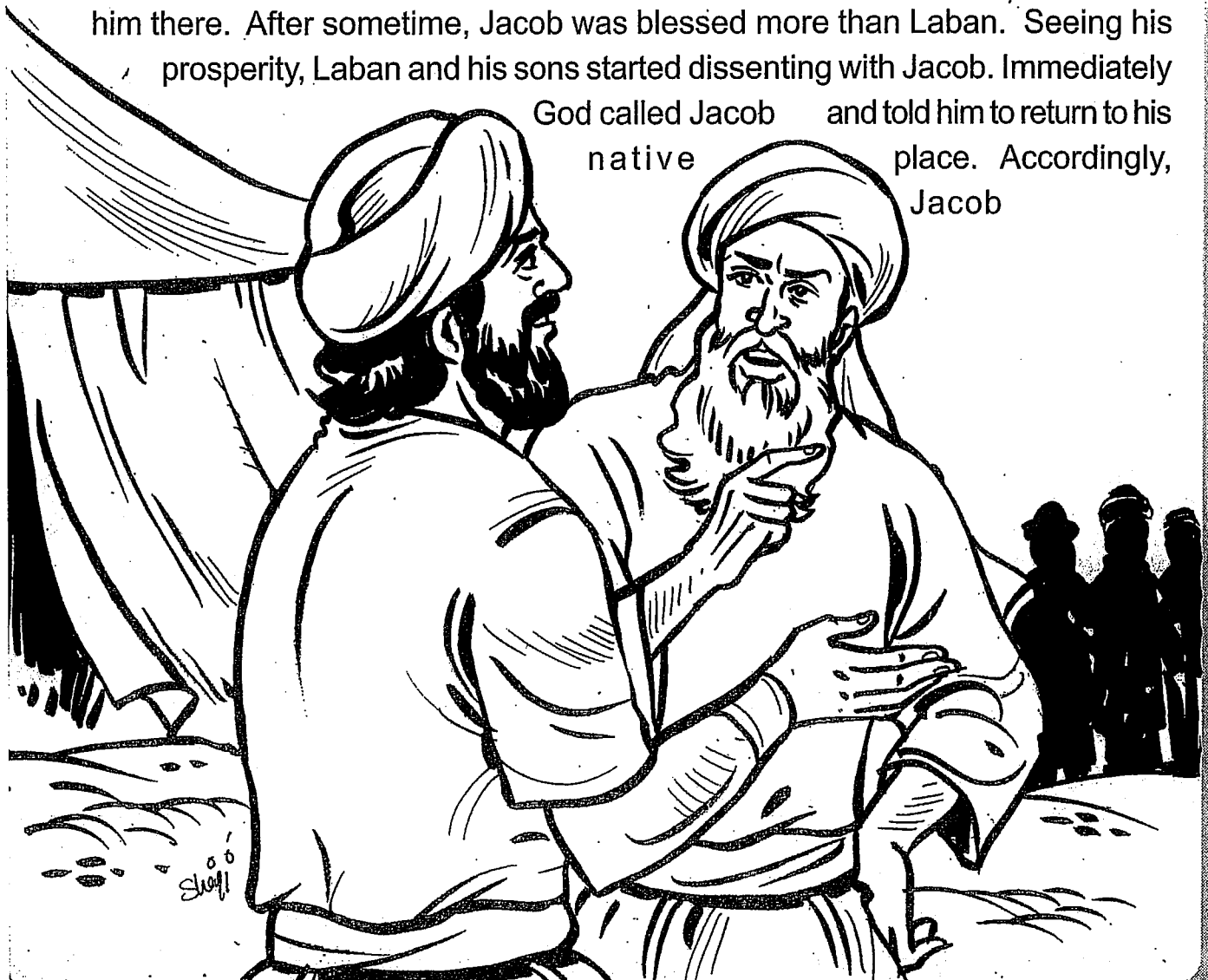
JACOB RETURNS

Reference : Genesis 30:25 – 31:55

- Aim:**
- 1) Children to understand that God is faithful in fulfilling His promises.
 - 2) To understand that stealing is a sin and is punished.
 - 3) To know that God saves His children from their opponents.

Introduction : At times your friends or others might have come to fight with you. What do you do at that time? Do you fight them back? Never, isn't it? It is because you are the children of Jesus. Therefore, you will go and complain to your parents or teachers. They will protect you and punish them. Today we are going to learn about a similar event where God saved Jacob.

Detailed Lesson : In the last lesson we learnt about Jacob becoming a wealthy person in the house of Laban in Padanaram. How many children did Jacob have? (13) Laban's house was blessed from the day Jacob arrived there (Genesis 30:7). Jacob wanted to return to his native place, but Laban gave him more wages and detained him there. After sometime, Jacob was blessed more than Laban. Seeing his prosperity, Laban and his sons started dissenting with Jacob. Immediately God called Jacob and told him to return to his native place. Accordingly, Jacob





proceeded from Padanaram to his native place, Beersheba along with his wives, children, herds, servants, etc. Laban did not know about Jacob's journey.

Lesson

Laban chasing Jacob

After 3 days, Laban came to know about Jacob leaving him. Immediately, he and his brothers started pursuing Jacob. There was a special reason for that. When they started journey, Rachel had stolen the idols of her father, Laban. (Laban was an idol worshipper. The figure of his family gods was the idol). According to the custom of Mesopotamia, those who possess family idols are entitled to a portion of father's property. This could be reason for Rachel to steal it. After 7 days, Laban reached mount Gilead chasing after Jacob and he met him there. At this time Jacob and his family were camped there in tents. Do you know what is camping in tents? In olden days, when people travelled from one place to another, it would take days or months to reach there. The tent is the temporary resting place for taking rest and also to stay for some days in the middle of the journey. After use, it can be packed and shifted to the next place.

Laban reached at the place where Jacob was camped. But in the night God called Laban and told him not to do anything to Jacob, neither good nor bad. With this the thoughts of vengeance vanished from the heart of Laban. He dealt with Jacob very softly. See! God can save us from our opponents. If someone fights with you or scorn you or if they steal something of your possessions, we should not take revenge or be annoyed with them but to deal with them affectionately. When we pray for them, their attitude will change.

Though Laban demanded back his god, Jacob was not aware of it. Even Jacob did not know about Rachel stealing it. In spite of Laban searched everywhere in the tent, he could not find it there for the reason that Rachel had hidden it. The act of Rachel here is a sin. Can you say what the sin that Rachel committed was? It was stealing. Neither her father nor husband knew about this act. But she could not hide it from God. God punished her in the midst of her journey. Do you know how it was? In the middle of the journey Rachel died with great cry and pain. She could not reach up to Canaan along with her husband and children.

Dear Children, stealing is a sin hated by God. We should not take anything from anybody without their knowledge. You should not steal from your own house. It is because God does not let the thief go without punishment.

The covenant between Laban and Jacob

Jacob and Laban were afraid of each other. In order to prevent a fighting, they agreed to enter into an agreement. They agreed and swore there, not to fight with each other in future and accordingly a stone was put as pillar. Thereafter they made a heap of stone surrounding the pillar. In the earlier times, when somebody makes a covenant,

people make something to commemorate the event. Laban and Jacob made the heap of stone to recall their covenant. Jacob named it as 'Galeed' meaning God watches. Laban blessed Jacob's children and returned to his place. He came as a foe but returned as a friend.

Practical : God protects His children from the hands of opponents. God had told Jacob that he would protect him. God really did that. Let us rely on this God as He is faithful in his promises.



MY DECISION

I will never possess other's things without their knowledge.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, Help me to love others and to forgive those who persecute me. Amen.



QUESTIONS

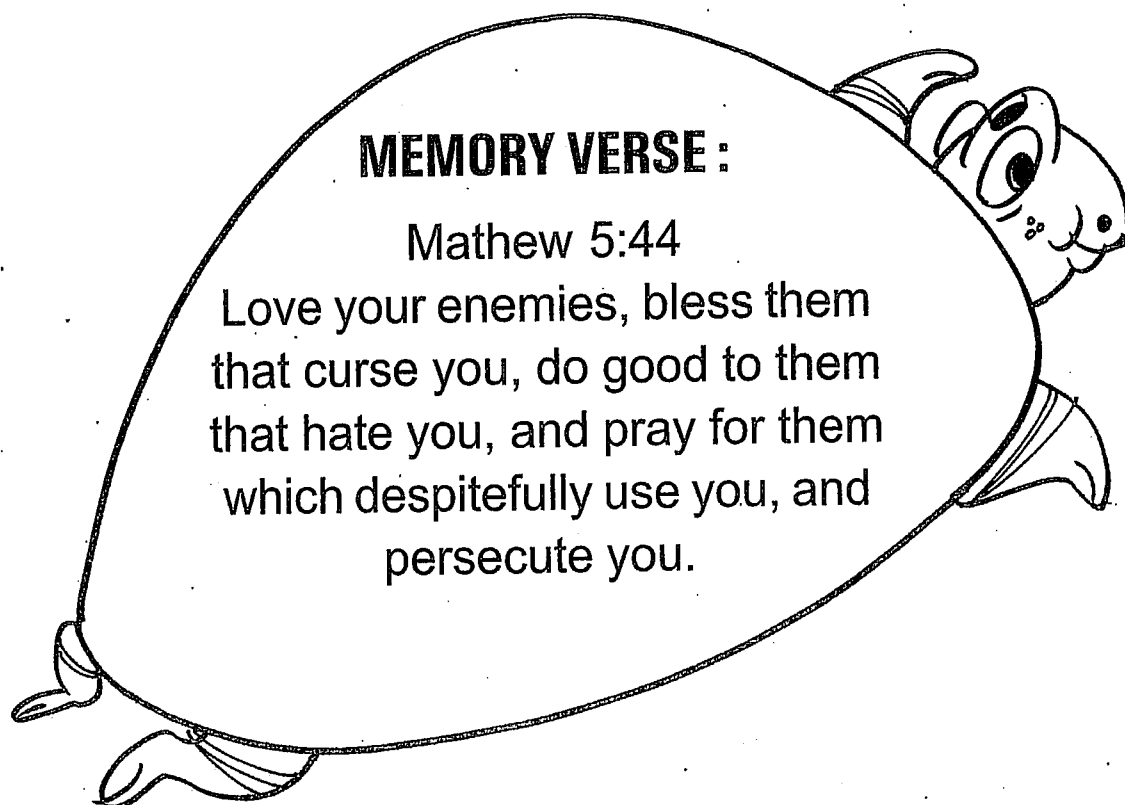


1. When did Laban come to know that Jacob had fled?
2. Where did Laban meet Jacob?
3. Why did Rachel steal the idols?
4. What was the punishment given to Rachel?
5. What is the meaning of the word Mizpah?

MEMORY VERSE :

Mathew 5:44

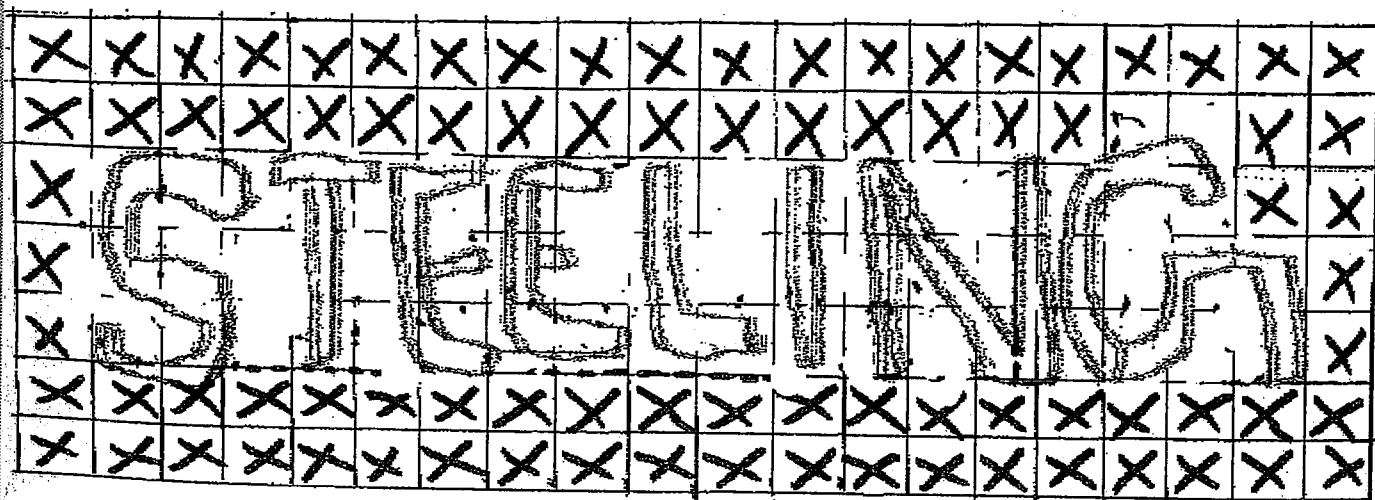
Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.





Imagine and write about Laban's dream

Find out the sin hated by God and colour it



Lesson 15

JACOB AT THE FORD JABBOK

Reference : Genesis 32:1 – 33:17

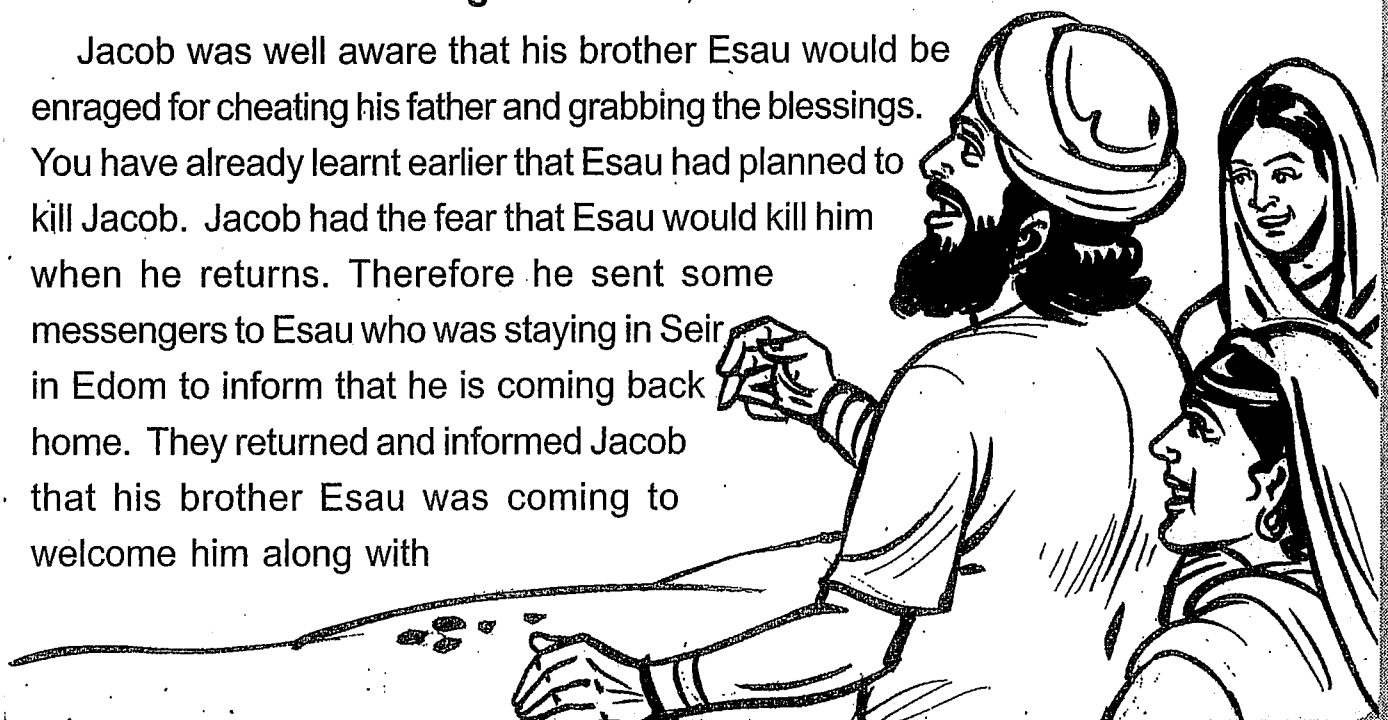
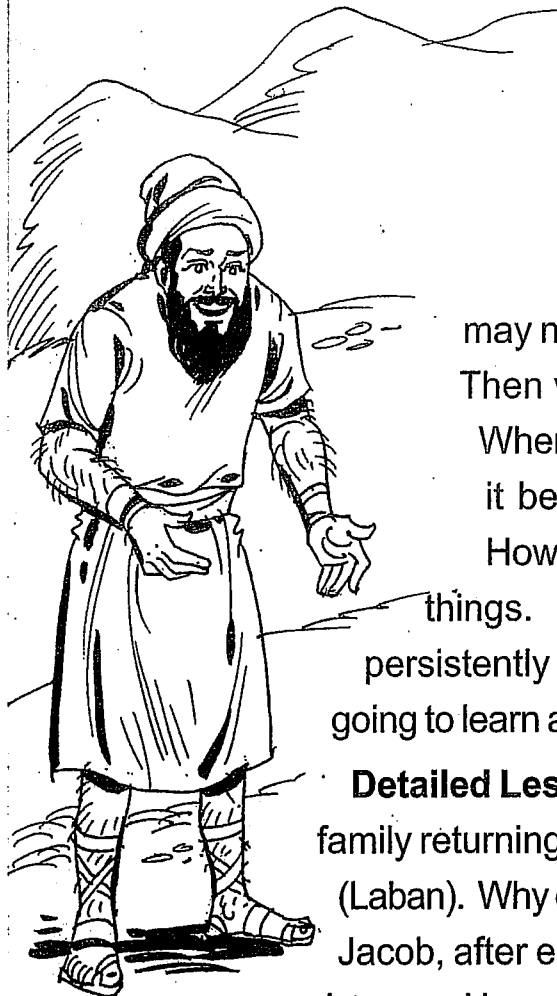
- Aim: 1) To understand that God hears and answers the prayers of His children.
- 2) To know that we receive forgiveness from God when we confess our own sins.

Introduction : Sometimes, your parents may not give you things immediately when you ask for it. Then what do you would do? You will cry. Won't you? When you cry for some time, they may give it. They give it because they cannot see you crying for long time. However, you should not cry and insist for unnecessary things. It would harm you than doing well. Once Jacob persistently asked and got blessings from God. Today we are going to learn about it.

Detailed Lesson : In the last lesson we learnt about Jacob and family returning to his native. Who pursued them in their journey? (Laban). Why did Laban pursued them? (his family idol was stolen). Jacob, after entering in to a covenant with Laban, continued his journey. He reached in a place called Mahanaim.

Jacob desires meeting Esau

Jacob was well aware that his brother Esau would be enraged for cheating his father and grabbing the blessings. You have already learnt earlier that Esau had planned to kill Jacob. Jacob had the fear that Esau would kill him when he returns. Therefore he sent some messengers to Esau who was staying in Seir in Edom to inform that he is coming back home. They returned and informed Jacob that his brother Esau was coming to welcome him along with





400 people. Jacob was gravely afraid of hearing this. Jacob feared that Esau would take revenge.

Lesson

Jacob gets new name

Jacob had to cross over a river on the way to his home. The name of the river was Jabbok. It was a tributary of river Jordan. He made everyone else cross over the river in the night itself. Jacob was left alone. He cried and prayed to God to save him from the hands of Esau. In that night God appeared to him. God appeared to Jacob as a man and wrestled with him. Jacob wrestled with the man till the dawn. He said to the man, I will not leave you till you bless me. Wrestling means not to fight, it means praying fervently. He was crying and praying fervently (Hosea 12:4). When God found that Jacob was not leaving him, he touched his thigh and it was out of its joint. The angel then asked Jacob for his name. He answered, Jacob. Earlier, Isaac asked Jacob the same question but he said that he was Esau but he told his true name before God. He was submitting before God that he was a trickster. God told him that since you wrestled with God and men, your name will be changed from Jacob to Israel. From that day Jacob started known as Israel. The meaning of the word Israel is 'God's Prince'.

Jacob and Esau meet together

When Jacob crossed the Jabbok river, he saw Esau coming to him with 400 people to welcome him. Jacob bowed before Esau seven times. Immediately Esau came and embraced Jacob. Both of them wept standing there. It was a meeting after 20 years. There was no more anger in Esau towards Jacob. When Esau asked as to who all are accompanying him, Jacob answered that they were his wives and children graciously given by God. Esau invited Jacob to his place but Jacob was not interested to go with him. Jacob went to Succoth along with his family. Esau returned to Seir. Thereafter Jacob lived peacefully.

Dear Children, if you fervently pray to God, He will deliver you from all problems. Jacob's prayer could change Esau to a friend though he was planning to kill him earlier. When there is a need or when there is a trouble, we should pray to God. He will certainly answer.

Practical : Jabbok is the place where Jacob, who had been cheating everyone during his entire life, repented. There he confessed all his wrongs. He submitted himself to live a life pleasing the God. Therefore, God forgave all his sins and blessed him. Like this, when we too confess all our wrongs and live fairly, God will forgive and bless us.



MY DECISION

I will tell all my needs to God and I will receive it through prayers.



Lesson

MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, I confess all my shortcomings like troubling and cheating others, etc. Please forgive me.
Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. Where did Esau live?
2. At which place did Jacob wrestle with God?
3. How did Jacob get the name Israel?
4. How was meeting between Esau and Jacob?

MEMORY VERSE :

Proverbs 28:13
He that covereth his
sins shall not prosper:
but who so confesseth
and forsaketh them
shall have mercy.



Tick right ☒ or wrong ☒

1. Esau's native place was Seir. ☐
2. Esau came to meet Jacob with 300 people ☐
3. Jacob crossed the Jordan River during his journey. ☐
4. Wrestling means fervently praying. ☐
5. Jacob bowed before Esau 7 times. ☐



Find out from the column as to what Paul is saying to Pauline

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Lesson 16

THE DREAMS OF JOSEPH

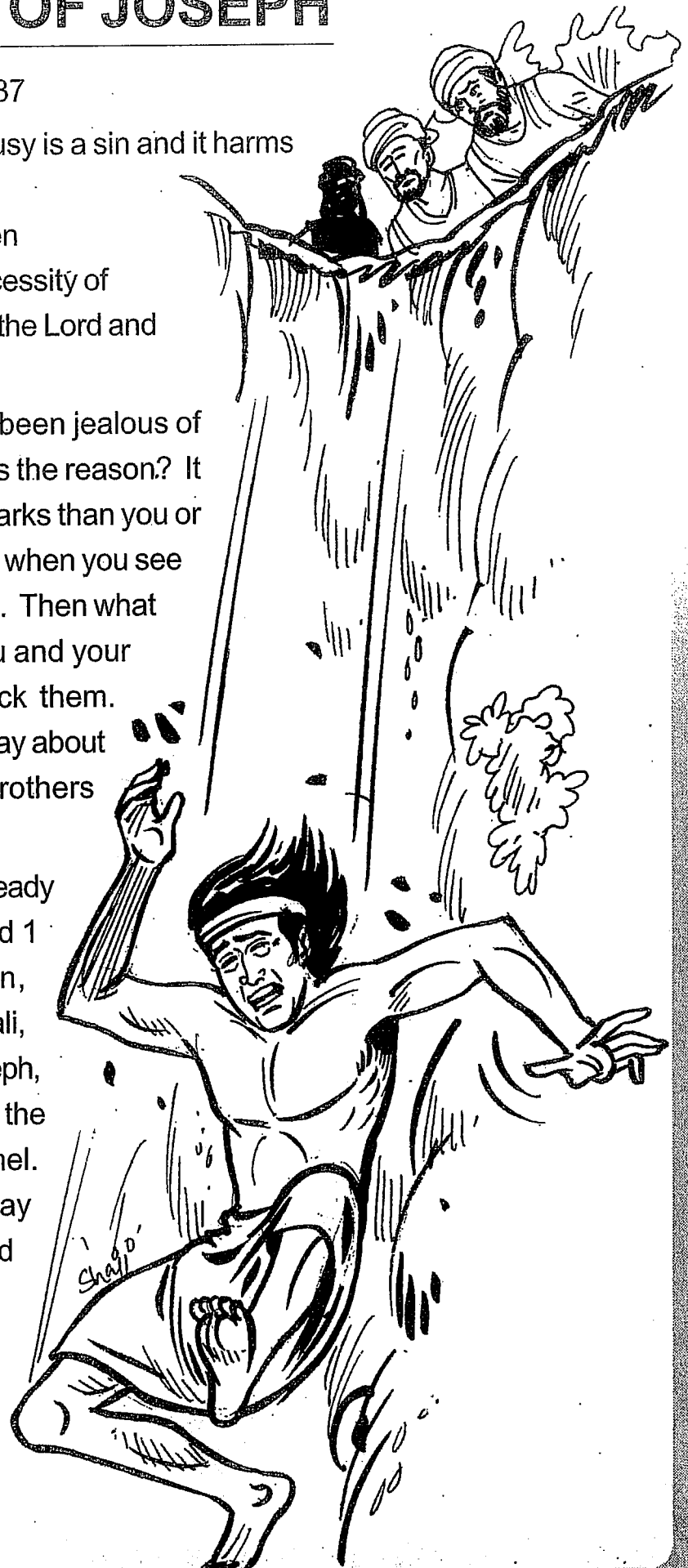
Reference : Genesis Chapter 37

- Aim:** 1) To grasp that jealousy is a sin and it harms us and also others.
- 2) To make the children understand the necessity of faithfulness before the Lord and also before men.

Introduction : Have you ever been jealous of your classmates? If yes, what was the reason? It may be when they obtain better marks than you or when teachers appreciate them or when you see that they are smarter than you, etc. Then what do you do to them? Perhaps, you and your friends may isolate them or mock them. Likewise, we are going to learn today about a boy's dream that made his brothers jealousy.

Detailed Lesson : You have already learnt that Jacob had 12 sons and 1 daughter. They were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulon, Joseph, Benjamin and Dinah. Joseph was the 11th son and the firstborn to Rachel. The meaning of this name is "May God give increase". Jacob loved Joseph the most. His father gave him a colourful coat (long dress). His brothers were not happy with his father loving him more and giving such gifts. They hated him.

The dreams of Joseph





Lesson

Once Joseph dreamt two dreams. The first dream was that they were binding sheaves in the field and the sheaf of Joseph arose and stood upright; whereas his brother's sheaves stood around it and made obeisance. When Joseph told his brothers about this dream, they laughed at him and asked if he would become their king. Joseph dreamt again. It was about the sun, moon and the stars which paid obeisance to him. The sun indicates about his father, moon as mother and the stars indicates to his brothers. Joseph told this dream also to the brothers. They hated him more and scorned him saying 'dreamer'.

Joseph went into bondage

Joseph's brothers were shepherds. They used to go to distant places to feed the flock. One day, Jacob asked Joseph to find out the welfare of his brothers who were rearing the flock at a faraway place called Shechem. Joseph's obedience to his father and love for his brothers made him travel very far to Dothan which was beyond Shechem and found them. When they saw him from a distance, they said among themselves that the dreamer is coming and we should kill him. Without knowing all this, when Joseph came near to them, they removed his colourful coat and put him into a dry pit. Joseph cried out from the pit. Soon they took him out of the pit and sold him to Ishmaelite merchants for 20 silver coins. Those merchants bought him and again sold him to Potiphar who was an officer in the palace. Thus Joseph reached Egypt.

It is the jealousy of his brothers that prompted them to torment and sell Joseph. Jealousy prompts us to trouble others. Therefore, we should not have jealousy towards anybody. Whereas we should be happy and thank God when others are smarter than us or obtain good marks. When we do this, God will bless us like them.

Joseph went into prison

Joseph who was a bonded labour in the house of Potiphar worked there faithfully. Potiphar saw that the Lord is with Joseph and therefore everything was possible for Joseph. Therefore Potiphar entrusted the entire responsibility of his house to Joseph. Joseph was the overseer of all the other workers of the house. Do you know why Joseph held this position? It is because Joseph did everything faithfully. We must also be faithful in everything. We must live honestly in the school where we are studying, at our home and in our Church. We will be exalted by God if we live without stealing or doing other wicked things.

While working in the house of Potiphar, one day, an allegation was put on Joseph for an offence which he did not do. But Potiphar was angry on him and put him in to the prison. Joseph had to stay in prison for some time. However, God delivered him from there. We will study about it in the next week.



Practical : The Lord keeps an eye on us even if our parents or others do not see us. It is very important to be faithful. We should not forget the truth that God watches us even when we get the opportunity to do wrong things. In addition to that God will raise us if we are faithful even when others mock or make us aloof.



MY DECISION

I will live honestly before the Lord and men.

MY PRAYER

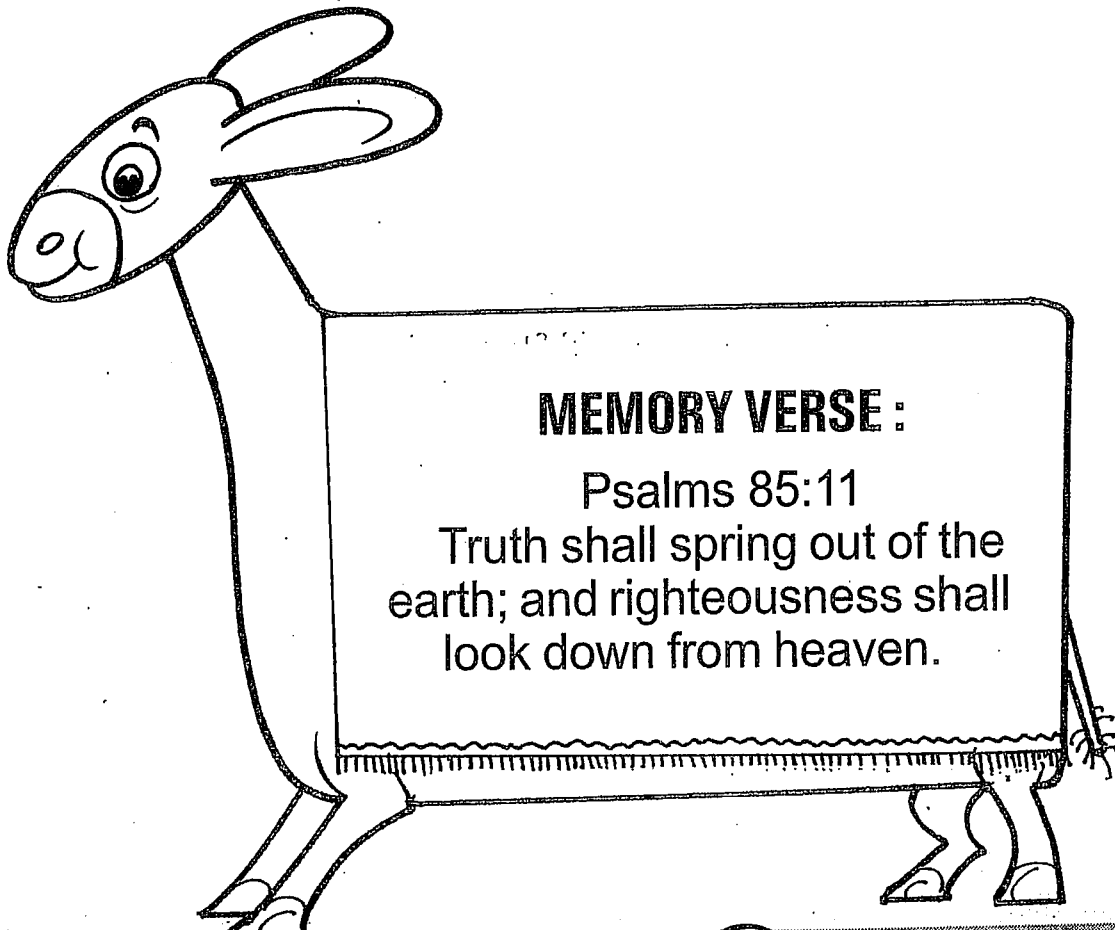
O Lord Jesus, help me not to be jealous of others and to pray for them in their prosperity. Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. Name the children of Jacob?
2. What are the dreams of Joseph?
3. Where did Joseph find his brothers?
4. What was the reason for Joseph's progress in the house of Potiphar?





Write the names of Jacob's sons in a sequence
from the eldest to the youngest



Simeon



Dan



Asher



Reuben



Issachar



Levi



Gad



Napthali



Judah



Joseph



Dinah

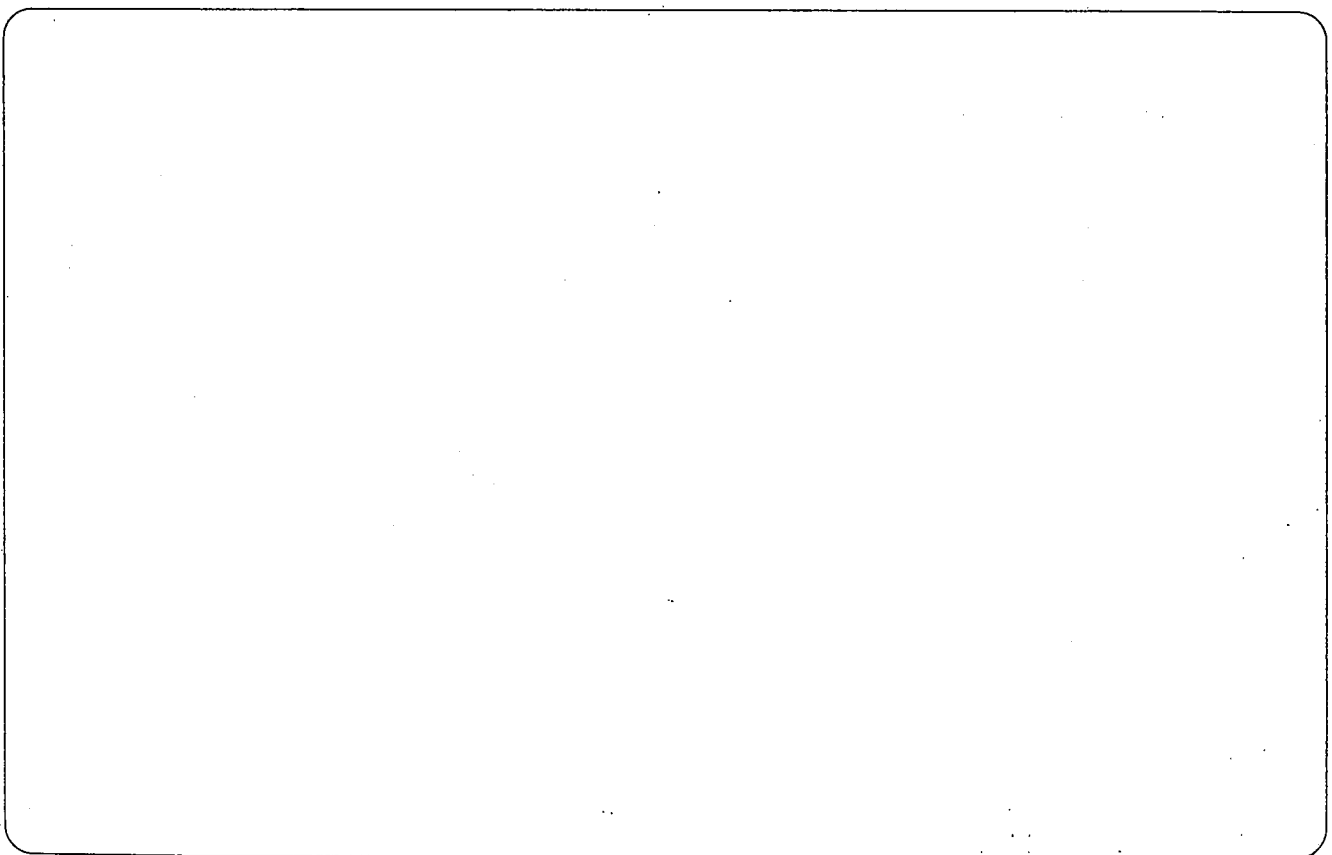


Benjamin



Zebulon

Neatly draw a sun, a moon and 11 stars and colour it



Lesson 17

JOSEPH BECOMES THE GOVERNOR

Reference : Genesis Chapters 40 & 41

- Aim:**
- 1) To make the children know the necessity of being thankful to God and others throughout out life.
 - 2) To accept the responsibility of exalting the name of God everywhere.
 - 3) To understand that God will raise us if we are responsible in our deeds and life.

Introduction : Imagine that a boy is taken as a slave to some other country. It would be a matter of glory if he grows there and becomes the governor of that country. Isn't it? Why do we say so? After being born in another country, if you are being held as a slave in some other country, there is very little possibility to become governor in that country. Likewise, today we are going to learn about Joseph who was born in one country and brought into another country (Egypt) as slave but became the governor over there.

Detailed Lesson : We learnt in the last lesson about Joseph who was sold as a slave. Why did his brothers sell him as a slave? (Due to Jealousy and hate). Joseph





who was sold to the Ishmaelite merchants by his brothers was put into prison on the allegation of an offence which he never committed.

Lesson

Joseph is delivered from prison

In the prison, Joseph was being watched by the prison In-charge. He understood that Joseph was innocent and therefore dealt with him very kindly. As the prison in-charge was aware that the Lord was with Joseph and therefore all his deeds were prospering, he made him supervisor of all other prison mates. At that time, two more persons were put into the prison. They were the officers of Pharaoh. One of them was the chief of the bakers and the other was the chief of the butlers. One night both of them dreamt dreams (Genesis 40:5-23). Both of them were sad as they could not understand the meaning of their dreams but Joseph interpreted it to them. Joseph told them that one of them will be reinstated in his position and the other will be killed. It happened exactly. The chief of the baker was hanged and the chief of the butler was returned to the job. Joseph told the butler to remember him also after returning to his position. But he forgot about Joseph after he was reinstated.

Dear children, when you get good job and salary and prosper in future, you should not forget those who helped you to get it. Your parents, teachers, Pastors, Sunday school teachers, Church, etc. are those who help and pray for you. We should always be thankful to them.

The dream of Pharaoh

In those days, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt dreamt two dreams. While he was sitting on the bank of river Nile, he saw seven fat fleshed cows coming out of the river. Immediately, seven more lean fleshed cows came out and swallowed the first seven cows. This was the first dream. The second dream was that seven good ears of corn came upon one stalk. After that seven more thin ears of corn sprung up. The thin ears of corn ate up the first seven good ears. When Pharaoh rose in the morning, he wanted to know the meaning of these two dreams. He called all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. But they could not interpret the dreams.

At that time the chief of the butler remembered about Joseph. He informed the king about Joseph who can interpret dreams. The king called Joseph from prison to the palace forthwith. He asked Joseph to tell the dreams and its meaning. He told the king that it is not he but the God of heaven who interprets the dreams. Thus Joseph exalted God's name there. The Lord granted His grace to Joseph to interpret the meaning of the dreams.

The meaning of the dreams was that there would be seven years of great plenty in Egypt and there would another seven years of famine immediately after that. Joseph also suggested storing corns before the famine. Pharaoh liked Joseph very much. As Joseph possessed the spirit of God and wisdom, the king appointed him as the governor of his kingdom. In that country, no one was above Joseph except the Pharaoh. It is not incorrect to say that Joseph was raised as the Prime Minister of that country.

There would be difficulties in the life of God's children. We may have to face mockery,

disease, financial difficulties, etc. But the God who stood with Joseph would be with us too in our difficult times. He will help us if we pray with faith.

Joseph's brothers bow down

There was famine in the country as said by Joseph. Knowing that food is available in Egypt, people from neighbouring countries too came to buy it. When Jacob came to know about this, he sent his sons to Egypt to buy corn. They reached there and saw Joseph who was then the governor over there. They could not recognise that it was Joseph whom they had sold. His brothers bowed down before him. Joseph disclosed to them as to who he was. Joseph and his brothers embraced each other and cried for long time.

Practical : Joseph was a hapless person when he was sold. Those who were supposed to have protected Joseph had sold him out. Since Joseph trusted God, He did not abandon him. God held him high before his brothers. Dear children, like this there can be occasions when nobody will help us. If we rely on God, He will not desert us.



MY DECISION

I shall never forget my helpful parents, teachers, pastors or church.

MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, be with me always like you held Joseph in his trying times. Amen.



QUESTIONS

1. Who were the other two persons with Joseph in prison?
2. What happened to the chief of bakers and the chief of butlers?
3. What were the dreams of Pharaoh?
4. From where did Joseph's brothers reach Egypt?

MEMORY VERSE :

Genesis 39:2
And the LORD was
with Joseph, and he was a
prosperous man.



Name any 5 prime ministers who ruled in India in the past

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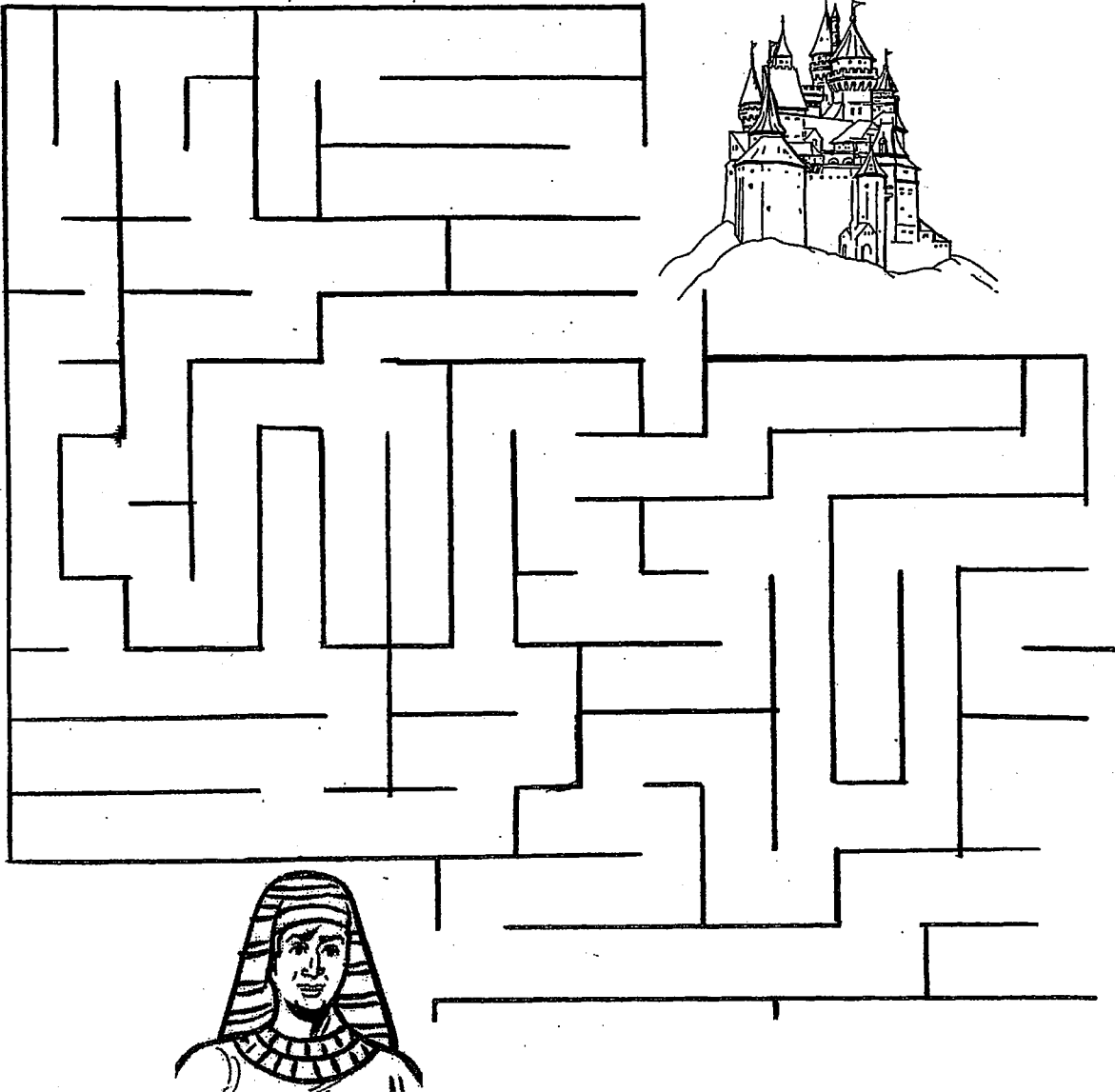
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Guide Joseph to reach the palace



Lesson 18

THE GOOD CHARACTERS OF JOSEPH

Reference : Genesis 37:12-17; 39:1-6; 41:14-16; 45:1-8

- Aim:** 1) To make the children grasp that good characters contributes significantly to success in life.
- 2) To impart the knowledge about certain excellent qualities that one should always possess in their life.

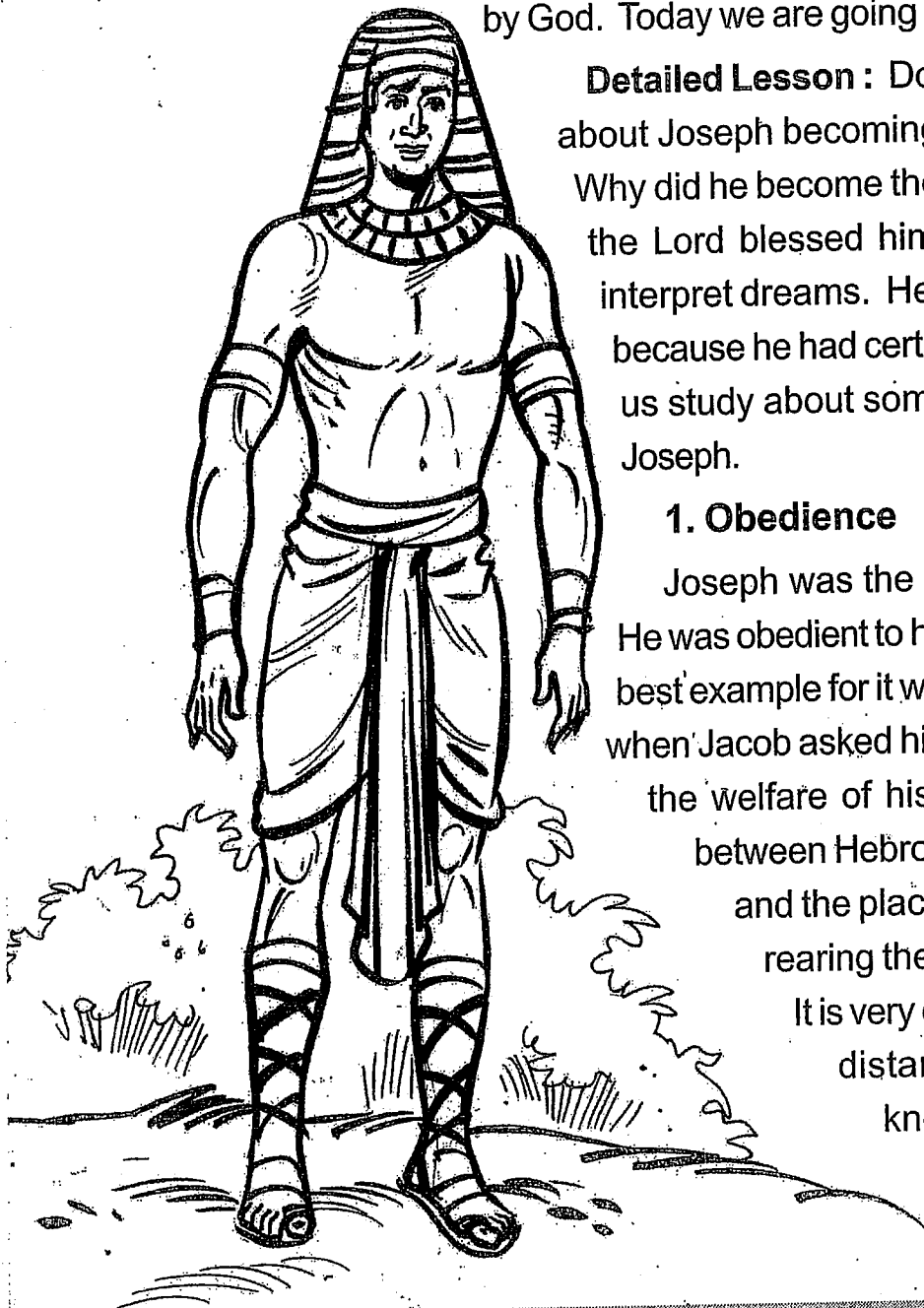
Introduction : Children possessing good behaviours are always liked by everybody. Aren't they? The parents and teachers like them more than others. Do you know some virtues? Obedience, honesty, modesty, patience, etc. are some of the virtues or good qualities. Those who possess such qualities are not only liked by men but also by God. Today we are going to learn about it.

Detailed Lesson : Do you recall the last lesson about Joseph becoming the Governor of Egypt? Why did he become the governor? It is because the Lord blessed him and gave the ability to interpret dreams. He was blessed by the Lord because he had certain excellent qualities. Let us study about some of the good qualities of Joseph.

1. Obedience

Joseph was the most loved son of Jacob. He was obedient to his father in all matters. The best example for it was that he went delightfully when Jacob asked him to go and enquire about the welfare of his brothers. The distance between Hebron where they were staying and the place where his brothers were rearing the herd was about 70 miles.

It is very difficult to travel such a long distance. Moreover, Joseph knew that he was going to those who were jealous of him. Still he was very





enthusiastic to obey his father. You may be aware that obedient children are liked by the parents. Such people are blessed by God too. Therefore, dear children, you must obey your parents in everything (Ephesians 6:1) (Read this verse loudly).

2. The faithful Joseph

Joseph was faithful in everything that was entrusted to him. Potiphar who was an officer in the palace of Pharaoh was a very rich person. Joseph was bought into his house as a slave. When Potiphar found that the Lord Yahweh is with Joseph, he entrusted all responsibilities of his house to him. Joseph fulfilled all his responsibilities in the house faithfully. Though he had many occasions to steal, he feared the Lord and did everything honestly. As Joseph was honest in trivial responsibilities, God raised him to be responsible for the entire country of Egypt.

Dear Children, we will be given big responsibilities if we are faithful in small matters. We should always be honest even if we have opportunity to steal or do something wrong or even when nobody is watching us whether we are at home or otherwise. Such honesty would be seen by the Lord.

3. Joseph's humbleness

Joseph had been humble all through his life. We have already learnt that God had been blessing Joseph wherever he went. He had held authority in Potiphar's house, in prison and also in the palace of Pharaoh. But he never felt proud of it. He knew that his position was because of the capabilities granted by the Lord and thanked Him. Due to this attitude, he could mercifully deal with the people in prison and his brothers.

Dear children, never be proud of your capabilities. You must have seen proud people mocking others because they are good in studies or they are wealthy or good in singing, etc. You should never do it because all our abilities are granted by God only. It is not your own or your parent's capability. It is the mercy of the Lord that you are lifted high. Therefore, we must thank God with all humility.

4. The forgiveness of Joseph

Joseph who went to his brothers to enquire about their welfare was put into a dry pit by them. He cried and fervently prayed to them to save him. But they did not do it. Instead they sold him to the Ishmaelite merchants as they were very cruel. But Joseph had no annoyance with them. When his brothers approached him for corn he did not show any vengeance towards them in spite of having authority to do so. Instead he forgave them. We must also not take revenge on anybody. Our Lord doesn't like it. When others fight with us or ridicule us, we should not retaliate. The sons of Satan do like that. Instead we must love and pray for them.

Practical : Our character is most significant than anything else. People will honour those who possess good characters. The Lord too will bless us. People will hate us if have bad characters. On the contrary, others will keep distance from us. Therefore, let us have obedience, faithfulness, modesty and patience like Joseph had.



MY DECISION

I will be a good child before the Lord and also before men.

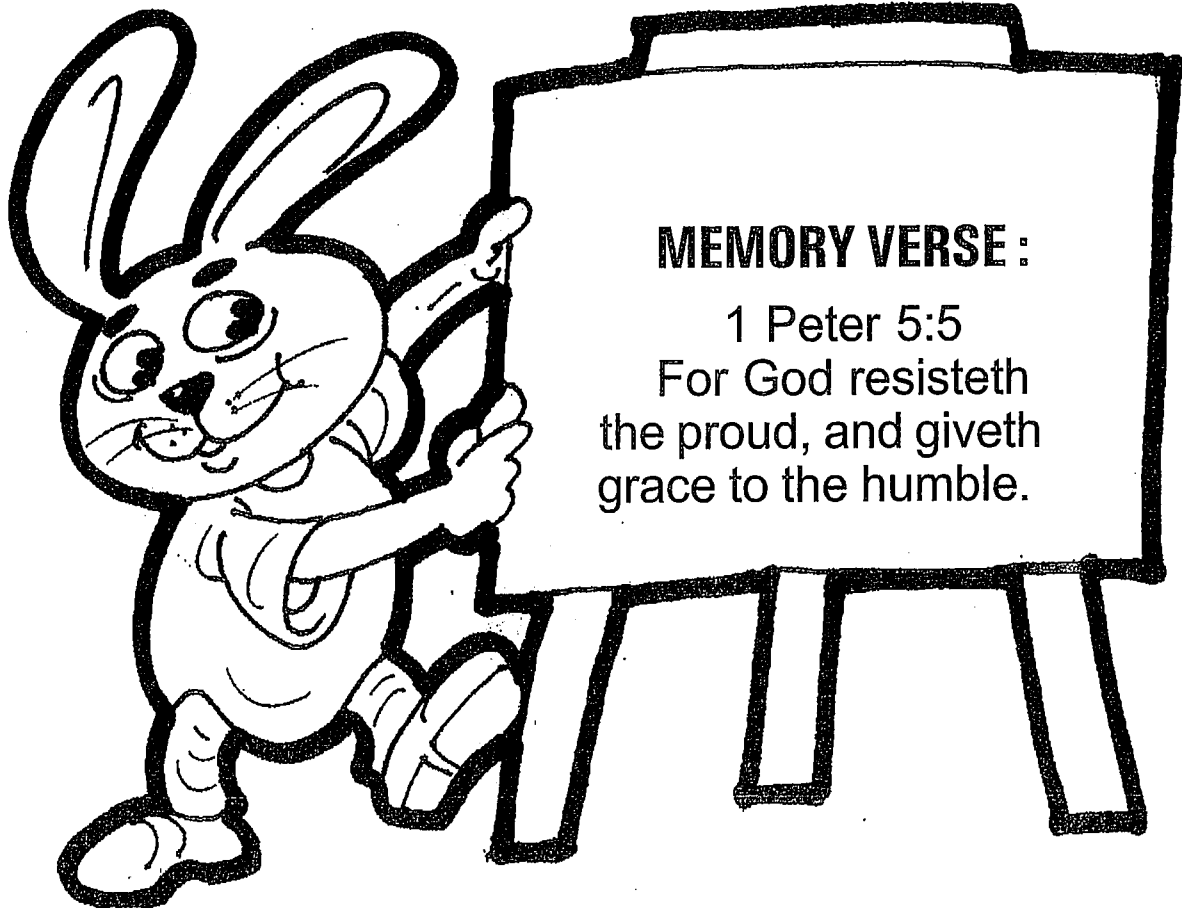
MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, Help me to be without guile for anyone and also to love all. Amen.



QUESTIONS

1. What is the distance between Hebron and Shechem?
2. Write an example of Joseph's obedience?
3. Prove that Joseph was faithful?



MEMORY VERSE :

1 Peter 5:5
For God resisteth
the proud, and giveth
grace to the humble.



Write five good characters liked by
God and our parents.

Slander

Jealousy

Obedience

Faithfulness

Love

Anger

Humility

Forgiveness

Stubbornness

1.

4.

2.

5.

3.

Fill in the blanks

1. The distance between Hebron and Shechem is miles.
2. entrusted the entire responsibility of his house to Joseph.
3. Joseph had in the house of Potiphar's house, in prison and also in the palace.
4. dealt with his brothers mercifully.
5. The brothers sold Joseph tomerchants.

Lesson 19

ISRAEL MOVES TOWARDS EGYPT

Reference : Genesis Chapters 46:1 to 47:12

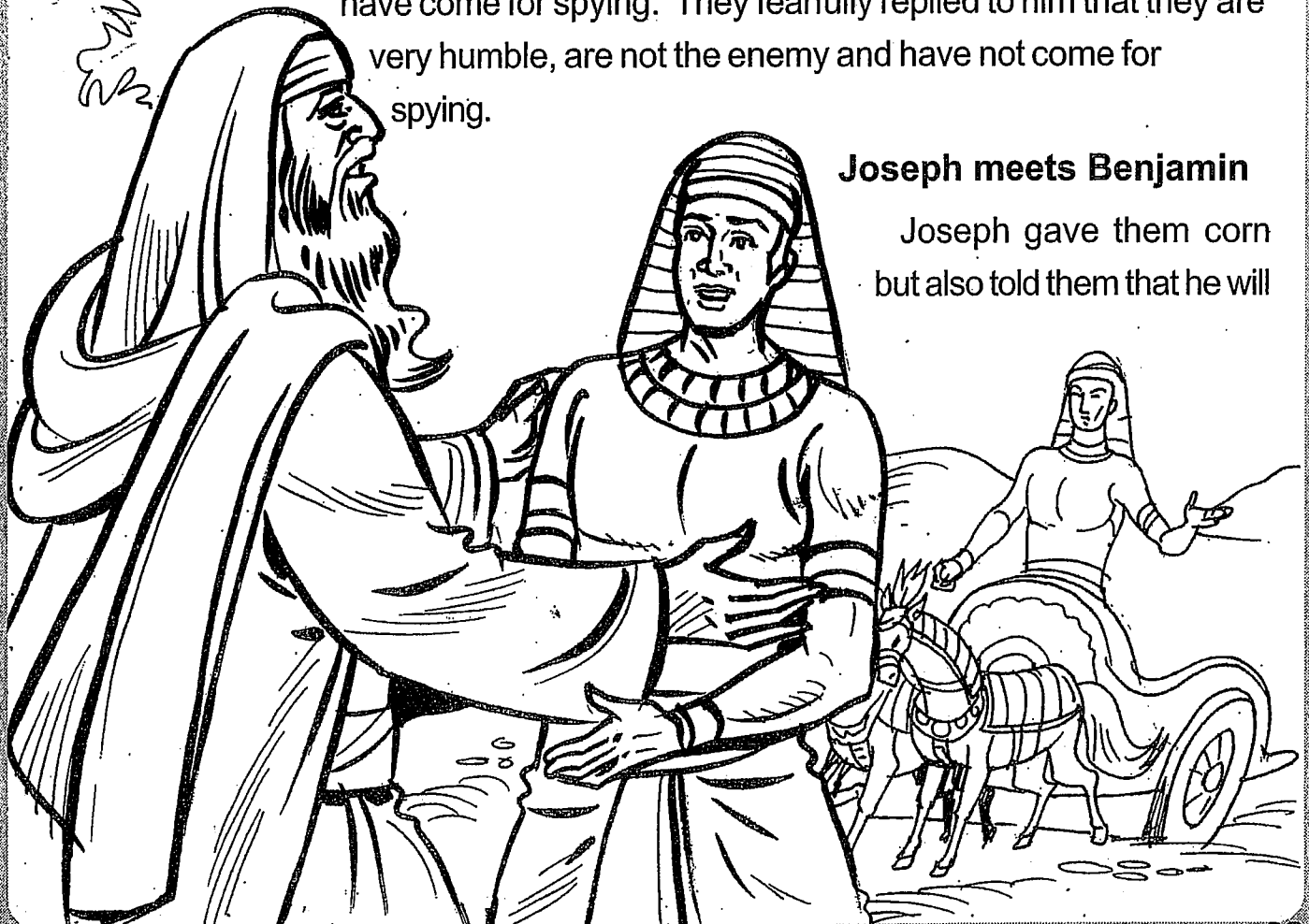
- Aim:** 1) To make the children grasp that whatever is said by God shall be fulfilled even after many years.
- 2) To know that those who harm others will have to suffer.

Introduction : You will be very upset if your Papa or Mummy leave you and go to a distant place for employment for a long time. Won't you? What if they return after many years? You will be very happy. You will embrace them, smile and perhaps cry out of joy. Like this, today we are going to study about Joseph who was very delighted on meeting his father and brothers after many years.

Detailed Lesson : You have already studied about the journey of Joseph's brothers to Egypt to buy food during famine in Canaan. All the 10 brothers excluding Benjamin, the younger brother of Joseph had gone to Egypt. Although Joseph recognised them, they could not recognise Joseph. Initially Joseph talked to them roughly. He alleged that they are the enemies of the country and they have come for spying. They fearfully replied to him that they are very humble, are not the enemy and have not come for spying.

Joseph meets Benjamin

Joseph gave them corn but also told them that he will





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not give it again until they bring Benjamin. They returned to Jacob and informed him everything. Though Jacob initially hesitated, but later sent Benjamin him to Egypt. When Joseph met him, he could not control his emotions. He went inside and wept for some time without disclosing to others. While giving them corn, he gave order to keep the money in the sack of Benjamin. While they returned, Joseph alleged them that they have stolen the money and ordered to put Benjamin in prison. You must be thinking as to why Joseph did all these things. This was an opportunity for the brothers to repent about their wrongs and to change their behaviour. When he ordered to put Benjamin into prison, all the 11 brothers bowed down before Joseph. It was the fulfilling of the dream Joseph dreamt at the age of 17 years.

At that point of time, Joseph revealed to them his identity. He said to them that he is their brother Joseph whom they had sold. He further told them that God had sent him here for their survival. The brothers got frightened. Joseph comforted them. Thereafter he made arrangements to bring his father and family to Egypt for which he sent chariots to Canaan.

Jacob proceeds to Egypt

Joseph's brothers returned and told Jacob that their brother Joseph is alive and he is the highest authority in Egypt. Jacob wondered on hearing this. He could not believe their words. After some time the chariots sent by Joseph arrived. Jacob got delighted. Before proceeding to Egypt, he offered sacrifice to God at Beersheba. God spoke to him there. The Lord said to him not to be afraid of going to Egypt and he would be made a multitude there. Thus, Jacob went to Egypt. They were 70 people in the family that went to Egypt (Genesis 46:26-27). When Jacob and Joseph met, they could not control their joy. Both of them cried for long.

Israel multiplied in Egypt

Those who came from Canaan talked to Pharaoh for their settlement. The king granted them a very fertile place Goshen. They settled there and worshipped God. The family of Jacob kept on increasing there. After sometime, they became a multitude. The entire region was filled with them (Exodus 1:7).

Practical: Joseph's brothers tried to destroy him so that his dreams may not be fulfilled. As the dreams were from the Lord, it was fulfilled. It is sure that anything said by God will be carried out today or tomorrow. God has no difficulty to execute it even if somebody has objection. Satan will try to destroy us too as he did to Joseph. But God is our saviour. He will be with us in troubled times and bless us. Therefore let us rely on God like Joseph did.



MY DECISION

My Bible contains the Word of God. I believe it wholly.



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MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, I thank you for being with me in all the way
of my life. Grant me your grace to be with you always.
Amen.



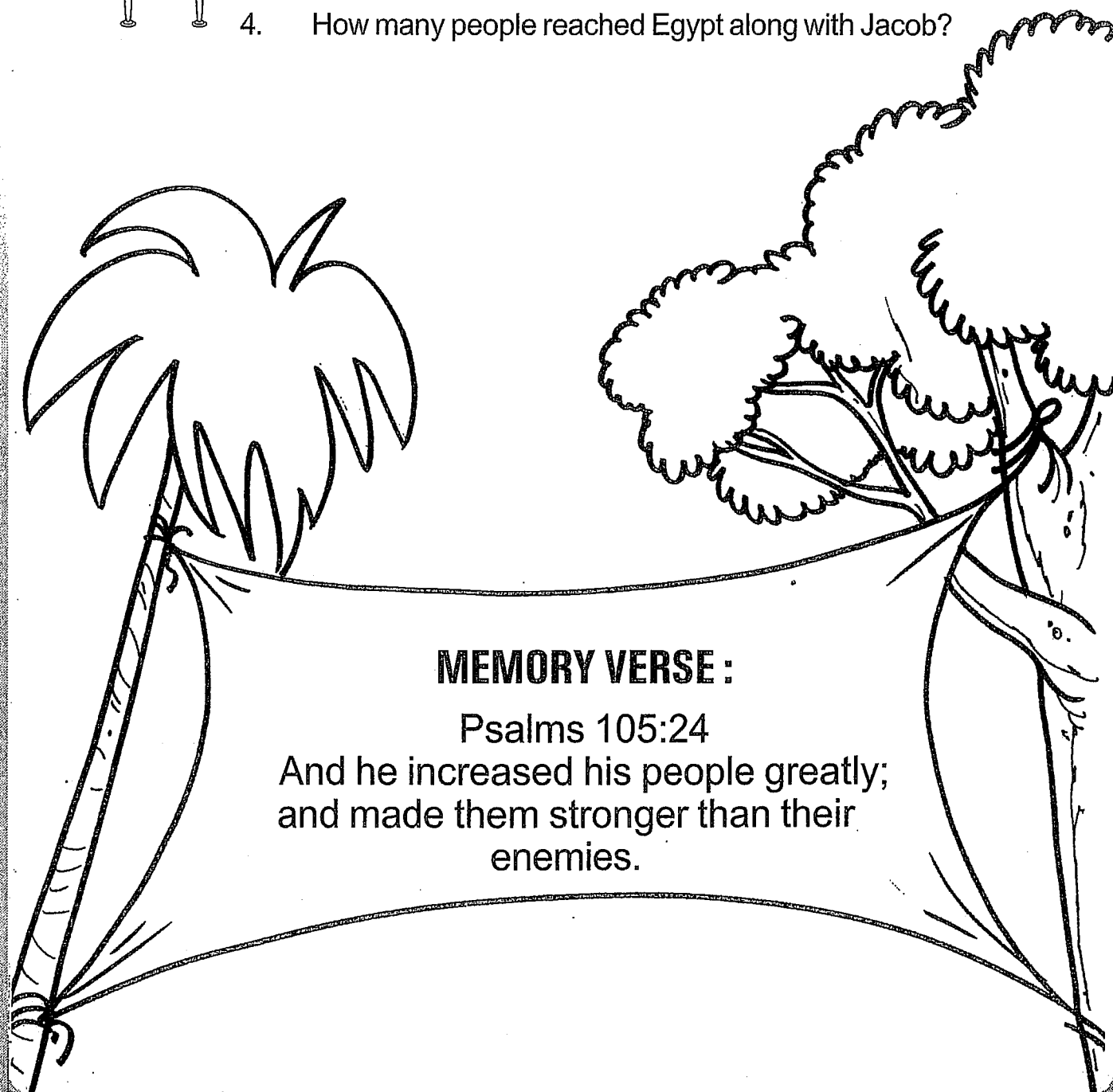
QUESTIONS



1. What is the name of the youngest brother of Joseph?
2. Where did Jacob offer sacrifice?
3. Why did Joseph talk to his brothers roughly?
4. How many people reached Egypt along with Jacob?

MEMORY VERSE :

Psalms 105:24
And he increased his people greatly;
and made them stronger than their
enemies.





Join the dots and colour the picture



Word problem

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1. Name of younger brother of Joseph?
5. How many brothers Joseph had?

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Right

2. The place where to buy foods?
3. The place where Jacob and his sons stayed?
4. The number of people that went to Egypt?

Lesson 20

THE DEATH OF JACOB AND JOSEPH

Reference : Genesis Chapter 48 to 50.

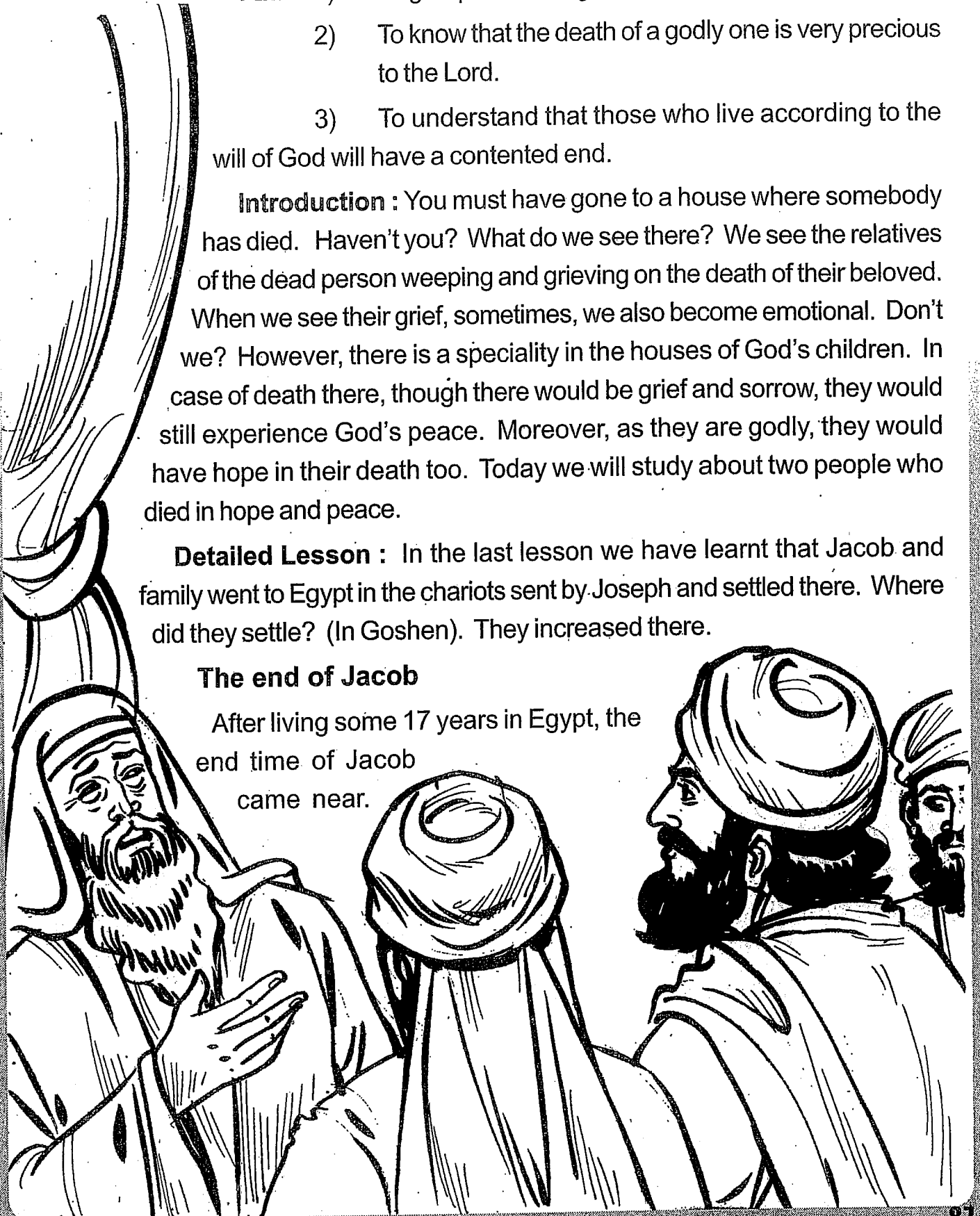
- Aim:**
- 1) To grasp that the righteous die with hope.
 - 2) To know that the death of a godly one is very precious to the Lord.
 - 3) To understand that those who live according to the will of God will have a contented end.

Introduction : You must have gone to a house where somebody has died. Haven't you? What do we see there? We see the relatives of the dead person weeping and grieving on the death of their beloved. When we see their grief, sometimes, we also become emotional. Don't we? However, there is a speciality in the houses of God's children. In case of death there, though there would be grief and sorrow, they would still experience God's peace. Moreover, as they are godly, they would have hope in their death too. Today we will study about two people who died in hope and peace.

Detailed Lesson : In the last lesson we have learnt that Jacob and family went to Egypt in the chariots sent by Joseph and settled there. Where did they settle? (In Goshen). They increased there.

The end of Jacob

After living some 17 years in Egypt, the end time of Jacob came near.





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He called all of his sons and blessed each of them. He also told what each of them would become in future. He told his children that he is going to die and after his death his body should be kept in the Machpelah grave. Do you know what Machpelah grave is? Machpelah cave is the place that Abraham bought from a gentile namely Hittite for burying Sarah (Genesis 23:19). In addition to Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah and Leah were also buried in this grave. Jacob told his children that he wanted to rest in this grave. After he told these things to his children, Jacob lifted his legs and placed on the cot and died. He was 147 years old when he died. Though he had many troubles throughout his life, he could see all of his children and died with great hope.

As told by Jacob, Joseph and his brothers embalmed their father's body. They also arranged everything for burying his body in Machpelah grave. Pharaoh declared that the entire Egypt would mourn for 70 days on the death of Jacob. They took the dead body in a funeral procession to Machpelah. Moreover, the officers in Pharaoh's palace also went along with the funeral procession to Canaan. Seeing all this was a wonder for the people living near the Machpelah grave.

Joseph removes the fear of his brothers

After the death of Jacob, Joseph's brothers were again afraid of Joseph. They were afraid because they thought that Joseph would take revenge for the evil done unto him earlier. Those who do evil to others and torment them would always be troubled with fear. However, our life would always be joyful if we do good to others. Joseph, who did not have an iota of thought for taking revenge, gathered his brothers, encouraged and comforted them by promising that he would nourish and protect their family and therefore asked them not to fear.

The death of Joseph

Joseph lived for many years after the death of Jacob. He saw his children and grand children. When his end came, he called his brothers and told them that he was going to die but God will visit them and take all of them back to Canaan. He asked his brothers to take back his bones to Canaan. Thus, Joseph died when he was 110 years old. They embalmed his body and kept it safely in a coffin. Thereafter, when God visited them after many years, they took his bones to Canaan as told by Joseph (Exodus 13:19).

Practical : Dear children, Jacob and Joseph were filled with hope during their death. They left this world with great joy and contentment. They never feared death. Do you know the reason? It is because they pleased God in their life time. Likewise, if we too please God and live according to His will, we will have peace and contentment.



MY DECISION

I will always live according to the will of God.



MY PRAYER

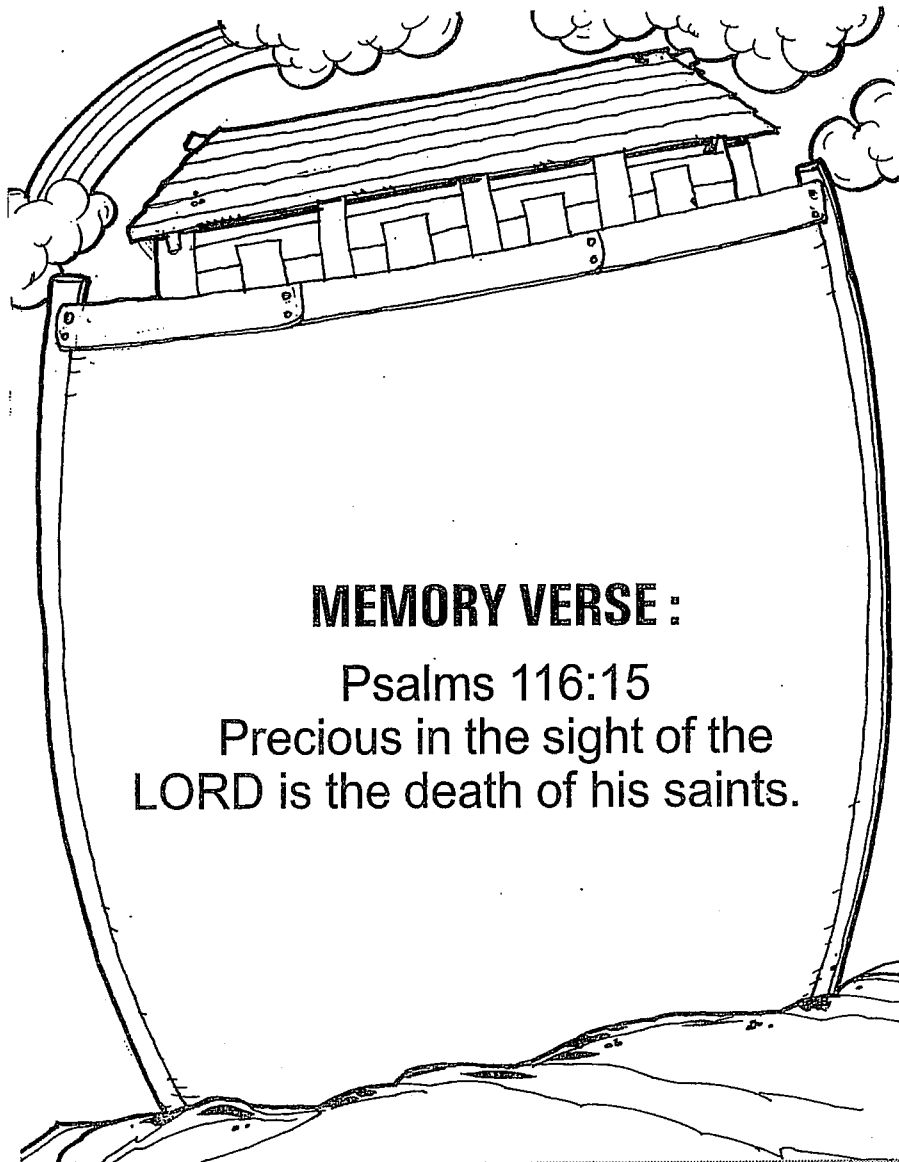
○ Lord Jesus, help me to live with you and to be contented always like Jacob and Joseph. Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. For how many years Jacob lived in Egypt?
2. What is the significance of Machpelah grave?
3. What was Jacob's age when he died?
4. Why were Joseph's brothers afraid?

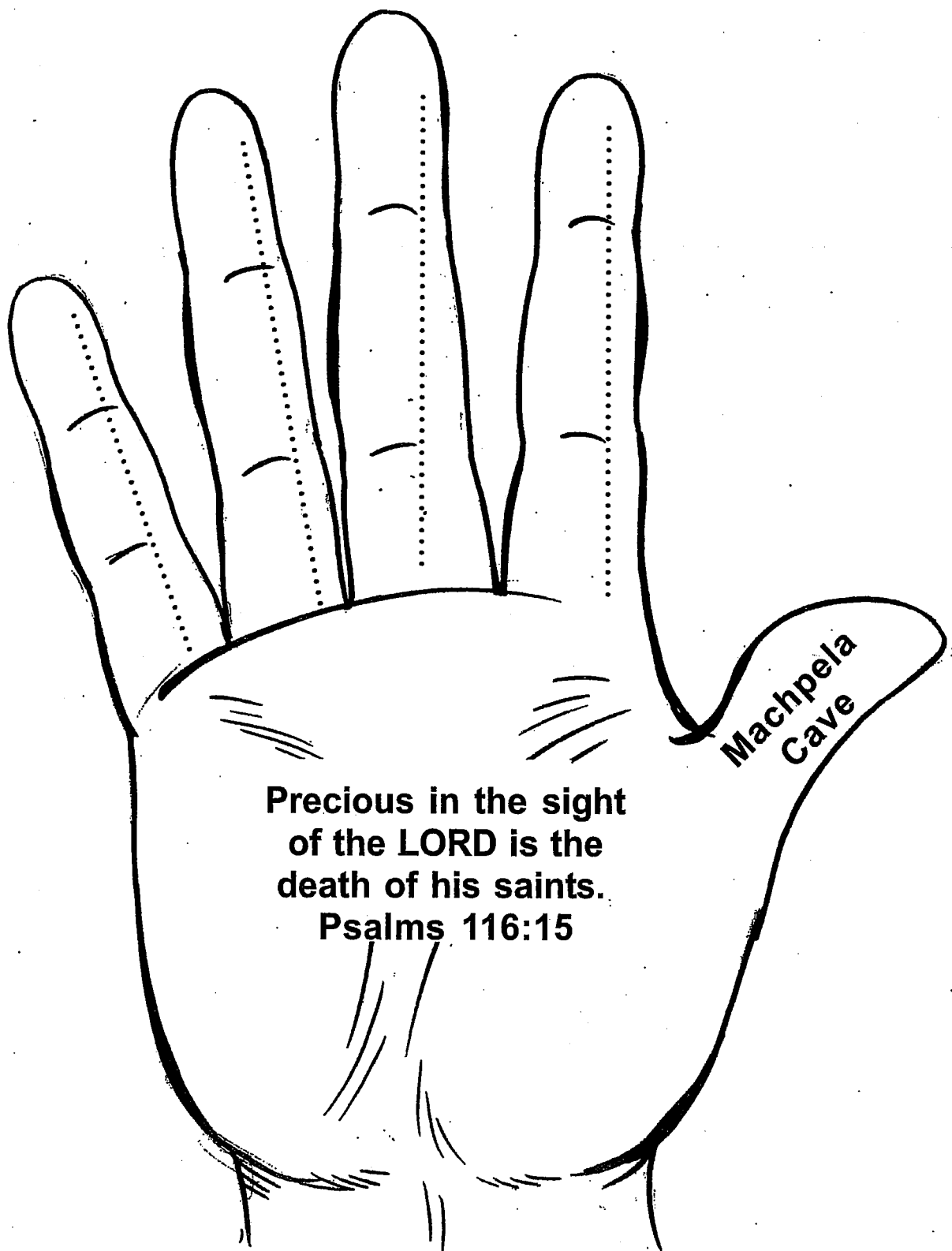


MEMORY VERSE :

Psalms 116:15
Precious in the sight of the
LORD is the death of his saints.



Read Chapters 48, 49 and 50 and find out the names who were buried in the Machpelah grave



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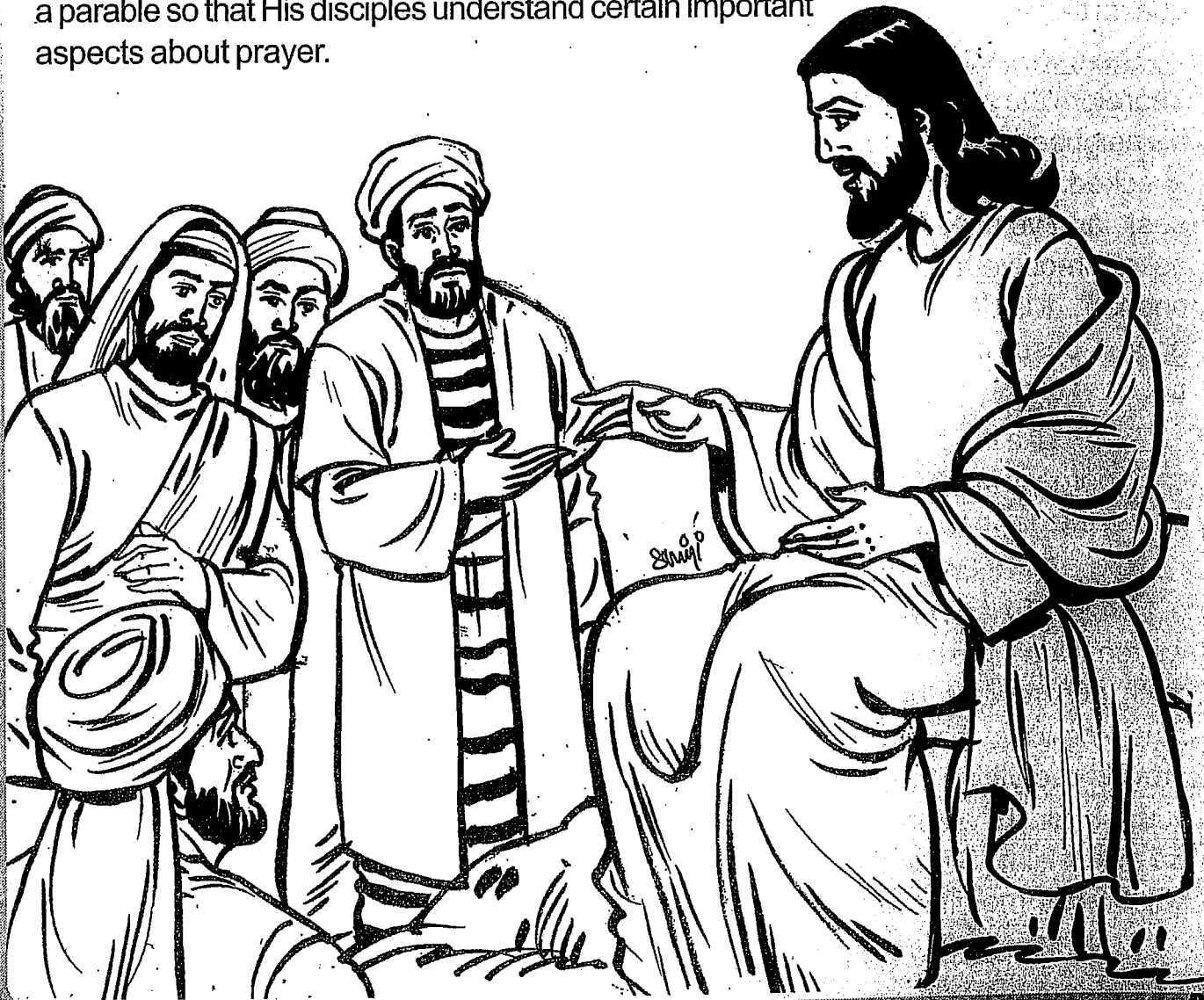
THE PARABLE OF THREE FRIENDS

Reference : Luke 11:5-13; Matthew 7:7-11

- Aim:**
- 1) To understand the significance of prayer.
 - 2) To grasp as to what attitude one should have in prayer.
 - 3) To teach children to grow in prayer.

Introduction: Suppose that you are writing notes in the classroom and the ink in your pen is finished. What would you do at that time? You would borrow a pen from one of your class mates sitting beside you. Won't you? When you ask, someone will give one immediately. Some others may not give even if you ask repeatedly. You will certainly have gratitude and love towards those who helped you. Likewise, we are going to learn today about a person visited by some guests; as he did not have any bread to provide for them, he went to somebody else to borrow bread.

Detailed Lesson: One day, the disciples approached Jesus to teach them how to pray. Accordingly Jesus taught them to pray. Can you say what that prayer was? (The prayer beginning with "Our Father in Heaven...") After teaching this prayer, the Lord said a parable so that His disciples understand certain important aspects about prayer.





The parable

A man was on a journey. In the midnight he went to one of his friend's house for taking rest. The friend did not have any food to serve the guest.

Therefore he went to his friend at the neighbour, knocked his door and asked for some loaves of bread. He said, "Friend, give me three loaves for a friend of mine in his journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him". The other friend replied to not trouble him as the door was shut, his children were sleeping with him and he cannot rise and give him anything. But the friend kept on knocking the door. At last, the neighbour arose and gave him as many loaves as needed. Jesus especially told them that the bread was given not because he was a friend but because he was continuously knocking the door.

The message in the parable

The characters in the parable told by Jesus are three friends. The first one is the traveller. He was travelling and in the midnight he went to the second friend. In those days, like today, there were no facilities for travelling. Normally people travelled by foot. It would take days to cover long distances. In such cases, people used to go to their friends or relatives houses in between for taking rest. Like today, there were no facilities to inform in advance. Therefore, they would not come to know about the arrival of guests till they actually visited. This is exactly what happened in this parable too.

There was nothing left with him to serve the friend who came to his house at midnight. Therefore the second friend went to the third friend mentioned in the parable who was his neighbour and knocked at his door. He got enough bread because he repeatedly knocked. While concluding the parable, Jesus said "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened". It is clear that Jesus told this parable to specify the significance of continuous prayer. Jesus made the disciples understand about four important aspects of prayer. Let us examine the same.

1. Like the second friend approached the third friend for help at midnight, we too can approach our God anytime through prayers. We can pray to our God for our needs during the day or night.

2. The third friend was capable to give the bread. Only three loaves were asked of him. But when he gave, it was given till he (second friend) had enough. As it is written "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20). Dear Children, we must know two things about prayer. Firstly, we must know that our God is capable to provide everything that is asked for. Your parents may not be able to provide everything you ask. But God does not lack anything. Therefore God is mighty to provide everything we ask of Him. Secondly, God is willing to give what we ask for. The Word says about our God as 'merciful God'.

3. Those who fervently ask for get an answer to their prayers. When asked for



bread, initially the friend replied in the negative. But the other friend had knocked continuously and thus obtained bread. Sometimes we will not receive the answer immediately. Therefore, we should not stop praying. We should pray till we receive an answer. Thus, God will know that we are needy and will not stop praying till we get the answer.

4. In the parable, the persons involved in asking for bread were two friends. Similarly, only those who have a relationship with God can pray to Him. We should pray to God while keeping a relationship of a father and son.

Practical : God knows our needs more than anybody else. Thus, we should ask God whatever we need and even Jesus advised us to ask Him our needs. Our parents may not be able to fulfil all our needs. But if we pray fervently, we will get the answer from the Lord.



MY DECISION

I will first tell all my needs to God and only then to others.

MY PRAYER

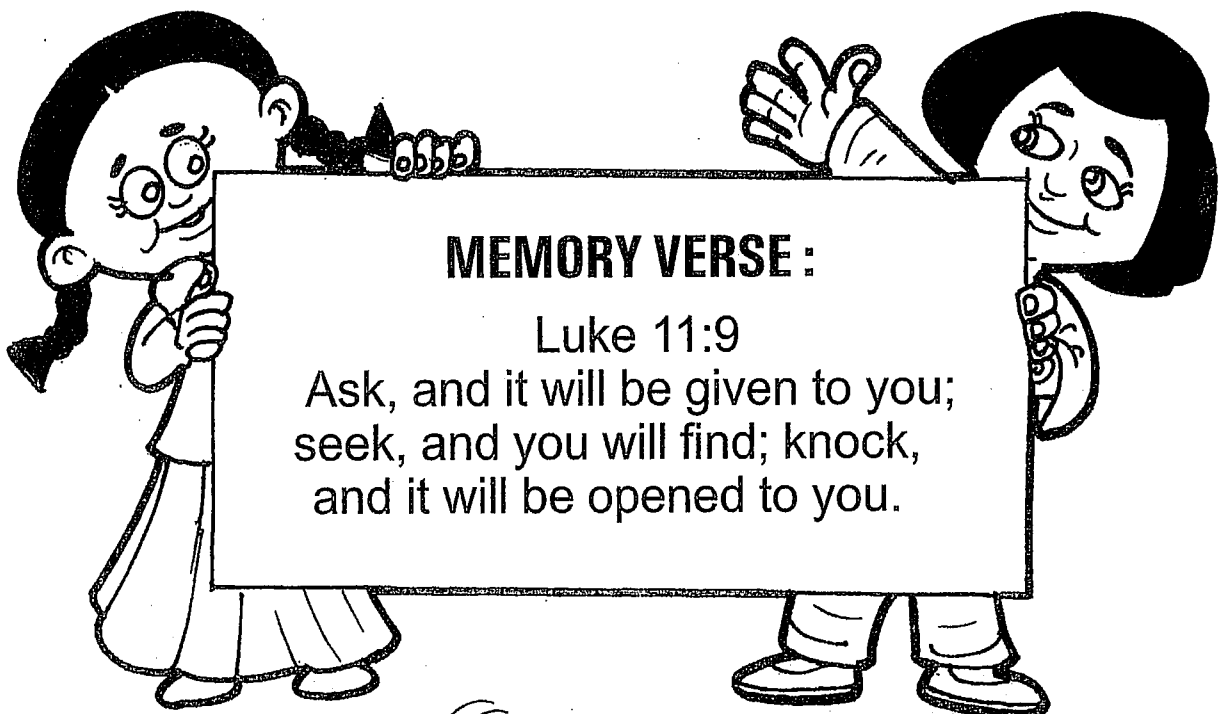
○ Lord Jesus, I believe that you are mighty and willing to provide for all my needs. Help me to tell you all my needs.
Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. To whom did Jesus tell the parable?
2. How many friends are mentioned in this parable?
3. What reply was received when the second friend knocked on the door?



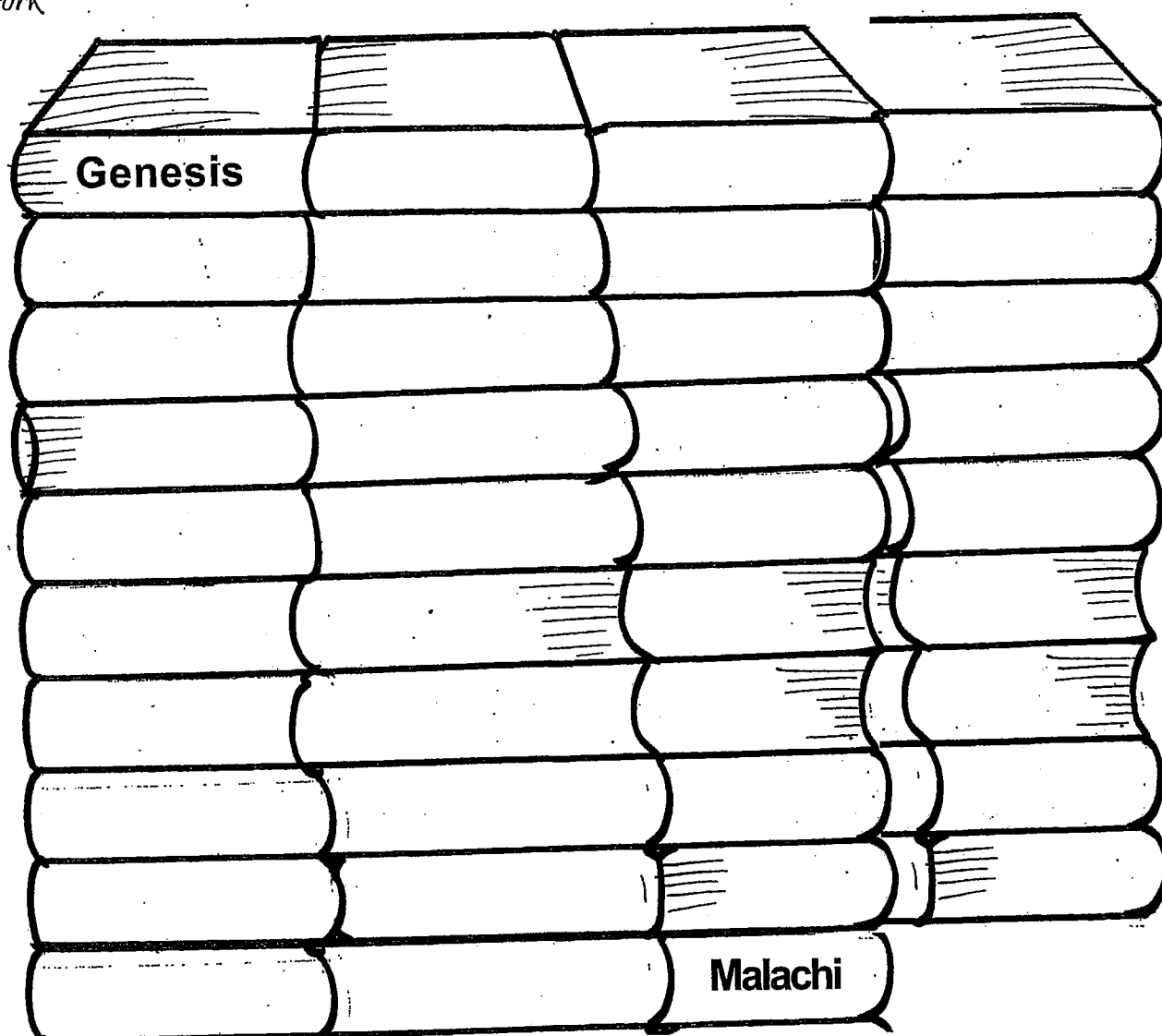
MEMORY VERSE :

Luke 11:9

Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find; knock,
and it will be opened to you.



Complete the columns below by writing the missing names of Books



Tick the correct answer ☒

1. How many loaves of bread were asked for by the friend?

2

3

4

2. How many times did the friend knock on the door?

2 times

3 times

Repeatedly

3. Who is the first friend?

The traveller

The house owner

The friend in neighbour

Lesson 22

THE PRAYER OF THE WIDOW

Reference : Luke 18:1-8

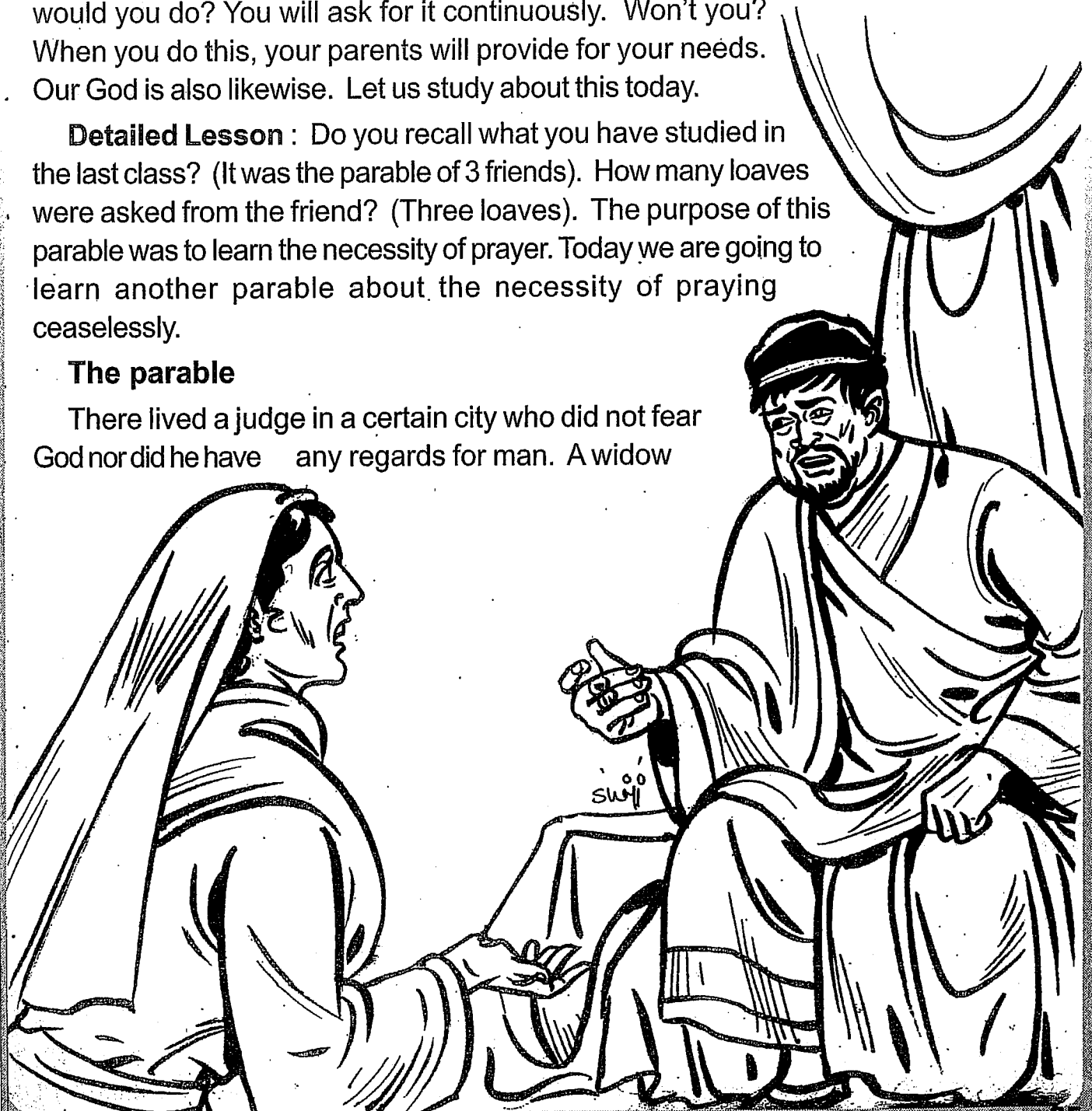
- Aim:**
- 1) To allow the children to understand the significance of praying ceaselessly.
 - 2) To understand that God answers those who pray to him.
 - 3) To know that God hates the injustice and bribery.

Introduction : At times, when you ask for something at home, your parents may give it you immediately. But sometimes you may not get certain things right away. What would you do at that time? Will you fight for it? We should never fight. What else would you do? You will ask for it continuously. Won't you? When you do this, your parents will provide for your needs. Our God is also likewise. Let us study about this today.

Detailed Lesson : Do you recall what you have studied in the last class? (It was the parable of 3 friends). How many loaves were asked from the friend? (Three loaves). The purpose of this parable was to learn the necessity of prayer. Today we are going to learn another parable about the necessity of praying ceaselessly.

The parable

There lived a judge in a certain city who did not fear God nor did he have any regards for man. A widow





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also lived in the same city. She requested the judge to protect her from her enemies. He did not pay any heed to it for some time. But the continuous pleading of the widow for her need had become a nuisance for the judge. When her request became unbearable, the judge gave her justice and protected her from her enemies.

The message in the parable

There are two parables in Luke Chapter 18. Both of these are regarding necessity of prayer. Our subject of study in this lesson is the first parable. Jesus begins this parable by talking about an unjust judge. In Jesus' time, there were many judges who used to take bribe from the complainant and then provide justice. The public used to mock them by calling them unjust judges. Here, Jesus was mentioning about such a judge. He never feared God nor regarded man. Therefore he used to take bribes and then do justice. The widow had approached this judge. The helpless widow was being regularly harassed by somebody. She approached the judge to get relief from such harassment. For some time, the judge had no interest in intervening in her matter. He might have not intervened because he might have known that he would not receive any bribe from the widow.

Do you know what a bribe is? Salary is paid for any work done. The money taken illegally over and above the salary for getting any work done or resolving matters is called bribe. Accepting bribe is a sin and our God hates it.

The widow gets relief

The widow repeatedly approached the judge for relief. Later on it became unbearable. He knew that he would never receive any bribe from the widow. However, to prevent her from continuously troubling him, he protected her from adversary.

Jesus wants to teach us through this parable the necessity of continuous prayer. If we do not cease to pray, we will get the answer even if it is little late. Our God is not like the judge mentioned here. The judge is unrighteous, unjust, not fearing God nor respecting any man. But our Lord is righteous and merciful. God cannot be unjust because he is righteous. In this parable, Jesus points out the differences between God and the unjust judge. If the unjust and unkind judge answered the continuous requests of the widow, the righteous and merciful God will certainly answer to those who cry out to Him day and night and will shield them.

Like this widow, we might also be facing tribulation or sorrow due to harassment from others. Through this parable, Jesus teaches us to pray to God continuously in such circumstances. Sometimes, we may get the answer immediately. At other times we may not. Still we must pray till we get the answer because our God is merciful. He will answer us.

Practical : You have learnt about the unjust judge in the parable. As he has been taking bribe and then doing justice, he is known as an unjust judge. God never likes unrighteousness because it is a sin (1 John 5:17). Can you tell some examples of

unrighteousness? Keeping things on which we have no right, disobedience, etc. are examples of unrighteousness. We should always do justice because our God only likes righteousness.



MY DECISION



I will never do any unrighteous deeds as my Lord hates it.

MY PRAYER

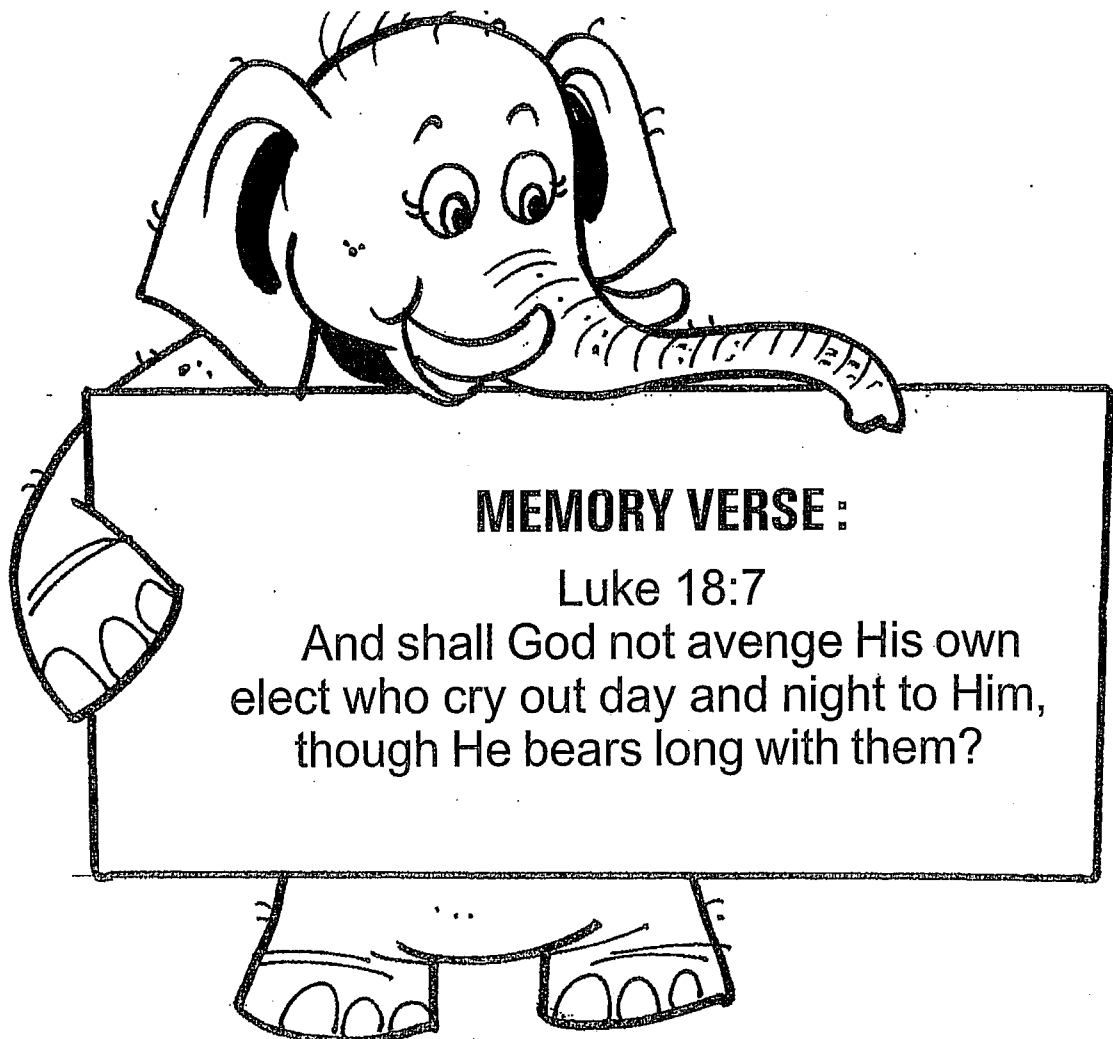
O Lord Jesus, make us capable of living with you always righteously. Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. How was the character of the judge?
2. What was the prayer of the widow to the judge?
3. What is the speciality of God?



Tick the days on which you should pray ☒

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Find out the odd ones and tick it ☒



Lesson 23

THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

Reference : Luke 18:9-14

- Aim:
- 1) To make the children understand that our attitude during prayer is very important.
 - 2) To know that God does not hear the prayers of those who despise Him.
 - 3) To grasp that God does not hear the prayers of the proud.

Introduction : You must have come across people who think that they are smarter than the others and boast about themselves. They think that others are of lower rank and not worthy. Therefore they mock and disregard them. Do you know why they do like that? It is because of their pride. Today we are going to study about a person who prayed with a proud attitude and also mocked another person.

Detailed Lesson : Out of two parables in Luke chapter 18, you have already learnt about one in the last week. What was that parable? (The parable of a poor widow). With whom she complained? (To the unjust judge). Today we are going to study about another parable told by Jesus about prayer.

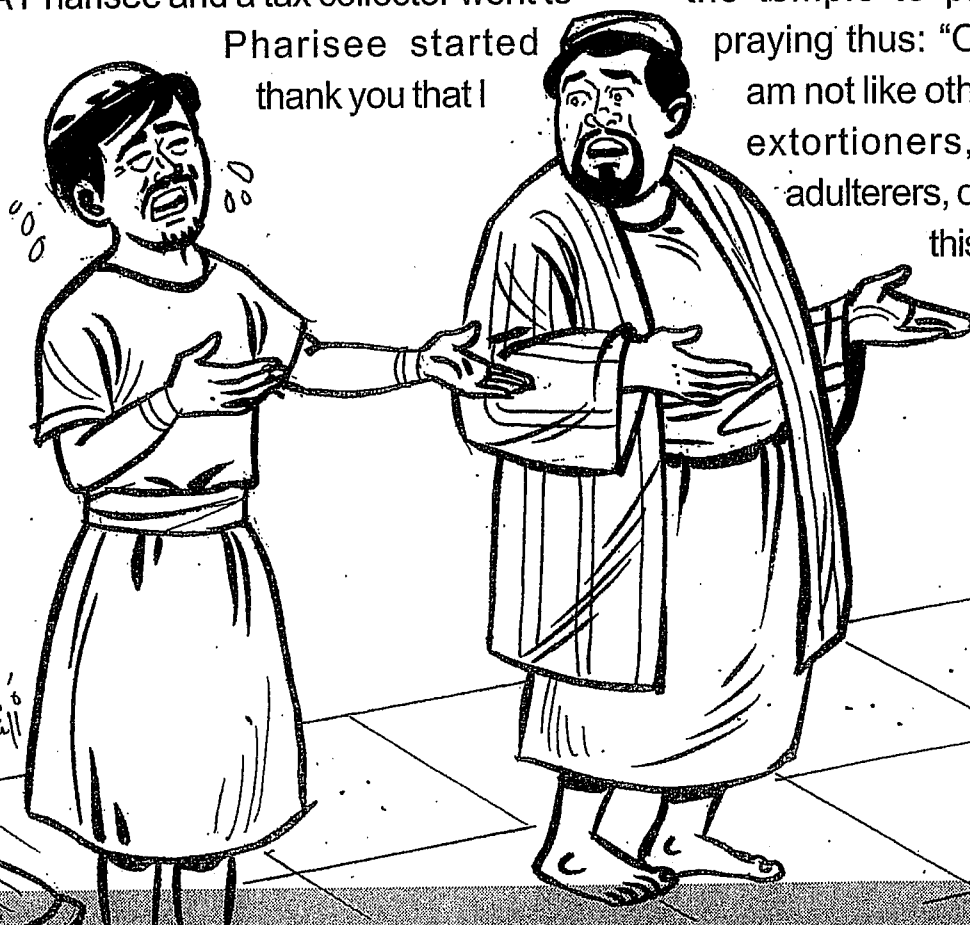
The parable

A Pharisee and a tax collector went to

Pharisee started
thank you that I

the temple to pray. The

praying thus: "Oh God, I
am not like other men –
extortioners, unjust,
adulterers, or even as
this tax





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collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess". However, the tax collector did not even try to raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast and prayed to God to have mercy on him. Hence, the tax collector returned justified while the Pharisee was not.

The message in the parable

The parable begins with the words that a Pharisee and a tax collector went to the Temple to pray. Do you know who is the Pharisee and the tax collector? There have been many groups within the Jews like the Pharisees, Teachers, Herodians, Sadducees, etc. Pharisees are the main group among them. The word Pharisee is derived from the Hebrew word Perushim. It means 'the separated one'. They think that they are the most holy and devout. Therefore they despised others. Tax collectors are the people who collect revenue for the government. They used to forcefully collect revenue from those who did not pay tax. Therefore the Jews viewed them as sinners. Such a Pharisee and a tax collector went to pray.

The attitude in prayer

This parable clearly teaches us the attitude we should have in our prayer. Why to pray or how to pray depends on the attitude of our prayer. Prayer is answered according to the attitude. In this parable also Jesus points out the attitude in the prayer of these two people.

The prayer of the Pharisee is not a real prayer. It is a statement. He was saying about what he is doing or not doing so as to be heard by men and God. He was saying three things that he does not do. That is, extortion, unrighteousness, adulteration. Moreover, he was also saying two other things which he does regularly. That is fasting twice in a week and giving to God a portion of what he earns. The Pharisee only wished that others should know of these things. Barring this, he did not want to get anything from God. However, the tax collector did not say any such thing. He was only pleading God to have mercy on him.

The pride of the Pharisee is revealed here. He was not only making himself righteous but also accusing the tax collector. The Pharisee said that he was not like the tax collector that stood beside him. But the tax collector did not make any allegations. His thinking was that he was not eligible to even look at the heaven while he prayed for God's mercy.

The Pharisee was not asking for anything from God. Though he was calling Oh, Lord, it was only for God to hear his deeds. He had the feeling that he was complete in all respects. Therefore he did not want any help from God. But the tax collector came before God with a need. His need was to obtain mercy from the Lord.

Practical : While the tax collector that came to pray with a good attitude returned as a just man, the proud Pharisee returned as self righteous person. His pride and the

feeling of self-sufficiency become dangerous for him. Dear children, we have nothing to boast about. Everything we have is granted by God. We are not complete in everything. We are needy. Therefore, let us pray with right attitude like the tax collector.



MY DECISION

I will not have pride in any ability that God has granted me.

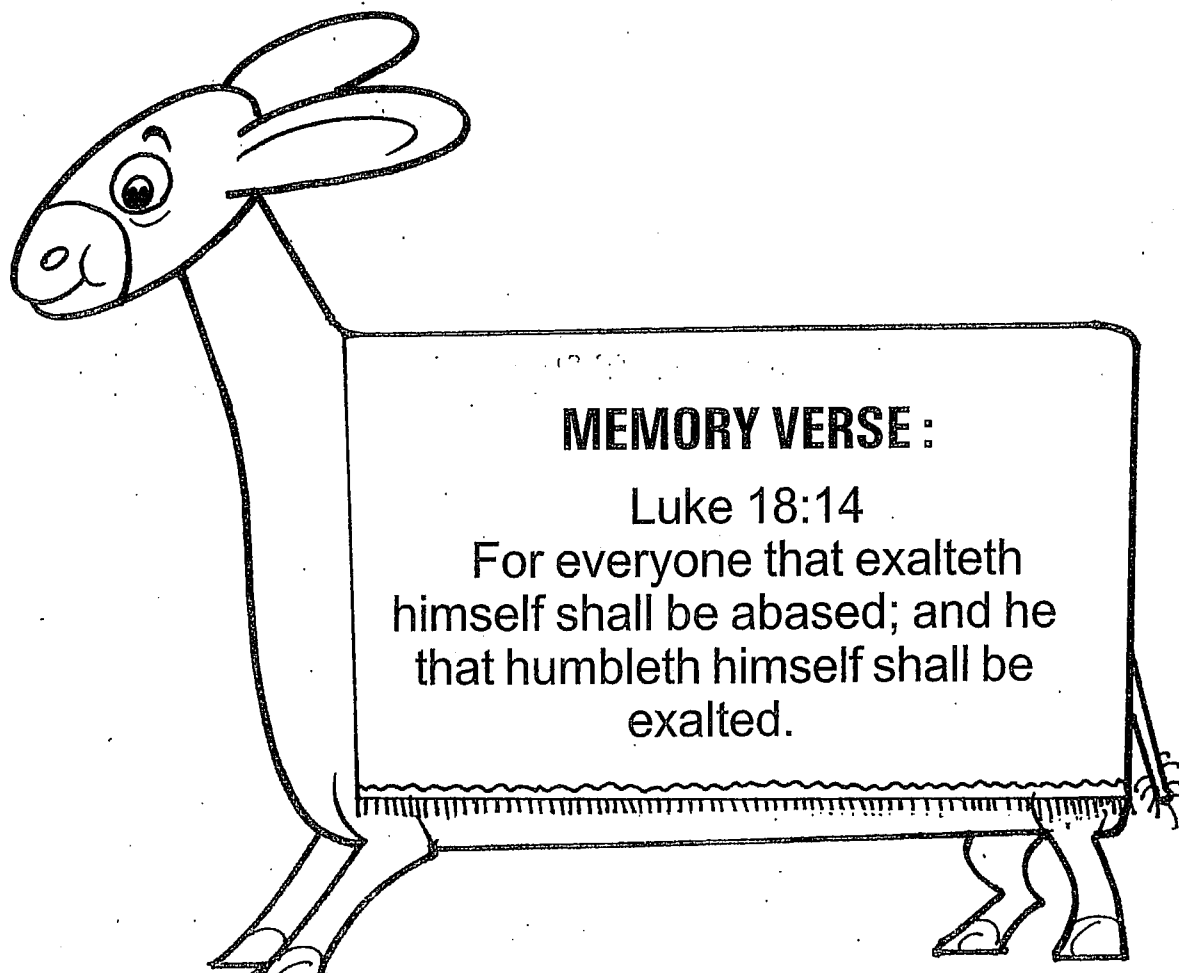
MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, Help me never to think that I am complete in everything and to rely on you always for your help. Amen.



QUESTIONS

1. What is the meaning of the word Perushim?
2. What do you mean by tax collector?
3. What do you mean by Pharisee?
4. What did the tax collector pray for?





Word problem

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1. One group among Jews.
2. The Hebrew word for Pharisee.
3. Who went to pray along with tax collector?
4. For whom is tax collected?

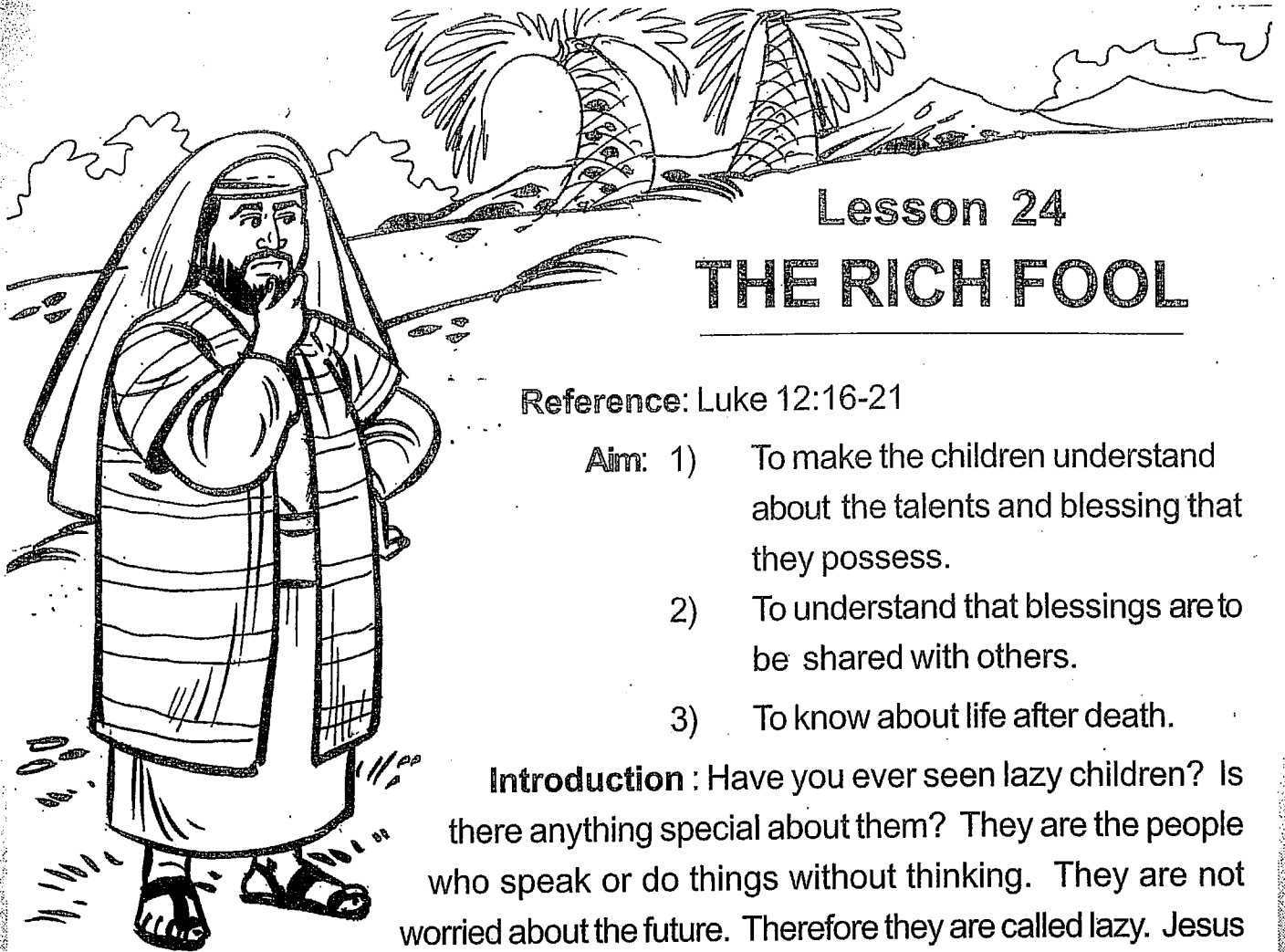
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Lesson 24

THE RICH FOOL

Reference: Luke 12:16-21

- Aim: 1) To make the children understand about the talents and blessing that they possess.
- 2) To understand that blessings are to be shared with others.
- 3) To know about life after death.

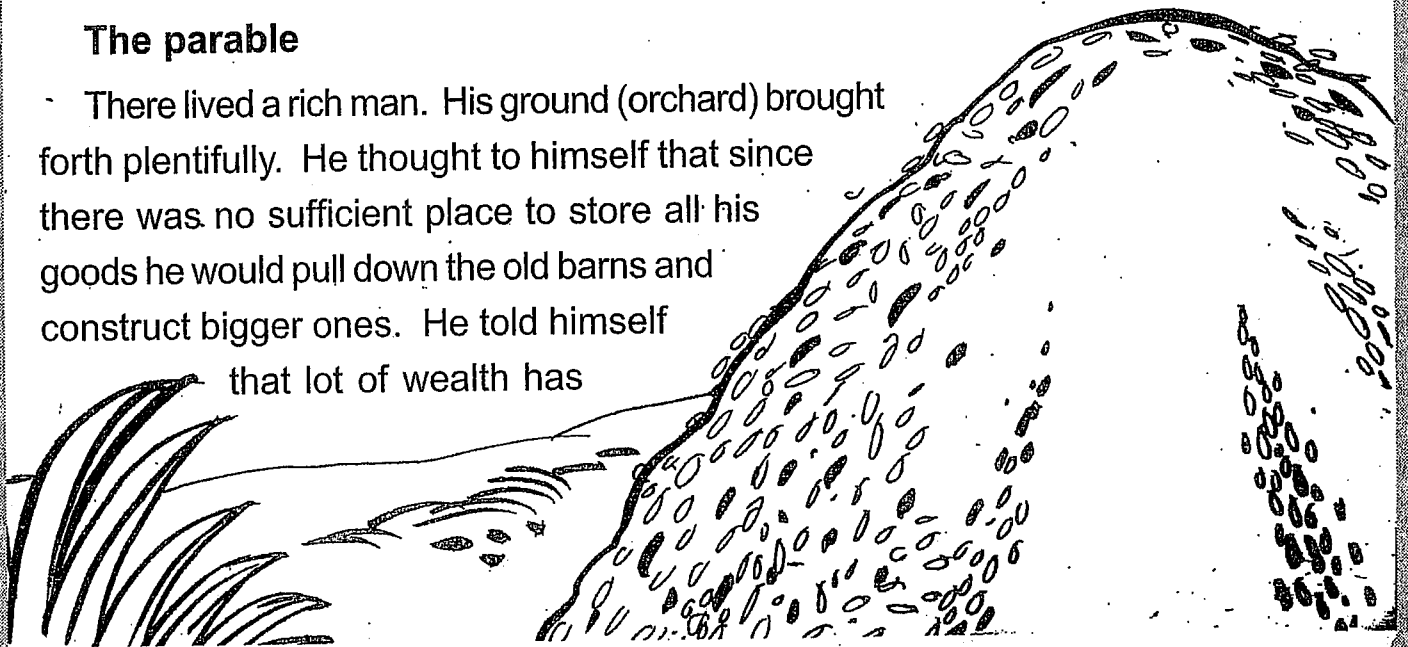
Introduction : Have you ever seen lazy children? Is there anything special about them? They are the people who speak or do things without thinking. They are not worried about the future. Therefore they are called lazy. Jesus once told a parable about such a lazy man. We are going to

learn about it today.

Detailed Lesson : One day Jesus was preaching to a large crowd. In the middle, somebody came and told Jesus about a requirement. He wanted Jesus to tell his brother to give him his share in the inherited property in the family. Hearing this, Jesus told him to be wary of all covetousness. Jesus also told a parable.

The parable

There lived a rich man. His ground (orchard) brought forth plentifully. He thought to himself that since there was no sufficient place to store all his goods he would pull down the old barns and construct bigger ones. He told himself that lot of wealth has





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been gathered which would be sufficient for many years. Let me be at ease, eat, drink and be merry. But God asked him, you fool, this night if your soul is taken back from you, then for whom would you have gathered all these goods?

The message in the parable

Jesus calls this rich man as a fool. Do you know who is a fool? Those who do not think about God or the things that can occur in future are called as the fool. There are certain reasons for Jesus calling him a fool.

Firstly, this man did not think about God or His grace. When he got a plentiful harvest, he had forgotten everything else except merry making. He thought that he got all these because of his competence. He forgot that many things are required to get a good harvest from the earth. Can you say what all are required to get a good harvest? Good seeds, rain, sun, wind, health to do farming, wisdom, etc. are required. Man cannot make or create these things. All these are provided by God. He did not remember that it is because of the Lord that he got such big harvest nor thanked Him for it. God calls him fool because he could not recognize all these.

Dear children, all blessings that we receive are gifts of a graceful God. We must know that these are not because of our ability. When you get good marks, you should not think that it is because of your hard work or your studies throughout the night. The ability to memorise what you have learnt, your ability to write exam without any obstacles like a disease, the health that was given to you for going to school, etc. were given by God. Therefore, we should thank God.

The second reason for calling him a fool was that when he got an ample harvest, he did not remember the needs of others. He did not remember the downtrodden and the poor in his neighbourhood. Instead he gathered the wealth for himself to live for a long time. The action of thinking only about oneself is called selfishness. Selfishness is a sin that is hated by God. God wishes that when we get blessings, we should share it with poor children.

Thirdly, he was not thinking about death or a life after death. He calculated that since he had lots of wealth, he could live merrily for long. He considered that the life in this earth is for eating, drinking and enjoying only. As he could not understand the unpredictability of life, God calls him fool. He did not have an answer to the question that if his life was taken from him that very night, what would happen to the wealth he had gathered.

Dear children, there would be death at the end of our life in this world. But our life does not end with such a death. There is a life even after this death. Today's life on

this earth is to get ourselves ready for that life. Those who accept Jesus as the Lord and Saviour and live as children of God shall live with Him forever in heaven. All others will be with Satan. What would you like? The life in heaven. Wouldn't you? We should become children of Jesus and live accordingly.



Practical : All blessings we receive in our life is provided by God. We should never forget this in our life. We should thank God for all blessings that we receive.



MY DECISION

I will share with others all the blessing that God has given me.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, I thank you for the health, beauty, intelligence and good friends given to me. Amen.



QUESTIONS

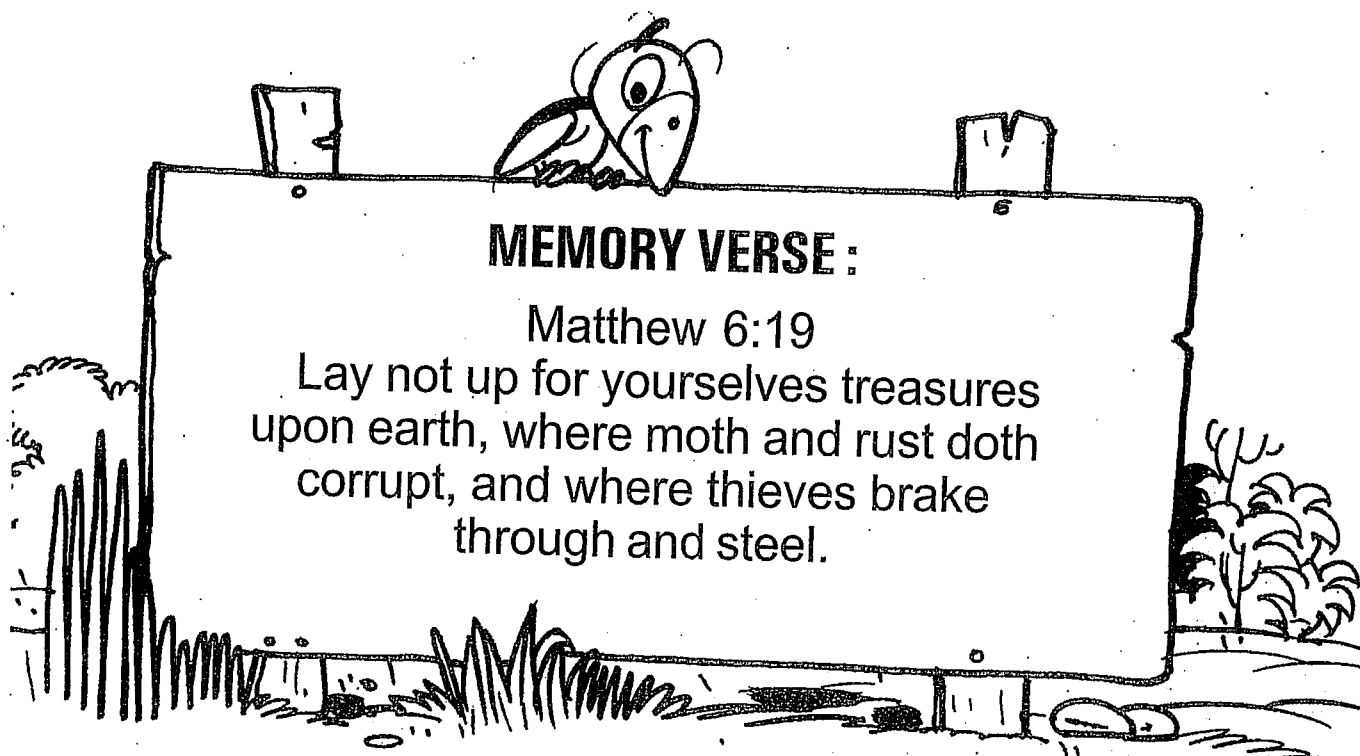


1. What did the rich fool think in his heart?
2. What did he say to himself?
3. What are the reasons for God calling him fool?

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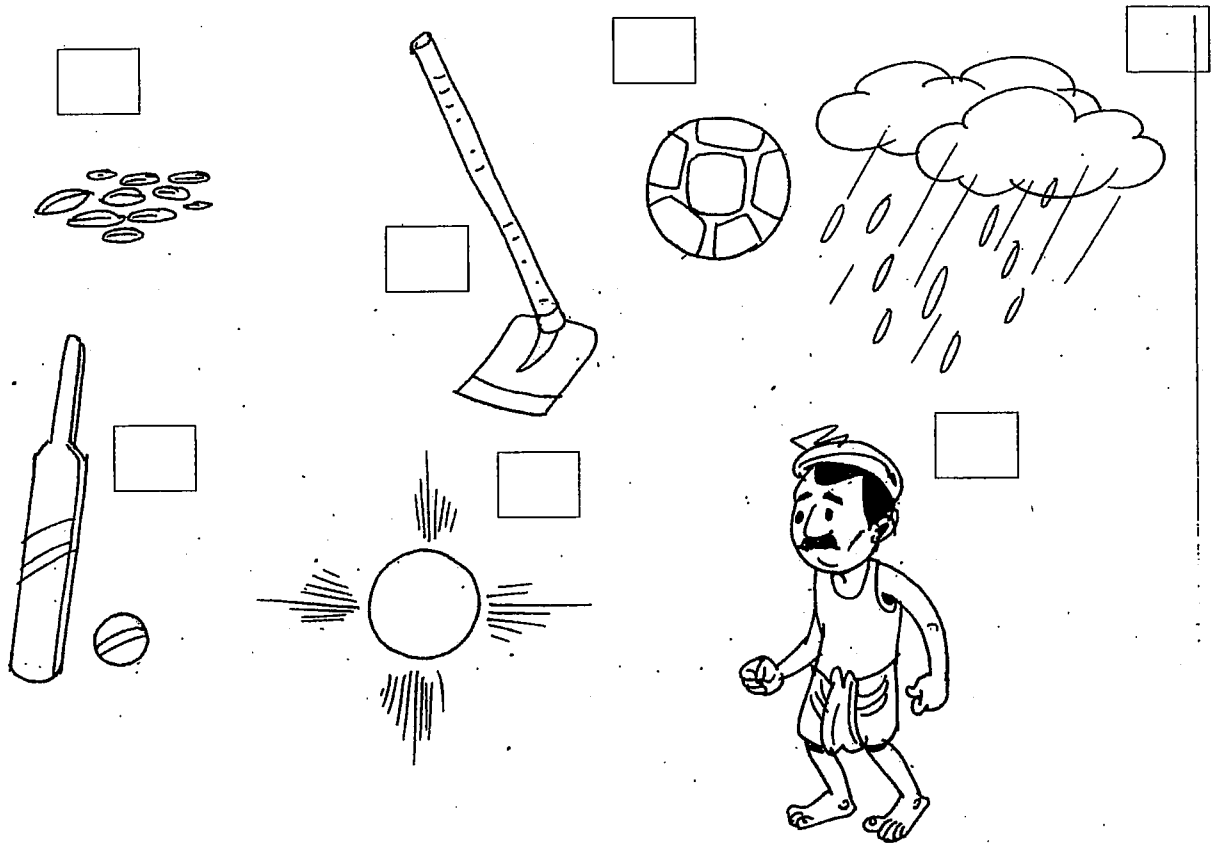
Matthew 6:19

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves brake through and steel.

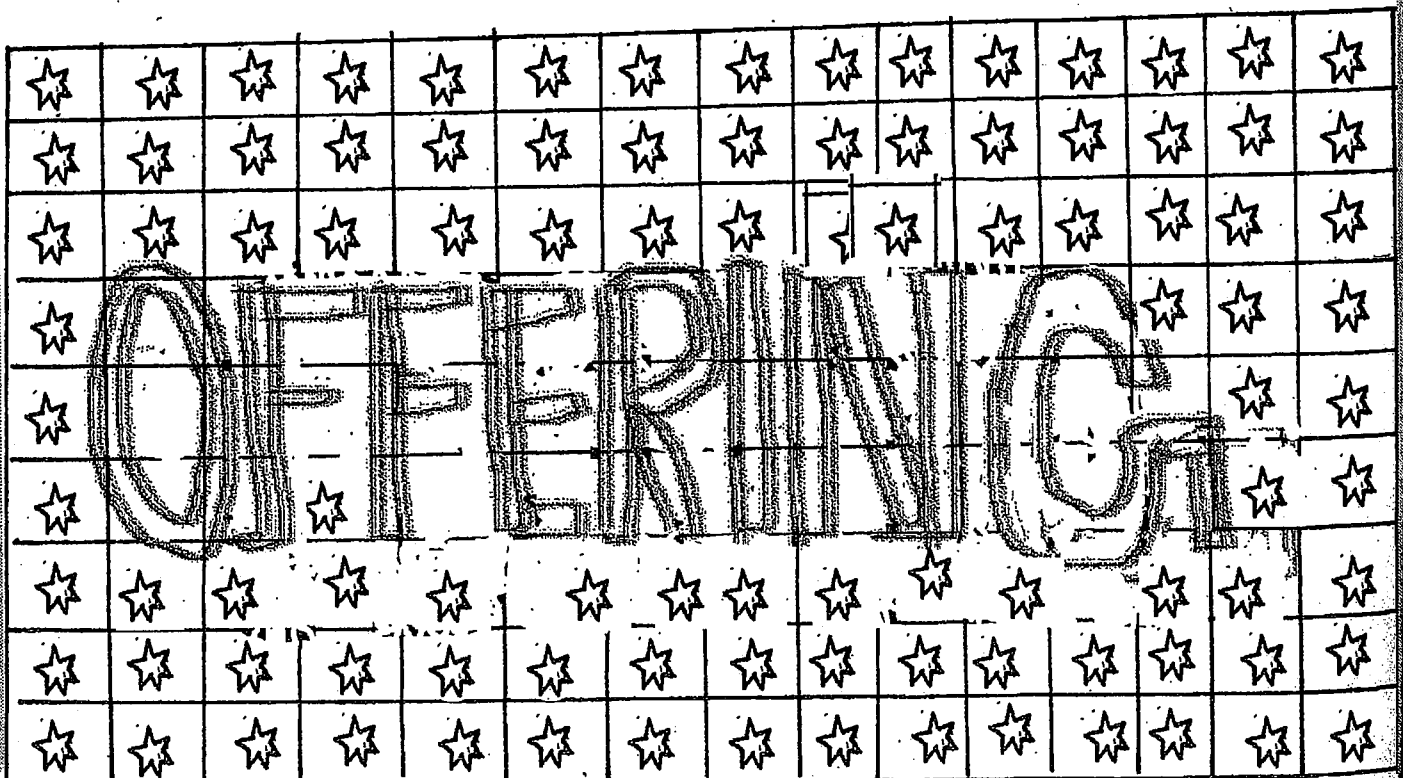




Tick the things which are required for getting good harvest ☒



The blessings that we receive is because of the of God. Find out the missing word and colour it



Lesson 25

THE WICKED SERVANT

Reference : Mathew 18:21-25

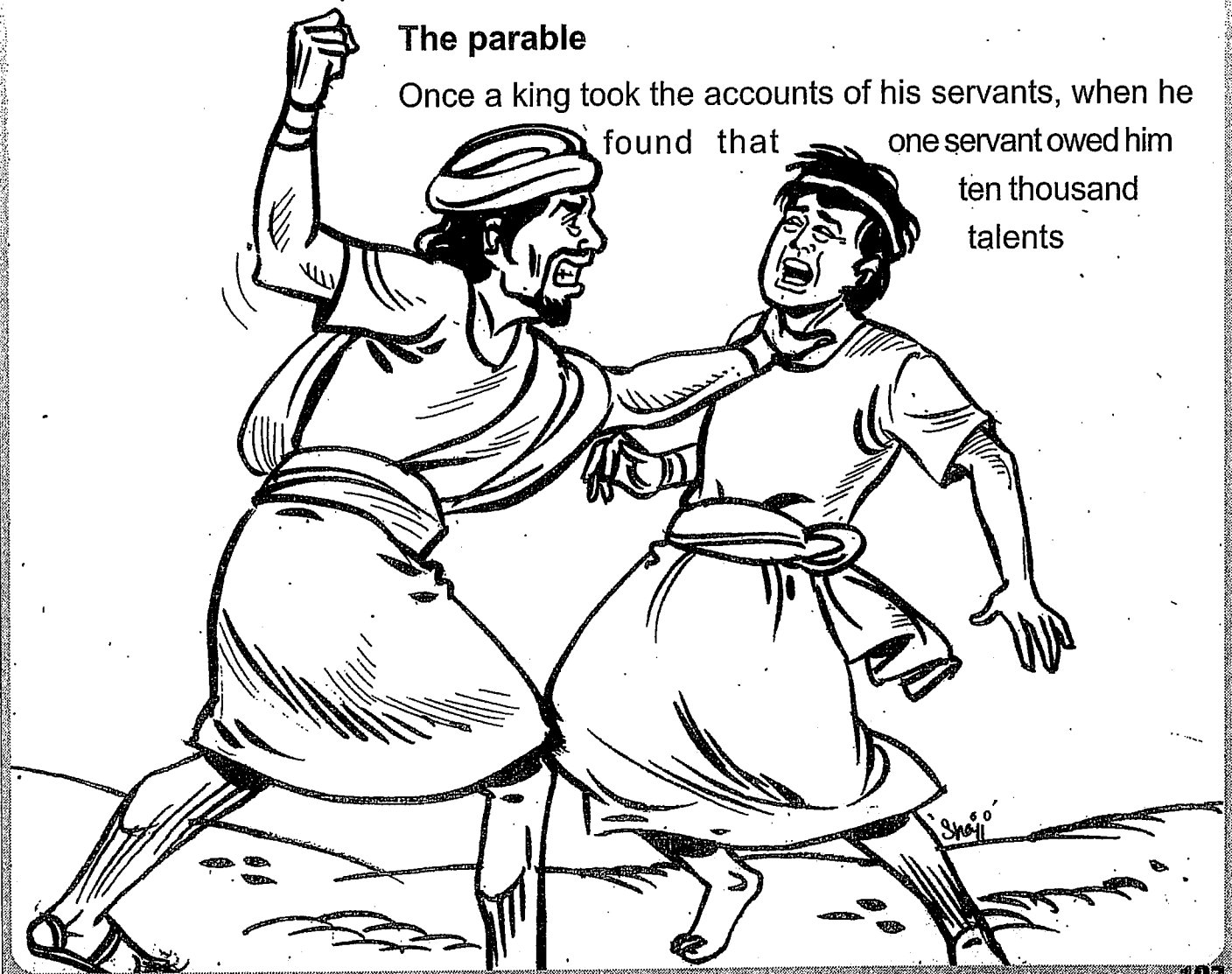
- Aim:**
- 1) To make the children understand that God is keen to forgive all our wrongs and mistakes.
 - 2) To know that we should forgive others like we are forgiven.
 - 3) To help them grasp the consequences of not forgiving.

Introduction : Have your friends ever borrowed something from you? What would you do if they do not return it within the time they committed to you? Would you be annoyed with them? Never. Instead you will say to them, don't worry, return it later. Won't you? They would feel great love and gratitude towards you.

Detailed Lesson : One day Peter came to Jesus and asked a question. Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother if he sins against me? Is seven times sufficient? Jesus immediately answered that not only seven times but seventy times seven. He also told a parable in this regard.

The parable

Once a king took the accounts of his servants, when he found that one servant owed him ten thousand talents





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(approx. 3 crores Rupees). The king ordered to sell all his property, his wife and children as slaves and pay the debt. The servant fell down before the king and prayed that he would repay all debts and to grant him some more time. The king felt compassion and loosened his debt. While the servant was returning home, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him 100 pence (approx. 50 rupees). He held him by the throat and asked him angrily to pay back whatever he owed him. His fellow servant fell down before him and besought him to grant him some more time so that he could repay all the debt. Though the fellow servant humbly requested but the other servant did not heed and put him into prison. The king came to know of this. The king called him and said, "O you wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt as requested by you but why did you not forgive the debt of your fellow servant". He was then put in to the prison.

The message in the parable

The reply of Jesus to Peter's question was that he should forgive seventy times seven. Here, Jesus meant that we should keep on forgiving our brethren. The parable was told to make us understand the necessity of forgiveness. We see a very compassionate king in the parable. When the servant that owed him crores of rupees fell down before him, the king forgave the debt. This king represents our Lord. We all are high debtors before the Lord. We commit lots of wrongs and mistakes before our God. Can you say some of the wrongs done by you? We lied, we were disobedient, we fought with friends.... many such wrongs we have done. All these are punishable by God. But as we confess to God, He forgives us like the king forgave the servant. God says through Isaiah : "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

This parable teaches us that we should forgive others like the Lord forgave us. When the servant was forgiven the huge debt which he was unable to repay, he ought to have more compassion and should have forgiven his fellow servant. But he turned wicked. Instead of forgiving the petty debt, caught hold on his throat and put him into prison. We can see his pride and thanklessness here.

Dear children, when others sin against us, we should forgive them. When we forgive others, the Lord too forgives us. This parable highlights two problems if we do not forgive. Firstly, we will be tormented like the wicked servant who did not forgive his fellow servant (verse 34). When we keep hatred and anger with others, we would not be able to experience peace and joy in our life. Instead, our mind will always be gloomy.

Secondly, if we do not forgive others heartily, our heavenly Father would also not forgive us. If we do not forgive but take revenge, our Lord will do the same to us.

Therefore, we should always forgive others.

Practical : This parable points out the significance of forgiveness. The parable tells us about the advantages of forgiving and the disadvantages if we do not. Jesus taught Peter that we should forgive others for the wrongs against us. Therefore, instead of being annoyed with others, let us forgive them heartily.



MY DECISION

I will not be annoyed with anyone. I will forgive all.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, Help me to be compassionate with all, like you are with me. Amen.



QUESTIONS

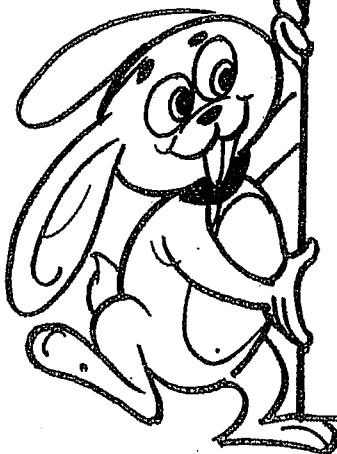


1. What was the reason for Jesus to tell this parable?
2. How many talents did the wicked servant owe to the king?
3. What did the servant who was forgiven his debt do to his fellow servant?
4. What was the punishment given to the wicked servant?

MEMORY VERSE :

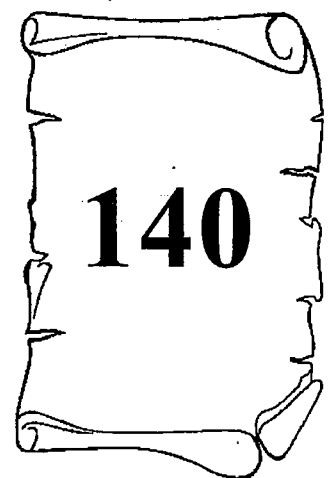
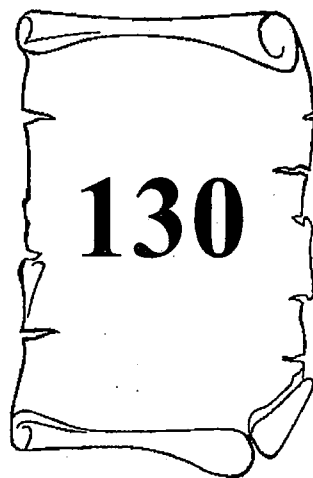
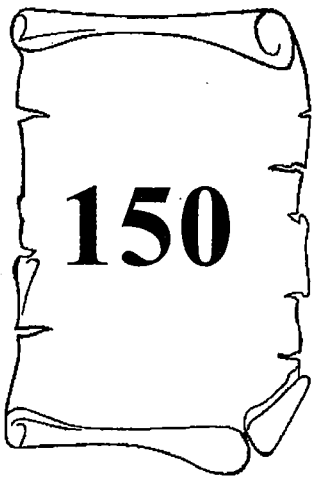
Matthew 18:35

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.

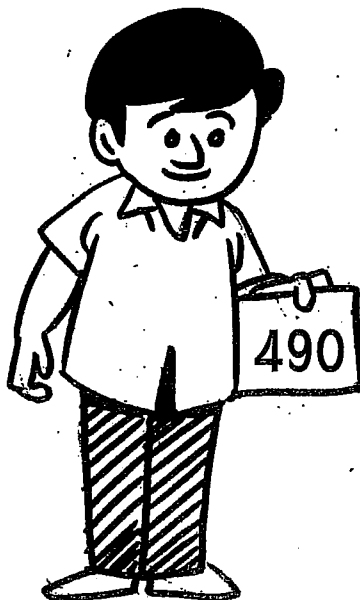


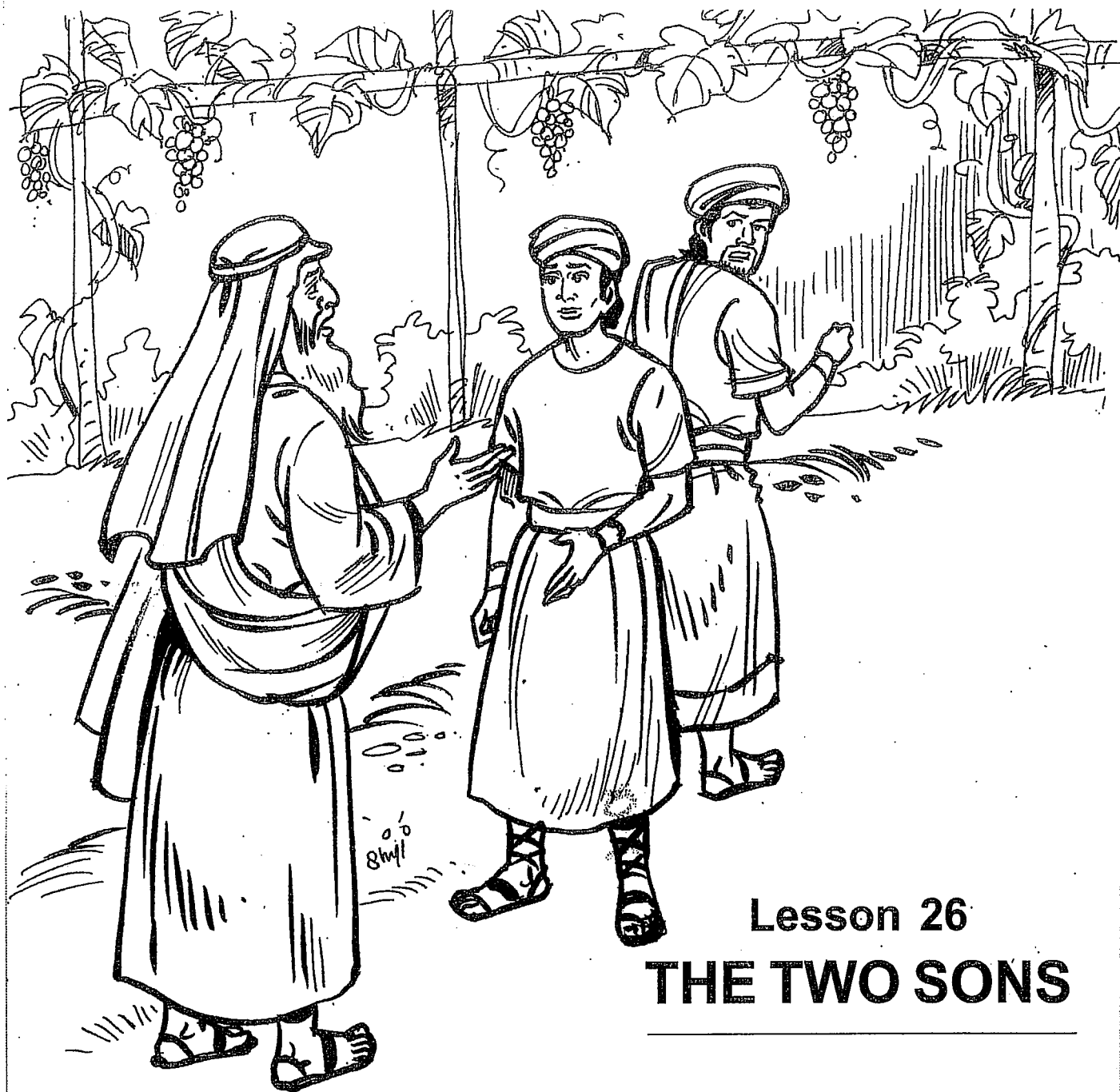


Imagine that you have given a loan of Rs. 500 to somebody. It was to be returned in 4 instalments. The amount of third instalment was torn off from the account book. Find out from below as to what was the amount of third instalment.



How many times we should forgive our brother. Find out the answer from the pictures and colour it





Lesson 26

THE TWO SONS

Reference : Matthew 21:28-31

- Aim:**
- 1) To make the children understand that obedience to God's word is very important.
 - 2) To grasp the necessity to obey parents and teachers.

Introduction: Do you help your parents in farming or any other work they do? You are very good children if you do so. Imagine that you have a garden in your house. If your father tells you to weed out the wild plants from the flowery bushes in the garden, what would you do? (Let the children answer). Some may immediately agree and do the job. But some may disagree and will not do. Once a father told his two sons to do a job. Do you want to know how they reacted to it? We are going to learn about this today.



Detailed Lesson : One day when Jesus was giving sermon in the Temple, the leaders of Jews and chief priest came there. They asked Him as to with what authority He is doing all these works and who gave him such authority. Jesus answered these questions through a parable.

The parable

There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first son and told him to work in his vineyard. The son disagreed and said he would not. But afterwards he repented and went to the vineyard and worked. The father went to the second son and asked him likewise. He agreed to work. But he never went there. Jesus asked the chief priests as to who amongst them had done the will of God. The first son, they replied.

The message in the parable

Both of the sons in the parable represent different persons of the society. The first son is the representative of the tax collectors and sinners. The tax collectors and sinners never obeyed the commandments of God and walked in their own will and like the first son, denied working in the vineyard when his father asked him to work. They unjustly collected revenue and led a corrupt life. Like the first son later regretted and obeyed the commands to the father, the tax collectors and sinners initially refused to abide by the commands of Jesus but later repented and obeyed.

The second son is the representative of Jews. We may feel that this son gracefully accepted the instruction of the father. He had told the father that he would go. But in reality, he agreed but did not work. The Jews not only thought but also felt pride over the fact that they are the sons of God. They taught God's laws to others. But they never acknowledged His son Jesus. They loved God only by their words but they grieved Him by their deeds. Here Jesus cautions such people that the tax collectors and sinners would enter the Kingdom of Heaven before them.

Practical : Obeying God is very important. Do you know how someone can demonstrate that he obeys God? He can do so by obeying God's words that He gave us. The Bible has been given to us to obey each of the words contained in it. This is very clearly specified by the Psalmist in Psalms 119:4 which read as "Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently". Whenever your parents teach you verses or you learn the verses in Sunday school or when you hear the sermons in Church, you should obey those words.

The second son in the parable was delaying his father's requirement. He kept it in abeyance and did not fulfil it. We should never keep today's work for tomorrow. Your home work should be completed on daily basis. At times, it may not be possible to do it if we keep it for tomorrow. If we study regularly and enthusiastically, the Lord will help us too. Instead, if we are lazy, even God cannot help us as He doesn't like the lazy.

You have understood as to what the first son answered the father. He said he will not do the work. You should never tell your parents like that. You should readily do what they ask you to do. They ask you to obey them for your betterment. When we obey them, God will also love us.

**MY DECISION**

I will complete my work on day to day basis. I will not keep it pending for tomorrow.

MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, grant me your grace to obey you and my parents always and never be disobedient. Amen.

**QUESTIONS**

1. To whom did Jesus say the parable?
2. Who will first enter in to the kingdom of God?
3. Whom does the second son represent?
4. What answer did the second son give to his father?

MEMORY VERSE :

Colossians 3:20

Children, obey your parents in
all things for this is well pleasing
unto the Lord.



See the table below. A number is allotted to each English alphabet. In order to find out the answer to the question below, add the number against each alphabet and total the same. Write the alphabet against such total.

E.g. J (10) + F (6) + D (4) = 20 (T)

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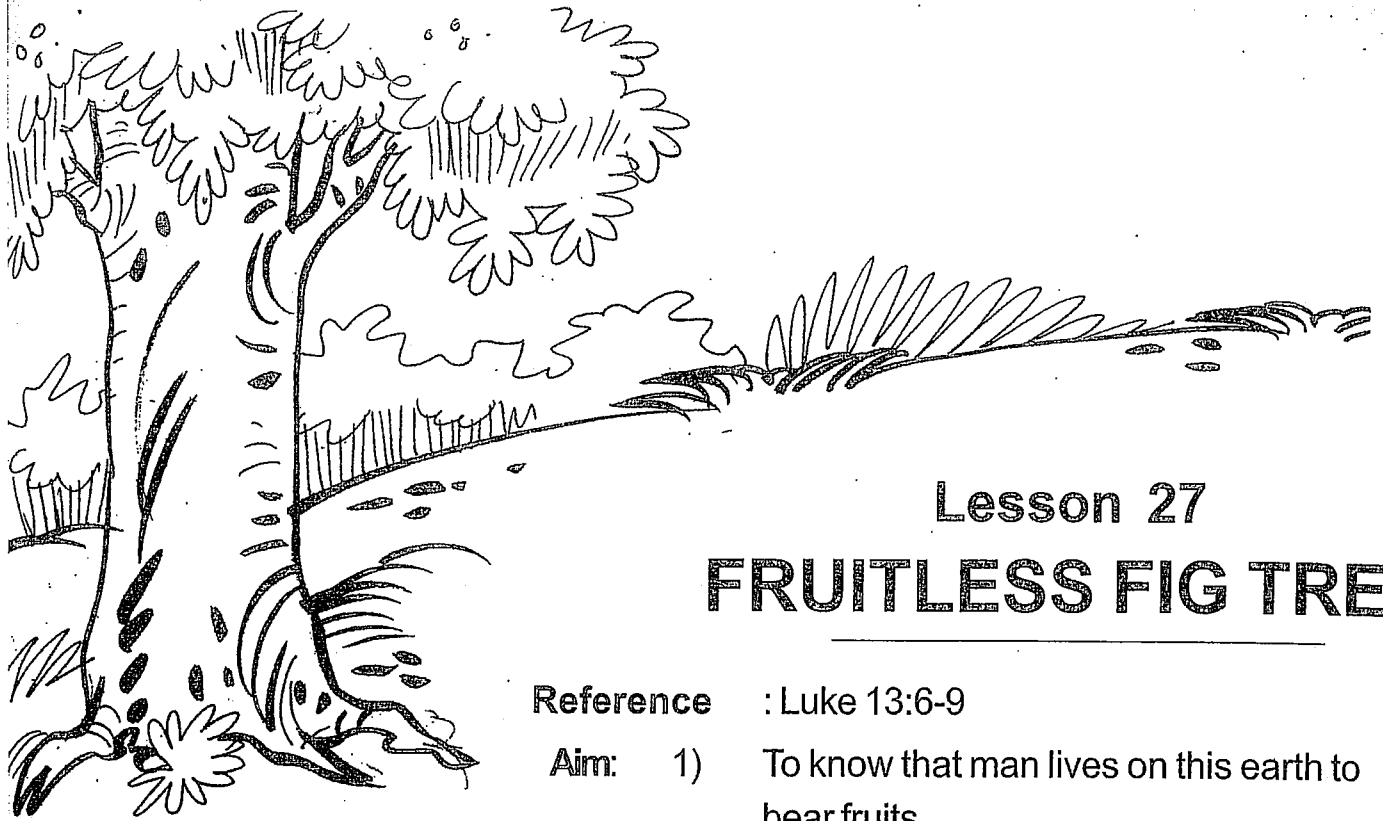
How many sons of a man are being told in this parable?

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Tick ☒ The Correct One

- Both the sons in the parable represents the same society ☐ True ☐ False
- The father asked the sons to go to Olive Garden ☐ True ☐ False
- The Jews always obeyed God ☐ True ☐ False
- It is very important obeying God ☐ True ☐ False
- The Jews will first enter the Kingdom of God ☐ True ☐ False



Lesson 27

FRUITLESS FIG TREE

Reference : Luke 13:6-9

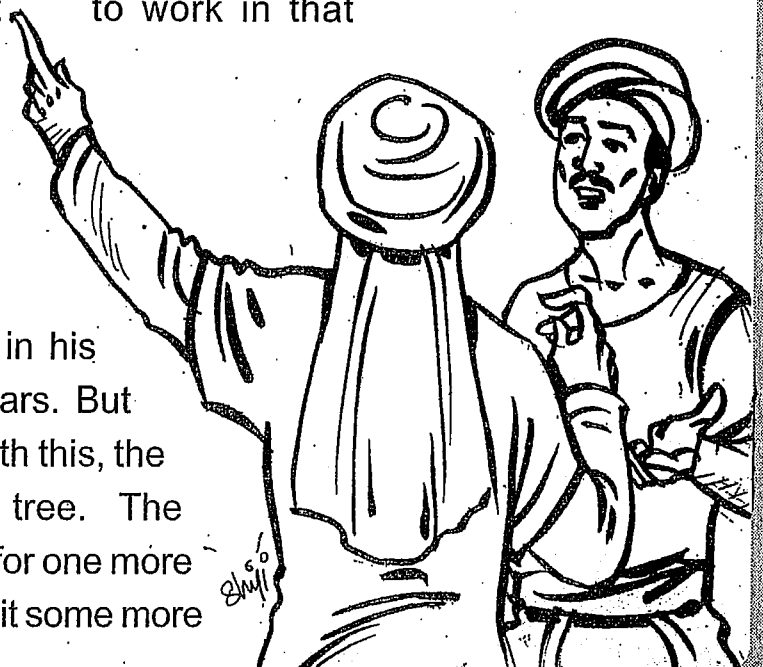
- Aim:**
- 1) To know that man lives on this earth to bear fruits.
 - 2) To understand that those who do not bear good fruit will be judged.

Introduction : You might have seen farm lands. Many fruit bearing trees are planted to get fruits. The banana, mango, apple, etc. are the fruits of their respective trees. Some trees do not bear fruit even if adequate watering or enough manure is given. The farmer gets disappointed over it. He would then plan to destroy it. Likewise, today we are going to learn about a fruitless fig tree which did not bear fruit even after given sufficient care.

Detailed Lesson: We learnt about an orchard in the last lesson. What kind of orchard was it? (A vineyard). Who went to work in that orchard? (The first son). There is an orchard in today's lesson also. Jesus said a parable about a fig tree in that orchard.

The parable

A farmer once planted a fig tree in his orchard. He waited for its fruit for 3 years. But the tree did not give fruit. Dejected with this, the owner told the Gardener to cut the tree. The gardener replied, "Let the tree remain for one more year and let me take care of it and give it some more





water and manure. It may perhaps then bear fruit."

The message in this parable

The fig tree represents the Jewish community. The Lord chose them so that they could bear suitable and useful fruit. Lord gave everything that is required to live in this world. Can you tell as to what all are required to live in this earth? (Food, house, water, clothes, etc.). But they only received the blessings from the Lord and were not useful to Him, that is, they did not bear any fruit. Hence the Lord decided to destroy them.

The Lord chose us also to be fruitful. Jesus told this in John 15:8 that I have chosen you to be fruitful. Do you know the meaning of being fruitful? Being fruitful means that we are useful to not only God but also to the society (other people). We have been given lots of talents and capabilities. It may differ with different people. Some are good in singing. Others may be capable in preaching. Some others can study well. Thus different capabilities have been given to different people. Dear friends, you must understand that there is nobody in the earth who does not have any ability. We should not say that we do not have any talent. We have the capabilities that our friends do not have. We should pray for finding out our proficiency. The talents and capabilities granted to us by God should be utilised for the glory of God and for the benefit of others.

Friends, you must know that even Satan tries to find out fruit in us. Do you know how he tries? It is by getting us to do wrong things which are disliked by our God. Can you say some things which God hates? Fighting, stealing, watching cinema, not attending Sunday school, etc. When we do these things, we would bear fruit for Satan. We should bear fruit for our God and not for Satan.

The fruitless tree would be cut and destroyed

When the fig tree was not bearing fruit, the farm owner wanted to cut and destroy it. But on the request of the gardener, it was extended to one more year. The gardener told that he would give sufficient care and if not bore fruit again, he would cut and destroy it in the next year. We can understand two things from here. Firstly, if we are still alive without bearing any good fruit and not getting cut, it is because of the mediation of the Gardener Jesus. Friends, you should be aware that this is a little extended time given to us to bear good fruits.

Secondly, the fruitless would be cut today or tomorrow. Even Jesus Himself told that the fruitless tree would be put in to the fire (John 15:6). It is for sure that there is judgement for the fruitless people.

Practical: In the true spiritual meaning, this parable is about us. The orchard represents God's Church. Here, Gaod the Father is the owner and the gardener is Jesus Christ. The fig tree planted to bearing fruit is God's children. God wishes that we

should bear spiritual fruit. Love, kindness, helpfulness, praying, preaching the Gospel, earning souls, worshiping God, etc. are some of the good fruits. Hence, we must submit ourselves to bear such fruits.



MY DECISION

I will bear fruit only for God.



MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, help me to identify the talents that you have granted me and use them for you and for others.
Amen.



QUESTIONS

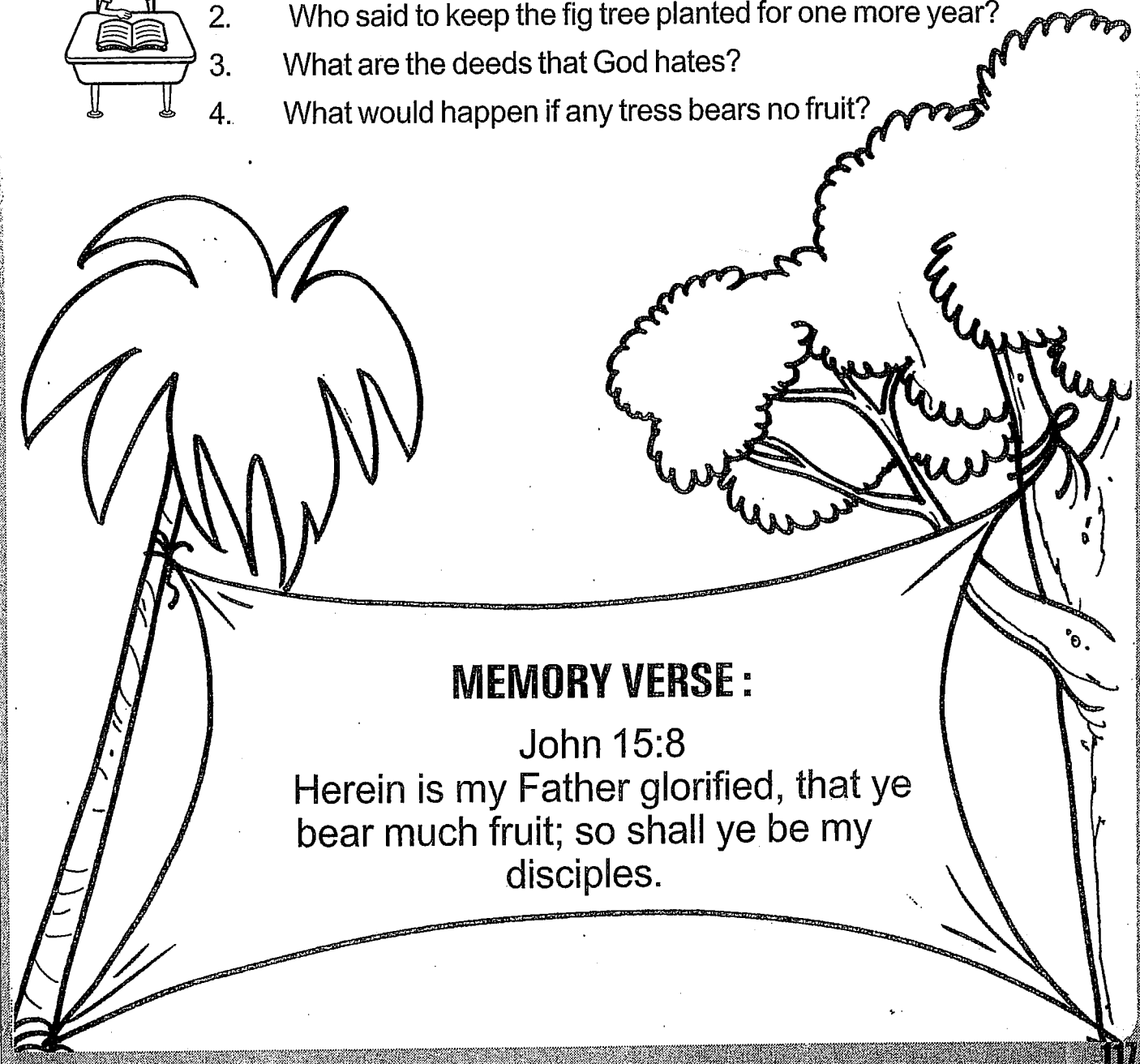


1. Where was the fig tree planted?
2. Who said to keep the fig tree planted for one more year?
3. What are the deeds that God hates?
4. What would happen if any tree bears no fruit?

MEMORY VERSE :

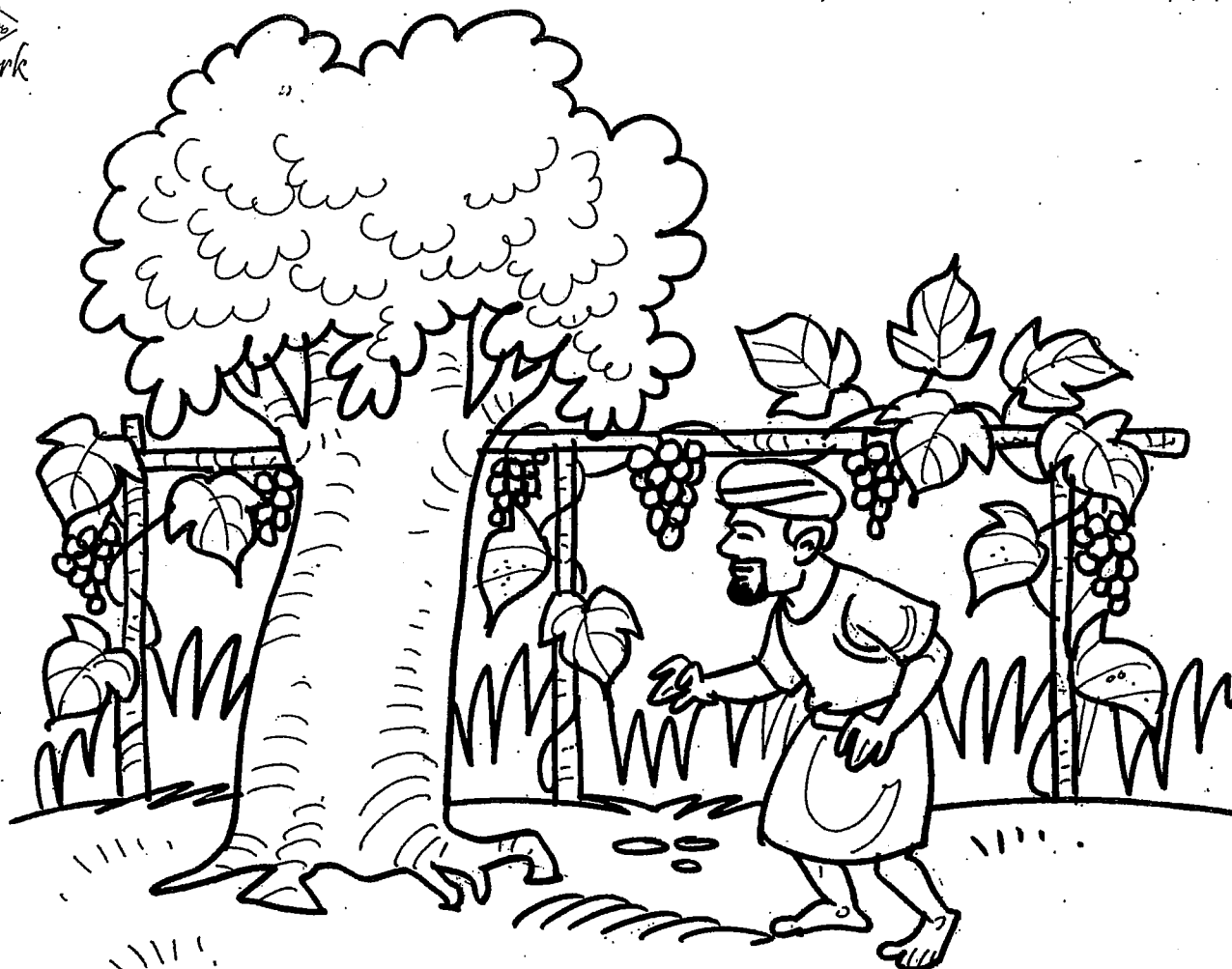
John 15:8

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

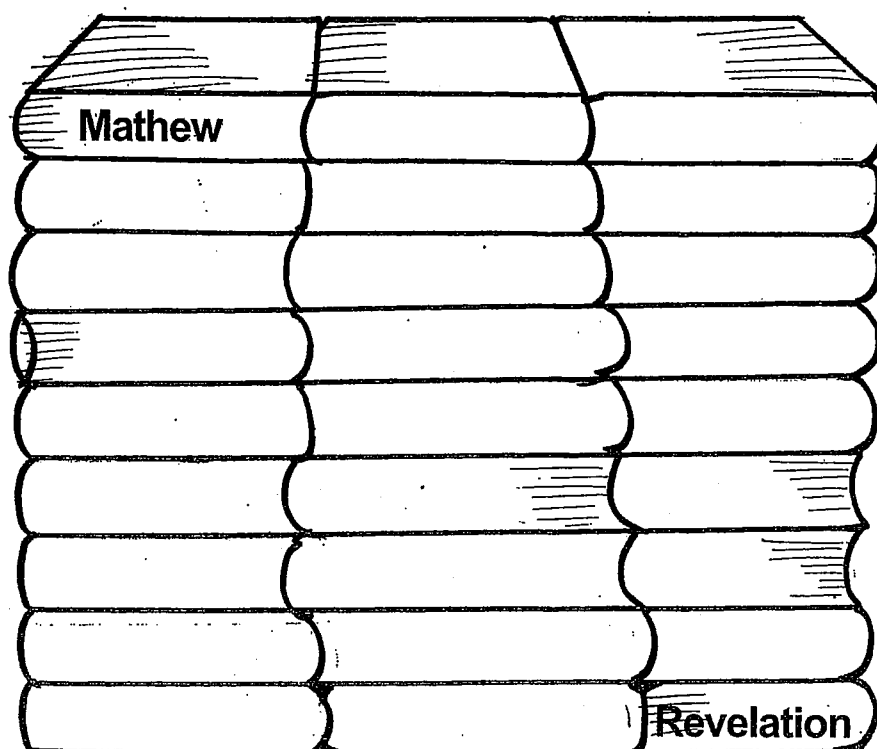




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Lesson 28

THE TWO HOUSES

Reference : Matthew 7:21-27

Aim: 1) To know that those who are founded on the word of God can only stand in adverse conditions.

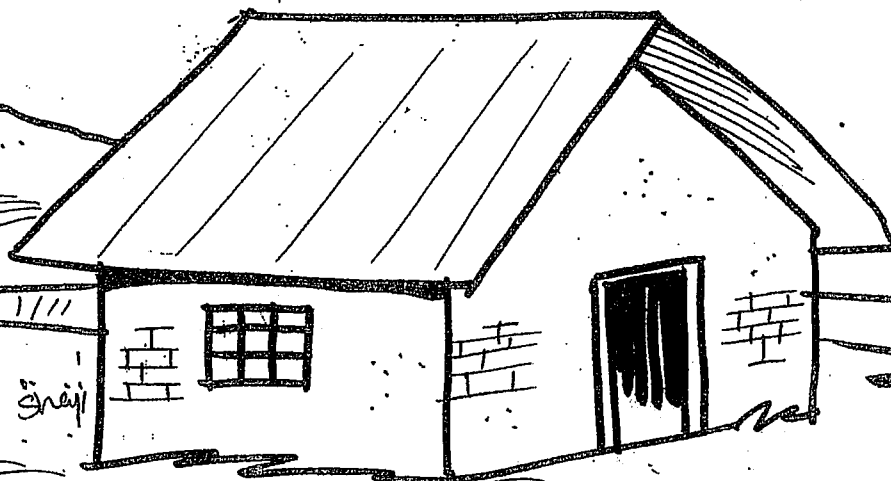
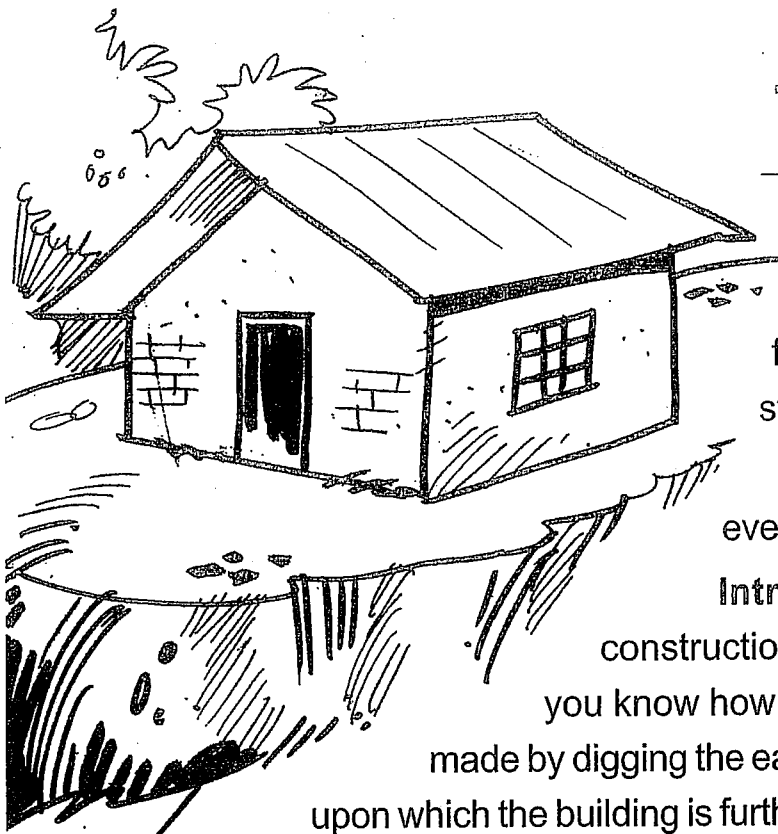
2) To understand that each and every word of God is to be obeyed.

Introduction : You might have seen construction of tall buildings or big houses. Do you know how it's work begins? First, a deep pit is made by digging the earth. From there a pillar is constructed upon which the building is further erected and raised above. Do you want to know why we do this? It is for the building to stand strong in all conditions. Likewise, once a man built a house about which we are going to study today.

Detailed Lesson : Chapters 5 to 7 in the Gospel of Mathew records the sermon of Jesus that he told to the disciples on a mount. This is called the Sermon on the Mount. The sermon finishes with a parable. We will learn that parable today.

The parable

Two men decided to build houses. One of them dug a pit deep below into the rock and made a foundation upon it. The other person made the foundation on sand. After certain days, strong wind blew, rain descended and flood





came upon the houses. These affected both the houses. The house built on rock did not fall down. But the other house built on sand fell down and was destroyed.

The message in the parable

Through the sermon of mount, Jesus spoke to His disciples what they should know and observe. He concluded the sermon saying that everyone who says to Him Lord, Lord, shall not enter the kingdom of God but those who do the will of the heavenly Father would only enter the kingdom. He added that whosoever hears and abides by His word shall be like the wise man who built his house upon a rock. Those who do not abide by His words shall be a foolish man who built his house upon the sand.

Here, a comparison is made between people obeying and disobeying the words. In other words, Jesus pointed out the difference between the people who comply with and who do not comply with the command of Lord. Jesus gave many doctrines in the sermon on the mount. Holiness, humbleness, prayer, loving the enemy, hypocrisy, judging others, etc. are mentioned there. Those who abide by these doctrines will be like the one who built his house on the rock and will have a strong foundation in Christian life. Those who do not abide by these doctrines would be like the one who built the house on the sand and therefore they shall be weak.

Dear children, all of you have a Bible. Do you read it every day? It is given to us not only to read but also to obey the words. When we abide by the words in it, we can lead a strong life.

The work is examined

The one who built the house on sand finished his work fast because he was not required to dig very deep. The one who dug deep to build, finished the work slowly. The one who finished early must have been appreciated by others.

After the work was completed, it started raining heavily. Along with that strong wind also blew. All the rivers were flooded. Both the houses strongly shook. As the foundation of the house which was built on the sand was weak, it fell down. But the house that was built on rock still stood strong even after the wind blew, rain lashed and flood came.

Dear Children, there can be storms in our life too. You must be thinking as to what it can be. We will tell you. Diseases, pain and agony, loss of wealth, mocking by others, etc. are some of the examples of storm. However, if you read and abide by the Word of God, these storms cannot shake you.

Practical : We should be able to analyse as to where do we stand ourselves with



respect to this parable. Lots of people in this world trust or rely on their wealth, position, capabilities, etc. All these shall go away. God's children should rely on the Word of God. Do you know how one should trust on the Word? We should learn the verse by heart (Psalms 119:11). We should long for the Word (1 Peter 2:2). We must accept the Word (James 1:21). We should live and act according to the Word (James 1:22). When we do all these, we will have foundation on the Word.



MY DECISION

I will read the Word every day and will obey it.

MY PRAYER

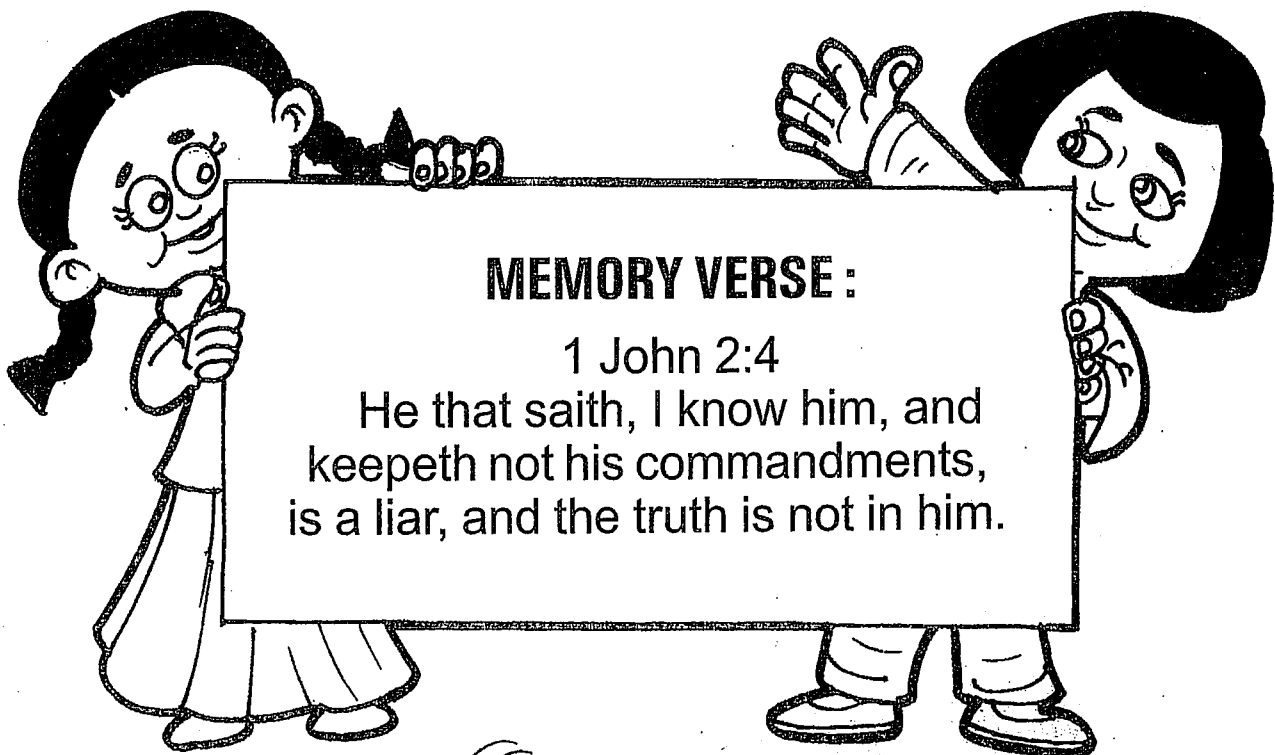
O Lord Jesus, I thank you for giving me your Word. Help me to live according to it. Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. To whom is the man who built his house on rock likened to?
2. What are the adverse things which occurred against both the houses?
3. What happened to the house built on sand?
4. How can we make the Word of God as our foundation?

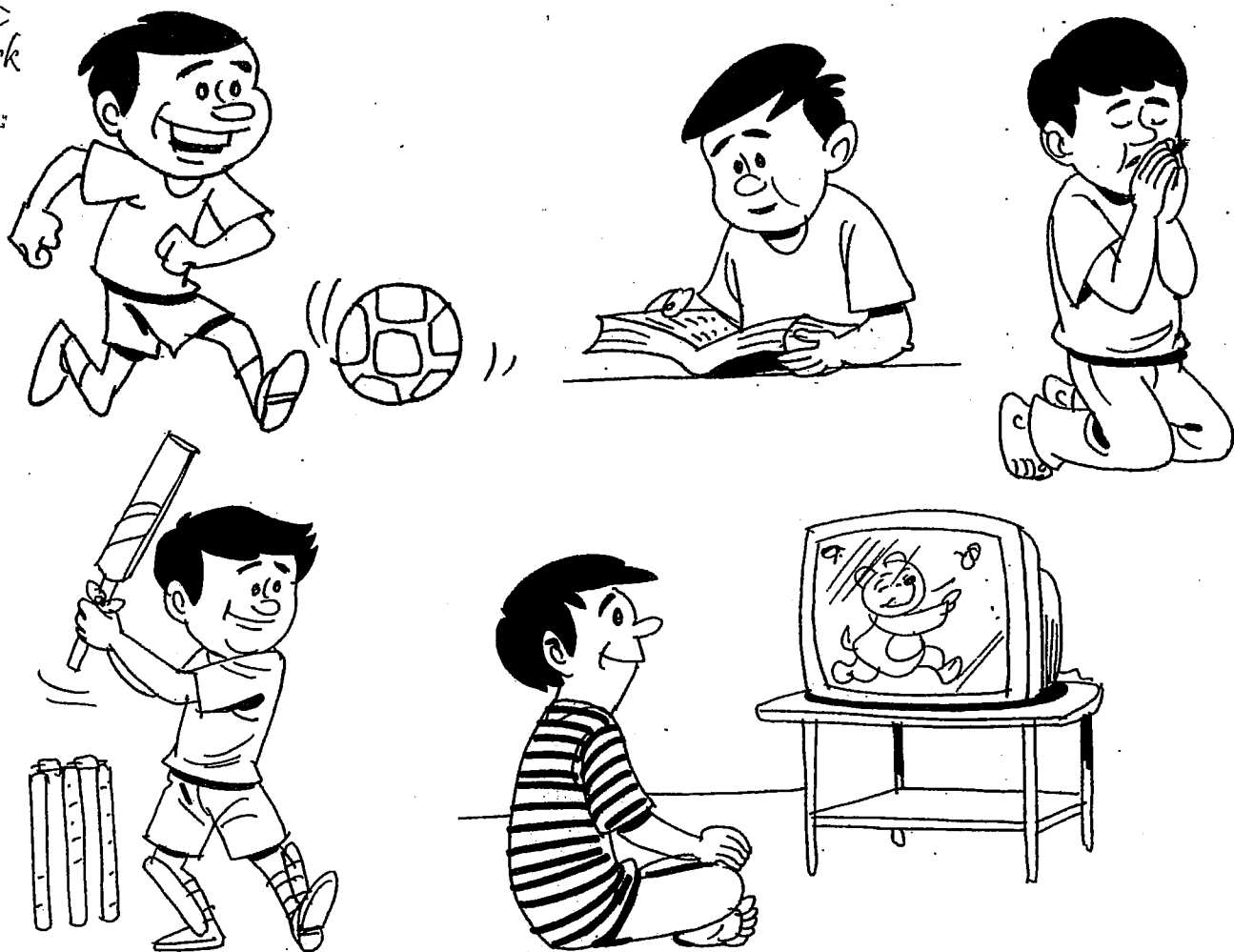


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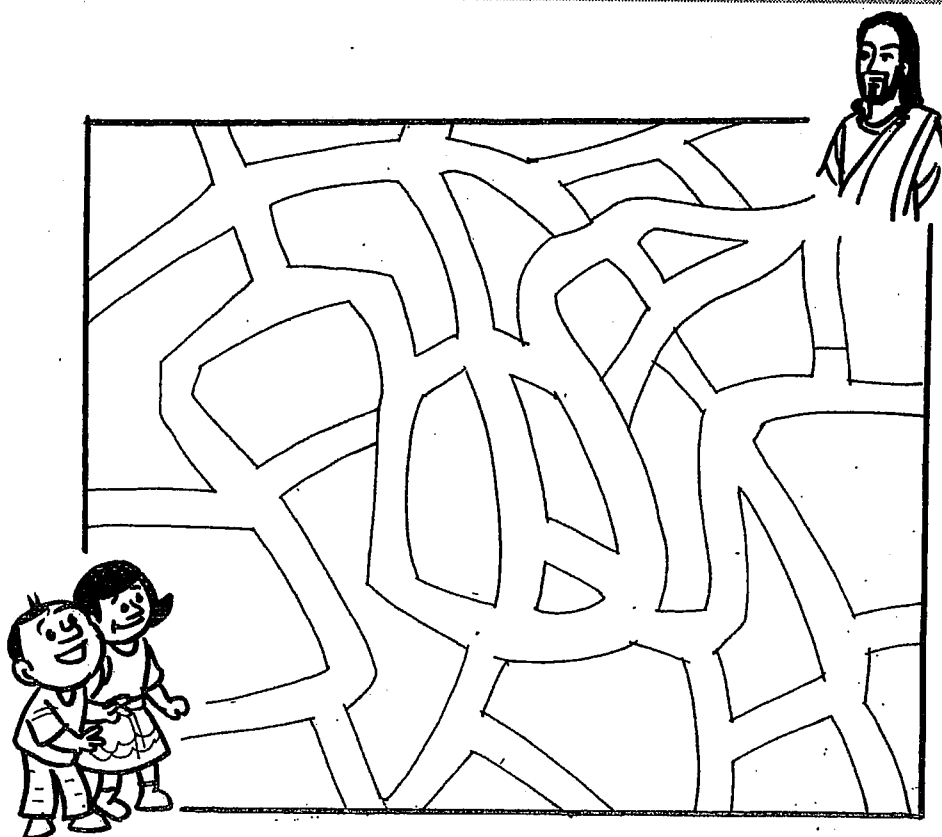
1 John 2:4

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Colour the picture of those who obey the Word of God



Help the children to reach Jesus



Lesson 29

THE TWO DEBTORS

Reference : Luke 7:36-50

- Aim:** 1) To make the children grasp that God does not like judging or despising the others.
- 2) To know that we are incapable of paying the debt of our sin ourselves. Therefore the Lord has forgiven our sins freely.

Introduction : You must have gone to house for a feast. What is the speciality there? We get sumptuous food there. There we can share our affection with friends and relatives. We can know their welfare. These are the specialities of a feasting house. Once Jesus and His disciples went to a house for a feast. Today we are going to learn about the events that occurred there.

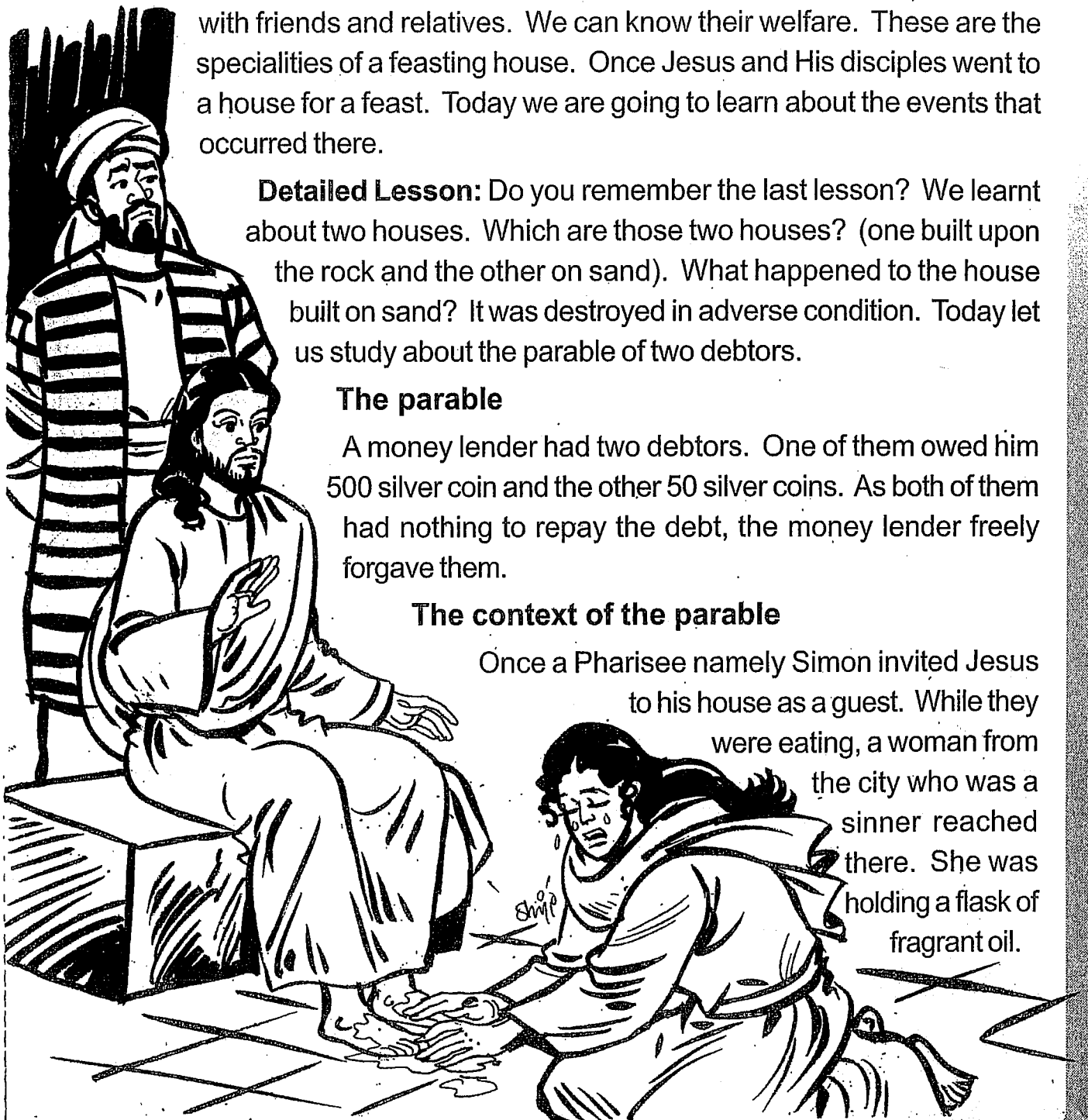
Detailed Lesson: Do you remember the last lesson? We learnt about two houses. Which are those two houses? (one built upon the rock and the other on sand). What happened to the house built on sand? It was destroyed in adverse condition. Today let us study about the parable of two debtors.

The parable

A money lender had two debtors. One of them owed him 500 silver coin and the other 50 silver coins. As both of them had nothing to repay the debt, the money lender freely forgave them.

The context of the parable

Once a Pharisee namely Simon invited Jesus to his house as a guest. While they were eating, a woman from the city who was a sinner reached there. She was holding a flask of fragrant oil.





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She stood at the feet of Jesus and kept on weeping. She fell down at the feet of Jesus and washed it with her tears. She wiped the feet with the hair of her head and anointed with the fragrant oil. Simon who had invited Jesus did not like this. He said to himself that this woman is a sinner and if Jesus was a prophet, He would have known about her. Knowing his thoughts, Jesus told the above parable.

The name or the identity of the woman who anointed Jesus' feet has not been revealed. She is from the same city and is a sinner is only recorded here. Though she reached there without any invitation, she stood weeping at the feet of Jesus and He forgave her sins (verse 48). She received peace (Verse 50).

The message in the parable

Simon did not like the actions of this woman. He started murmuring. Jesus told the parable of two debtors at that time. One of the debtors of this parable is the woman and the second one is Simon, the Pharisee. Jesus equates her sin to the debt. The woman had a debt of 500 coins and Simon owed 50 coins. The woman confessed her sin before Jesus. Therefore she came to Jesus, wept and repented. But Simon never accepted that he owes 50 coins nor acknowledged that he was a sinner. Moreover he tries to point out the sins of others. Jesus tells this parable so that Simon understands that he was also a sinner. What was the sin of Simon?

Firstly, Simon murmured against the woman. This was the sin Simon committed (Verse 39). Do you know what is murmuring? Talking to ourselves out of anger on seeing something which we do not like is called murmuring. This is a sin. We should never do this. We should not murmur against our parents or teachers or God's servants. If we do that, it will be treated as a sin.

Secondly Simon judged that woman (verse 39). We do not have the authority to judge others. Only God has the authority to judge others. If we do the things, for which God only has the authority, it is a sin. Therefore we should never say that others are not good people or they are not righteous, etc. It is a sin.

Thirdly, Simon was a proud man (verse 44). When Jesus arrived as a guest to his house, he was not received as per the customs of that place. When a guest arrives, as per the custom of the place, the host goes to guest, embraces and receives him. The guest is given water to wash the feet. Simon did not do all these things. Only those who are meek and respect others can do such things. The pride of Simon did not allow him to all these things.

Dear children, we should always respect others. When elders or Pastors visit our home, we should stand up and receive them with respect. The eldest of your home should be given the prime place. If there are elders in your home, they should be given



the prime position even while serving food.

Practical: It is easy to find out other's mistakes. It is not very easy to understand or accept our own mistakes. We should judge our own errors. Then only we can correct it. If we don't, God will judge us. This is what the story of Simon teaches us.



MY DECISION

I will always regard and respect my parents, elders and the servants of God.

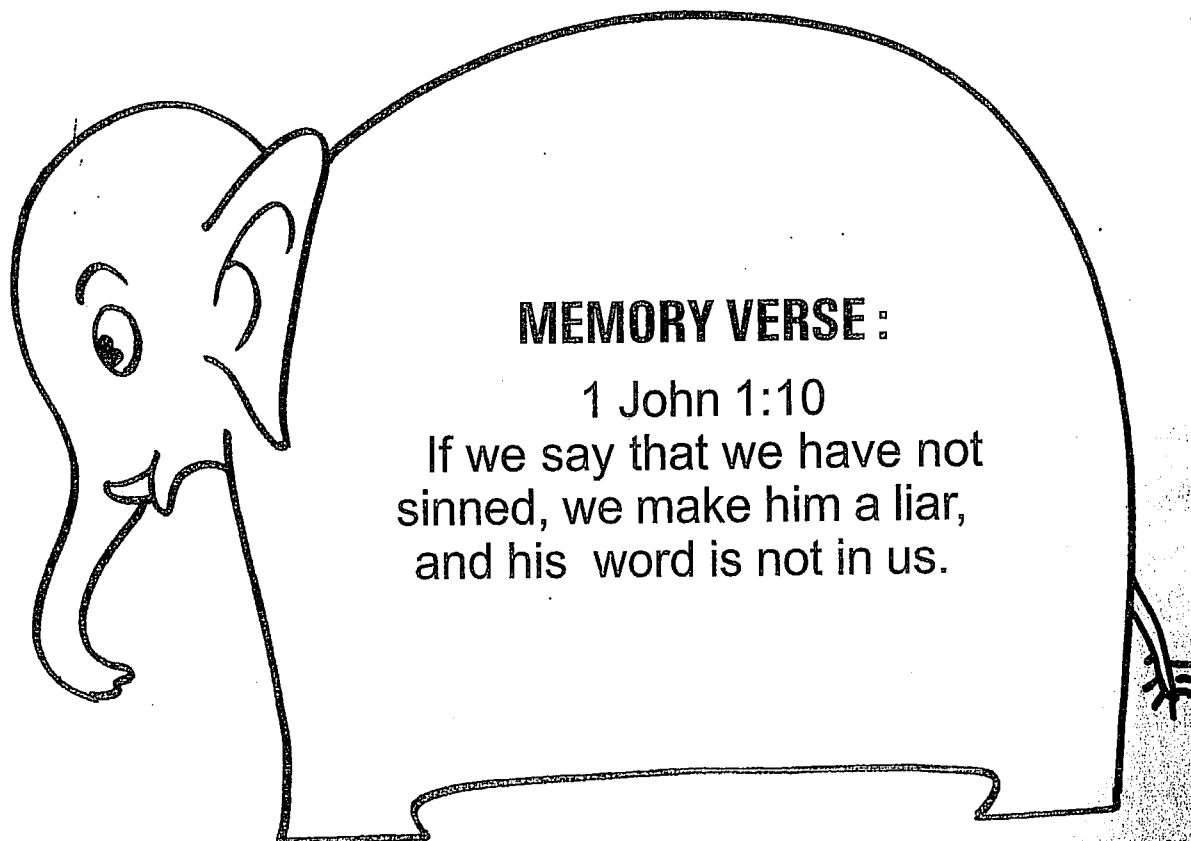
MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, instead of finding other's faults, help me to find out my own wrongs, abandon it and lead a good life.
Amen.



QUESTIONS

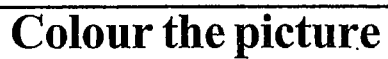
1. In whose house Jesus went for feast?
2. Who anointed Jesus' feet with fragrant oil?
3. How many silver coins were owed by the woman?
4. What were the sins of Simon?



MEMORY VERSE :

1 John 1:10

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.



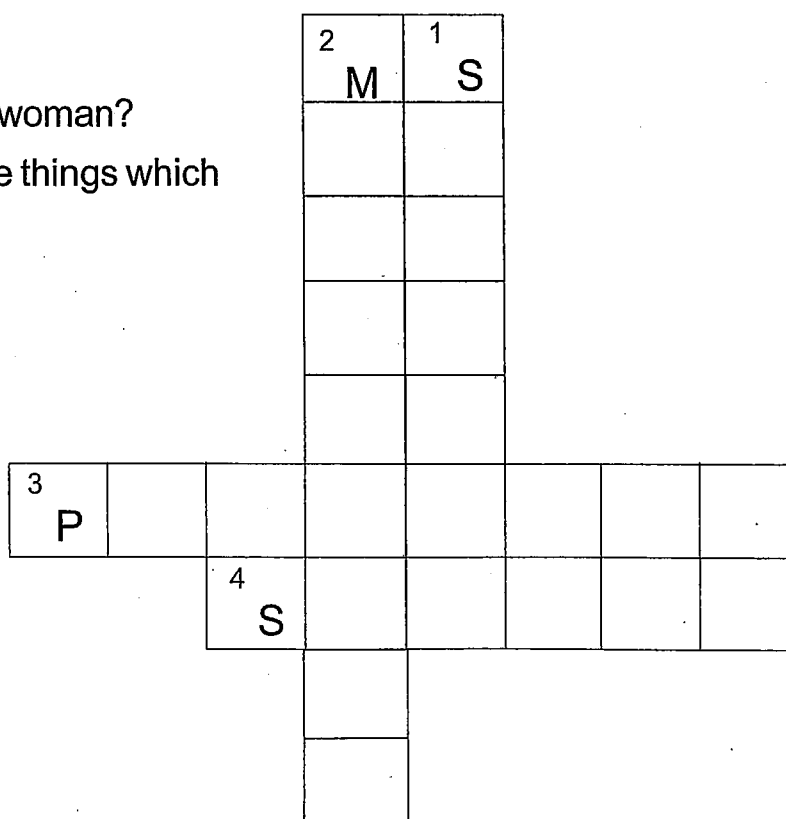
Word problem

Down

1. Who murmured against the woman?
2. What do we do when we see things which we do not like?

Right

3. Who was Simon?
4. Who was the woman?



Lesson 30

THE PRECIOUS PEARL

Reference : Matthew 13:45-46.

- Aim:**
- 1) To grasp about Jesus and His redemption.
 - 2) To understand that one has to pay a price to lead a good Christian life.

Introduction : Have you ever seen precious jewel and pearls? Do you know from where we get pearls? Pearls are obtained from the living shells (like oysters) lying at the bottom of sea. When a grain of sand enters into the living shell, it hurts the oyster. In order to get rid of the pain, a fluid produced by it is used to coat the irritant layer by layer. This coating is called pearl that we get. Today we are going to learn about the parable of pearl told by Jesus.

Detailed Lesson : In order to make the man understand about the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus has told many parables. The hidden treasure, the net that catches all kinds of fishes, ten virgins, etc. are the parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. The precious pearl is also such a parable.

The parable

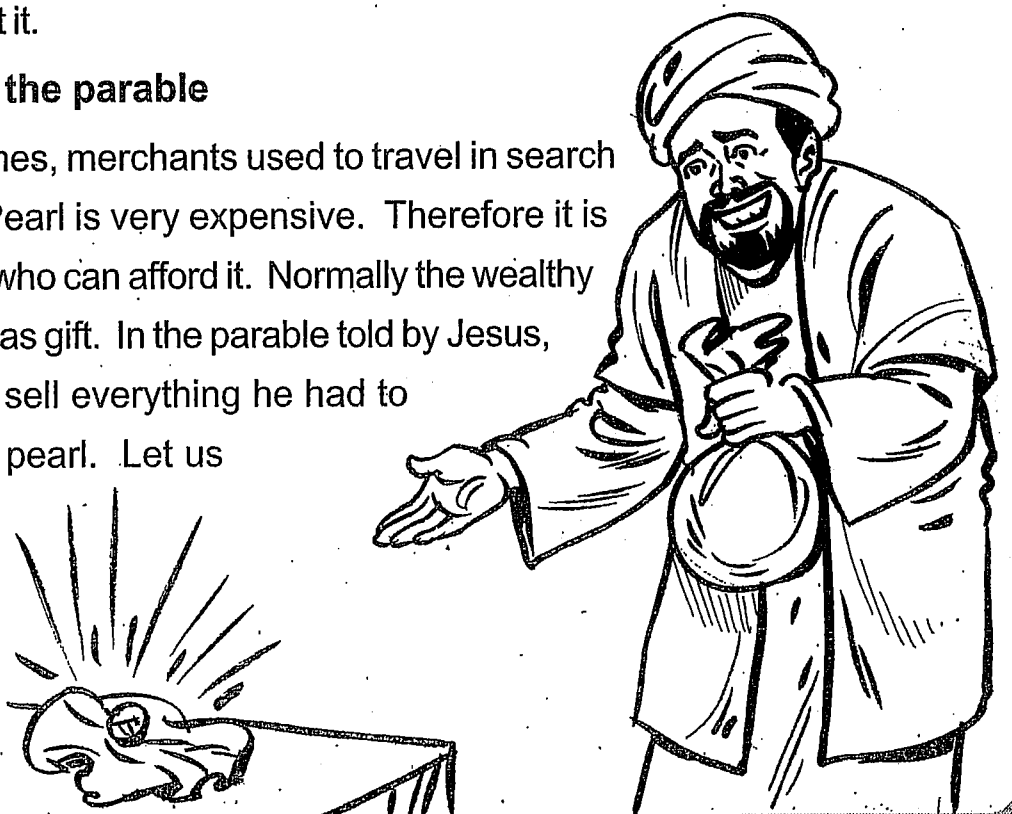
The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking precious pearl.

When he found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The message in the parable

Even in ancient times, merchants used to travel in search of precious pearls. Pearl is very expensive. Therefore it is bought by only those who can afford it. Normally the wealthy people keep it or give as gift. In the parable told by Jesus, the merchant had to sell everything he had to possess the precious pearl. Let us see what they are:

1. The pearl described in this parable is the redemption provided by Jesus. Redem-





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ption is also referred to in the Bible as eternal life. This is even more precious than the pearl. Do you know what is the most precious gift that God has given to man? It is not a big house or a vehicle. It is Jesus and the eternal life that He gives. Through Him, we get a life beyond the life in this world. A house or other blessings are temporary and may not last. But Jesus and the eternal life are everlasting. When we trust in Jesus, we get redemption from sin, death and hell. Through the redemption we reach heaven.

2. Like the merchant sold everything in order to buy the precious pearl, we too have to give up many things to get Jesus and the everlasting life through Him. In order to possess Jesus, we have to abandon many things we like. In this connection, Jesus Himself has said 3 things as below.
 - a) One who wants to become a disciple has to love Jesus more than his father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister. It does not mean that one should not love them. It means one should love Jesus more than them (Matthew 10:37).
 - b) One who wants to follow Jesus has to deny himself. Only if characters, practices, desires, etc. that are hated by Jesus is abandoned, one can get the everlasting life through Jesus (Matthew 16:24).
 - c) One has to carry the cross to follow Jesus. It is not Jesus' cross but his own cross. Cross is the symbol of pain and sufferings. When somebody desires to follow Jesus, there would be torture from our own people. Suffering those torments are equal to carrying cross.

Let us see an example. Two children were playing. They were fully engaged in the games forgetting all other affairs. In the meantime their mother called them home to have food. Though they do not want to stop playing but in order to enjoy food, they have to abandon the play. Likewise, if we want to own Jesus and the redemption through Him, we will have to abandon certain things which we like but disliked by Jesus. Can you tell something which is hated by Jesus? Fighting, opposing parents, not attending church worship, not memorising verses, etc. are not liked by Jesus.

Practical : Jesus and the redemption that He provides are more than a precious pearl. One who gives up many things to possess the redemption is like the merchant. Likewise, let us own Jesus.



MY DECISION

I will love Jesus more than anybody else.



MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, help me to abandon everything that prevents me from getting the everlasting life that you provide. Amen.



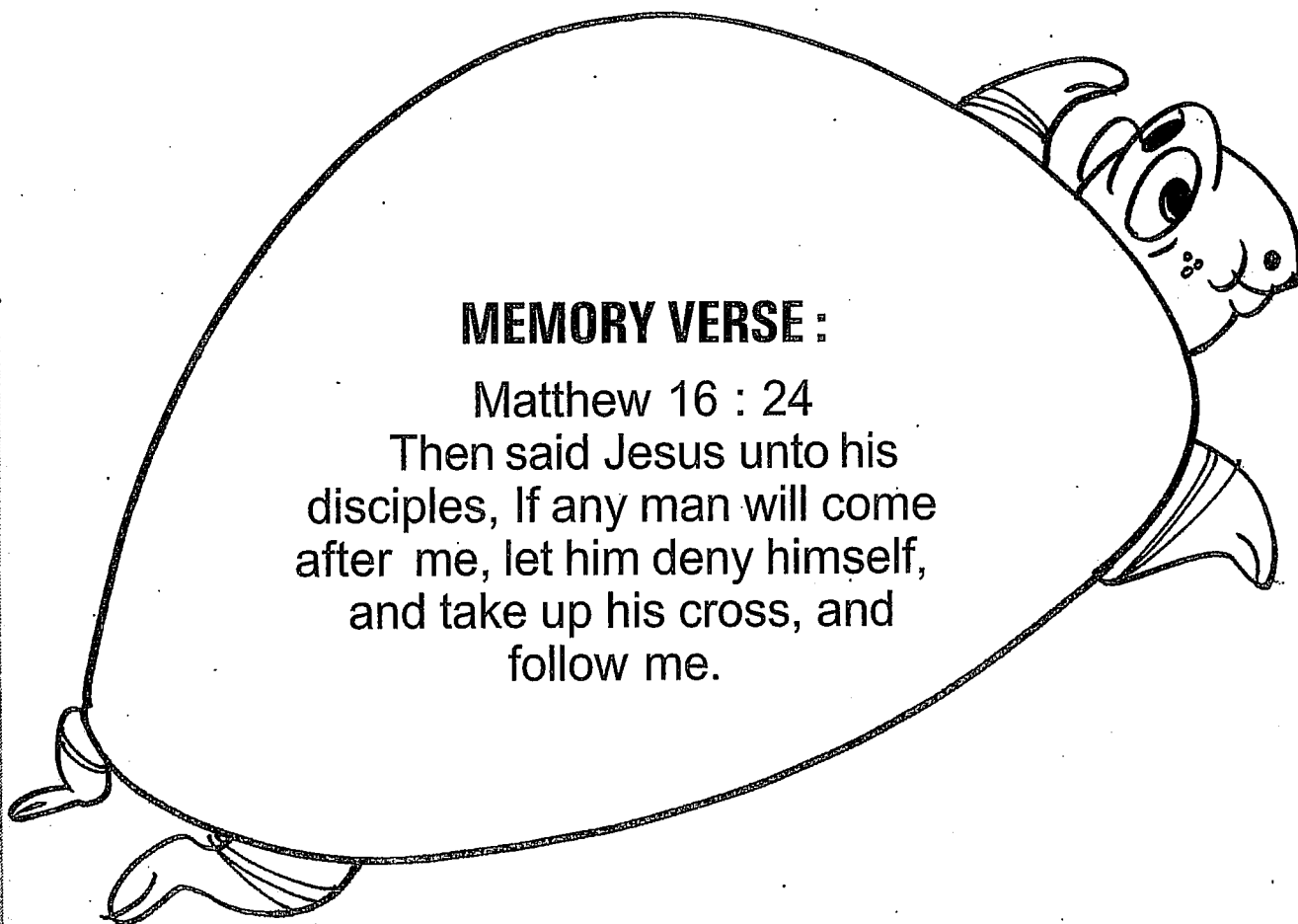
QUESTIONS

1. How is the pearl formed?
2. With what is the pearl compared to?
3. What are the three things to be complied with for following Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE :

Matthew 16 : 24

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

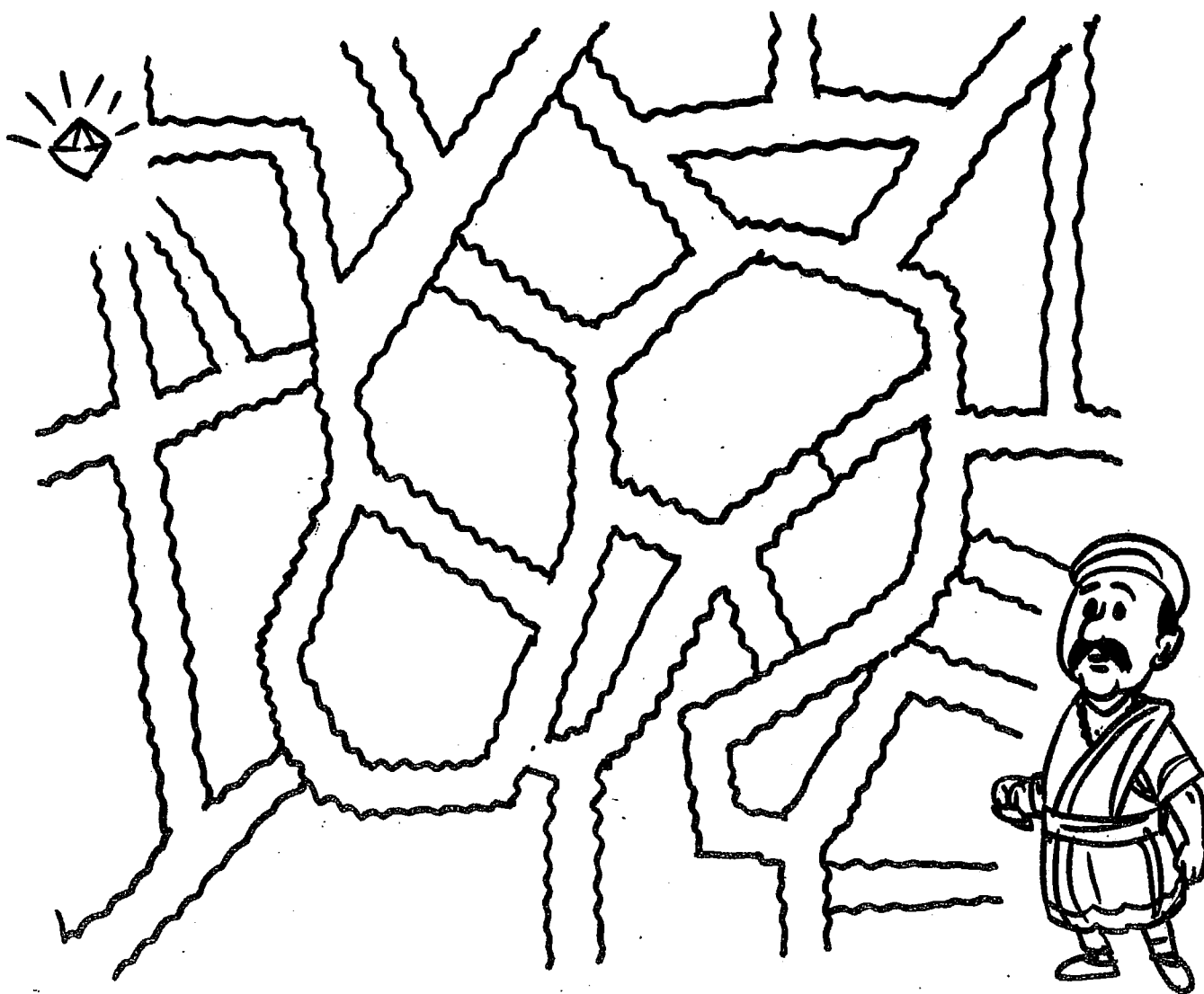




Fill in the blanks

1. Pearls are obtained from
2. The kingdom of heaven is equal to the merchant seeking precious
3. From the ancient times used to travel seeking pearls.
4. The pearl described in this parable is equal to the redemption given by
5. is the greatest gift that God has granted to man.

Help the merchant to find the pearl



Lesson 31

ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH

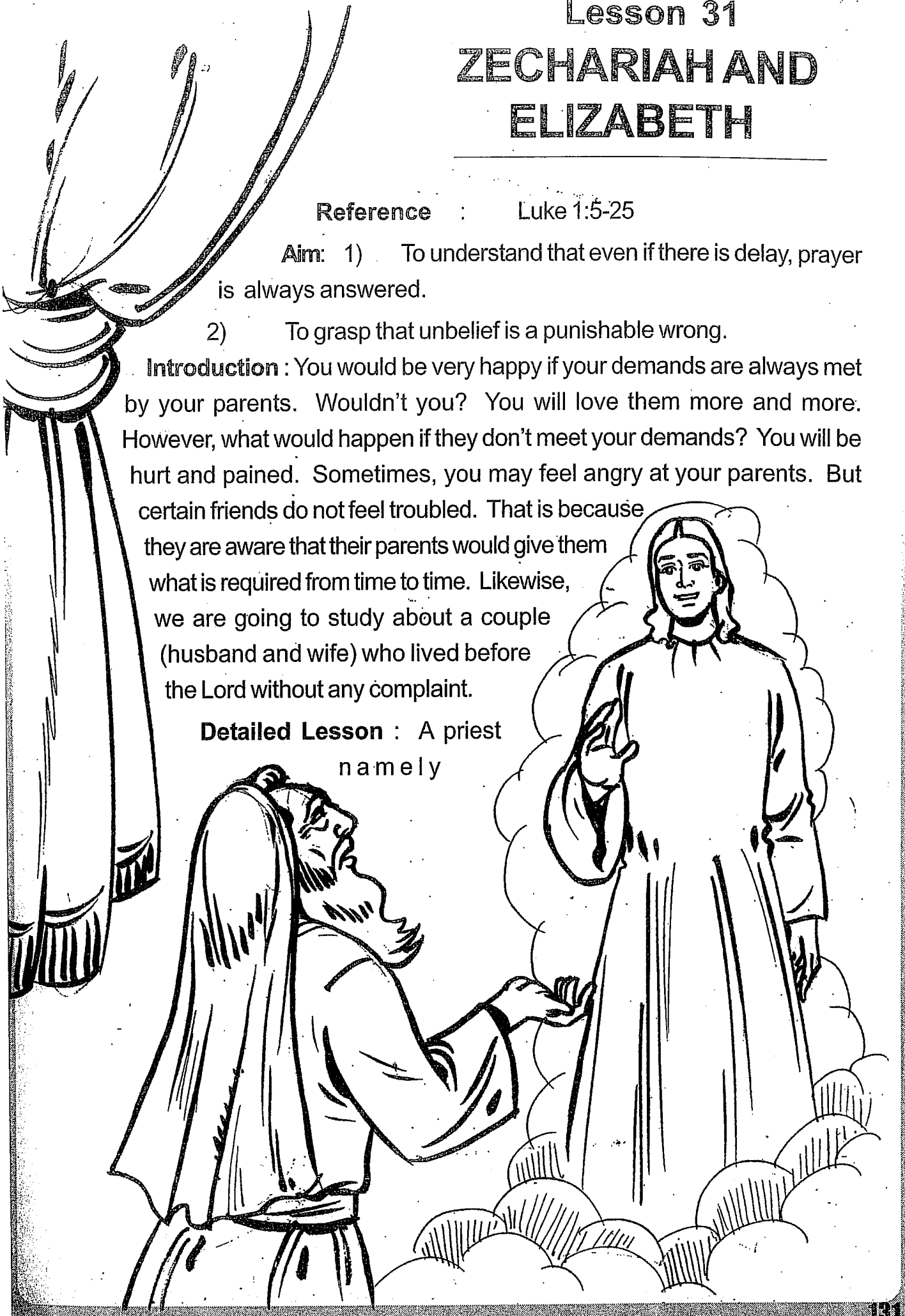
Reference : Luke 1:5-25

Aim: 1) To understand that even if there is delay, prayer is always answered.

2) To grasp that unbelief is a punishable wrong.

Introduction : You would be very happy if your demands are always met by your parents. Wouldn't you? You will love them more and more. However, what would happen if they don't meet your demands? You will be hurt and pained. Sometimes, you may feel angry at your parents. But certain friends do not feel troubled. That is because they are aware that their parents would give them what is required from time to time. Likewise, we are going to study about a couple (husband and wife) who lived before the Lord without any complaint.

Detailed Lesson : A priest
namely





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Zechariah lived in Jerusalem. Do you know what is special about Jerusalem? Jerusalem is the place where the Temple of Jews is situated. There were many priests in this Temple. Zechariah was one of them. Can you tell the responsibility of a priest? To do sacrifice, worship, pray for the people, etc. in the Temple are the responsibility of the priest. His wife's name is Elizabeth. They were very old. Though they were serving the Lord in the Temple, they had a sorrow that they did not have any child. However, they never accused or put allegation against God. Instead, they continuously prayed for a child and lived before God with all righteousness without any dejection. Nobody could say anything against them.

The prayers of Zechariah answered

One day, Zechariah was serving the Lord in the Temple. Suddenly, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to him. He was frightened to see the angel. Angel Gabriel said to him, "Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John". Moreover, the angel also told him as to what the child will become in the future. But Zechariah had not believed the words of the Angel for the reason that both he and Elizabeth were very old. Then the angel said to Zechariah that since he did not believe the angel, he shall be dumb and not able to speak until these things shall happen. Everything happened according to what the angel said. Zechariah who came out could not talk to anybody. He went home dumb. Dear Children, not believing God's promises is a sin. It is called unbelief. We should trust the Words of God as He always says the truth. He is capable of doing everything that he says to you.

A son is born to Zechariah

After Zechariah reached home, he must have conveyed everything said by the angel either by signs or in writing. She was also very happy. Thus, certain months passed. A son was born to them as said by the angel. They were extremely joyful. Not only they but also their neighbours and relatives were happy. They all said that nothing is impossible for God and praised Him.

The time had arrived to name the child. According to the custom of Jews, the child is named on the eighth day. Many people must have suggested many names. But his mother Elizabeth said the he should be named John. When they sought the opinion of his father, Zechariah wrote the name John. Immediately, the mouth of Zechariah opened and he began to talk.

This is the child who was later known as John the Baptist. You have already studied about John the Baptist earlier. Do you know what his mission was? His service was to

prepare the way for Jesus.

Practical : It is not necessary that we get answer from God as soon as we ask for something. Sometimes it may take months or years. Even then we should not accuse the Lord or anybody else but to continue in prayers. Our Lord answers our prayers. The Lord will answer our prayers at the appropriate time.



MY DECISION

I will live before the Lord as a just and righteous person.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, help me to patiently pray until I get an answer. Amen.



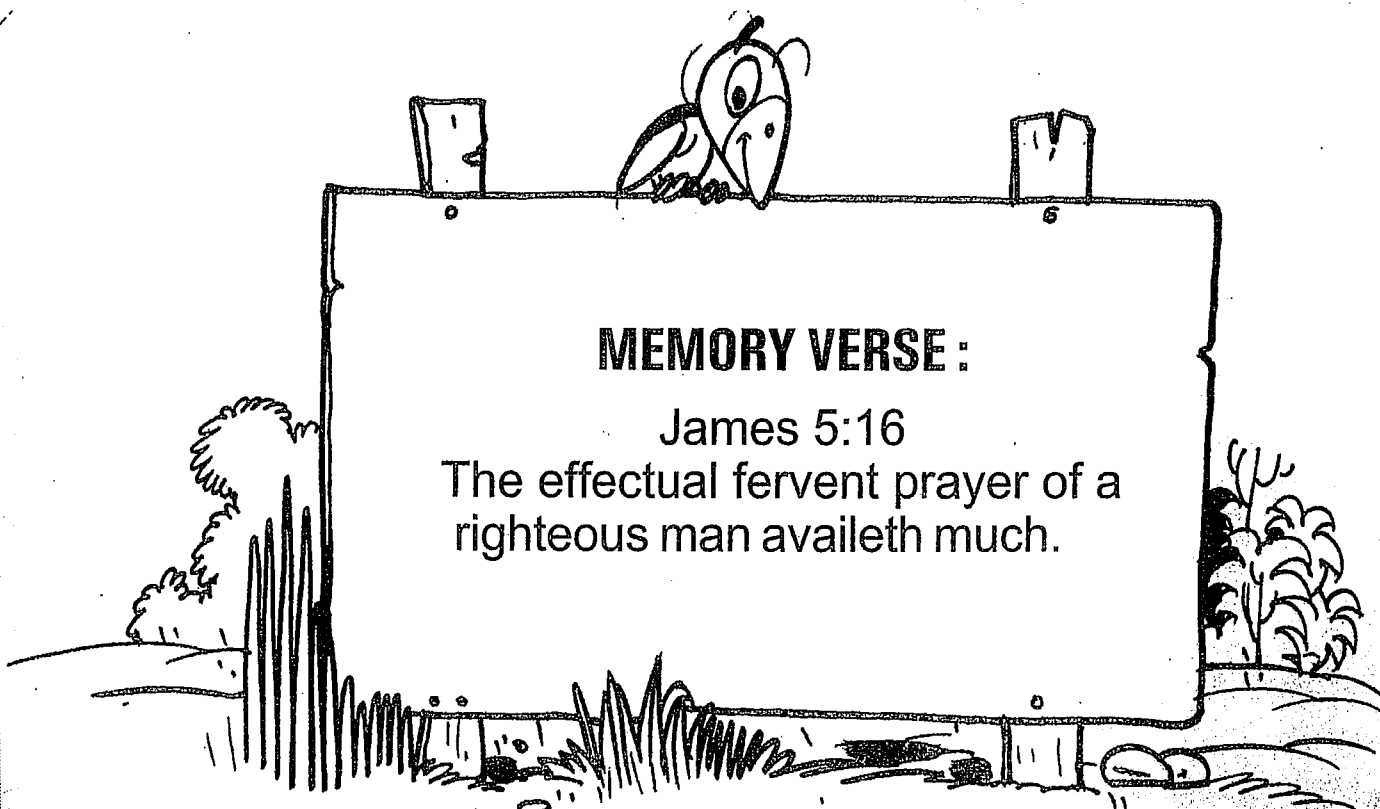
QUESTIONS

1. What is special about Jerusalem?
2. What was the service of Zechariah?
3. Which angel appeared to Zechariah?
4. What happened to Zechariah due to his unbelief?

MEMORY VERSE :

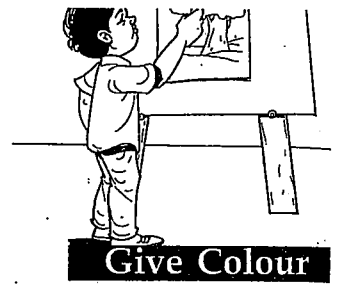
James 5:16

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.





Colour the picture



Match the Following

Zechariah

Temple

Jerusalem

Prayer

Gabriel

Baptist

Priest

Angel

John

Elizabeth

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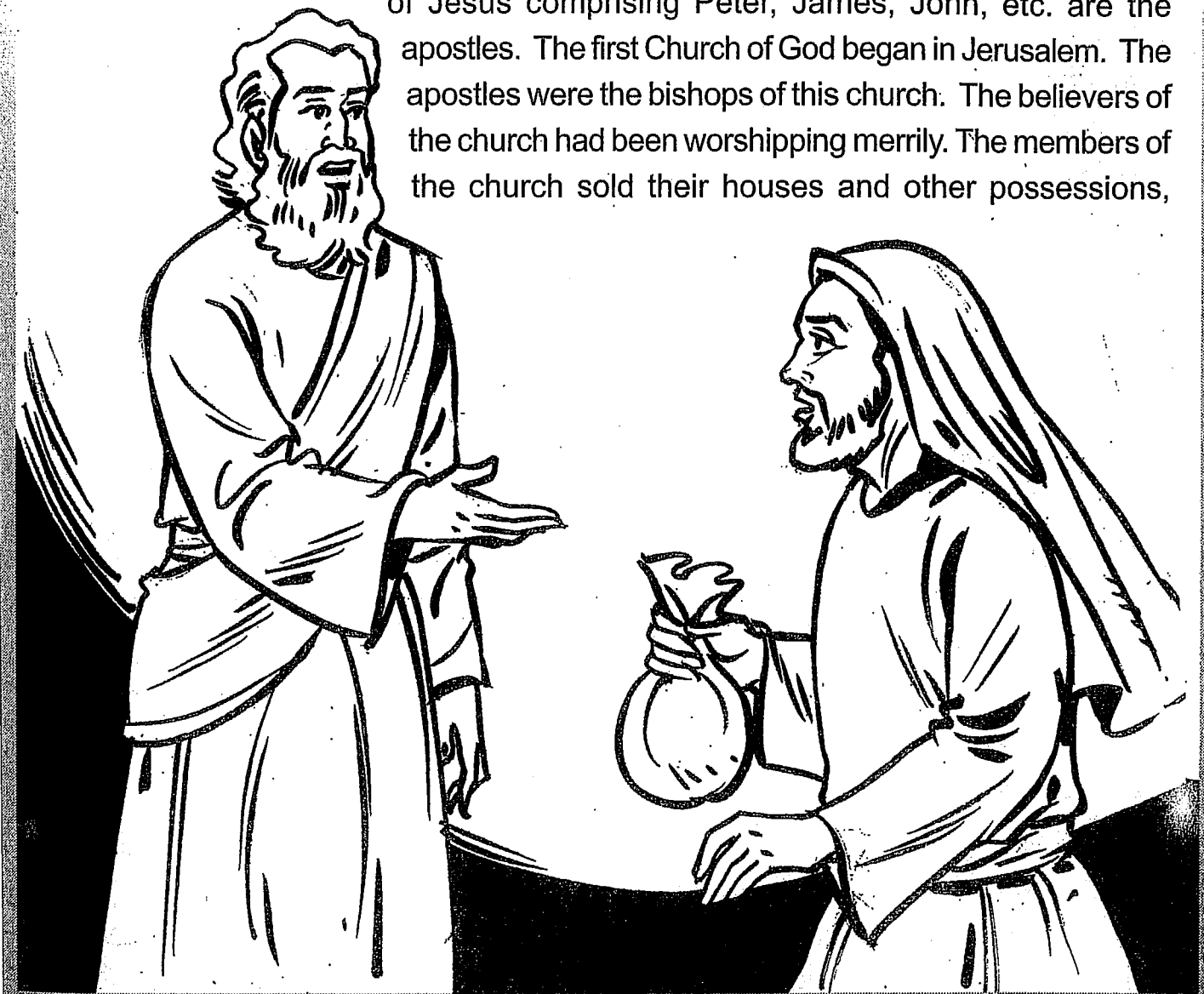
ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA

Reference : Acts 5:1-11

- Aim:**
- 1) To understand that wickedness before God will be punished.
 - 2) To grasp that lying is sin.
 - 3) To know that Satan instigates us to sin.

Introduction : Have you ever been punished by your parents for doing mischief? Certainly, isn't it? When they punish, your brothers must have supported you. Still they will punish you for your wrong. Do you know why do they punish? It is for not repeating the mistake and to prevent others from doing it. Likewise, today we will learn about a family whom God punished for their mistake.

Detailed Lesson : The details of the first century church and its growth has been given in the Book of Acts of the Apostles. Do you know who Apostles are? The disciples of Jesus comprising Peter, James, John, etc. are the apostles. The first Church of God began in Jerusalem. The apostles were the bishops of this church. The believers of the church had been worshipping merrily. The members of the church sold their houses and other possessions,





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brought the amount and lay at the feet of the apostles. They received it and after prayers they used it for the food and other needs of all believers. Thus all of them stayed together in Jerusalem and worshipped the Lord.

Ananias sells his possession

A man named Ananias was there in the Church of Jerusalem. His wife's name was Sapphira. When they saw others selling their possessions and giving to the apostles, they too decided to sell their possessions. But they did a wrong act. Do you know what it was? They kept back part of the price secretly and brought the balance at the feet of the apostles. But Peter filled with Holy Spirit said, "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God". Ananias was frightened on hearing this. Immediately he fell down and died. The youths carried him out and buried.

After some time, Sapphira reached there searching for her husband. Seeing her, Peter asked, "tell me if you have sold the land for so much". She lied that it is for so much. Peter said her, "how is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried your husband are at the door, and shall carry you out". Immediately she also fell down and died. The youths carried her out and buried her also near her husband.

What an awful punishment Ananias and Sapphira got? Isn't it? Friends, you may be thinking why God punished them so seriously. We will explain. We can understand three main faults from this.

1. After selling the possession, they kept back part of the price for their own needs and the balance was kept at the feet of apostles. When Peter asked them whether you have sold the possession for so much amount, they answered yes. It is considered as wickedness before the Holy Spirit. It is not wrong to keep part of the price of their property for their need. But they were giving part of the amount but were pretending to give the full amount. That is the mistake. This is named as dishonesty. Pretending to have done something which one has not actually done is called dishonesty. God punished them for this mistake.

Dear children, God doesn't like false statements. Some friends do wrong things but tell their parents or teachers that they have not done. They may believe it thinking that it may be right. Though we may be able to deceive them, we must know that we cannot hide it from God.

2. Ananias and Sapphira had lied to the apostles. Satan instigated them to do so (Verse 3). They obeyed Satan. They got punishment as they did not obey God but Satan.

Satan prompts us to do all kinds of wrongs. Can you tell certain wrongs that Satan persuades us to do? (Telling lie, fighting, stealing, etc.). Even if others prompt you to do mistake, we should not do it as God want us to be good people.



3. The other mistake of Ananias and Sapphira was that they conspired together to do a wrong. Peter asks Sapphira as to why she had agreed to tempt the Holy Spirit. If one was doing a wrong, the other should have corrected it instead of agreeing to. But here both of them agreed together. We should never support to do a wrong. We should correct our friends doing sins even if they are very close to us. We should make them understand that it is hated by God.

Practical : God opposes dishonesty to God and man. The Lord wants all of us to be honest. God blesses us when we are truthful.



MY DECISION

I will never support anybody's wrongs.

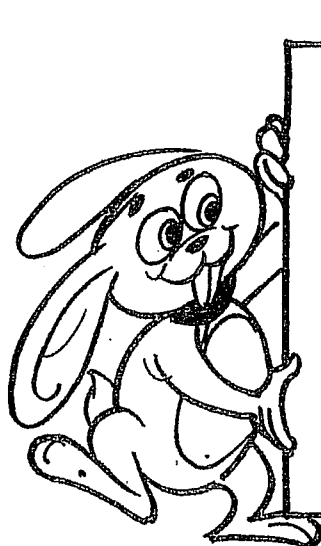
MY PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, help me not to lie or commit sins but to live honestly. Amen.



QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of Ananias' wife?
2. At whose feet the price of possession was kept?
3. Of which Church Ananias was a member?
4. Why did God punish Ananias?



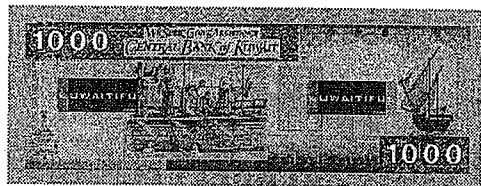
MEMORY VERSE :

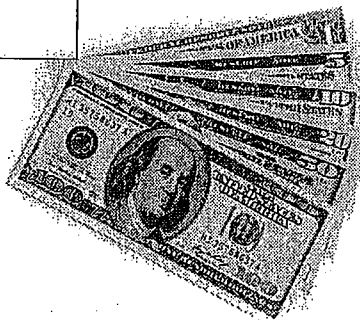
Ephesians 4:25
Wherefore putting away
lying, speak every man truth
with his neighbour.



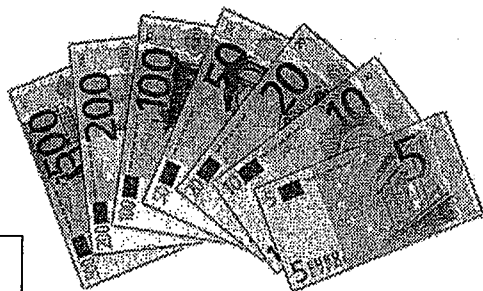


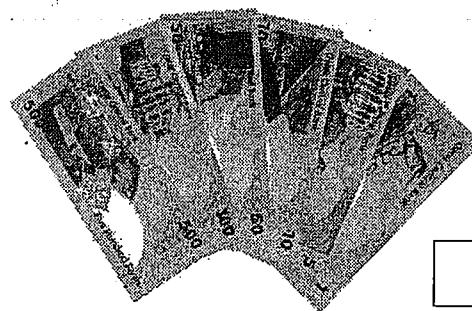
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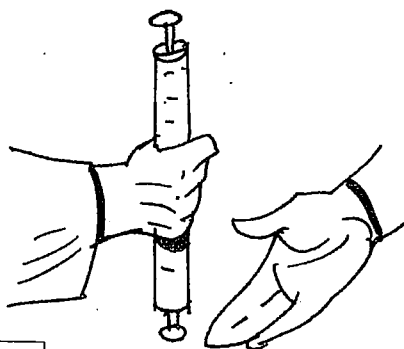


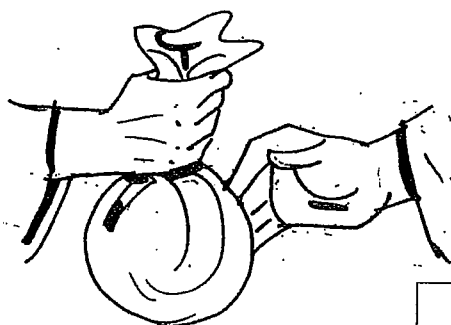
- (a) India (b) Kuwait (c) USA (d) Europe (e) Qatar

Number the pictures below according to the sequence of its event









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STEPHEN

Reference : Acts Chapters 6 & 7

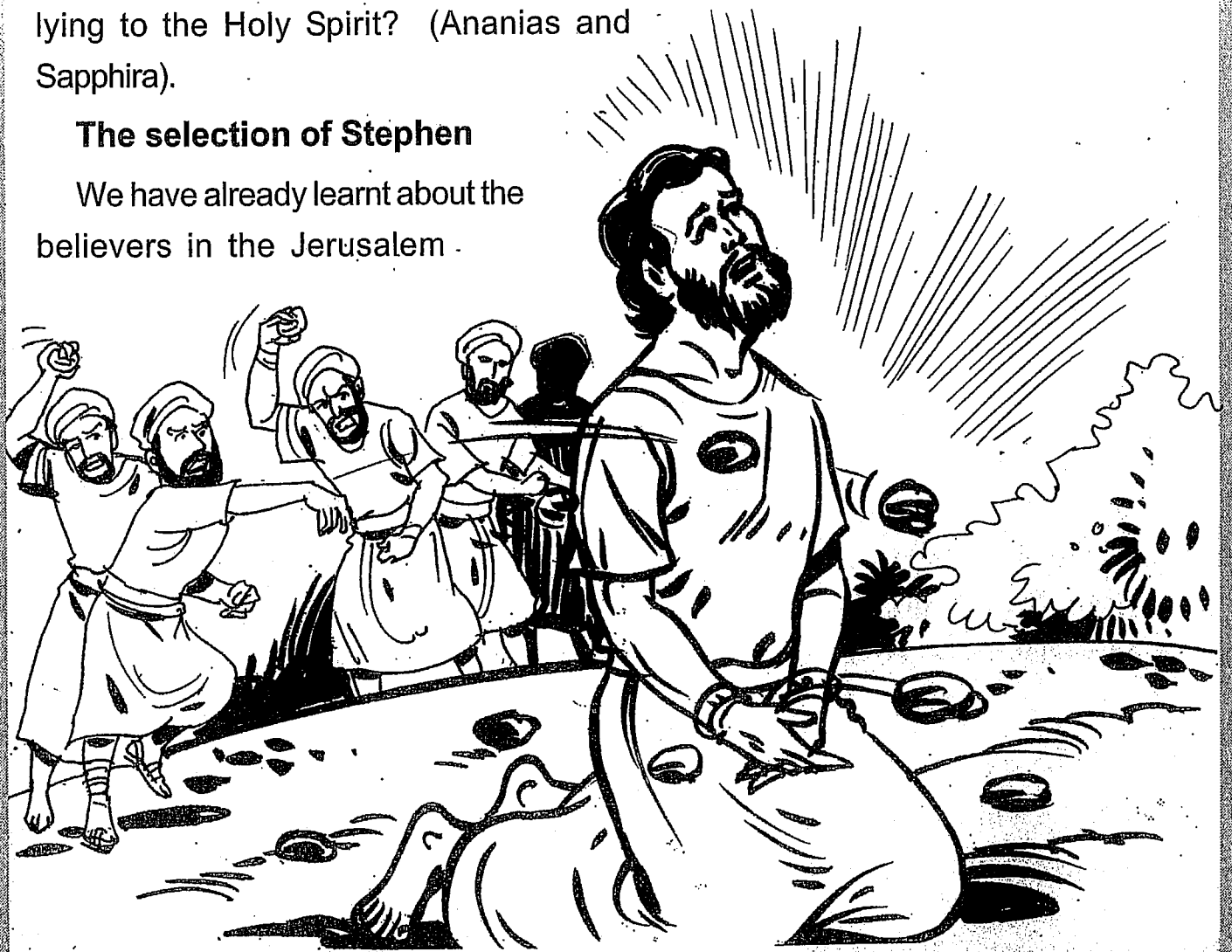
- Aim:** 1) To make the children grasp that Christian life is attached with persecutions.
- 2) To understand the necessity of forgiving others.

Introduction : You must have heard about such Christians who had to bear persecution and were killed very cruelly for knowing Jesus and preaching the Gospel. Even today there are many such people being persecuted within India and also in many parts abroad. Do you know why they bear it? They bear it out of the love towards Jesus who gave His life to save us. Today we are going to learn about a person who was killed in the first Church for this cause.

Detailed Lesson : In the last lesson you have studied about an event that occurred in the first century church. Can you tell the names of two persons who died due to lying to the Holy Spirit? (Ananias and Sapphira).

The selection of Stephen

We have already learnt about the believers in the Jerusalem .





Church who sold off their possessions and laid at the feet of apostles. Thus, all of them stayed together in Jerusalem. All of them ate together. The believers in Jerusalem spoke two languages i.e. Hebrews and Greek. The apostles received a complaint that the Greek speaking widows were neglected by the Hebrew speaking believers in the daily distribution of food and other facilities.

As a remedy to this, the apostles selected 7 persons from the disciples. Their responsibility was to oversee the food arrangements. They were selected not because of their expertise in cooking. But those who had the Holy Spirit, wisdom and good reputation were selected. Stephen was one of them. Though he was selected for serving on the table, he was full of faith and power and did many great wonders and signs among the people. At this time many Jewish people argued with him but none of them could win over him.

Stephen is before the council

The Jews who were jealous of Stephen put many false accusations on him. The allegation was that he was speaking blasphemy against Moses and God. Thus, he was produced before the Council, the court of Jews. When he was asked if the allegations are correct, he answered the question by preaching about Jesus. Stephen ended his answer with the statement that Jesus is God and he has died for the redemption from sin and they should also believe in Him.

Stephen is being killed

When they heard the preaching, the members in the Council got angry. They decided to kill him. They took him out of the city, stoned him and killed. When each of the stone was thrown, Stephen was looking at heaven. He saw the heaven opened and Jesus standing at the right side of Father. The Bible says that Jesus sits at the right side of God (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 1:3; Ephesians 1:21). However, when the stones were being thrown on Stephen, Jesus was not sitting but He stood up. From this it is understood that Jesus keeps an eye on the persecutions and tribulations afflicted on us. Stephen kept on praying for forgiving those who were stoning him. Jesus also did the same thing.

Practical : Those who follow Jesus will have to face opposition and misery. When we face it in the love of Jesus, He will give us His grace to bear the pain. When others torment us, the Lord will give us His grace to forgive it.



MY DECISION

I will forgive those who torture me and I will pray for them.



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MY PRAYER

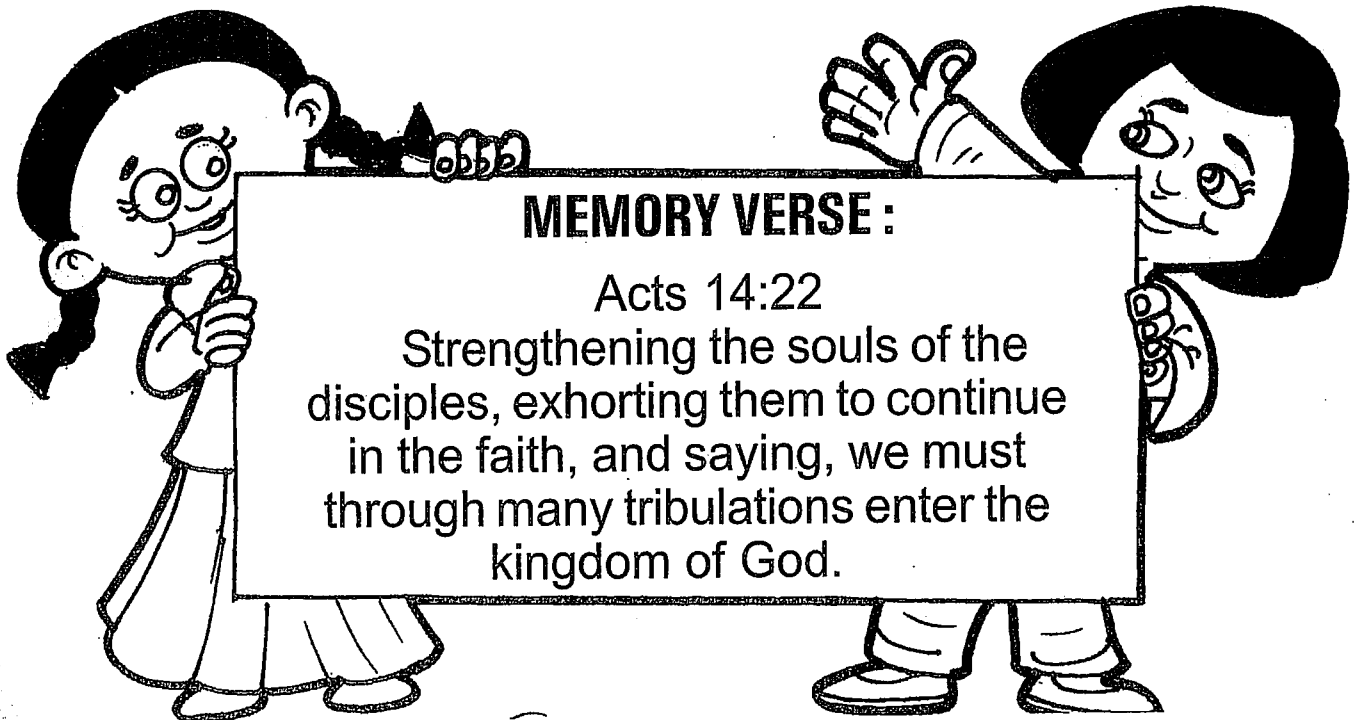
O Lord Jesus, Help me to forgive all and to deal with them with compassion. Amen.



QUESTIONS



1. Why was Stephen selected?
2. What was the punishment given by the Council to Stephen?
3. What were the allegations on Stephen?
4. What did Stephen do when he was being stoned?



MEMORY VERSE :

Acts 14:22

Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, we must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.



Calculate and write the correct answer

How many people were selected by apostles?

$$4 \times 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$340 - 333 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$42 + 28 - 63 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Tick the disciples who were selected to serve on the table ☒

☐ Stephan

☐ Nicanor

☐ Philip

☐ Timon

☐ Judah

☐ Parmenas

☐ Prochorus

☐ Nicodemos

☐ Barnabas

☐ Nicolas

Lesson 34

PHILIP IN SAMARIA

Reference : Acts 8:1-21

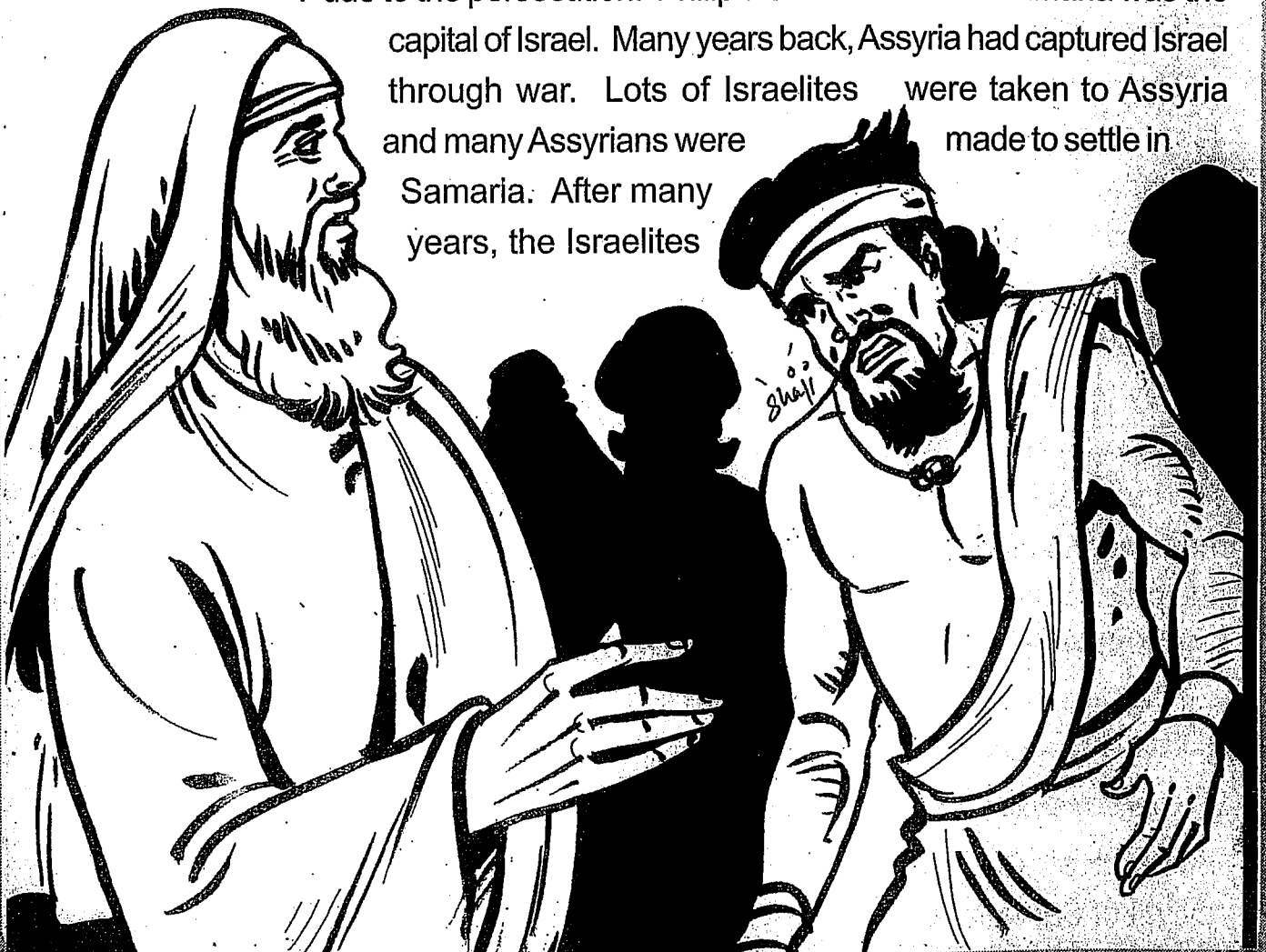
- Aim:** 1) To make the children understand that Jesus is above all others.
2) To motivate the children to develop interest to be used by God.

Introduction : Have you seen occurring great wonders and signs occurring through prayer? Do you know how these things happen? All these are done by the Holy Spirit of God but His servants are being used for this. Today we are going to study about a person whom the Holy Spirit used in the first century.

Detailed Lesson : In the last lesson we have learnt about selection of 7 people in the first century church for serving on table. Who was the first among them (Stephen). How was he killed by Jews (By stoning). The second person in that group was Philip.

Philip in Samaria

After the death of Stephen, the Jerusalem Church had to face great persecution from the Jews. Except the apostles, all others were scattered among various places due to the persecution. Philip went to Samaria. Samaria was the capital of Israel. Many years back, Assyria had captured Israel through war. Lots of Israelites were taken to Assyria and many Assyrians were made to settle in Samaria. After many years, the Israelites





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living in Samaria married the Assyrians. The children born to them are known as Samaritans. Philip arrived at this Samaria. He preached there about Jesus and many people received Jesus as their Saviour. Moreover, many great wonders and signs occurred in Samaria through Philip. Many people were delivered from the possession of unclean spirits; the lame and paralysed were healed. Many people believed Jesus and were baptised. Thus, there was great joy in that city.

The sorcerer repents

There was a sorcerer in the city of Samaria named Simon. He had been astonishing people saying that he was someone great. He frightened the people and made them believe that he was possessing great power of God. He had been practicing wonders with the power of sorcery and that is why they were frightened. He did it with the aid of Satan. At this time Philip arrived there and did many great wonders and signs. Seeing this, Simon was also frightened. He understood that the power of Jesus was greater than the power in him. Therefore he abandoned sorcery, received Jesus and baptised. Dear friends, our power is greater than the power of sorcerers. Even Satan fails before the power of Christ. As that power is with us, we are not required to be feared of Satan or the sorcerers.

The apostles in Samaria

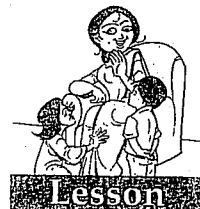
The apostles in Jerusalem came to know that many people in Samaria received Jesus Christ through the work of Philip. Immediately they sent Peter and John to Samaria. Though the Samaritan believers were baptised, they had not received the Holy Spirit. When the apostles Peter and John laid hands over them, they received the Holy Spirit.

When Simon saw that people received the Holy Spirit by laying hands, he brought money to Peter and John. He told the apostles to give this power to him so that anyone on whom he lays hand may receive the Holy Spirit. Peter rebuked him and said that since you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money, let the money perish with you. Peter also said to him that if you repent of this wickedness and pray to God, perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven by God. Simon was frightened at this. He repented and requested the apostles to pray for him.

Dear children, all the wonders, signs and other services occurring through the Holy Spirit are God's gift to us. The gift of healing, prophecy and other gifts are kept for us. We only need to long and pray for receiving it.

Practical : Philip who was selected to serve on the table was used by God for the revival of Samaria. God did many wonders and signs through him. Our ability or

wisdom or age, etc. are not an issue for God to rain his power on us. God can do many great things through us if we submit ourselves to Him like Philip.



MY DECISION



I will not fear Satan or any sorcery as the Almighty God is my companion.

MY PRAYER

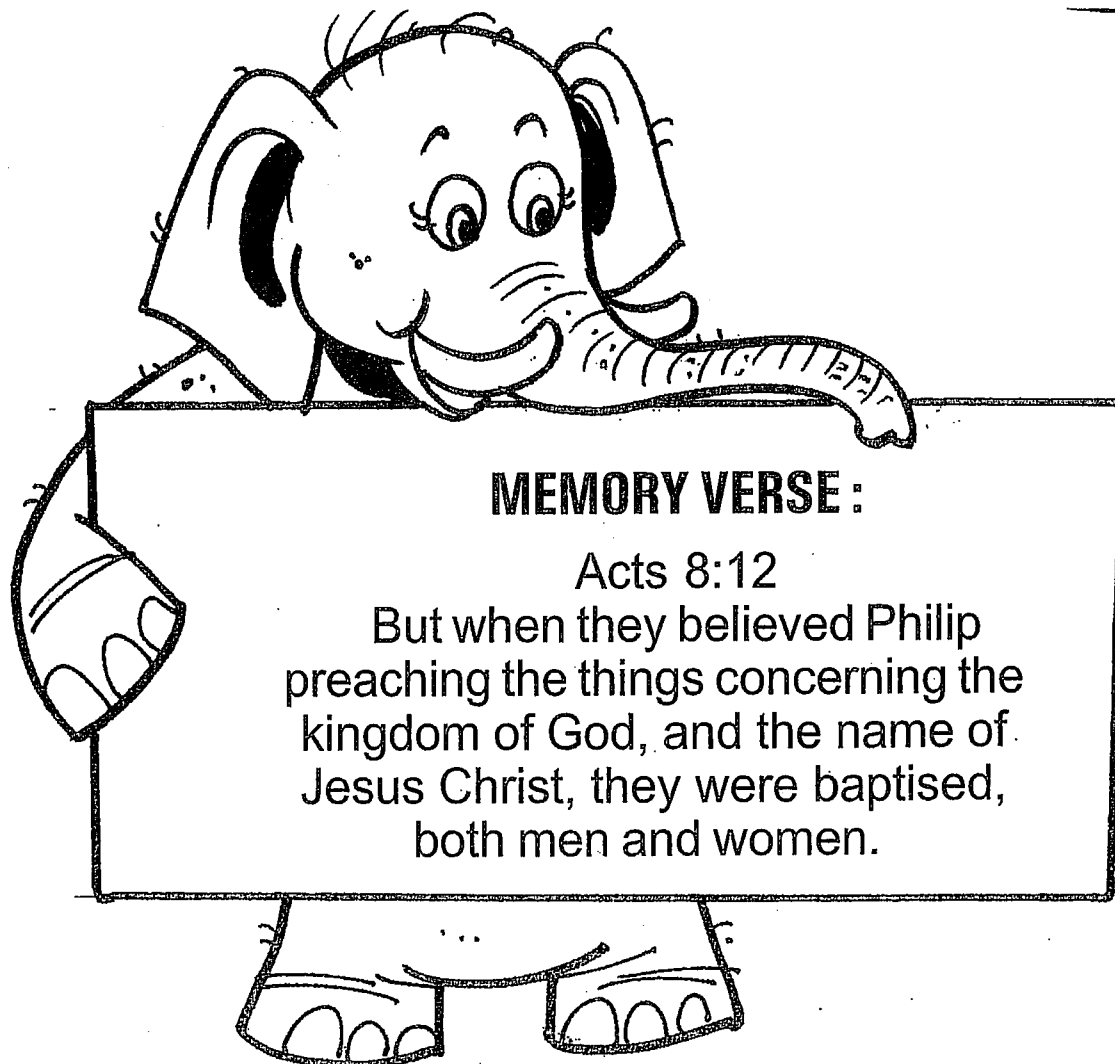
O Lord Jesus, use me for the advantage of many others like you used Philip Amen



QUESTIONS



1. Where did Philip preach?
2. Who are known as Samaritans?
3. Who said that the great power of God is with him?
4. Which apostles visited Samaria?

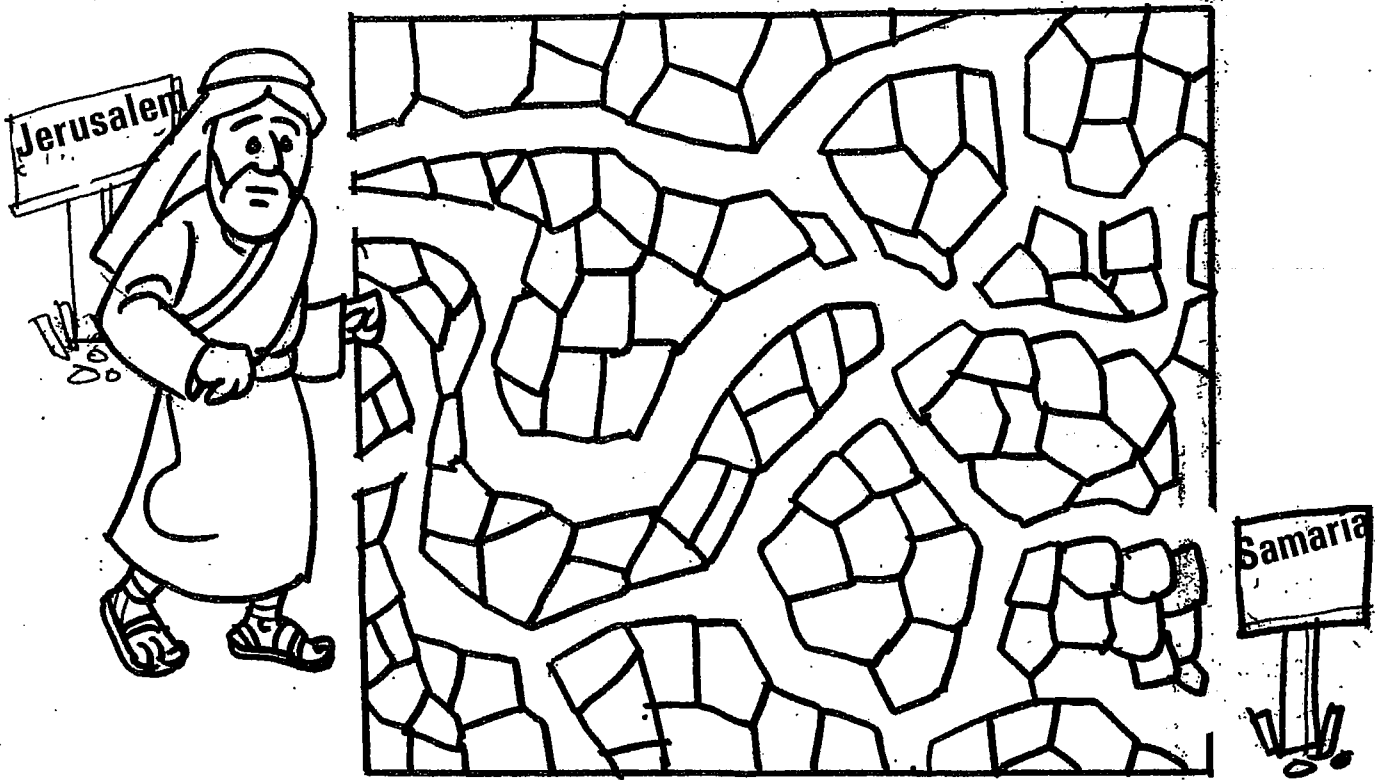


MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 8:12

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women.

Show the path to Philip to go from Jerusalem to Samaria



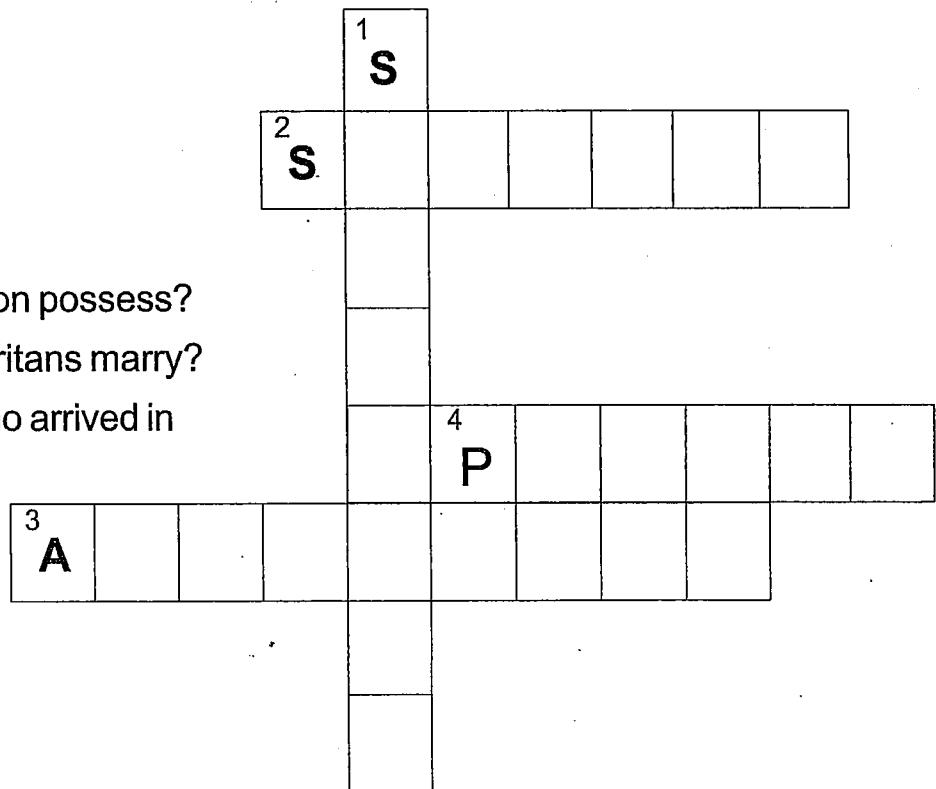
Word problem

Down

1. Who was Simon?

Right

2. What power did Simon possess?
3. Whom did the Samaritans marry?
4. Name the apostle who arrived in Samaria?



Lesson 35

THE REPENTANCE OF ETHIOPIAN MINISTER

Reference : Acts 8:26-40

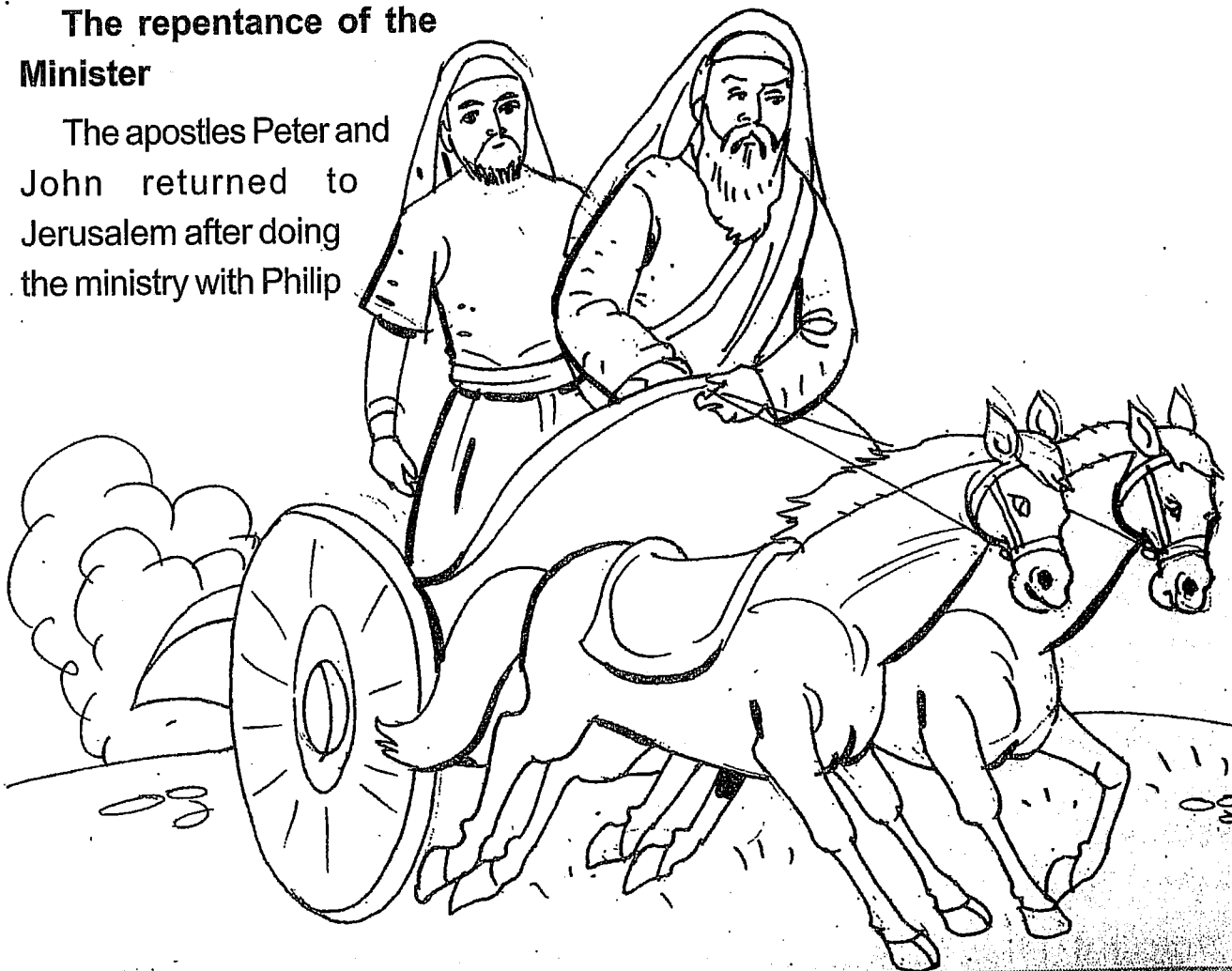
- Aim:**
- 1) To make the children aware of the necessity of reading the Word of God every day.
 - 2) To know that it is our responsibility to share Jesus with others.

Introduction : Have you ever shared Jesus with your friends? If not, we should essentially share. Do you know why? It is because of the love of Jesus that we live, study and also are healthy. Not only us but others should also know this truth. Therefore we should share this with others. Today we are going to study about a person who shares about Jesus anytime and with anybody.

Detailed Lesson : Can you tell about whom you have learnt in the last lesson? (Philip). Where did he do God's wondrous work? (In Samaria). There had been great revival through the service of Philip and so many people including sorcerers received Jesus. After these events, God used Philip further.

The repentance of the Minister

The apostles Peter and John returned to Jerusalem after doing the ministry with Philip





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in Samaria. Thereafter an angel of the Lord appeared to Philip and told him “arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza”. The road from Jerusalem to this city passed through a desert. There was no habitation on both sides of this road and it was a deserted path.

When Philip was walking through this road, he saw a chariot coming. When he looked at it closely, he understood that some great person is sitting in it. He was the finance minister of Candace the queen of the Ethiopians. He was returning from Jerusalem after worshiping the God of Jews. Though he was not a Jew, he had heard about the God of Jews. He went to Jerusalem to worship that God.

When the chariot approached, the Spirit told him to go near and overtake the chariot. When Philip went closer, he heard the minister reading loudly the book of Isaiah chapter 53:7-8. Philip asked the minister if he understood what he was reading. The minister replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me”. Moreover, the minister asked Philip to come up and sit with him in the chariot.

The minister was reading the place in the scripture which read as “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter..”. The minister asked Philip about whom has the prophet mentioned here, of himself or of some other man. Philip replied that this verse is about Jesus and he shared the Gospel of Jesus with the minister. Upon hearing the gospel, he accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord. Thereafter Philip told him about baptism.

The minister is baptised

As they were going ahead they came to some water. Immediately, the minister asked to stop the chariot. When the chariot was stopped, he asked Philip “See, here is water, what hinders me from being baptised”? Philip said to him “If you believe with all your heart, you may”. Thus, Philip and the minister went down in to the water and he baptised him. After baptism, the minister went ahead to his country delightedly. The Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away to a place called Azotus.

Dear friends, it is because the minister used to read Bible and therefore he could know and accept Jesus. After becoming the son of Jesus, he went to his country very happily. We should not forget that reading Bible will make our life joyful. Therefore, we should read Bible before we begin our studies. We should read it every day.

Do you know what is baptism? Baptism is a command to be received by those who have accepted Jesus as their redeemer and Lord. We get baptised to join with Christ (Romans 6:3). Those who have not accepted Jesus and not baptised cannot become the children of God. Therefore you should wish to get baptised and pray for it.

Practical : Philip was a person who was always ready to share about Jesus with

everybody and anywhere. Philip was ready to share about Jesus not only in the thickly populated Samaria but also in the deserted road. He had no difference in sharing the Word of God with villagers or a minister. We should also share Jesus with all those whom we deal with irrespective of their status. Like we believe, we must pray and make efforts so that others should also believe and accept Jesus who gives us health and ability to study.



MY DECISION

I will share about Jesus with my friends.

MY PRAYER

○ Lord Jesus, grant me your grace to read your Words regularly and to obey it. Amen.



QUESTIONS

1. What did the angel tell Philip to do?
2. The minister of which queen got baptism?
3. Why did the minister go to Jerusalem?
4. Where was Philip taken by the Spirit after the baptism?



MEMORY VERSE :

Galatians 3:27
For as many of you as
were baptised into Christ
have put on Christ.

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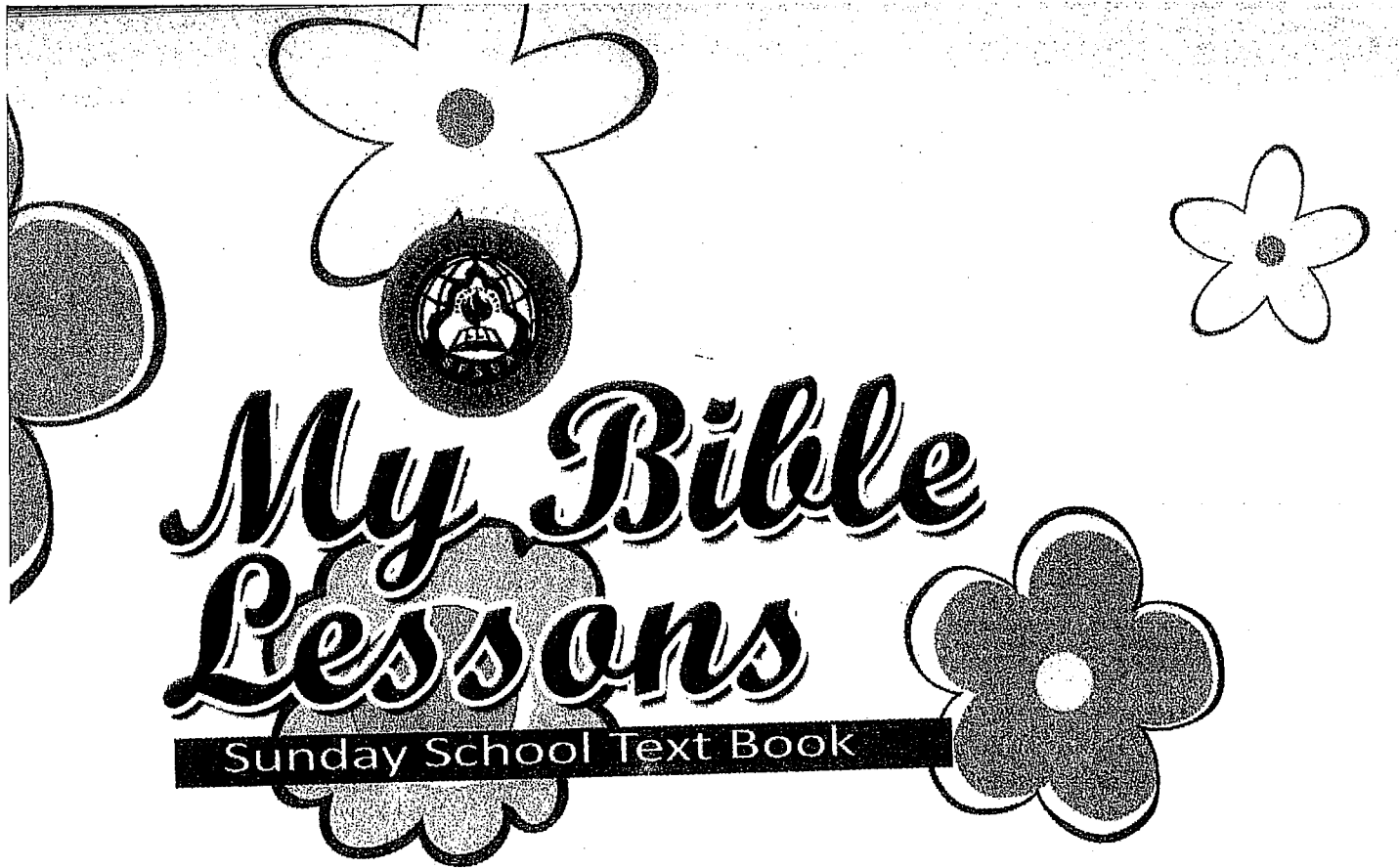
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