

PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON

EDUCATION 1 – SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL

TEXT Exodus 2:1-11

CENTRAL TRUTH We need to have a good spiritual and cultural education.

MEMORY VERSE Luke 2:52 NIV “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”

OR

Luke 2:52a NIV “And Jesus grew...”

WORD

Education is the process by which a person is instructed, taught or trained. It can be in a formal, semi-formal or an informal way.

Today we will be considering spiritual and cultural education. When we consider the life of Moses, we learn that his mother taught him about spiritual things and cultural things before he went to live in Pharaoh’s palace. We see this in our text because Moses knew he was not an Egyptian but an Israelite. He also believed in the one true God and not in the gods of the Egyptians.

Another example is that of the slave girl. Naaman’s wife’s maid knew who she was for although she was a slave, she told Naaman’s wife about the prophet of God whom she believed could solve Naaman’s problem. (*2 Kings 5:2, 3*)

Timothy had been taught the scriptures by his mother and he believed them and did great things for God. (*2 Timothy 1:5*)

Paul, after his conversion spent time with the disciples learning about spiritual matters. He then started preaching. (*Acts 9:19, 20*)

A focus on the cultural aspect was Jesus knowing that servants are the ones to wash the feet of visitors. Before his death he washed the disciples’ feet to let them know that they have been called to serve. (*John 13:4, 5, 12-14*)

Another example of culture is that wine was provided for at weddings and that the governor of the feast was to taste it first before it is being passed round. (*John 2:3, 7, 8*)

We can learn about spiritual things from our parents, siblings, in church, during Bible Knowledge (Christian Religious Knowledge) in school, etc. We can learn about cultural things from our parents, during subjects like Yoruba, Cultural Studies in school, by watching documentaries, etc.

Teachers can share examples of cultural and spiritual facts. It is important to note that if culture clashes with the word of God, the word of

God stands. For example the former cultural belief that giving birth to twins was bad so twins were being killed.

QUESTIONS

1. Mention one person who taught Moses when he was a little boy.
2. What country is Pharaoh from?
3. How do we know that Naaman's wife's maid believed in the one true God?
4. Mention one cultural thing Jesus did to demonstrate a spiritual lesson.
5. Mention one place where you can learn about spiritual things.
6. Mention one place where you can learn about cultural things.
7. Give an example of a bad cultural belief. It doesn't have to be one the teacher mentioned.

CONFESSION

I am a child of God. I am a lifelong learner. I learn at home. I learn in school. I learn in church. I learn wherever I am. I study the word of God and I become a better Christian. I learn about my culture and I become a better person. I grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding. God loves me and I love him too.

ACTIVITIES

Levels 1 - 4 – Ask general questions about culture e.g. "How is a Yoruba girl expected to greet an adult?" "How do you say good afternoon, sir?" "What are twins called?"

Ask general spiritual questions e.g. "What is the Christian holy book called?" "Who is the Saviour of the world?"

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