

LESSON 6

Life: The Gift of God

I. Introduction

This lesson teaches that it is God who gives life and that we have no right to destroy life. It explains how the Fifth Commandment is presented in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. We should take up the responsibility of not only avoiding the vices against life but also of protecting life. This lesson helps the children to show respect to life.

II. What children should understand:

1. Conviction

- Life is the gift of God
- We have a duty to respect and protect life

2. Attitude

- We should be thankful to God who gave us our life.
- We should endeavour to act against destroying life.

3. Habit

- I won't use any intoxicating thing that destroys life

III. Teaching Aids:

Different kind of pictures, The Bible, chart Paper.

IV. Presentation of the lesson:

Show the students pictures of a smiling baby, a granny who leans on a walking stick, a mother who breast feeds her baby, playing children, fighting children, a man who aims a gun, a man who smokes, two persons who are drinking liquor etc. Let the children express their reactions about what the pictures depict. Ask the children to segregate the pictures into two sets: 1) Those that support life and 2) those that hamper life. With this activity we may begin the lesson.

V. Activities related to the lesson:

a. Let us do:

visiting the sick is a virtuous act. The students should be made aware of its importance. It is good to take the students for visiting the sick under the guidance of the teacher.

b. Let us find out the answers

1. Page 37
2. Page 37,38
3. Page 38
4. Protection of Health, Maintenance of Peace, Protection of Nature.
5. Page 38

VI. Correlated Activities:

a. Know and avoid:

Ask the students to find out the harmful effects of using intoxicating things. Let them present their report in the class.

b. Make a poster:

A poster containing slogans against intoxication and relevant pictures shall be made by the students. Ask them to display the same in the class.