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Topic: Eutychus – Being attentive to the word of God.



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To explain the importance of being attentive to the word of God.



Lesson Takeaway:

It is important to stay awake and pay attention when we are listening to the word of God.



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Topic:

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Bible References:

Acts 20:7–12



Who was Eutychus?

The Bible introduces us to Eutychus in the Book of Acts. He was a young man who attended a meeting in the upper room where believers were gathered to listen to Apostle Paul's preaching. His story, though brief, highlights the importance of paying attention. It also shows God's grace at work when we are weak and tired.



What did Eutychus do?

In Acts 20:7-12, it was the first day of the week. Paul, the Apostle was preparing to leave Troas for Miletus. Before Paul left, the disciples or followers of Jesus gathered in the upper room and Paul preached to them. He preached for a very long time.

The bible said, Paul "...spoke to them and continued his message until midnight (Acts 20:7). Meanwhile, Eutychus was sitting at a window, he fell asleep, fell from the window and died.

Let's summarize some important things about Eutychus from the bible verses.

- Eutychus was a young man who attended a meeting of believers. We see his desire and effort to hear the word of God and fellowship with other believers.





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What did Eutychus do? (Contd.)

- Despite his best efforts, Eutychus fell asleep during Paul's lengthy sermon and fell from the third story of the building. As a result of the fall, he died. Perhaps, he was tired, we don't know. But he lost concentration and could not focus on the message Paul was preaching.
- Through Paul's intervention and the grace of God, Eutychus was brought back to life. He became a powerful testimony of God's power to do miracles.



What can we learn from Eutychus?

The story of Eutychus teaches us important lessons about God's grace, paying attention, and the power of God to work miracles.

- Eutychus made effort to attend a meeting of believers. We learn to try as much as possible to attend church meetings, house fellowship meetings, Sunday School, anywhere we can hear the word of God and fellowship with other believers. We should be happy and always looking forward to such meetings (Psalm 122:1; Zechariah 8:21).
- Whenever we attend a meeting of believers, it is important to pay attention to what is being said and done. We should strive to stay awake and focused (Proverbs 4:20 – 22; Habakkuk 2:20). It can be challenging, though. Maybe we had a bad day, a busy day, a rough night – whatever might be the case, we should try to stay awake so that we can be blessed. It is in the presence of God and other believers we receive strength for our weaknesses, answers to our questions, peace for the troubles in our hearts. But if we were sleeping, how could we receive these things?





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What can we learn from Eutychus? (Contd.)

- Despite Eutychus falling asleep during Paul's message, he experienced God's mercy. This reminds us that even when we falter or make mistakes, God's grace is there to lift us up (Isaiah 41:13,14; Psalm 103:13,14).
- The resurrection of Eutychus comforted and strengthened the faith of the believers who were present in the upper room. When people see God's miraculous power in action, it can have a great impact on their lives (Psalm 118:23; 34:8; Mark 7:37).



Memorize:

Psalm 122:1 – “I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the LORD”.



Scenario Review:

You are attending a church service. During the service, you began to feel tired, weak and sleepy. You live very close to the church. So, you could go home and sleep. Or you could go out briefly for some fresh air and return to church. What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



Remember: It is important to stay awake and pay attention when we are listening to the word of God.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for the gift of Your word. Thank You for our pastors and teachers. Please help me to be attentive to Your word and to stay focused during times of worship and fellowship. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!

