

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)

Lesson #43

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SUBJECT: The Church is the House of the Living God ... members of the Household of God

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 7:1-13; 1 Kings chapters 5-6; 8:1-9; Eph. 2:19b; 2 Cor. 6:16b

AIM: By the end of this lesson the children should be able to tell you that what God wants most is to have a house which is His people, His family.

MEMORY VERSES: Eph. 2:19b; 2 Cor. 6:16b; Psm. 84:4; Psm. 27:4 (Choose the best verse)

Approach:

Ask the children where they live. Is it a tent, house or an apartment? Talk about whether they would like living in a field outside under the stars where the rain and the snow would fall on them. Next talk about who lives in their house with them, whether they live with grandma or mommy and daddy. That is their family and their family loves them. Ask if they would like to live in a great big beautiful house all by themselves. Of course not! Our family is what makes our house or apartment such a fun place to be. What do you do in your house or apartment? You sleep, rest, eat, play together with your family, etc. (emphasize – enjoyment). A house is a place where you and your family enjoy many things together.

Content:

Do you remember King Solomon? Who was his daddy? King David! King David wanted to build the Lord a house but the Lord said “No, I will give you a son and he will build a house for Me.” David was too busy fighting wars but when Solomon was King there was peace all around him. So it was a good time for Solomon to build God’s house.

It is not easy to build a house and this house was a special house called the temple. You have to use a lot of materials to build a house. What would you use to build a house? (bricks, wood, stone). Solomon used a very nice kind of wood called cedar and he used some stones but the stones were hidden. You could only see the wood. Then Solomon put a coating of gold over all the wood so that everything was golden. What a special house! What was this house called? The temple.

When the temple was finished all of God’s people came and offered sacrifices and God’s glory, His presence filled the temple. God was very happy to have a house where He could enjoy being with all His people and they could enjoy being with Him.

Application:

The Bible says that today we are God’s temple, God’s house. The Bible also says that we are God’s household. That means we are His family, we are the people who live in His house. It makes God very happy when we do things with Him. When we are going to bed, waking up in the morning, and

eating our meals we remember to talk to the Lord and thank Him because He loves being with us. When we come to the meetings we are with all of God's family. We talk to Him in prayer; we sing and have fun with one another and with God. This makes God very happy because more than anything else God loves to enjoy His house and His family and that is US! We are God's house and we are His family.