



Mustard Seed Lesson for June 18, 2006
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1 Corinthians 3: 1-15 "Workers with God"

Golden Text: "We are labourers together with God: Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9)

1 COR. 3:1-15

1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there* is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apol'los; are ye not carnal?

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apol'los, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

6 I have planted, Apol'los watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Je'sus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW

Teach that God has planned for each believer to have a special place in His work.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. Paul likened God's family both to a field of growing things and to a building.
2. God uses people to build His building, and He works with them.
3. God has a place for each of His children to work.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Beginning the Lesson, find a picture of a garden and another of a house being built on a foundation.

For Telling the Lesson, you will need "Paul" and "Apollos" signs.

For Telling How to Live, you will have children name ways they can become good builders with God.

For Helping to Remember, you will need a chalkboard with two columns. One for chores children can do for their earthly parents and one for chores children can do for their heavenly father (God).

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Ask the class do you have a garden at your house? (*Show picture of garden*). If you do, you know that things grow in a garden.

Facts about Gardens

1. For anything is to grow, seeds must first be planted.

2. A garden needs water. If it does not rain, some has to put water on the garden.
3. A garden needs the weeds pulled out to allow the plants room to grow
People can not make a garden grow. Only God can make plants grow.

Ask the children if they have seen a building before it was finished? (**Show picture of house**).

Facts about Houses (buildings)

1. Someone has to work on the bottom part first (called the foundation).
2. Then other people come along and add onto the foundation.
3. Finally, the finishing touches are done such as painting, putting in lights, roof, etc.
A good strong building began with a solid foundation.

Today's Bible lesson is going to be all about a different kind of planting and building.

TELLING THE LESSON

Today we will look at 1 Corinthians 3:1-15

Each child will need to have a Bible to follow along with the lesson

Hold up the two signs with "Paul and Apollos" written on them.

1. Who was the best leader Paul or Apollos?

Answer: (Neither, both Paul and Apollos were God's servants. One was no better than the other. God told each of them what He wanted them to do).

Hold up picture of garden before class.

2. Why did Paul tell the people in Corinth they were like a farmer's field full of growing things?

Answer: Hold up sign with "Paul" name on it. Paul was the first one to had planted God's garden at Corinth by telling the people about Jesus. They believed Paul and God's garden began growing as others learned about Jesus.

Hold up sign with "Apollos" name on it. Apollos came along and watered God's garden.

3. How did Apollos water God's garden?

Answer: Apollos water God's garden by teaching the people more things that God wanted them to know.

The people at Corinth needed both Paul and Apollos in God's garden.

4. What is needed in order for a building to have a strong foundation in Jesus?

Answer: People must have the foundation of knowing who Jesus is, that he died for our sins, rose on the third day, and is in heaven with God now.

5. Does everyone in the church do the same thing?

Answer: No, different people in the church today do different things. God works with everyone to make people His building.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Ask children if they would like to be good builders or good workers with God when they grow up?

Have children name some ways they can be a good builder or worker with God.

Examples:

1. Listen carefully to what the Bible lessons tells you.
2. Read or listen to something from the Bible at home each day.
3. Talk to Jesus.
4. Then do the things the Bible says pleases Jesus.
5. Be at Sunday School each Sunday.

Listening, reading, praying, doing - these things will help you to be the kind of boy or girl God wants you to be right now, and that will help you get ready for working with God when you grow up.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Have a chalkboard and make two columns. On one side put chores the class can do for their earthly parents and on the other side put chores they can do for God.

EXAMPLES:

CHOIRS FOR PARENTS

1. Wash dishes
2. Empty garbage
3. Feed Pets
4. Clean up room

CHORES FOR GOD

1. Treat everyone nice
2. Witness to others about Jesus
3. Be obedient
4. Invite people to church

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT

"We are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (I Corinthians 3:9).

We are workers together with God. We are God's garden. We are God's building. God uses His people to help others who belong to Him.

It is like taking care of a garden or field. Everyone has their own job to do. Someone plants it, somebody else may water it, but it is God who makes plants grow.

God gives each of us different jobs to do for Him. Then He works with us to get His work done in other people's lives.

PRAYER

Father God, we pray that you will use us as your arms, legs, mouth, and ears so we may build up your kingdom. Let our garden be full of beautiful plants filled with love. Grant us a building with a solid foundation in you. These blessings we pray in Jesus' name (Amen).

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

Next week lesson will discuss dependability and how we should take seriously the responsibility of handling God's assignments.

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Have a blessed Father's Day!

Activity 1

Name _____

Date _____

"WORKERS WITH GOD"

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Find each of the following words.

BUILDING

GARDEN

MEAT

MILK

HOUSE

GROW

FOUNDATION

APOLLOS

PAUL

WATER