



“THE COMFORT OF THE OPPRESSED”

MAIN OBJECTIVE: To learn that if God has put Christians in a position of power and money, we must watch out for others. And if he has put us in a position of oppression, we must never be like our oppressors, we must work and rejoice with what He gives us.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CLASS

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Initial Prayer

Make a short prayer with your child / children, related to today's topic. Remember to use a simple language, easy to understand.

Sample of prayer: Lord Jesus, we thank you for all that you give us; we ask you to help us to always use what we have in a way that glorifies you, remembering that everything comes from you and nothing from our strength. Amen

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Praise

Go to this link and praise the Lord with your kids <https://youtu.be/aMyyKpiXDjU>

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Introduction Activity

Ask your child:

- If he has ever been envious of something that a friend or relative has and if not having it has caused him anger.
- If he has ever made fun of a friend or family member because he does not have a fashionable toy.

Make a short list of the answers and save it for last.

In ANNEX 1 you will find a box to print and make the list if you wish.

4 Bible teaching

Go to this link for today's class: https://youtu.be/fli3l_nHNHE

Key verse: **Ecclesiastes 4:1** “Again I saw all the oppressions that are practiced under the sun. Look, the tears of the oppressed with no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power with no one to comfort them”

LOOK WITH YOUR CHILDREN FOR THIS VERSE IN THE BIBLE. READ IT SEVERAL TIMES, AND IF POSSIBLE, MEMORIZE IT.

Next, you will find the information you should know about today's class:

Do you know what the key verse means **by** THE OPPRESSIONS COMMITTED UNDER THE SUN? This means THE INJUSTICIES THAT ARE COMMITTED WITH SOME PEOPLE in the world.

COMMITTING OPPRESSION is taking advantage of someone or mistreating someone.

Have you had teachers that although you work too hard they give you bad grades?

Have you heard from your family members who have bosses who misbehave with employees?

In our life, we will find people who take advantage of others just because they are the bosses, or they are the owners of the ball or the toys and they do not let us participate, because that is how they feel powerful. Many times, they make us feel bad or make us cry and even if we “complain”, the situation does not change.

Do you know why this happens? Because of **ENVY**, this is wanting to have what others have and feeling angry and sad that you cannot have it. How many times have you wanted to have a toy to be the envy of others?

Envy makes us destroy friendships, it makes us be capricious children, who fight to get things, no matter that for this we commit sins such as lying, crying about lies, taking something that is not ours, etc.

Oppression or taking advantage of others can occur by those who feel very powerful because of what they have or by those who do not have and do bad things to get what they want to have.

What should you do as a Christian?

If you have a lot, you should not feel better than others or with more power, remember that everything has been given to you by God and that is why we must use everything we have in a way that glorifies God. For example: helping other people, sharing your toys with children who do not have, not making fun of other children because they do not have fashionable shoes.

If you have little, remember that God has wanted it that way and that is why you should feel happy and blessed knowing that He will be the provider of your family and that he will never abandon you. Do not envy what others have because this is sin and shows that you are not satisfied with what God gives you.

If your friends make fun of you or you work a lot in school and you cannot please your teachers and they demand more of you despite everything you do, do not give up, do not despair or feel sad, remember that in God, you can find peace and He will fill you with strength to move on.

Remember that in every situation, we must reflect Christ and glorify him.

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Check if your child has learned

Ask your child orally or in writing:

- Do you remember the key verse? (only the biblical quote)
- What should you do as a Christian if God has given you so much?
- What should you do as a Christian if God has given you little?
- What should you do as a Christian if your friends make fun of you or do not lend you their toys or games?

6 Application

Pray with your child for all that he has envied or annoyed someone for not having something fashionable (which you discussed in the introductory activity), asking God for a correct attitude that reflects Christ and that glorify.

Talk about what his attitude will be like from now on.

7 Final Prayer

Make a short prayer with your children to end the class, thanking God for what they have learned and asking him that we can practice this every day.

ANNEX 1.

Things that I have envied that my friends or family have	Friends or family that I have made fun of for not having a trendy toy