

LESSON 6

The Annunciation

I. What children should understand:

1. Conviction

- Angel Gabriel announced to Mary the good news of the birth of our Saviour Jesus.
- The annunciation of the birth of our Saviour Jesus is the good news.
- Mary gave her consent to God's will. Thus she became the Mother of Jesus, the Saviour of the whole humanity.

2. Attitude

- Like Mary we should live in grace, filled with God's grace.
- As Mary accepted the will of God, we too must accept His will.

3. Habit

- Obey even those things which, you think are difficult to obey.
- Recite "Angelus" everyday with faith.

II. Teaching aids:

- Holy Bible, Photos of Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Map of Nazareth (holy place).

III. Presentation of the lesson:

You can have a discussion on the various ways that we get news. God made known a 'breaking news' through – Angel – continue with presentation of lesson. While explaining the lesson, make use of blackboard and other equipments at appropriate occasions.

IV. Activities related to the lesson:

a. Let us Sing, Let us Pray

(Check the guidelines given in previous chapters)

b. Complete the words of Mary

Let children find and write it from the lesson. Let them use the colour they want.

c. Connect the pairs properly

Let the children connect the related words neatly with coloured lines. Teachers should provide required instructions.

d. Can you find out the word

Let children write the word “GOOD NEWS”, which is found by joining the circled alphabets, in the given space.

e. Let us imitate

Let children speak about the ways that they can obey God. Ask for their experiences in the next class.

f. Find out the answers

1. Nazareth.
2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

V. Correlated Activities:

a. Role play

- The Annunciation
 - Make children recite the prayer “Hail Mary”. (Can be in song form)
 - Check 8th lesson of Std I
- Find out students who have their baptismal name as “Mariam” and greet them.

b. Let us find out the answers

1. Which is the tribe of Joseph?
2. What is the name of the angel who came to Mary?
3. What did the angel tell Mary at first?
4. What did God, the loving Father, promise?
5. What is annunciation or ‘Mangalavartha’?
6. How did Mary become the mother of Jesus?
7. Which is the prayer we recite in the morning, noon and in the evening?
8. What is the other name of this prayer?
9. What do we recall in this prayer?
10. How should we imitate Mary?