

LESSON 1

Man who is created by God

I. What children should understand:

1. Conviction

- God created everything.
- God created human beings in his image and likeness.

2. Attitude

- We should worship God who created us.
- We, whom God has created, must love each other.

3. Habit

- Worship God through prayers.
- Give up the habit of fighting with friends.
- Treat each other with love.

II. Teaching aids:

- Holy Bible, Newspaper, Pictures of stars, sun and moon, Flowers, Plants, Fruits, etc.

III. Presentation of the lesson:

Teacher should give each student a piece of newspaper and ask them to make anything out of it (ex: boat, aeroplane, bird etc.). Describing the articles made by the students, divide all objects into man-made or God-made. Thus initiate students into the fact that the whole universe is created by God and continue with the contents of the lesson.

Use the teaching aids as and when required. Suitable questions can also be asked.

IV. Activities related to the lesson:

a. Let us colour

Let children use the colour as they like. Children should do this activity only when the teacher asks them to do. (Children should be told not to colour the pictures in advance).

b. Beautify the picture giving appropriate colours.

Ask children to complete the picture either in the class (if time allows) or at home. Ask them to give appropriate colour for each segment.

Teacher should check the work done by the students. Appreciate and encourage them.

c. Let us sing, Let us pray

Let the children learn the songs and prayers by-heart. Give opportunities to repeat them alone and in chorus several times in class. Ask them to sing songs and recite the prayers when they come for next class.

d. Let us do

“Recite the praise”. When we recite the praise, we are praising Jesus Christ – and we demonstrate the love and respect for others – It is not just a ceremony – It should be done attentively, faithfully - Children should be made to understand all these things

When the person saying the ‘praise’ joins his/her hands and says “Praise be to Jesus Christ”, the person responding should join his/her hands and reply as “Praise to Him now and forever”. (The Malayalam version should also be taught to children – “Eesho Mishihayku Sthutiyayirikate” Reply – “Ippozhum Eppozhum Sthutiyayirikate”)

e. My decision

What comes here is that which must become a habit in children. When the decision “I will behave lovingly to everyone” is taken, help students for more clarity upon it.

- Why should we love?
- Whom to love?
- When to love?
- How to love?

Allow some students to share their decision in class. In next class, ask them to tell everyone how they brought their decisions into practice.

f. Find out the answers

1. God created us in His own image and likeness.
2. The image of God is Love.

V. Related Activities:

One can make them do activities related to the lesson, other than those given in the text book. It is nice to let them have a separate notebook for this. (Do not force them to purchase).

a. My prayer

- Can you make any small prayer praising God?
(Let students seek help from their parents)
- Let students draw or paste in their notebook whatever they like from the beautiful creation of God.

b. Let us recite the praise

1. Let us give a tune to it.
2. An activity which allows students to recite the ‘praise’ to all students in the class, those are near to them. Students should stand in two circles facing each other. Let the students standing in the outer circle first say the praise to those standing in the inner circle. Students in outer circle should walk in clockwise direction and say the praise to each student as they face. Then the students of inner circle should walk and say the praise to each student of the outer circle.

c. Let us find out the answers

1. What did God create in the beginning?
2. What did God create to give us light?
3. Name some creatures God created?
4. Who is our first father?
5. Who is our first mother?
6. In which book of the Bible do we find the story of creation of man?
7. Who all did God give you?
8. Who is our creator?