

Generation Next Sunday Service Teaching- 5th May. 2013 by David A. Adeyeye, Esq

Topic: *Parable of the Sower* -Seeds that Fall on the Path: **Daniel 5:1-30**

Key Activities:

- Praise & Worship
- Prayer & Prayer Request
- Bible reading & lessons
- Memory Verse for the week: Mark 16:15-" *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation"*

INTRO: Today we will start a lesson series on the parable of the sower. Sower is another name for farmer. We will follow four different groups of seeds throughout this lesson series. We see that although Jesus was speaking about seeds in the parable, the story really applies to people. Today we will see how the seeds that fell on the path are like people that have no interest in God.

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BIBLE Reading: Matthew 13:3-4,19 Let's find out what happened. (Class) follow along in the reading of Bible passages, each time I (teacher) come to the words “seeds, path, plant and Jesus” (Class) say these words with the teacher out loud

Class Reflection:

1. What does sow mean? What is another name for someone who sows seeds? (*plant, farmer*)
2. In our story today, where did the seeds fall? (*on the path*)
3. What happened to the seed that fell on the path? (*birds came and ate it up*)
4. Will we get to heaven by just hearing the Good News about Jesus? (*no, we must receive the Good News, and then ask God to forgive us.*)
5. Does the evil one (Satan) try to steal God's message from our hearts? (*Yes!*)
6. Why would the evil one want us to forget God's message? (*So we won't follow and worship God*)
7. How can we keep from forgetting God's message? (*Read our Bibles, pray to God, Worship God*) between being boastful and being humble? (*Allow for answers.*)

This Activity will compare warning signs the children see everyday with warnings found in the Bible. Warning signs we see help us be safe, but warning signs from God help us in many more ways.

**What do these warning signs mean?
See how many you know and write down your answer.**







To parents: This page lets you know what your child learned in GenerationNext today. In addition, you will find this week's memory verse, a suggested activity, and a short prayer to reinforce the lesson.

What we learned:



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Memory Verse:



"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15 KJV

Practice this verse several times with your child during the week. This will not only help him or her remember the verse, but it will also help to reinforce what he or she learned during class.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:



Go to the park or nearby woods and take a hike. As you walk along the path enjoying the beauty that God has created ask your child why the grass doesn't grow on the path. Listen to your child's answer, if he or she hasn't already figured it out, mention that all the foot traffic on the path makes it nearly impossible for the grass to grow. Tie this into the growth of our spiritual lives by stating that worldly obsessions can crowd out the spiritual things in our lives. We should take time each day to listen for the small still voice of God. We can accomplish this by reading the Bible, praying, and worshiping God each day. Be thankful for all of God's blessings and his desire to spend time with each of us, and remind your child to be thankful as well.

Daily Prayer:

Dear Lord, please keep us from becoming busy with the things of this world. Help us keep our focus on You. Teach us Your ways and make our paths straight. Let us not serve to the left nor the right but rather stay on the path that You set before us. Fill our minds with wisdom and our hearts with love. Show us how to share Your love with those around us. In the name of Jesus, amen.