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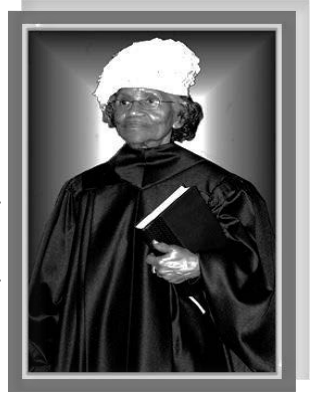
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PREFACE

This publication of the Catechism Book marks a new beginning for students ages 9-11. This is a three-year edition containing a summary of the principles of the Christian religion for the instruction of young people. This comprehensive study includes: the Books of the Bible, the Doctrine of God, Faith and Doctrine, Salvation and a Consecrated Life, Character Building, Rules of Conduct, Worldliness in Today's Society and lessons for our special commemorative days.



Teachers who are patient, doctrinally motivated, and have a deep concern for the students will positively influence the conduct and lifestyle of the children they teach. Questions and answers enhance the student's development and progress throughout the lessons. We have included a list of suggested activities as well as a supply list in the back of this book. After three years of study, the student will then move to the next level.

To enhance your lesson presentation, please include:

- a) an opening activity to motivate interest in the lesson
- b) information that students can apply to what is being taught
- c) questions and a summary of the lesson to test the student's comprehension
- d) involvement in student activities to bring greater clarity to what is being taught.

Promotion should occur at the end of the three-year period on Family Sunday, the first Sunday in August. The Graduation Exercise may be held during the Sunday Bible School on Family Sunday. Graduation certificates may be ordered from the Headquarters Office.

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1. Scissors
2. Crayons
3. Pencils
4. Paint
5. Drawing paper
6. Construction paper
7. Glitter
8. Writing paper
9. Card stock
10. Blank index cards (lined and unlined)
11. Magic markers
12. Hi-lighters

Suggested Catechism Activities

1. Look up key, special, and unfamiliar words.
2. Design original cards for special holidays or occasions.
3. Write poems, letters, and notes to various recipients.
4. Draw pictures from designated lessons.
5. Design pins, bookmarks and other mementoes.
6. Write short paragraph or other narratives on specific lesson topics.
7. Set poems or other narratives to music.
8. Design musical instruments for lessons.
9. Locate specific areas on maps from lessons.
10. Use computers to locate information from specified lessons.
11. Brainstorm questions, answers, phrases, words, etc. to share from lessons.
12. Share experiences.
13. Research Bible characters in encyclopedias, and Bible commentaries, services, etc. for designated lessons.
14. Learn and sing related songs.
15. Write rules, and statutes to be obeyed.
16. Memorize memory verses and other scriptural passages.
17. Memorize names of the books of the Bible.

18. Memorize The Ten Commandments.
19. Memorize the Nine Sacraments.
20. Write additional questions related to lessons for students to answer.
21. Compare/contrast ways of dressing, working, traveling and family living between Bible days and today.
22. Make mobiles, and other artwork for classroom display as well as for home use.
23. Brainstorm ways to be helpful to others.
24. Discuss ways for sharing during special day lessons.
25. Do journal writing (prayer requests, reminders, meditation, etc.)
26. Show relevant videos or listen to tapes (approval by leaders-Pastor, SBS Superintendent, etc.)
27. Design parent/student study charts.
28. Write and decorate names of people, places, occasions, and other special words.
29. Memorize church doctrine, rules, etc.
30. Brainstorm ways to share with other youth, facts learned from special lessons.
31. Be creative with your own ideas.
32. Purchase (approved) books with pictures and/or additional information for certain lessons.
33. Keep attendance of students and reward those who are studious as well as those who have regular attendance.
34. Prepare end of section quizzes to determine information being retained.
35. Look for puzzles, word searches and other interesting activities for lesson extension.
36. Let students make sectional booklets (work over a period of time) with pictures and descriptive sentences related to the pictures for lessons that are sequenced.
37. Ask for students' suggestions for activities periodically.
38. Design bulletin boards (if space is available) to display certain themes.
39. Students can role-play special parts of various lessons.
40. Use magazines, newspapers, or materials for cut/paste activities.

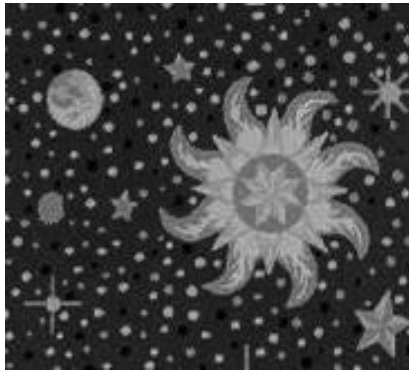
THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

Studying this theme, you will learn many things about the existence of God, His nature and His attributes. You will also read and study about His works.

When you look around and see all the things in the world such as the sun, moon and stars, you know that there must be a Supreme Being. Man's origin goes back to our first parent, Adam. Man has not always existed. He owes it to God.

Can we really know God and from where do we get our knowledge of God? We believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost that are referred to as the Trinity. These three agree and are One.

God is a Spirit. A spirit hath not flesh and bones (Luke 24:39). This is the reason that we worship God in spirit and in truth. He is invisible. Even though you cannot see Him, He is a part of your soul and your spirit. God has a personality as well as attributes that include holiness, righteousness, mercy and love.



Sun, Moon and Stars

Get Ready, Set, Go!

**FAMILY SUNDAY
A BLESSED HOUSE**

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 128:3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the side of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 128:1-6

LESSON STORY

These verses of Psalm 128 tell us how there will be a blessing upon the house of the God-fearing. To fear God means to love Him by honoring Him and obeying His Commandments. It is a wonderful thing for a family to live together and walk in the ways of the Lord. He promises to provide us good health, food and shelter. Not only that, God will give us spiritual blessings of love, joy, peace and happiness.

A happy home is one where everyone is loving to each other and serving God together. When parents teach their children the ways of the Lord, this is passed down through the generations. God is well pleased when we all walk together in unity.

God expects children to obey their parents. As we learn to obey God, it comes natural to obey our parents and others in authority. A blessed house is a wonderful place to live. Brothers and sisters live together in love and unity. They are helpers one to another and to others as well. Great and real love for God is the key to a blessed house.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does it mean to be God-fearing?
God-fearing means to honor and obey God and His Commandments.
2. Why is it important for families to serve God?
Blessings will come upon the house of those who walk in the ways of the Lord.
3. What are some daily blessings God gives to families?
God gives health, food and shelter.
4. What are some of the spiritual blessings?
Some of the spiritual blessings are love, joy, peace and happiness.
5. What does it mean to walk together in unity?
A family should be in agreement as one, serving God together.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 128:1 Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

ACTIVITY: *Have students name at least one reason why they feel their family is blessed.*

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 3:13-15

LESSON STORY

A name helps us identify a person. Most people have only one name. God is called by many different names. God wants His people to know His name and remember who He is.

In our lesson story, God chose Moses to deliver a message to the children of Israel. God and Moses had a very close relationship; therefore, God often let Moses speak for Him. God saw that the people had built statutes and altars to worship idol gods. The people thought this would please their gods. Moses also knew that the children of Israel had been among these people so long they began doing the same thing. Moses was not pleased with the Israelites worshipping strange gods. He wanted to speak for God; but he was not sure that the Israelites would remember the true God by His name, since they had been in Egypt for such a long time.

However, God had not forgotten the Israelites. God told Moses to let the people know that He had heard their cry for deliverance while they were in captivity in Egypt. In the past the children of Israel had known God as the God of their fathers. Moses wanted to make sure that the Israelites would remember God by a familiar name when He came before them. Moses asked God to give him a name the people would recognize. God told Moses to tell His people that “I AM that I AM has sent me to you.” To make sure that they clearly understood, God commanded Moses to say to the people “I AM: The Lord God of your fathers, The God of Abraham, The God of Isaac, The God of Jacob.” God said, “this is my name forever.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who did God chose to deliver a message to the children of Israel?
God chose Moses to deliver His message to the Israelites.
2. Why was God displeased?
God saw that the Israelites were worshipping idol gods.
3. What did Moses ask God to do?
Moses asked God to give him a name the people would recognize when he had to come before the people to speak for God.
4. What name did God give to Moses?
God told Moses to tell His people that “‘I AM that I AM’ has sent me to you.”
5. How would the people remember who I AM is?

God told Moses to say to the people "I AM the Lord God of your fathers, The God of Abraham, The God of Isaac, The God of Jacob. This is My name forever.

MEMORY VERSE: Exodus 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students list all the names of God they have read in the Bible.*

LESSON 3

AUGUST 16, 2020

UNITY OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: I John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 1:2-11

LESSON STORY

There are three persons in the Godhead; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. They are known as the Trinity. These three divine beings always work together as one in harmony and agreement. Each has a specific role to perform in accordance to God's will.

Our lesson story gives an illustration of unity working as Jesus was preparing to leave His disciples. Jesus knew that He had to return to His Father in Heaven. Jesus began to teach His disciples the things necessary for them to live without Him here on earth. Jesus also commanded them to wait for the promise of God, the Holy Ghost. Jesus instructed His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Jesus assured His disciples that they would receive power after the Holy Ghost came upon them. Then the disciples could witness to people all over the world.

After Jesus spoke these things, He was taken up into a cloud and returned to His heavenly throne on the right hand of God. After Jesus ascended into Heaven, the disciples waited for the coming of the Holy Ghost as promised. Isn't it wonderful how these three worked in unity to carry out the will of God?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Name the three Persons in the Godhead.
The three in the Godhead are God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost.
2. How do these three work in unity?
These three divine beings work in harmony and agreement.
3. Describe the role of each person of the Trinity as outlined in the lesson story.

4. What did Jesus assure His disciples?

Jesus assured His disciples that they would receive the promise of God, the Holy Ghost, after they waited in Jerusalem.

5. What happened to Jesus after He spoke these things?

After Jesus spoke these things, He was taken up into a cloud and returned to His Heavenly throne on the right hand of God.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen.

ACTIVITY: *Place three different colors of paper in the front of the classroom. Write one name of the three Persons of the Trinity on each sheet of paper. Discuss the role of each one as outlined in today's lesson story and as we believe in The House of God Keith Dominion.*

LESSON 4

AUGUST 23, 2020

WE HAVE AN HOLY GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 28: 36-43

LESSON STORY

God is holy. The dictionary defines holy as sacred, sinless, perfect or pure. God's holiness represents spiritual purity, because He is untainted by evil or sin. God is encompassed about with holiness. When Moses entered the presence of God upon the mountain, God told him to take off his shoes because the place where he stood was holy ground.

Those persons or things that are used for God's purposes must also be consecrated or dedicated and set apart as holy. In the Bible times, the high priest and priests who were Levites were consecrated to handle the holy things of God and to offer sacrifices to God for the sins of the people. Even though the people came to the tabernacle for holy services, they were separated from the most sacred place where God was and could not enter in. This was called the Holy of Holies. The Ark of the Covenant was the throne of God in the Holy of Holies. It also contained the holy laws and Commandments of God.

We, too, must separate ourselves from all sin if we are to render holy service for God. Paul's instructions to us are to "present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God." Young people do not defile your bodies with sinful sexual or criminal activities by yielding to any of the temptations that you encounter. But strive to be like God; for He commanded that "ye shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Give the definition of the word *holy*.
Holy is defined as sacred, sinless, perfect or pure.
2. How would you describe God's holy nature?
God's holiness represents spiritual purity, because He is untainted by evil or sin.
3. What does God require of persons or things used in His service?
God requires that persons or things used for His purposes must be consecrated or dedicated and set apart as holy.
4. According to Paul, how does God want us to present ourselves for holy service?
Paul instructed us to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God.
5. Who commands that we should be holy?
God gave the command that His people should be a holy people.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 19:2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students discuss some things that are temptations to them and how they must overcome them in order to be of use by God.*

LESSON 5

AUGUST 30, 2020

IN THE BEGINNING GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 1:1-4, 31

LESSON STORY

God was before all things and will exist through eternity. We cannot see God because he is a spirit. God shows Himself through revelation. God also makes Himself known through the things He does.

Genesis, the first Book of the Bible, reveals God as the Creator of the world. God can take nothing and make something out of it. When God does this, He creates things. God does not have to create by working with His hands. God makes things and performs many of His divine and mighty acts by speaking. When God speaks, things come into existence.

According to the Scriptures, "in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." He began by commanding the light to separate from darkness. When God spoke, the waters obeyed and ran off the earth forming seas and oceans, leaving behind dry land. Then, God made the sun, moon and stars to shine upon the earth. God also made vegetation that grew out of the earth. He made fishes, birds and other animals of every kind.

Last of all, God made man out of the dust of the earth. God made man in His own image and likeness. God put a living soul inside of man. God wanted this soul to love and serve Him. It did not take God a long time to do His work. God worked six days. On the seventh day, God rested from all His works that He had made. He blessed the seventh day and made it holy. Let us always be thankful God was made known in the beginning through His marvelous works of creating the world and establishing a holy day.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How does God make Himself known to man?
God shows Himself through revelation or makes Himself known to man through the things He does.
2. How was God first revealed to us in the Bible?
Genesis, the first Book of the Bible, reveals God as the Creator of the world.
3. How did God create things in the beginning of the world?
God made things by speaking them into existence.
4. Name the things that God created in six days.
5. What special thing did God do when He created man?
God made man in His own image and likeness and put a living soul inside of man.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students list all of the things that God created in six days and talk about the goodness of each one.*

LESSON 6

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

EVANGELISM SUNDAY TELL SOMEONE ABOUT SALVATION

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 8:26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 8:26-40

LESSON STORY

Philip was an Evangelist. An Evangelist is chosen by God to tell people about Salvation through Jesus Christ. One day Philip was led by the Spirit to go to Gaza. He did not know why God sent him, but he went obediently. As Philip approached Gaza, he saw a man sitting in a beautiful chariot drawn by horses and servants. The man was a eunuch from Ethiopia who had come to worship in the temple. This

amazed Philip because he knew most Ethiopian people worshipped idol gods and not the true and living God.

Philip noticed that the man was reading aloud the Scriptures written by the prophet Isaiah. The man asked Philip to explain the Scriptures to him because he could not interpret what he was reading. He told the man all about Jesus and Salvation. Philip's explanation was so convincing that the man believed. Not only was the man saved, but also, he asked to be baptized. Philip baptized him in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. After Philip left the new convert, he was then led by the Spirit to continue on his mission to the seashore where he preached to everyone he met.

What a beautiful example of witnessing for Christ. Let us follow this example and compel people to learn about Jesus and Salvation. You may not be an Evangelist; yet, you are not too young to invite someone to attend Church services on Wednesday, Friday or Sunday. If they refuse to come, do as Philip and witness to others in your school, home or community.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What was Philip's profession?
Philip as an Evangelist.
2. Who did Philip meet while on a mission for God?
Philip met a man from Ethiopia who came to worship God in the temple.
3. Why was Philip amazed?
Philip knew that most Ethiopians worshipped idol gods and not the true and living God.
4. What did the man request of Philip?
He asked Philip to explain the Scriptures as written by the Prophet Isaiah.
5. What happened after Philip explained the Scriptures?
After Philip explained the Scriptures about Jesus and Salvation, the man believed, Philip also baptized the man in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

MEMORY VERSE: **Acts 8:40** And Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

ACTIVITY: *Form two groups of students. Do a skit attempting to tell each group about Jesus and Salvation. One group will accept the invitation and the other will reject it. Have students discuss how they felt in each instance.*

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY
HIDE GOD'S WORD DOWN IN OUR HEARTS**

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons.

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 4:1-10

LESSON STORY

God's truth should be handed down from generation to generation. God has placed this duty of teaching His Commandments first to our grandparents. Our grandparents then must pass on this responsibility to their children and to coming generations of children. All are expected to hear, learn and do God's Commandments.

The children of Israel also had this special duty to gather their family and teach them daily the laws and statutes of God. They were to do this when they rose in the morning, and as they talked and walked with their children every day. God told them to put these things in their children's hearts so they would not forget. God knew they would depart from His ways, if they were not taught and reminded to fear Him.

On this Grandparent's Day, let us honor our grandparents by learning godly ways; as they read God's Word with us, walk with us, play with us, and pray with and for us.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What should be handed down from generation to generation?
God's truth should be handed down from generation to generation.
2. Who has God given the duty to teach us His ways?
God has commanded our grandparents to teach His Commandments.
3. What instructions did God give to them?
God told them to teach His Laws and statutes every day, in the morning and as they talked and walked with their children. And teach their children to do the same to their children forever.
4. Why did God command our grandparents and parents to do this?
God knew that we would forget and depart from His ways if they did not instill His Commandments in our hearts.
5. How should we honor our grandparents?
We should honor our grandparents by learning godly ways as they read God's Word with us, walk and talk with us, play with us and pray with and for us.

MEMORY VERSE: Joel 1:3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

ACTIVITY: *Each student should make a card for their grandparents and read it aloud during Sunday Bible School review. They can later present it to their grandparents.*

LESSON 8

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

GOD'S WORD IS TRUE

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 119:160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 119:157-160

LESSON STORY

One of God's characteristics is truthfulness. He embodies perfect truth and therefore His Word cannot lie. Just as David comforts himself with the faithfulness of God's Word, we too can comfort ourselves when our enemies assail us because God promised never to leave us, and He keeps His Word.

Parents and other loved ones often make promises to us, but due to certain events beyond their control, they cannot fulfill their promises. This cannot happen with God, because He is all powerful. There is nothing in heaven or on earth that God does not control.

From the beginning, God's Word has always been true and His righteous judgments endureth forever. When Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden, they could live and enjoy the fruit from all of the trees except the fruit from the tree in the middle of the Garden. If they ate the fruit from this tree, they would surely die. Because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, they were driven from the garden and later they died. God's Word is true and sure. God's promise may be a blessing or a judgment. When we obey, we are promised blessings and He promises judgment when we are disobedient. It is our choice.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Does God's Word change?
No. God's Word changeth not.
2. Has God's Word always been true?
Yes! It was true from the beginning, and it is true today.
3. When will God's judgments change?
God's judgment will remain unchanged.
4. What promises of God do we receive?
We receive every promise God has made.
5. Do you want the promise of a blessing from God?
Ask individual students to respond.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 119:162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

ACTIVITY: List some promises made to you. Were they kept? If your answer is no, tell how you felt. Have you realized one of God's promises? Explain.

LESSON 9

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

GOD IS EVER-PRESENT

MOTTO TEXT: II Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou has done foolishly; therefore, from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

LESSON TEXT: II Chronicles 16:7-10

LESSON STORY

Asa was a God-fearing king who reigned over the Kingdom of Judah. According to the Scriptures "Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord, his God." He did as God commanded and went about reforming the land. He destroyed the altars of the strange gods and put away idols out of the land. He even removed his mother as Queen, because she worshipped idol gods.

Some of the other good things Asa did were:

- ♦ restored the altar of God,
- ♦ brought back the silver and gold that had been dedicated to God's house,
- ♦ commanded Judah to keep the laws and Commandments of God,
- ♦ commanded Judah to worship the Lord God of their fathers, and
- ♦ cried to God and trusted in Him when wars came to the land.

But God was not pleased when He saw that Asa had started to do wrong. Asa stopped trusting in God. He asked the King of Syria to help fight a battle. God sent a warning to Asa, but he would not listen to God. Then God took away His protection and allowed wars to come upon the land.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Name the good things that Asa did to show respect for God.
2. What did Asa do to displease God?

Asa stopped trusting in God and asked the King of Syria to help fight a battle.

3. Why did God take away His protection from the land?

Asa rejected God's warning and God allowed wars to come upon the land.

4. What kingdom did Asa reign over?

Asa reigned over the kingdom of Judah.

5. Why did Asa remove his mother as queen?

Asa removed his mother as queen because she worshipped idol gods.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 11:4 The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss the following: Do you think Asa forgot that God was ever-present and began to depend more on man to help him fight his battles? Can you explain why Asa forgot how God had helped him in the past? Are we like Asa?*

LESSON 10

OCTOBER 4, 2020

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH OUR CONSCIENCE

MOTTO TEXT: John 8:9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone and the woman standing in the midst.

LESSON TEXT: II Corinthians 5:9-13

LESSON STORY

Our conscience is the knowledge or sense of right or wrong. It is an inner faculty or power that decides and governs our actions and molds our moral character. A clear conscience approves us, and a guilty conscience condemns or convicts us.

God speaks to our conscience to get His message to our hearts. First, He gives us instructions in godly living through His Word, the Holy Bible. When God speaks to us through His Word, He directs, challenges, warns, comforts and assures us. As we study and meditate upon the Word and make our requests known, God may reveal a certain Scripture that will help us handle a specific problem or situation. Jesus Christ, God's Son, was the Living Word while he was here on earth and spoke to the conscience of men.

God also speaks to our conscience through the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost guides and directs us, if He dwells within us. As He speaks in our spirit and mind, He lets us know the will of God. When we go to do something wrong, the Holy Ghost will warn us and bring God's Word to our remembrance. Everyone should strive to listen to the voice of God so He can speak to them through a pure conscience.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Describe the conscience of man.

The conscience is the knowledge of right or wrong. It is an inner sense that helps decide and governs our actions and molds our moral character.

2. Name some things God does when he speaks to us through His Word.

God directs, challenges, warns, comforts and assures us.

3. Who else does God use to speak to our conscience?

The Holy Ghost guides and directs us, when he dwells within us.

4. How does our conscience govern us?

If we do something right, our conscience will approve it. If we do wrong, it will condemn or convict us.

5. What type of conscience should we strive to have?

We should strive to have a pure conscience.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 13:5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

ACTIVITY: *Make two lists and have the students name the things that cause them to have a guilty conscience and those things they do that result in a clear conscience.*

LESSON 11

OCTOBER 11, 2020

DO YOU KNOW WHO GOD IS?

MOTTO TEXT: John 4:24 God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 17:23-31

LESSON STORY

God is a Spirit? The Scriptures tell us that we must worship God in spirit and in truth. In order to worship God, we must know who He is.

The Apostle Paul discovered that even people who worshipped God sometimes did not know the true and living God. Paul saw this as he observed the people in the city of Athens who were worshipping idol gods. The people had built marble statues or idols and altars to their gods. They thought that making these things would please these strange gods.

There were also Jews who worshipped in their synagogues. On one occasion Paul went into the synagogue and saw an altar with the words inscribed "to the unknown God." Paul became concerned by the ignorance of God's chosen people. He knew that they did not have the right knowledge about the true God. Paul began by teaching the Jews all about the true God who made the world and all things in it. He told them that God did not need things made by the hands of man to please Him. He explained that God is the one who provides the things that man needs. Also, that He is the source of life and all things necessary for man to live. Paul then exhorted them to repent of their sin and begin to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Young people, take every opportunity to learn more and more about God so that you will not be like the people of Athens. When you know the truth about God, you too can know how to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who matter of being is God?
God is a Spirit.
2. How must we worship God?

We must worship God in Spirit and in truth.

3. What misconception did the people have about God in today's lesson?
Paul observed that the people who served idol gods thought that making things for them by hand, such as statutes and altars would please them.
4. How did Paul instruct the people?
Paul taught them that the true and living God wants us to repent from all sin and worship Him in Spirit and in truth.
5. What else did Paul instruct regarding God?
Paul taught the people that God is the source of life and all things necessary for man to live.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 24:14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.

ACTIVITY: Have the students prepare posters with slogans that try to “sell” their false teachings to the rest of the students. Afterwards, answer the following questions: (1) How easy was it to sell false teachings? (2) What do you think Paul would say about false teachings if he were to write a letter to the youth of the Church?

LESSON 12

OCTOBER 18, 2020

JUST SAY “NO”

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 4:15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

LESSON TEXT: Proverbs 4:14-17

LESSON STORY

Drug use is on the increase. Also, promiscuous sexual activity and pornography have invaded our homes and communities. It is important that you always say no to any of these because they are an evil disease that is spreading all over the land.

Proverbs teaches that we should “enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.” Everyone should avoid drugs, turn from drugs, and pass away from them. Drug use promotes criminal activity and causes people to lose their life, family and friends.

Anyone who engages in pre-marital sex is breaking the Commandment of God. Those persons who participate in this kind of sexual activity do so because they have lost control of their emotions. You should never allow anyone to entice you to engage in teen sex, child pornography or child prostitution or any other type of illicit sex. The world has commercialized sex and turned it into entertainment.

Computers, which are designed to help, are now being used as a means of entrapment by allowing young people opportunities to form intimate relationships (through the Internet) with persons who do not have their best interest at heart.

Young people, please be mindful of these things and keep your whole body under the control of God's Word. When temptations pass your way, just say "no."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. When should you always say no?
We should say no when we are asked to take drugs or have pre-marital sex.
2. What do the Scriptures teach about the path of wicked men?
Proverbs fourth Chapter says we should "enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.
3. What happens to people who take illegal drugs?
Illegal drug use can cause people to lose their life, family and friends.
4. Is it alright to have sex before you are married?
No, we commit sin and break God's Commandment when we do so.
5. Name some ways young people are enticed into engaging in illicit sexual activity.
 - ♦ Child pornography
 - ♦ Child prostitution
 - ♦ Internet dating, etc.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 1:10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

LESSON 13

OCTOBER 25, 2020

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY OUR GOD KNOWS IT ALL!

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 139:4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 139:1-10

LESSON STORY

David, the Psalmist, teaches us about the knowledge of God. He tells us that God knows all about us because God is everywhere. We cannot hide from Him. God knows everything we do and every word we speak. God even knows our thoughts. If we do something wrong, God knows it. We may think it is a secret because we have not told anyone; but God still knows all about it. God even knows what is going to happen in our future.

Young people, be careful that you do not find yourself saying or doing things that cause problems, confusion or strife in your life or in the lives of others. You should consider the consequences of your actions before you act. Remember that once you say or do something, it cannot be taken back. If you always find yourself in confusion or turmoil because of your lack of control or disobedience, pray for God to speak and then act from the wisdom you learn from Him. Through His Word, God can show you how to bring your whole body under subjection.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does David, the Psalmist teach us about the knowledge of God?
David teaches us that God knows all about us, because He is everywhere.
2. What does God know about us?
 - ♦ *God sees everything we do*
 - ♦ *God hears everything we say*
 - ♦ *God knows our thoughts*
 - ♦ *God even knows our future*
3. What should we consider before we do anything?
We should consider the consequences of our actions before we act.
4. What should we be careful not to do?
We should be careful not to cause problems, confusion or strife in our life or in the lives of others.
5. What should we ask of God if we lack self-control?
We should pray for God to speak and then act from the wisdom we learn from Him.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 141:3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, keep the door of my lips.

ACTIVITY: *Select one student to be each of the following: a heart, a mind and a tongue. Have the heart and mind tell the tongue what to do and see if the tongue will obey. If not, tell why.*

LESSON 14

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

PRAYERS GOD WILL NOT ANSWER

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

LESSON TEXT: Luke 18:9-14

LESSON STORY

Jesus often taught using parables. A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. In the parable outlined in today's lesson story, Jesus teaches about unanswered prayers. Jesus prayed often. His prayer life was one of constant

communion with God. He taught his disciples and others how to pray. Jesus taught them that there are prayers that God will not answer. Jesus used the prayers of the Pharisee as an example of an unanswered prayer. He compared that ineffective prayer of the Pharisee to that of a Publican who came to the same Temple to pray.

He first explained how not to pray to God as the Pharisee. The Pharisee who went to pray had the wrong attitude about others. He looked down on the Publican and thought he was better than him. He also told God he was not like other people who cheat, steal, lie, commit adultery or do other wrong things. The Pharisee continued his prayer by telling God all the religious things he did. He boasted how he fasted twice a day and paid his tithes. Jesus then compared the Pharisee to the Publican who stood nearby to pray. This man would not look up to heaven. He beat upon his chest because he was sorry for his sins. He asked God to have mercy on him, because he was a sinner. He came before God with a humble spirit.

In this parable, Jesus illustrated that all who come before God in a self-righteous manner or with much pride, are not praying an effective prayer. Jesus explained that we must come humbly and repentantly before God. After we acknowledge our sins, God will forgive us and answer our prayers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who did Jesus teach to pray an effective prayer?
Jesus taught His disciples and others how to pray.
2. Whose prayers did Jesus compare in the lesson story?
Jesus compared the prayers of the Pharisee and the Publican.
3. What was wrong with the prayer of the Pharisee?
Name the things listed in the lesson story.
4. Why did the prayer of the Publican please God?
Explain how the Publican's prayer differed from that of the Pharisee.
5. How did Jesus explain that we must come before God?
Jesus explained that we must come humbly and repentantly before God.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 1:28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me.

ACTIVITY: Ask the students to take turns praying like the Pharisee and Publican. Follow up with an outline of how to pray an effective prayer as Jesus taught in the Our Father's Prayer and other model prayers.

LESSON 15

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

GOD SPEAKS BLESSINGS AND CURSINGS

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 1:19-20 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land. But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 1:1-20

LESSON STORY

God used the Prophet Isaiah to speak to His people and give them a choice to accept or reject His message. Isaiah told them that those who heeded God's command and obeyed would receive God's promise of forgiveness and good things through blessings. Isaiah warned that God's wrath was promised upon those who were disobedient and refuse or rebel against God's call.

God saw these people as rebellious children. They were sick with sin. Their religious practices were corrupt and defiled the people rather than making them clean. Let us not be like these rebellious people. A rebellious person does not want to hear what God has to say. Rebellion tells God that you refuse to do what He wants you to do.

If you have a rebellious attitude, think about the consequences of your actions. Children who rebel against God, their parents or other authority figures will certainly receive some type of punishment. God will speak to a rebellious heart if it will repent of sin. Please listen to God's voice because He will use His word to build godly character in His children. God's Word is sharper than a two-edged sword. Let it cut out all the sins of your heart and walk obediently before God, so that you can receive the benefits of God's blessings and not the promises of His curses.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What message did Isaiah deliver to the people?
Isaiah told the people that those who obeyed God's warning would receive blessings from God; and those who refused to hear would suffer the wrath of God.
2. What displeased God?
God saw the people as rebellious and sick with sin. Their religious practices defiled them instead of making them clean.
3. Describe the actions of a rebellious person?
A rebellious person does not want to hear what God has to say and they refused to do what He wants them to do.
4. What does God use to help build godly character?
The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword and will cut out all the sins of the heart.
5. What are the benefits of turning from rebellion?
God will send blessings upon those who turn from rebellious ways.

MEMORY VERSE: Joshua 8:34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

ACTIVITY: *Have students tell one specific blessing they have received from God because of their obedience.*

GOD IS SOVEREIGN

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 28:7-13, 19

LESSON STORY

The word *sovereign* means “possessing supreme authority or jurisdiction.” God is the only being who has supreme power and authority over everything. There may be other powers that exist, but God’s power exceeds them all. Sometimes people call upon these other powers in the time of need, but we should learn from Saul’s experience that God’s power will prevail. After Samuel died, Saul put away everyone who practiced witchcraft and magic in order to recognize God’s power over man.

The Philistines formed an army to fight against Saul. Saul became very afraid after he saw the size of the Philistine army. He was so afraid, that he sought God’s help and advice. God did not answer Saul by dream or vision, or by the prophets.

Not only did God depart from Saul, but He also turned away from Saul because of his sins. Saul sought help from a witch because he wanted to seek Samuel’s advice. Samuel had anointed him king before he died. The spirit told Saul that his army would be defeated because the Lord was going to deliver Israel into the hands of the Philistines. God was also going to allow the Philistines to kill Saul and his sons the very next day. Saul became very weak and afraid after hearing this report because he knew that God’s power would prevail.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who has sovereign power?
God is the only being who has supreme power and authority over everything.
2. What practice did Saul forbid?
Saul was the king and he did not allow anyone to practice witchcraft or magic.
3. Did God answer Saul’s request for help?
No, God did not answer because Saul had committed sin.
4. Whose help did Saul seek?
Saul disguised himself and sought help from a witch.
5. What was the outcome of Saul’s visit with the witch?
The witch called upon a spirit who told Saul, God was going to allow Israel to be defeated and Saul and his sons were going to die the next day.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 19:31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss the consequences of getting involved with supernatural powers.*

**THANKSGIVING LESSON
TO GOD BE THE GLORY**

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 8:1-9

LESSON STORY

We show glory unto God by expressing adoration, exaltation or praise for His great works. David exclaimed: O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! God, because of His mighty acts alone, can allow praises to come even out of the mouth of babes. Just think about how He created the heaven and the earth, sun, moon, stars, and the seas. Not only that, but God formed man in His own image, and in His likeness. It pleased Him that we should be made a little lower than the angels and to be in charge of the earth. He has given man the power and authority over all living creatures. Most of all, He provided a way of escape for our sins so we can reign with Him in His Kingdom. What an awesome God we serve!

Every day is a day of thanksgiving. However, this is the time set aside to reflect on the goodness of the Lord. Just look around and see that the whole earth is full of His splendor. Be thankful each day and for each opportunity God gives you to draw closer to Him. Children, don't forget to always count your blessings and give God the Glory!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How can you give God the glory?
By expressing adoration and praise for His great works, we can give God the glory.
2. How did David show adoration to God?
David said that God's name is excellent in all the earth.
3. Name some things that God created?
God created the heaven, earth, moon, stars, seas, and all living creatures.
4. What did God create man to do?
God created man to have dominion over all the earth.
5. Is Thanksgiving the only time to be thankful?
No. Every day we should give thanks and praises to God for all things.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 26:7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

ACTIVITY: *Write a letter of thanksgiving to God. Begin with "Dear Lord, I thank you for:" (List the various things for which you are thankful.)*

SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 59:1-14

LESSON STORY

All iniquity is sin. Sin separates us from God. Separation causes a division between or removal of something. A separation from God leads to spiritual death. The Scripture says, “the wages of sin is death.” This kind of separation means that God has left us and will not hear us when we call upon Him.

After God left His chosen people, they did all kinds of shameful things. They were filled with every kind of sin and evil. They showed no kindness or mercy toward others. There was no justice or righteousness in their lives. Be careful that your actions do not cause you to be like these sinful people. Young people often find themselves behaving ungodly because they feel it is all right to do small things such as gossiping, saying evil things about others, being rude and disrespectful, or disobeying their parents and other adults. There are serious consequences to these kinds of actions. As you are warned in today’s lesson story, God will hide His face from you. To avoid becoming separated from God, practice doing the following:

- ♦ Do not let your feet run to evil; stop trying to witness fights at school, etc.
- ♦ Do not devise evil or mischievous plans against anyone
- ♦ Keep your fingers undefiled from sin, such as stealing
- ♦ Do not let your hands commit murder or any type of violence
- ♦ Do not let your tongue utter evil things or speak lies (lies give birth to trouble)
- ♦ Do not seek to cover up your sins, acknowledge them and get right with God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What separates us from God?
Sin separates us from God.
2. What does this kind of separation mean to us?
This kind of separation means that God has left us and will not hear when we call Him.
3. What does a separation from God lead to?
A separation from God leads to spiritual death, Romans 6:23a says, “the wages of sin is death.”
4. What are the wages of sin?
The wages of sin is death.
5. Name some ungodly behaviors you should avoid so that you will not become separated from God.
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 64:7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

ACTIVITY: Ask students to name some Bible characters who became separated from God and what caused God to turn His face from them.

LESSON 19

DECEMBER 6, 2020

GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE

MOTTO TEXT: Genesis 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 17:16-22

LESSON STORY

God made a promise to Abraham when he was 99 years old. God said to Abraham "Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, with his seed after him." Abraham's wife Sarah was 90 years old. This was well past the childbearing age for women. Even though Abraham and Sarah thought this might have been a hard thing for God to do, they believed God. This promise was fulfilled when Isaac was born one year later to Abraham and Sarah.

Many of God's promises are called covenants. A covenant is an agreement between one or more persons. God often makes covenants to prove His faithfulness. Yes, God will keep His promises to you; but remember you also have a responsibility to God. You must have faith in God and learn to wait on Him. You must never doubt God's promises, nor forget to obey His Commandments. God offers a special kind of relationship to His chosen people. While He does require a commitment to living a godly life, He also rewards those who obey His commands.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How old was Abraham and Sarah when God promised them a son?
Abraham was 99 and Sarah, his wife, was 90 years old.
2. What did God call this promise?
God said to Abraham, "I will make a covenant with thee."
3. What is a covenant?
A covenant is an agreement between one or more persons.
4. Did Abraham and Sarah believe that God would keep this promise?
At first, they were amazed, but they had faith in God and waited patiently on Him.
5. What is our responsibility to God in order to receive His promises?

We must first obey God's Commandments; have faith in God and wait on God to fulfill His promises.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 6:15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

ACTIVITY: *Have students write a thank you note to God for something they received because they were obedient.*

LESSON 20

DECEMBER 13, 2020

GOD'S DOCTRINE IS FREE AND ABUNDANT AS THE RAIN

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass.

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 32:1-3

LESSON STORY

Doctrine is something that is taught as a principle or belief. It usually comes from someone of authority. We learn about God's doctrine through our religious instruction given during Sunday Bible school, church services or at home. God has commanded our parents, grandparents or other family members to teach us His ways.

God wants all of His people to know His doctrine. In today's lesson story, God commanded Moses to write a song and teach it to the children of Israel. God told Moses this was a way to help the people remember His doctrine. Moses did as God commanded and wrote a song. His song described God's doctrine as free and like drops of rain. We know that raindrops begin slowly and continue to drop steadily until the rain ends. This was Moses' way of letting the people know that God's doctrine was abundant. The song continued by describing God's speech as that of the dew. When morning dew is present, it provides moisture to plants and to the ground. When we feel dew upon our face and skin it is very refreshing. The same is true of God's doctrine. God wants it to fall refreshingly upon our hearts and ears when we hear the Word.

Young people, just as continual rain helps plants to be nourished and grow; let us ask our parents to saturate us with the Word of God. As you receive instructions let them direct your thoughts and govern your actions so that you can grow in the ways of God and benefit from the showers of His doctrine.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Define the word *doctrine*.

Doctrine is something that is taught as a principle or belief.

2. Name some places we are taught God's doctrine.
We are taught God's doctrine in the Sunday Bible School, Bible study and church services.
3. Who did God command to teach us His ways?
God commanded our grandparents and parents to teach us His ways.
4. How did Moses help the children of Israel remember God's doctrine?
Moses wrote a song to help the children of Israel remember God's doctrine.
5. Discuss the ways Moses described God's doctrine in his song.

MEMORY VERSE: PROVERBS 4:2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students draw a family tree beginning with their grandparents. Then discuss which family members have taught them the Commandments of God.*

LESSON 21

DECEMBER 20, 2020

**CHRISTMAS LESSON
A SAVIOR IS BORN**

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

LESSON TEXT: Luke 2:1-18

LESSON STORY

Caesar Augustus made a decree that the entire world should be taxed. Everybody went to his or her own city to be taxed. Joseph and his wife Mary went to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem. While they were there Mary brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Shepherds were in the field, keeping watch over the flock at night. The angel of the Lord came to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them and they were afraid. The angel said unto them, "Fear not for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is, Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you, Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. " Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Mary named the baby, Jesus, which was so named by the angel before He was born.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God. He was spiritually conceived and brought forth of the Virgin Mary. Jesus Christ was born in the world through the Virgin Mary for a purpose and that purpose was and is to save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who made a decree that the entire world should be taxed?
Caesar Augustus made a decree that the entire world should be taxed.
2. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem?
Everybody went to his or her own city to be taxed.
3. What happened while they were in Bethlehem?
While they were there Mary brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger.
4. What did the angel tell the shepherds?
"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."
5. What do we believe about Jesus?
We believe that Jesus is the Son of the Living God. He was spiritually conceived and brought forth of the Virgin Mary.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

ACTIVITY: *Make a Christmas card with a picture from our lesson story on the front with a Scripture on the inside.*

LESSON 22

DECEMBER 27, 2020

SANCTIFY YE A FAST

MOTTO TEXT: Joel 1:14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 6:16-18; Isaiah 58:1-6

LESSON STORY

To fast means to go without food or drink for a certain period of time. The purpose of fasting is to humble your soul, to chasten your soul, to cast out demons, to afflict your soul, to loosen bands of wickedness, to undo heavy burdens, to free the oppressed, to be healed and to break yokes.

When we fast, we should anoint ourselves with pure olive oil and wash our faces. God will see us secretly fasting and reward us openly.

In this Church, we believe in fasting. We fast on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. We also fast during assemblies, the first seven days of each year, during

the forty days of the Lenten season, during ordination and confirmation and whenever called upon to do so. We fast in order to be certified of the will of God and of Christ and to know the mind and guidance of the Holy Ghost. We should pray and read the Bible when we are fasting.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Define fasting.
To fast means to go without food or drink for a certain period of time.
2. What is the purpose of fasting?
Answer individually.
3. Do we believe in fasting?
Answer individually.
4. When is it customary to fast in this Church?
We fast on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. We also fast during assemblies, the first seven days of each year, during the forty days of the Lenten season, during ordination and confirmation and whenever called upon to do so.
5. What is another reason to fast?
Another reason to fast is to be certified of the will of God and of Christ and to know the mind and guidance of the Holy Ghost.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 6:17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face.

ACTIVITY: Mark each day that we should fast on your personal calendar for the rest of the year.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Surely you are familiar with several books and what they are about. Now is the time to solidify your knowledge regarding the greatest book in the whole world, the Bible. Hopefully, you will learn to recite the books of the Bible as you learn about the contents of the books.

Lessons for this theme should inspire your study of the books of the Bible. Begin now reading more during your study time. Just as you study books in school that impart knowledge for different reasons; as you read books of the Bible, you will receive knowledge and understanding helpful towards eternal life.

You will be introduced to characters as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joseph, and many others. Not only will you receive information for different periods in history, you will gain knowledge about God and how He wants His people to live.



Abraham sacrificing his son, Isaac

Get Ready, Set, Go!

**NEW YEAR'S LESSON/NEW BEGINNING
LIFE IN BIBLE TIMES**

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else: I am God, and there is none like me.

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 33:8

LESSON STORY

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to live in the Bible days? If you wanted a drink of water, a trip to the local well would have been in order. Most people lived in tents instead of the houses that we have. Many times, they slept out of doors with rocks for pillows. Those who had houses made them from rocks and clay or mud.

During the winter, special efforts were made that the fire in the home would be reduced to just a few glowing coals by bedtime. A board would be placed over these warm coals then a carpet over the board. This would keep the room warm for hours. The family slept on mattresses spread on the floor.

People traveled by walking or riding on animals such as donkeys, horses or mules.

Life in Bible times was quite different from today. But the words preached in the Bible apply to us as much as they did to the people who lived over 2000 years ago.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Where did people get water to drink in the Bible days?
The people went to wells to get drinking water in the Bible days.
2. What did most of the people live in?
Most of the people lived in tents.
3. How were the homes heated in the Bible days?
Allow individual students to answer from the lesson story.
4. Do the words preached in the Bible apply to us today?
The students may answer individually.
5. How did the family sleep?
The family slept on mattresses spread on the floor.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 143:5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

ACTIVITY: *Compare life in the Bible days to life today.*

THE LAW BOOKS

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 12:1 These are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the Lord God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 4:1-10

LESSON STORY

Author: Moses

Profession: Lawgiver, first leader of the Children of Israel

Nationality: Hebrew

The Law books of the Old Testament are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. They were written by Moses, fourteen hundred and fifty (1450) years before Christ was born.

Genesis has two main divisions: the first section contains the Creation, the fall of man, and the flood. The second section tells about the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. The Book of Exodus discusses the wanderings in the wilderness of Israel and the giving of the laws of God to His people. Leviticus is devoted to the worship of the people. God said for them to be holy because He is holy. The major part of Numbers recounts the travels of the children of Israel from Mt. Sinai to the Jordan River. It is a continuation of the Book of Exodus. Deuteronomy is the concluding law book. Moses reminds the people about God's laws, statutes, and Commandments in Deuteronomy. This book also gives an account of the death of Moses who wrote the law books and was the leader of the children of Israel.

God has always given instructions to His leaders for the people. We receive many words from the Lord to us through those who help show us the ways of God. The law is our schoolmaster that points out sin that we must avoid. Let's always treasure and obey God's laws because they give health to our souls.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Name the law books.
The law books are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.
2. Who wrote the law books?
Moses wrote the law books.
3. What did God say about His people?
God said His people should be holy because He is holy.
4. Which book is the last Book of the law?
Deuteronomy is the last Book of the law.
5. What do you know about Moses?
Moses was a lawgiver, the first leader of the children of Israel and the writer of the law books.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 19:37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the Lord.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students list the laws from the Old Testament that we still follow today.*

LESSON 25

JANUARY 17, 2021

JOSHUA, JUDGES, AND RUTH

MOTTO TEXT: Joshua 24:24 And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 1:1-7

LESSON STORY

These three Books of the Bible are called historical books. Joshua has 24 chapters, Judges has 21 chapters, and Ruth has 4 chapters.

Joshua is the first Bible book to bear the name of its author and principal characters. God chose Joshua to be the leader of the children of Israel after Moses died. It was Joshua who led the people into the Promised Land.

Judges is so called because it records the activities of twelve men and one woman used by God as judges to deliver Israel after Joshua's death. Israel was very disobedient, and God allowed them to be defeated by their enemies. However, when they cried unto the Lord, He would send a judge to deliver them from their enemies.

The Book of Ruth tells the beautiful story of a woman named Ruth and Naomi, her mother-in-law. The two women returned to Naomi's homeland, Judah. There Ruth married a man named Boaz, and had a son named, Obed. Later, Obed had a son named Jesse who was the father of King David. Ruth was the great grandmother of one of the greatest kings in the Bible, David.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What three books of history are in today's lesson?
Ask individual students to give answers.
2. How many chapters does each book contain?
The Book of Joshua has 24 chapters, Judges has 21 chapters, and Ruth has 4 chapters.
3. Who was Joshua?
Let the students answer from the lesson story.
4. Tell one thing you learned about each of these historical books.
Allow students to give their answers.
5. What was the relationship between Obed and King David?
Obed is King David's grandfather.

MEMORY VERSE: Judges 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

ACTIVITY: *Have each student choose one of the three books studied today and list five facts.*

LESSON 26

JANUARY 24, 2021

FIRST AND SECOND SAMUEL

MOTTO TEXT: I Samuel 2:2 There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

LESSON TEXT: II Samuel 22:1

LESSON STORY

First Samuel begins with Samuel's life and continues with Saul's life, David's anointing and early years. Samuel was a priest and prophet. However, this book records more about David than about Samuel. The book closes with the tragic death of Israel's first king, Saul.

Second Samuel is occupied with the reign of David and follows his kingship in its greatness and humiliation. It records his military victories, his great sin, and his flight from and return to Jerusalem. His weakness and his great faith are exposed in this book. The divine blessing and judgment upon his life form a picture of Israel. The basic message of the books of Samuel is that God rules in the lives of men and nations. He deals in justice and in mercy with His people.

The Book of Second Samuel covers a period of forty years.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How did the Book of First Samuel close?
The Book of First Samuel closes with the tragic death of Israel's first king, Saul.
2. What was Samuel's profession?
He was a priest and a prophet.
3. What did David do for the people?
He executed judgment and justice unto them.
4. Who was his strength and power?
God was David's strength and power.
5. What is the basic message of the books of Samuel?
The basic message is that God rules in the lives of men and nations.

MEMORY VERSE: II Samuel 22:33 God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students to discuss how God is the same today as he was in the days of David.*

FIRST AND SECOND KINGS

MOTTO TEXT: I Kings 2:1-2 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man.

LESSON TEXT: II Kings 7:1-5

LESSON STORY

First and Second Kings were originally one book. They are called the books of the kings because they record the principal events and characteristics of the reigns of the kings of Judah and Israel from the death of David to the end of the kingdom of Judah.

First Kings covers the reign of Solomon, the building of the temple, the ministry of Elijah, and the reign of Ahab. Judah's nineteen kings were all descendants of David and reigned 345 years. Israel had nineteen kings reigning 210 years.

Second Kings records the mighty ministry of Elisha. During this period, Israel received warnings and exhortations from Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, and Hosea.

The Books of Kings conclude with the people of Judah in captivity. God blesses the king and the nation when they obey His Commandments. His judgment falls upon those who disobey His Commandments.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Have First and Second Kings always been separate?
No. They were originally one book.
2. Who were Judah's nineteen kings descendants of?
Judah's nineteen kings were all descendants of David.
3. Whose ministry is recorded in II Kings?
Elisha's ministry is recorded in II Kings.
4. What did Elisha want the people to do?
He still wants the people (all of us) to hear the Word of the Lord.
5. What is the conclusion of the Books of Kings?
Answer from the lesson story.

MEMORY VERSE: I Kings 2:12 Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

ACTIVITY: *Make a list of Judean kings.*

THE CHRONICLES

MOTTO TEXT: II Chronicles 2:1 And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the Lord, and an house for his kingdom.

LESSON TEXT: I Chronicles 29:1

LESSON STORY

Genealogy is the history of the descendants of a person or family from an ancestor. First Chronicles begins with the most extensive collection of genealogical records in the Bible, extending from Adam to the death of Saul. The purpose of such records is to draw all lines of redemptive history to their focal point in David. Much emphasis is placed upon the dedication and services of the temple.

Historical records such as David's preparation of material for building the temple, records of personnel ministering in the temple and David's final exhortation to Israel and Solomon are unique in this book.

Second Chronicles begins with the connective word "and" indicating that it is a continuation of the historical narrative of First Chronicles. It records the most extended account of any revival in Bible history. This was the revival under Hezekiah (II Chronicles 29:3-11).

The Books of Chronicles express the bright side of Jewish history but do not deny the failures. First Chronicles has twenty-nine chapters and Second Chronicles has thirty-six chapters.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Define genealogy.

The history of the descendants of a person or family from an ancestor.

2. What does First Chronicles emphasize?

First Chronicles emphasizes the dedication and services of the temple.

3. Second Chronicles is a continuation of what?

Second Chronicles is a continuation of the historical narrative of First Chronicles.

4. How many chapters are there in First and Second Chronicles?

First Chronicles has twenty-nine chapters and Second Chronicles has thirty-six chapters.

5. Where does the most extensive collection of genealogical records in the Bible begin?

The most extensive collection of genealogical records begins in First Chronicles.

MEMORY VERSE: II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

ACTIVITY: Name five events that occurred in the Books of Chronicles.

FAITH AND DOCTRINE

Generally speaking, our faith is what we believe, and our doctrine is what we teach. Whatever we believe and teach is based on the Scriptures. Just as you study books in school that give you the history of different things, you also study the Bible which is historical testimony. If you cannot believe in the Bible, you may as well not believe in all the books you read in school.

As you study this theme, you will learn many things about what we believe according to the Word of God. You will want to study about God's Commandments and the importance of keeping them.

Get ready to study about praying and fasting, about the importance of baptism, and of receiving the Holy Ghost. Be sure to understand the sacraments that take place in your church on a regular basis so that you can understand God's plan for man in this life. You will also be challenged to learn things that will help you in the future.



Water Baptism

Get Ready, Set, Go!

THE NINE SACRAMENTS

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

LESSON TEXT: Hebrews 2:1-6

LESSON STORY

Sacraments or ordinances are ceremonies that are important to Christian worship. They are important because Christ originated or recognized them. We have nine.

1. **Baptism of Repentance:** The baptism of repentance is the act of becoming godly sorry for sinful thoughts and actions.
2. **Baptism of Water:** We believe in baptism of water by emersion as a token of the real baptism of the Holy Spirit of God.
3. **Baptism of the Holy Ghost:** We believe that the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire keeps us free from all sins and sinning.
4. **The Lord's Supper:** We believe it is right and necessary to observe the Lord's Supper with unleavened bread and pure unadulterated water.
5. **Feet Washing:** We believe that it is necessary to wash one another's feet the way that Christ did for an example.
6. **Ordination:** Ordination is the act of pronouncing power to serve in certain offices or perform certain religious rites in the Church. All ordaining must strictly be done with fasting and prayer.
7. **Confirmation:** Confirmation is the act of confirming full membership into the Church or any office of the Church.
8. **Unction:** Ministers may anoint with pure olive oil any persons that may call and request prayer to be offered to God.
9. **Holy Matrimony:** We believe in Christians marrying Christians, and sinners and unbelievers marrying. We are opposed to being unequally yoked with unbelievers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What are sacraments?
Sacraments are ceremonies that are important to Christian worship.
2. Why are sacraments important?
Christ originated or recognized them.
3. What are the three sacraments that involve baptism?
The three sacraments that involve baptism are the baptism of repentance, the baptism of water, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
4. What is the name of the sacrament that involves anointing with pure olive oil?
The name of the sacrament that involves anointing with pure olive oil is Unction.
5. What do we believe about marriage?
We believe in Christians marrying Christians, and sinners and unbelievers marrying. We are opposed to being unequally yoked with unbelievers.

MEMORY VERSE: I Corinthians 11:2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

ACTIVITY: *The class should make a poster of the nine sacraments. Be sure to include a Scripture and Decree Book reference for each sacrament.*

LESSON 30

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 2:38-42

LESSON STORY

Repentance is one of the most important doctrines of Christianity. The stem of repentance is repent; to repent means to become godly sorry for any sinful thought or deed. Usually, when one becomes sorry for some act committed, he will not do that same thing again. So, repentance always involves changing. The change of minds produces a change of ways. For instance, the story of the Prodigal Son going back home after becoming sorry for his actions showed the act of repentance.

Repentance is a necessary duty in obedience to the command of God. Read Acts 17:30. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:" God charges all men to turn with sorrow and shame from their every sin, because He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness. There is no way to flee from the wrath of God to come, but by repentance.

God wants us to always be humble enough to repent of any evil, be it our thoughts or actions. Remember this boys and girls, pride is a great evil that keeps many away from Christ.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Complete the sentences below with the following words: obedience, change, repentance, sorrow, wrath, and duty.

1. _____ is an important doctrine of Christianity.
2. To repent means to become _____ for any sinful thought or deed.
3. Repentance is a necessary _____ in to the command of God.
4. There is no way to flee from the _____ of God to come, but by repentance.
5. Repentance always involve _____.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

BAPTISM OF WATER

MOTTO TEXT: Mark 1:8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 3:11- 17

LESSON STORY

Baptism of water is another of the sacraments that is observed in The House of God Which is the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth Without Controversy.

One important use of water is that of cleansing. It washes away filth. By the same token the baptism of water is symbolic of washing away our sins. This does not mean that the water baptism cleans us from sin, but it is only symbolic as to tell the world that we have accepted Christ and that we are His followers.

John the Baptist, baptized Jesus in the river of Jordan. Even though he was reluctant to do so, Jesus told him it was necessary in order to fulfill all righteousness. Jesus is our perfect example; therefore, we believe in following his example of being baptized in water.

We should believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, receive the Holy Ghost and be baptized. Then we can live holy lives dedicated to God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Draw a line from column A to the correct answer in column B.

COLUMN A

- 1 Water Baptism
- 2 Holy Ghost
- 3 Water
- 4 Washes away filth
- 5 We are followers of

COLUMN B

- 1 Cleanse
- 2 Christ
- 3 Sacrament
- 4 Spirit
- 5 Water

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

ACTIVITY: *Let one child tell what last Sunday's topic was and another how today's lesson relates to last week.*

YOUTH DAY
IT IS TIME TO CLEAN UP!

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 51:1-13

LESSON STORY

In today's lesson, David pleads with God to have mercy on him and blot out his transgressions. David had committed adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. David realized he sinned against God and was seeking forgiveness and deliverance. David knew that only God could restore his joy, create a clean heart, and renew a right spirit. David promised, once restored, to teach other transgressors the ways of the Lord, so that they may be converted.

We hope that we will never yield to temptation. However, if we do submit to sin, we must repent quickly. As David did, we must humbly ask God for mercy and forgiveness. We should take daily inventory of our actions. Afterwards, we should ask God to purge us that we may be clean and wash us that we may be whiter than snow. Just as our rooms become messy if we don't continuously straighten them up, our souls are the same.

Once you realize the things in your life that you need to get rid of, do it now. Don't keep waiting to do it. Just as cleaning your room may become harder to do, the longer you wait to stop doing things that are wrong, they become harder to do. Let God and His Word clean up your lives.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who is pleading for mercy in today's lesson?
David is pleading for mercy.
2. What sin did David commit?
David committed adultery.
3. What did David promise once restored?
David promised to teach other transgressors the ways of the Lord so they may be converted.
4. What should we do if we submit to sin?
We should repent quickly.
5. How often should we take inventory of our actions?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

ACTIVITY: *Make an inventory of all the things you want Jesus to clean up in your life.*

LESSON 33

MARCH 14, 2021

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: I Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 1:8

LESSON STORY

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is necessary to have power from God. Therefore, Christ told His disciples, before he left the world, to go to Jerusalem and tarry there until they receive this power from on high. On another occasion He told them that they would receive power after the Holy Ghost had come upon them. Read Luke 24:49.

Baptism of the Holy Ghost is stated by Jesus as the requirement for being saved: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Read Mark 16:16. The power of God is given to those who ask for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It will lead us, guide us and bring all things to our remembrance. The Holy Ghost which is the wondrous Spirit of God is a great keeping power.

The effects of being baptized with the Holy Ghost are that man's old nature disappears as the new life develops within the believer. He is a new creature with new life and impulses. Baptism of the Holy Ghost gives new birth which makes a child of the flesh a child of God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. To whom is the Holy Ghost given?
The Holy Ghost is given to those who ask for it.
2. What is the purpose of the Holy Ghost?
To lead us, guide us and bring all things to our remembrance.
3. According to Jesus, what is the requirement for being saved?
The baptism of the Holy Ghost is stated by Jesus as the requirement for being saved.
4. What makes a child of the flesh a child of God?
The Baptism of the Holy Ghost.
5. Have we the power to keep ourselves?
No. We are kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation.

MEMORY VERSE: St. John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

LESSON 34

MARCH 21, 2021

THE EUCHARIST (THE LORD'S SUPPER)

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 71:17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

LESSON TEXT: Luke 22:13-20

LESSON STORY

The Eucharist means the Lord's Supper. It is one of the greatest sacraments. Christ instituted it for the benefit of the saints in His church. In the New Testament, it is recognized as the Christian Passover or the Lord's Supper.

During the supper as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take eat, this is my body." Boys and girls this means when we receive His Word and obey it, we eat of His body.

Jesus ate the Passover with His disciples as an example for us to follow today. He said that we should have the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him until He comes again. We must always ask God to search our hearts and make us worthy to eat the Passover.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does Eucharist mean?
It means the Lord's Supper.
2. What was the Lord's Supper called in the New Testament?
It was called the Christian Passover.
3. How may we eat of Jesus' body?
We do so by obeying His Word.
4. Who gave the supper to the disciples?
Answer individually.
5. What should we do before we eat the Passover?
Answer from the lesson story.

MEMORY VERSE: St. Luke 22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

LESSON 35

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY A TRIUMPHANT RIDE INTO JERUSALEM

MOTTO TEXT: Mark 11:9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

LESSON TEXT: St. John 12:12-16

LESSON STORY

Jesus was going about from place to place, teaching the people about God, healing the sick, raising the dead and doing other good deeds. He had a friend named Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead. Now he was eating with Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha.

The next day Jesus was going into Jerusalem and there were many people who heard about it. Jesus sent two of His disciples into the city. He told them to bring back a colt that no man had ever ridden. If anyone asked why they were taking the colt, they were to tell them that the Lord had need of it. The disciples obeyed Jesus' command and brought the colt to Him. They took off their outer garments and put them on the colt so that Jesus could sit on them as he rode the colt.

When riding into the city of Jerusalem, there were many people going before Jesus and behind Him. These people cut palm branches from the trees and put them on the ground so that Jesus could ride on them. This was a triumphant ride into Jerusalem for Jesus. The people shouted Hosanna to the Highest, Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord! This was the highest praise given to the Son of God, as he rode through the city.

The highest praise that we can all give to the Lord today is to let our lights shine so that others will see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What were some of the works that Jesus did as he went from place to place?
Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, taught people about God, etc. as he went from place to place.
2. Where was Jesus at this time?
Jesus was eating with His friend Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha.
3. Where was Jesus going next?
Jesus was going into the city of Jerusalem.
4. What did Jesus send two of His disciples to do?
Jesus sent two of His disciples into the city to get a colt that had never been ridden.
5. When Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem, describe what happened.
The students should answer from the lesson text.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 21:10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

ACTIVITY: *Let the class illustrate the lesson story on a large sheet of paper or individually on small sheets of construction paper.*

LESSON 36

APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATE VICTORY!!!

MOTTO TEXT: St. Luke 24:6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee.

LESSON TEXT: St. Luke 24:1-9

LESSON STORY

We all have victory in Christ Jesus because he died for our sins. Because he died and was resurrected, we can have a new life. Let us celebrate the victory of Jesus' resurrection and not let His dying be in vain for us.

Easter is the day that true Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Persons who believe the resurrection to be a myth should not call themselves Christians. Christianity has its foundation belief in the fact that Jesus rose from the dead. If we do not believe in the resurrection, our religion is vain.

On the first day of the week the women went to the sepulcher but did not find the body of Jesus. Two men in shining garments asked them, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."

The women were reminded by the two of how Jesus told them in Galilee that he would be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and the third day he would rise again. When they remembered, the women took this message to the disciples letting them know that the Lord is risen indeed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the foundation fact on which Christianity rests?
Christianity rests on the foundation fact that Jesus rose from the dead.
2. What did the two men in shining garments ask the women?
They asked, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."
3. When the women remembered what Jesus told them in Galilee, what did they do?
They took this; message to the disciples letting them know that the Lord is risen indeed.
4. What should we celebrate today?
Today we should all Celebrate Victory.
5. Allow the students to spell and define the word "Resurrection."

MEMORY VERSE: St. Luke 24:8-9 And they remembered his words, And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

ACTIVITY: *Using St. Matthew 24:12, record as many events as you can regarding the resurrection in sequential order. Work in groups of twos or threes. The winning group should be given a reward.*

LESSON 37

APRIL 11, 2021

FEET WASHING

MOTTO TEXT: St. John 13:5 After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

LESSON TEXT: St. John 13:4-5

LESSON STORY

Jesus arose from the Lord's Supper, laid aside His garments, and took a towel and girded Himself (tied a towel around His waist). After that, He poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel where with He was girded. Jesus appeared in character as a servant, by washing His disciple's feet. He girded about Him the towel that He might have it in readiness to dry their feet after He had washed them.

Peter didn't understand Jesus' reason for washing the disciples' feet. He told Jesus that He would never wash his feet; Jesus let Peter know that if he (Peter) did not allow Him (Jesus) to wash his feet, Peter would have no part with Him. Then, Peter told Jesus to wash his feet, his hands and his head.

As we live our lives dedicated to Jesus, we wash one another's feet; which shows our love and humility.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who washed the disciples' feet?
Jesus washed His disciples' feet.
2. How did Jesus appear washing their feet?
He appeared as a servant.
3. Should we wash one another's feet?
Yes. We should wash one another's feet.
4. Does this mean you should only wash the same feet at each opportunity?
No.
5. When we wash one another's feet, how are we like Jesus?
We are humbled as servants.

MEMORY VERSE: St. John 13:6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

LESSON 38

APRIL 18, 2021

ORDINATION

MOTTO TEXT: I Timothy 2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

LESSON TEXT: Mark 3:13-15

LESSON STORY

“And when he called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power...Now the names of the twelve apostles are these.” The primary purpose of

ordination is to endow with power of authority. Notice the twelve that followed Jesus were His disciples as is pointed out above. After Jesus had given this same group power, they became apostles. The authority that was pronounced upon them gave them more power to perform certain rites. This was the ordination of the apostles.

In the House of God Church, ordination empowers deacons to assist with certain ceremonies as serving the Lord's Supper. Ordained ministers (Reverends, Elders, Bishops, etc.) are given the authority to perform marriages, administer the Lord's Supper, baptize, etc. Ordination ceremonies are sacred services carried out with fasting and prayer.

During the General Assembly, persons are questioned by the ordination and confirmation committees. They are expected to have certain qualifications and to know rules from the church decree and certain biblical facts before they are ordained or confirmed by the leaders. Young people should study the decree of the church and the Bible as you grow up. When you are older, you will already have learned much about God's rules and expectations of His followers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Match column A and column B. (Use the best match)

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1 Apostles	1 Power
2 Authority	2 Apostles
3 Ordain	3 Followers
4 Jesus had twelve	4 Endow with power
5 Disciples	5 After disciples were given power, they were called

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.

ACTIVITY: *Make a list of Jesus' twelve disciples found in St. Mark 3.*

LESSON 39

APRIL 25, 2021

CONFIRMATION

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 6:16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

LESSON TEXT: Hebrews 6:14-18

LESSON STORY

Confirmation is the act of confirming of full induction into the church or any office of the church. The stem or root of the word confirmation is to confirm. To confirm means to make firmer, or to strengthen in faith.

Whenever ministers join this church, who have been members of another church, (a band of baptized believers) it is necessary for their membership to be confirmed. This is an example of a confirmation service.

As we all attend our church services, we are instructed in the knowledge of God. After being taught the principles of the heavenly doctrine, we need to be confirmed and established in the truth. Only one who is confirmed in the truth will be able to stand firm when he is faced with trials.

Confirmation denotes spiritual strengthening. Such spiritual strength is obtained by fasting with prayer and sanctioned by the sacrament of confirmation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is confirmation?
Confirmation is a sacrament of the church.
2. What does confirm mean?
Confirm means to make firmer or to strengthen in faith.
3. Who are confirmed in the church?
Answer from the lesson story.
4. What strengthens us in the principles of the heavenly doctrine?
Being instructed in the knowledge of God from the Bible strengthens us in the principle of the heavenly doctrine.
5. What is the church?
The church is a band of baptized believers.

MEMORY VERSE: Daniel 11:1 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

ACTIVITY: Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.

LESSON 40

MAY 2, 2021

NATIONAL PRAYER DAY PRAYER, A POWERFUL TOOL

MOTTO TEXT: James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 6:9-14

LESSON STORY

Boys and girls, remember the story of a well-known statistician. He said that the great undeveloped resources of America are faith, and the great unused power is prayer. This statement agrees with the teaching of Christ who tells us that by prayer we can move mountains. Prayer places at the disposal of Christian faith the

power of God. Remember, what we depend on is what we get. If we depend on an organization, we get what it can do. If we fully depend on education, we get what it can do. If we depend on men and money, we get what they can do. Now, if you will surely depend on God through prayer, you will get what God can do.

Do you want the church to grow? Do you want your family and friends to be saved? Do you need to be delivered from any trouble in your life? Learn to pray. God is all powerful. There is nothing too hard for Him to do. He already knows about you and your problems. He certainly loves you and He wants you to lean and depend on Him to see you through. Pray often, don't give up and don't get discouraged. Sometimes, God wants to see how good you are at waiting for His answer. But if you keep trusting, believing and obeying, He will come to rescue you!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How do we communicate with God?
We communicate with God through prayer.
2. When should we pray?
We should pray always.
3. Why should we pray?
We should pray that we enter not into temptation.
4. For what should we pray?
We should pray for peace.
5. Allow each student to explain: National Prayer Day.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

ACTIVITY: *Let the children each pray parts of the Our Father's Prayer.*

LESSON 41

MAY 9, 2021

MOTHER'S DAY WOMEN OF GREAT FAITH

MOTTO TEXT: II Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

LESSON TEXT: II Timothy 1:1-8

LESSON STORY

Timothy was a young preacher that Apostle Paul took as a son. He taught him and prayed for him. Paul brought to Timothy's remembrance his grandmother, Lois and his mother Eunice. They were women of great faith. They believed in the Bible, studied it and taught it. They showed their faith by not only believing God's

Word, but by instilling it in Timothy. He was taught the Scriptures by his mother and grandmother as a young child. He was taught to believe in and to follow the Scriptures just as they did.

Paul prayed for Timothy, laid hands on him and told him to stir up the gift of God that was in him. It was important for Timothy to keep in mind what the Bible taught and the faith that was in his mother and grandmother.

As young people of God, you must listen closely to those who teach you the Scriptures. You must keep them in your minds, believe in and obey them. When you receive the gift of the Holy Ghost within you, keep it stirred up through prayer and fasting and studying the Word.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Timothy?
Timothy was a young preacher whom Paul took as a son.
2. Who taught Timothy the Scriptures as a child?
Timothy's mother and grandmother taught him the Scriptures as a young child.
3. Who were the women of great faith in this lesson?
Timothy's mother, Eunice and grandmother, Lois were the women of great faith in this lesson.
4. How did these great women show their faith?
Answer from the lesson.
5. How should young people stir up the gift of God?
Individual answers.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

ACTIVITY: *Let the students make booklets for Mother's Day and briefly write something they learned as a young child or young person from the recipient of their booklet.*

LESSON 42

MAY 16, 2021

UNCTION

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 45:7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

LESSON TEXT: Mark 6:13

LESSON STORY

Unction is the act of anointing with oil. Psalm 92:10 "I shall be anointed with fresh oil." The sacrament is practiced in the House of God which is the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth.

During ordination and confirmation ceremonies of the church, persons are anointed with oil. When babies or children are christened or dedicated to the Lord, they are also anointed with oil.

Before Jesus' crucifixion, His feet were anointed with a very costly oil, by Mary, and wiped with her hair. Aaron and his sons were consecrated as priests before the Lord. God commanded Moses to pour anointing oil upon the tabernacle and all that was in it. This sanctified, cleansed and set them apart for God's use. Moses also poured oil upon Aaron and his sons to sanctify them.

Many times, when sickness overtakes us, if we obey the Scripture and believe firmly that we can be healed, God will surely heal us, and we will become sound or well again. God needs sound well bodies to witness for Him.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Define unction.
Unction is the act of anointing with oil.
2. What is unction?
Unction is a sacrament.
3. What does God need?
God needs sound well bodies to witness for Him.
4. Name specific times people are anointed with oil.
Answer from the lesson story.
5. Before Jesus was crucified, what did Mary do?
Mary anointed His feet with very costly oil and wiped them with her hair.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 8:12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

LESSON 43

MAY 23, 2021

HOLY MATRIMONY

MOTTO TEXT: St. Matthew 19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

LESSON TEXT: Hebrews 13:4

LESSON STORY

Holy matrimony has to do with marriage, the act of being legally joined together in marriage. Marriage is the act of legally uniting a man and woman in wedlock.

Christian behavior in God's house relates to all areas of conduct.

A Christian marriage is one in which husband and wife covenant together with God and publicly witnessed. It is a commitment, not only to each other, but also to God. God has so ordained that marriage is honorable. When one decides he or she is ready to begin leading a family, they should become married legally so that the marriage can be honored by God and man.

Holy matrimony is the ninth sacrament that we have studied. We hope you will always remember each of the nine sacraments. The church observes and believes in these ceremonies you have studied. Learn each of them by name and what they mean. They are important because each of them has a place in the lives of Christians at one time or another.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is marriage?

Marriage is the act of legally writing a man and woman in wedlock.

2. Who ordained that marriage is honorable?

God ordained that marriage is honorable.

3. What does Christian behavior in God's house relate to?

Christian behavior in God's house relates to all areas of conduct.

4. A Christian marriage is not only a commitment to each other, but to whom?

A Christian marriage is also a commitment to God.

5. Have you ever participated in a wedding?

Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

LESSON 44

MAY 30, 2021

JESUS CHRIST: THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

LESSON TEXT: Luke 1:26-38

LESSON STORY

Sin passed upon all mankind when Adam transgressed the law and ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. The wages of sin is death and separation from God. God loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him will not die but will have everlasting life.

We preach and do firmly believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God. He was born of the Virgin Mary. He was spiritually conceived by the Holy Ghost and brought forth in the likeness of man, in order to prove that man can live in this world

free from sin and condemnation (Romans 8). He thus took upon Himself the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin condemned sin in the flesh. All of this was so that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk after the Spirit and not the flesh.

We believe that Jesus Christ was born into the world and died on the cross to save His people from their sins. His blood cleanses us from all sin. Christ has given us rest from sin, evil, and confusion in our bodies instead of rest from carnal labor. Jesus is the foundation of the church and the foundation was finished when He said on the cross “It is finished.” We believe that through the obedience of Christ many shall be made righteous and that in and through Christ we have access again to the tree of life to live again in the image and likeness of God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How did sin pass upon all mankind?
Sin passed upon all mankind when Adam transgressed the law and ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden.
2. What are the wages of sin?
The wages of sin is death and separation from God.
3. What part did love play in the plan of Salvation?
God loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him will not die but will have everlasting life.
4. Who is Jesus Christ?
Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God.
5. Who is Mary?
Mary was the Mother of Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE: John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

ACTIVITY: *Let each child write on a sheet of paper the facts they know about Jesus. After two minutes let them share. Write them on a chart. (We know Jesus.)*

LESSON 45

JUNE 6, 2021

SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 2:1-4

LESSON STORY

We believe that the Bible evidence of receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, is speaking with tongues, as on the day of Pentecost. The tongue spoken in through the utterance given by the Holy Ghost may not be understood by man and may be unknown to men but is understood of God (I Corinthians 14:2). The

unknown tongue is a sign of God's victory over sin and the wicked purposes of vain men and their wicked imaginations (Genesis 11:1-6). The unknown tongues have always served to frustrate and stop the sinful purposes and attempts of wicked men and to establish the purpose and will of God (Genesis 11:7-9).

Tongues are for a sign not to them that believe but to them that believe not. When we receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, He brings the tongues as a sign that He lives in the individual. Seek for the Holy Ghost and you will be ready to be a witness for the Lord.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Bible evidence of receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost?
We believe that the Bible evidence of receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire is speaking with tongues as on the day of Pentecost.
2. How is the tongue spoken?
The tongue is spoken through the utterance given by the Holy Ghost.
3. Is the unknown tongue a sign?
The unknown tongue is a sign of God's victory over sin and the wicked purposes of vain men and their wicked imaginations.
4. Who understands the unknown tongue?
The unknown tongue may not be understood by man and may be unknown to men but is understood of God.
5. What have unknown tongues served to do?
The unknown tongues have always served to frustrate and stop the sinful purposes of wicked men and to establish the purpose and will of God.

MEMORY VERSE: I Corinthians 14:22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

ACTIVITY: *List seven things that that happened on the day of Pentecost.*

LESSON 46

JUNE 13, 2021

WINE FORBIDDEN AND WATER APPROVED

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 17: 6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

LESSON TEXT: Leviticus 10:8-10

LESSON STORY

God told Aaron and his sons not to drink wine or strong drink. This puts a difference between holy and unholy and clean and unclean. Wine is a mocker (Proverbs 20:1). It takes away the heart (Hosea 4:11). We are opposed to strong drinks of all kinds that contain alcohol.

Jesus Christ came by water and blood (I John 5:6). The Spirit bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. There are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood (I John 5:8). These three agree in one. We believe it is right and necessary to observe the Lord's Supper as He did with His disciples before He was crucified by using unleavened bread as a token of His body and by using pure unadulterated water as a token and agreement of His blood. Nothing except water will agree with His blood. We are utterly opposed to drinking wine, grape juice or liquor of grapes for the Lord's Supper.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Should God's people drink wine or strong drinks? Why or why not?
Answer individually.
2. What agrees with Christ's blood?
Nothing except water will agree with His blood.
3. What is in agreement on earth?
The three that bear witness in earth are the Spirit, the water, and the blood.
4. Why do we use pure unadulterated water for the Lord's Supper?
Pure unadulterated water is a token and agreement of Christ's blood.
5. What are we opposed to drinking for the Lord's Supper?
We are utterly opposed to drinking wine, grape juice or liquor of grapes for the Lord's Supper.

MEMORY VERSE: I Corinthians 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

ACTIVITY: *Make a booklet that includes the Scriptures from the Decree Book that forbid us to drink wine and strong drinks.*

LESSON 47

JUNE 20, 2021

FATHER'S DAY INSTRUCTIONS FROM A DEVOUT FATHER

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 78:5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

LESSON TEXT: I Kings 2:1-4

LESSON STORY

King David was a man who could be described as a shepherd, great soldier, poet, musician, and a king. Although a great man, he was devoted to God. He always recognized God as the only true God. He loved God and served Him with his whole heart. God loved and highly favored David who had been divinely chosen by God.

As a young boy, David showed great courage. He also demonstrated much faith and trust in God. After he grew old, David knew that his days were coming to an end. As a dying father, he wanted to carry out his instructions from God toward Solomon. David chose Solomon, his son with Bathsheba, to reign as King of Israel. David instructed Solomon to be strong and conduct himself like a man, even though he was still young. David also instructed Solomon to be obedient to God by loving Him with his whole heart and by keeping His Commandments.

David assured Solomon that if he did all of these things, God would not let him fail as a ruler over the children of Israel. All of the instructions to Solomon are good instruction for you to follow today.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was David?
David was known as a shepherd, great soldier, musician, poet, and a king.
2. Who did David love with his whole heart?
David loved God with his whole heart.
3. Did God love David?
David was highly favored and divinely chosen by God.
4. What trials did David possess as a young man?
David was courageous and showed his faith and trust in God.
5. After David grew old, whom did he choose to be king of Israel?
Answer from the Lesson story.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

ACTIVITY: Each student should make a Father's Day card with a personal message inside.

LESSON 48

JUNE 27, 2021

A FINAL JUDGEMENT DAY

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 14: 10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

LESSON TEXT: II Corinthians 5:1-10

LESSON STORY

We know that when we die and our body returns to dust, God has another body for the saints that is eternal in the heavens. We groan and we are burdened. We want to be clothed with our eternal body, which is from heaven, so that we can be immortal. The Holy Ghost is our guarantee of resurrection and immortality (Romans 8:1-11). Because we walk by faith and not by sight, we know that while we are in our mortal bodies, we are absent from the Lord. We would rather be

absent from the body and present with the Lord. We keep the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, so that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord for we rest from our labor and our works follow us (Revelation 14:13). We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

We believe also that there is a final Judgment Day in store for all. In it, we believe that sinners will be justly judged, condemned and separated from the righteous. They will be turned into the place called the lake of fire and brimstone, prepared for those that do evil, for the devil and his angels. The righteous shall be changed from this corruptible body and given a body fashioned like the glorious body of the Son of God, for we shall be like Him.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What happens when we die?
We know that when we die, our body returns to dust.
2. Do we have another body?
Yes, God has another body for the saints that is eternal in the heavens.
3. Who is our guarantee?
The Holy Ghost is our guarantee of resurrection and immortality.
4. How do the saints walk?
We walk by faith and not by sight.
5. What do we believe about a final judgment day?
We believe that there is a final judgment day in store for all. In it, we believe that sinners will be justly judged, condemned and separated from the righteous and turned into the place called the lake of fire and brimstone.

MEMORY VERSE: II Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

ACTIVITY: *Perform a skit on the events of that will occur on the final judgment day.*

LESSON 49

JULY 4, 2021

THE VALUE OF FASTING

MOTTO TEXT: St. Matthew 17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

LESSON TEXT: St. Matthew 17:14-21

LESSON STORY

“We believe in fasting”. It is one of the 25 Articles of Faith of this church. Fasting is extremely valuable. Fasting means not eating foods nor drinking water. When fasting, individuals should meditate on the Lord.

In our lesson today, a little boy was possessed with a demon. The child was very sick. At first, the father presented the child to the disciples, but they could not command the devil to come out of the child. However, when Jesus prayed for the child, the devil came out of the child. The disciples asked Jesus, “Why could not we cast him out?” Jesus asked, “Howbeit, this kind goeth not out but by fasting and prayer.” Fasting is to the saints what gasoline is to the car.

Boys and girls can fast before the Lord. Fasting will help you have the strength to resist doing wrong. God will help you to be obedient to His will and to cause your enemies to leave you alone.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Is fasting important?
Yes, fasting is important.
2. What happened to the child in the lesson story?
Read Matthew 17:18. The child was cured.
3. Fasting is one of the 24 Articles of Faith? True or False.
False, it is one of the 25 Articles of Faith.
4. Why were the disciples unable to heal the sick child?
Answer from the lesson story.
5. What will fasting help us to do?
Fasting will enable us to resist Satan and give us strength to obey God’s will.

MEMORY VERSE: St. Matthew 6:17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face.

ACTIVITY: *Ask your pastor to explain to you the proper way to fast. Share what you learn with a friend.*

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Now that you are familiar with several books and what they are about, you should continue to solidify your knowledge regarding the greatest book in the whole world, the Bible.

Hopefully, you will learn to recite the books of the Bible as you learn about the contents of the books. Lessons for this theme should inspire your study of the books of the Bible. Begin now reading more during your study time. Just as you study books in school that impart knowledge for different reasons; as you read books of the Bible, you will receive knowledge and understanding helpful towards eternal life.

You will be studying such characters as Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Daniel, Solomon, and many others. Not only will you receive information for different periods in history, you will gain knowledge about God and how He wants His people to live.



Daniel in lion's den

Get Ready, Set, Go!

EZRA, NEHEMIAH AND ESTHER

MOTTO TEXT: **Ezra 7:27** Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.

LESSON TEXT: **Esther 5:1-3**

LESSON STORY

The emphasis in the Book of Ezra is on the rebuilding of the temple. Ezra belongs to a collection of four books, including Nehemiah, and First and Second Chronicles. They may all be considered as parts of a literary work called a "priestly history of Israel."

Ezra resolved to go to Jerusalem, investigate the conditions and reform the religious lives of the settlers. He was able to obtain sponsorship and aid for the trip. Ezra offered a prayer of thanksgiving: "Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, who hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart to beautify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem" (Ezra 7:27).

Nehemiah records the last historical event in the Old Testament. Though the temple had been rebuilt, as recorded by Ezra, the walls of the city were still in ruins because the people were lazy. Eleven times in the Book of Nehemiah, it is recorded that he was engaged in prayer.

Esther closes the historical section of the Old Testament. Esther, whose name means "star," was a maiden and queen of Persia. She was used to deliver her people from a massacre. The name God is not one time mentioned in this book, but in no other portion of the Bible is God's providential care for His people more evident.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does the Book of Ezra emphasize?
The Book of Ezra emphasizes the rebuilding of the temple.
2. Who are the principal characters in the Book of Nehemiah?
The principal characters in the Book of Nehemiah are Ezra and Nehemiah.
3. What does the name Esther mean?
The name Esther means "star."
4. What work was Esther used to accomplish?
Esther was used to deliver her people from a massacre.
5. What is recorded eleven times in the Book of Nehemiah?
It is recorded eleven times that Nehemiah engaged in prayer.

MEMORY VERSE: **Nehemiah 4:6** So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

ACTIVITY: *Define and discuss the word "massacre."*

THE POETICAL BOOKS - PART I

MOTTO TEXT: Job 42:16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 3:1-7

LESSON STORY

There are five poetical books. Two of them are Job and Psalms. Job's theme is about the problems of suffering and the theme of the Psalms is praise.

Job is the first of the Wisdom books in the Old Testament canon, the others being Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. Wisdom literature deals with many human experiences and is presented in short sayings (proverbs), essays, monologues and as in Job, in drama. This book tells about Job and the suffering he went through. At the end, God restores Job to health, happiness and prosperity.

Psalms is a collection of poems written over a long period of time by various authors. They express the heart of humanity in all generations through a variety of religious experiences. They denote a poem sung to the accompaniment of a musical (usually stringed) instrument.

The Book of Psalms was written by David and others. The word *psalm* means praises. It is the longest Book of the Bible. It has 150 poems which can become songs.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How is the Book of Job identified?
Job is identified as a Wisdom book.
2. What is the theme of the Psalms?
Praise is the theme of Psalms.
3. What does the Book of Job tell about?
Job tells about the sufferings of Job.
4. Who is the writer of Psalms?
David and many others wrote Psalms.
5. What is the Book of Psalms?
Psalms is a collection of poems written after a long period of time.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 25:4 Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths.

ACTIVITY: *Challenge the students to find a Psalm they would like to set to music.*

THE POETICAL BOOKS - PART II

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

LESSON TEXT: Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

LESSON STORY

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon are also called poetical books. The themes are: Proverb; wisdom, Ecclesiastes; man's reasoning and Song of Solomon; the beloved.

Proverbs is a collection of short pithy sayings of wit and sound advice that relate to all ways of life in which some important truth is set forth.

In short, Proverbs is a practical, everyday philosophy of living. Solomon is said to have uttered three thousand proverbs (1 Kings 4:32).

The author of Ecclesiastes calls himself "The Preacher, the son of David, and King in Jerusalem." The mood of Ecclesiastes is in general one of sadness. The book has the writings of a wealthy person who seems to have suffered from disappointments of life.

Song of Solomon is also called the Song of Songs. This book is a moving and beautiful tribute to God, who created us in His own image and likeness and made us beautiful.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. In short, how can Proverbs be described?
Answer from the lesson.
2. How many proverbs were uttered by Solomon?
Answer from the lesson.
3. What is the mood of the Book of Ecclesiastes?
The mood of the book is sadness.
4. What does the author of Ecclesiastes call himself?
Answer from the lesson.
5. What is Song of Solomon also called?
Song of Solomon is also called Song of Songs.

MEMORY VERSE: Song of Solomon 1:1 The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

ACTIVITY: *Let the class share any wise sayings they have been taught. i.e., cleanliness is next to godliness.*

**FAMILY SUNDAY
FAMILY COUNSEL**

MOTTO TEXT: Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 24:1-8; 14-15

LESSON STORY

Joshua gathered the children of Israel together, to give them his last instructions and advice before he died. He reminded them about many good things that God had done for them. He also instructed them to make a decision as to whom they should serve. Joshua promised that his house would serve the Lord.

Joshua urged the people to fear God and serve Him in sincerity and truth. “O that there were such an heart in them that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever” (Deuteronomy 5:29).

God wants us to have joyful homes, where happiness and love can reign supreme. In such a home, both parents and children can walk together along the paths of righteousness. The influence of a joyful home flows out in unseen currents to people far and near.

It is good and right to listen to the teachings of your parents and those over you in the Lord. You will learn the right way to live not only at home, but at school and other places.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did Joshua do?
Joshua gathered the children of Israel together, to give them good instructions and advice.
2. What was the decision Joshua asked them to make?
He asked them to decide whom to serve.
3. How long does God want it to be well with our families?
He wants it to be well with us forever.
4. Do you receive counsel?
Answer individually.
5. Give your explanation of what makes up a home.
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

ACTIVITY: *Love and happiness reign in a joyous home. Let the children demonstrate this with some role playing, different family members.*

THE MAJOR PROPHETS – PART I

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

LESSON TEXT: Jeremiah 7:1-3

LESSON STORY

Isaiah and Jeremiah were two of the four major prophets. Isaiah's name means "salvation of the Lord." Judgment to come is fundamental to Isaiah's teaching. Israel and Judah are to perish, but a remnant will survive, and a new Jerusalem will rise up as a city of the faithful. Many memorable prophecies of Christ's coming are found in the Book of Isaiah.

Prophet Jeremiah received the divine call to prophesy in his youth. It was his mission to predict doom upon his nation for its many sins. For this he was hated by the priests and their followers. Though persecuted for his bold proclamation of the unwelcomed truth about the impending captivity, he never lost his compassion for them.

Sometimes called "the weeping prophet" Jeremiah was a devoted patriot, wholly committed to God and to holiness.

Lamentations is undoubtedly the work of Jeremiah. This book is regarded as an appendix to the Book of Jeremiah.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does Isaiah's name mean?
Isaiah means the salvation of the Lord.
2. What is found in the Book of Isaiah?
Many prophecies of Christ's coming is found in Isaiah.
3. What happened to Jeremiah when he was young?
Jeremiah received the divine call to prophesy.
4. What was his mission?
His mission was to predict doom upon his nations for their sins.
5. What was Jeremiah called?
Jeremiah was called a weeping prophet.

MEMORY VERSE: Lamentations 3:22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

ACTIVITY: Write two prophecies from each of the books studied in the lesson.

THE MAJOR PROPHETS – PART II

MOTTO TEXT: Ezekiel 13:1 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying.

LESSON TEXT: Daniel 6:1-7

LESSON STORY

Ezekiel was a priest whose name means “God will strengthen.” He was a man of stern integrity and strong purpose. His prophecies were not to any certain group. He represented the voice of the LORD to “the whole house of Israel.”

The Book of Ezekiel is more unified and systematic than those of Isaiah and Jeremiah. All of the material in Ezekiel’s prophecy is arranged in chronological order as God revealed it to him. The first section of the book denounces the sins of Jerusalem. The second looks to the future with hope that the city will be restored after it has been cleansed.

The Book of Daniel is called an apocalypse. Apocalypse means unveiling. When wickedness seemed supreme in the world, and evil powers were dominant, an apocalypse was given to indicate the victory of righteousness upon the earth. God used this literary form to convey His truth to His people.

Daniel, whose name means “God is my judge,” was taken in his youth to Babylon. He soon excelled in wisdom and became first among the three highest officers of the empire.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did Ezekiel represent?
Ezekiel represented the voice of the LORD.
2. How did Ezekiel’s prophecies differ from Isaiah and Jeremiah?
All of his material is arranged in chronological order.
3. What does apocalypse (a-pok-a-lips) mean?
Apocalypse means unveiling.
4. Why did God use this literary form?
To convey His truth to His people.
5. What does the name Daniel mean?
Daniel means God is my judge.

MEMORY VERSE: Daniel 6:11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

ACTIVITY: Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.

THE MINOR PROPHETS – PART I

MOTTO TEXT: Joel 1:3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

LESSON TEXT: Amos 4:12-13

LESSON STORY

This lesson is about the minor prophets Hosea, Joel, Amos and Obadiah. There are twelve minor prophets. These are the first four. Minor prophets foretold future events, but fewer years than the major prophets.

Hosea's name means "the LORD saves." Hosea urges a return to God in order that He may show mercy, forgiveness, and His redeeming love.

"The LORD is God," is the meaning of the name Joel. The Book of Joel describes an invasion of Judah by a plague of locust that destroyed everything in its path. The prophet sees in this situation an indication of the coming Day of the Lord and urges the people to turn to the LORD.

Amos prophesied during a period of relative peace and prosperity. Amos was the first prophet to proclaim that God was the ruler of the whole world.

Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament. In it is given a prophetic interpretation of a great calamity that has occurred in Edom. The book is a "doom song." The prophet predicts universal judgment upon Edom.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the meaning of Hosea?
Hosea means the Lord saves.
2. What kind of invasion did Joel describe?
Answer from the lesson.
3. Who is ruler of the whole world?
God is the ruler of the whole world.
4. Which book is the shortest of the Old Testament?
Obadiah is the shortest book.
5. What four minor prophets did we study about today?
We studied about Hosea, Joel, Amos, and Obadiah.

MEMORY VERSE: Hosea 14:1 Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

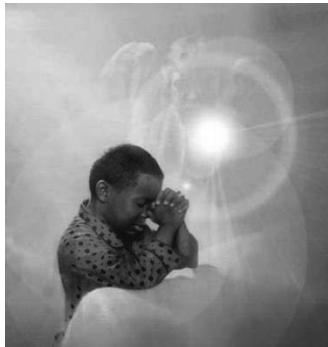
ACTIVITY: Choose two of the four prophets and tell how they are alike or how they are different.

SALVATION AND A CONSECRATED LIFE

When you think of salvation, you must think of deliverance from sin. God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son into the world to give everlasting life to all who believe in Him. The Bible teaches that all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Aren't you glad that God is merciful to forgive sin? God loves you and He wants you to have everlasting life.

You live in a very immoral and corrupt society so these lessons will prepare you to know and understand how to live saved in this world. Get ready to study about repentance and faith that are very necessary to receive salvation.

The body, in which you are now clothed (flesh and blood), will go back to dust after you die. Since your soul is the most important thing to be preserved for everlasting life, be eager to study the lessons that pertain to salvation and living holy on this earth. Everyone should concentrate on being saved and living a consecrated life.



Child Praying

Get Ready, Set, Go

SEARCH ME LORD

MOTTO TEXT: Jeremiah 17:10 I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 139:1-24

LESSON STORY

God made us and he knows all about us; “the good, the bad, and the ugly.” He knew us when we were being formed in our mother’s womb. He is our Creator. He knows our inner most thoughts. He knows what makes us happy, angry, and sad. He knows when we get up in the morning and when we lay down in the evening. He can see us whether it be light or dark. We cannot hide from God. Instead we should seek after God and ask Him to search us through and through. If he should find anything that is unbecoming as a Christian such as a lying tongue, a stony heart, or a perverted mind, ask that it be removed. That you may be made perfect and prepared for life eternal.

God has the power to remove all wicked ways. Don’t delay, request today that God search you and take away anything about you that is not like Him. Through praying and fasting, reading the Word, and calling on the name of Jesus, you can be cleansed from sin. Remember “let nothing separate you from the love of Christ”(Romans 8:35-39). This may include friends, music, clothes, books and videos if they separate you from God!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why should we ask God to search us?
We should ask God to search us so that we may be made perfect and prepared for eternal life.
2. What does God know about us?
God knows everything about us.
3. How can we seek God?
We can seek God through prayer and fasting, reading the BIBLE and calling on the name of Jesus.
4. Give examples of characteristics unbecoming a Christian.
A lying tongue, stony heart, and perverted mind are characteristics unbecoming to a Christian.
5. When should you ask God to search you?
I should ask God to search me today.

MEMORY VERSE: Lamentation 3:40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

EVANGELISM SUNDAY
THE UNIVERSAL NEED FOR SALVATION

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 3:1-13

LESSON STORY

Today has been set aside for us to put special emphasis on soul winning. There is a universal (worldwide) need for salvation (complete deliverance from sin). Before Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, there was no need for a Savior. God made man in His own image after His likeness. God is holy; thus, man was made holy.

The serpent deceived Eve and Adam by convincing them to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Because of the fall of Adam, man now needed a Savior. Man needed someone to deliver him from his sin. After Adam sinned, others at that time began to do so as well. When men began to multiply on the earth, sin too was multiplied. "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." It grieved God at His heart.

Today the world is still filled with sin, but man does not have to remain or die in his sin. Jesus Christ paid the price for sin. There is a universal need for Salvation. Let us do all we can to win souls for the LORD.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. For what is there a universal need?
There is a universal need for Salvation.
2. Has there always been a need for a Savior?
No, before Adam sinned there was no need for a Savior.
3. What multiplied when men began to multiply?
When men began to multiply, sin began to multiply also.
4. How did God feel when he saw that the wickedness of man was so great?
God was grieved at the heart.
5. Why doesn't man have to remain or die in his sin?
Man do not have to die in his sin because Jesus paid the price for sin.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students role play scenes from the lesson text.*

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY
TEACH ME THY WAY**

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 4:9-13

LESSON STORY

Grandparents are indeed a blessing from God. They raised their own children and now many have the responsibility of bringing up their grandchildren and teaching them the ways of the Lord. A grandparent who loves the Lord will also teach their grandchildren to love the Lord by keeping His Commandments.

The children of Israel were reminded to take heed to the laws and Commandments of God. They were to always remember what God had done for them and to keep His Word close to their heart. Not only that, but He commanded them to teach it to their sons and their sons' sons. In other words, it must be passed down through the generations.

Children, be thankful for parents and grandparents who raise you in the fear of the Lord because they watch for your soul. To fear the Lord means to honor, love and obey Him. If you love Him, then you will be obedient to His Word as taught by those who have the rule over you in the Lord.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who are grandparents?
The parents of your mother and father are your grandparents.
2. What is one of the responsibilities of a grandparent?
To teach their grandchildren the ways of the Lord.
3. What were the children of Israel reminded to do?
They were reminded to keep the laws of God and teach their children and grandchildren to do the same.
4. What does it mean to fear the Lord?
To fear the Lord is to love, honor and obey Him.
5. Why should you show special appreciation for grandparents who serve the Lord?
Because they show love and concern for our souls by teaching us the love of God.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 25:4 Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

ACTIVITY: *If possible, give expressions of why you love and honor your grandparent(s). Take time out to call or send a card to let them know.*

RESIST THE DEVIL

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thy serve.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 4:1-11

LESSON STORY

In the lesson text Satan appears unto Jesus to test and tempt Him. Jesus had just completed a forty day and forty nights fast when Satan appeared. Satan knew Jesus was hungry. He tempted Him by requesting that He turn the stones into bread. Jesus let Satan know that man cannot live by bread alone, but by the Word of God. During the second test, Satan took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple. Satan told Jesus if He was the Son of God to jump down and the angels will cause no harm to come upon Him. Jesus reminded Satan that he should not tempt the Lord thy God. However, Satan continued, Satan tried one last time. This time he took Jesus up on a high mountain.

As they looked upon the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, Satan offered it all to Jesus if He would only worship him. Jesus refused and said to Satan to get thee hence, that he would only worship and serve the true and living God. Satan left Jesus alone and went away.

As youth, we must follow the example of Jesus. Despite all of Satan's tactics, Jesus stood firm on the Word of God. He did not give in. We must realize that regardless of what the world offers we must live for God. We should let nothing separate us from the love of God. Unsaved friends will try to pressure you to skip Friday night service to go to the ball game, don't do it! Girls will be told your skirts should be shorter – don't do it! Boys will be told pants should hang lower – don't do it! Stand up to Satan with authority. Let him know he has no power over you. If you resist him, he will flee. Try it!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was the tempter in today's lesson?
Satan is always the tempter.
2. How many temptations did Satan bring unto Jesus?
Satan brought three temptations to Jesus.
3. What did Jesus finally say unto Satan for him to flee?
Get thee hence Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
4. Who or what should separate you from the love of Jesus?
We should not allow Nothing separate us from the love of Jesus.
5. What will the devil do if you resist him?
The devil will flee from you.

MEMORY VERSE: James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

ACTIVITY: *Role play various temptations of Satan in your day to day life.*

SALVATION IN THE NAME OF JESUS

MOTTO TEXT: 1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 4:8-12

LESSON STORY

Peter and John were apostles who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. From that time, they began to teach and preach salvation to the people. Some of the religious leaders began to question them about the authority they had to preach and teach as they were doing. The apostles talked with them about Jesus. They reminded them of the crucifixion of Jesus, His resurrection and ascension and how the Holy Ghost was given to those who believed on Jesus' name.

Salvation is for everyone through the blood of Jesus. If you want to be saved and to spend eternity with God, you must love each other and believe on the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ. In this world of trouble and sin, many do not yet want to accept Jesus as the Son of God. However, it was Jesus who shed His innocent blood on Calvary's cross for our sins. It was Jesus who went into the grave for three days and preached the gospel. It was Jesus who ascended back to God and through His name the Holy Spirit is given.

As you live day by day, among your peers, in the classroom, and other places that you go, it will take Jesus to help you live acceptable lives unto God. He will prepare you to fight against sin and Satan. He will give you the power to be a light unto the world. Having the Holy Ghost will enable you to resist the evil things of the world and hold on to the goodness of God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who are the persons in today's lesson?
The students should answer from the lesson story.
2. When did Peter and John receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost?
Peter and John received the baptism of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.
3. After receiving the Holy Ghost, what work did the apostles do?
The apostles went about preaching and teaching others to believe on the name of Jesus and to receive the Holy Ghost.
4. What opposition did Peter and John encounter?
Some of the religious leaders seized them and questioned them about their authority to teach and preach as they were doing.
5. As young people, what do you need to help you to live acceptable lives unto the Lord?
Allow the students to answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

ACTIVITY: *How do you handle opposition to living holy when you encounter it? Allow the students to share their answers with the class.*

LESSON 62

OCTOBER 3, 2021

JESUS, THE LIGHT

MOTTO TEXT: John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

LESSON TEXT: John 1:1-9

LESSON STORY

God sent His only begotten Son into the world to be a shining example of holiness unto the world. Jesus was the light in a dark world. The light represents understanding and belief. We use the light in the night to shine in the darkness. It shows us the way to go. We don't stumble or get lost when we have light because we can see the way. Without the light, we are not able to see, thereby, we bump into things and can't discern the right direction. Just as we need the natural light to direct us on earth, we need the spiritual light to direct us to heaven.

In Jesus we have eternal life. John, the Baptist, who came to prepare the way for Jesus, baptized the people in the river of Jordan. He taught the people to repent of their sins and be baptized. However, he let them know that Jesus was coming, and He would baptize them with the Holy Ghost. Then they would be saved and have the light they needed in order to be witnesses of Christ.

Jesus said that we are the light of the world, after we receive salvation. Others will see the way the Holy Ghost works in us, and will want to come to the Lord too. We must be a light to our friends, our families and others that we meet. When we let our light shine before men, they will see the good work that we do and give praises unto God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was in the beginning with God?
The Word was in the beginning with God.
2. What does the light do in darkness?
The light shines in darkness.
3. Name the things that are done in the light.
The class should answer individually.
4. How are we the light of the world?
We are the light of the world when we let God work in us through the Holy Ghost and men will see the good works that we do and praise God.
5. Who was the one who came before Jesus as a witness of Him?
See verses 6-7 of the lesson text.

MEMORY VERSE: John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

ACTIVITY: *Using a flashlight, let the class demonstrate activities for which light is necessary.*

LESSON 63

OCTOBER 10, 2021

LET GOD'S WORD INTO YOUR HEART

MOTTO TEXT: Mark 4:14 The sower soweth the word.

LESSON TEXT: Mark 4:14-20

LESSON STORY

Jesus often taught the disciples and the multitudes that followed Him with parables. These were earthly stories to help them to understand things of the Spirit. In this parable, there was a person who planted seeds. Some of the seeds fell on the ground, the birds came along, saw them and ate them. These seeds had no chance to grow. Some of the seeds fell among thorns, which are prickly bushes. The thorns grew in thick clumps and the seeds didn't have room to grow. Other seeds fell among rocks. There was a little soil for them, and they grew up quickly. But they didn't have any roots, which plants need to hold them in the ground. Therefore, when the sun came up, it was too hot for the seeds and they died. Still other seeds fell on good soil. Their roots went deep into the ground and tall plants grew from them.

The seeds in this parable represent the Word of God. When the gospel is preached, sometimes people don't accept it into their hearts, and it has no chance to grow in them. Others don't hear the Word often enough, so they don't remember what God is saying to them. There are people who allow the Word to go deep down into their hearts. They believe the Word, they keep it in mind, and they strive to obey the Word. If you want to be a tall plant in God, you must allow His Word to be planted deep into your heart. The Word cleanses our hearts of sinful thoughts and deeds and helps us to remember to do those things that we are taught to do. This is pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is a parable?
A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.
2. Why did Jesus teach the people using parables?
Jesus knew the people needed to understand heavenly things, so he taught them using things they already understood.
3. What do the seeds in the story represent?
Answer from the lesson story.

4. In which kind of soil did the seeds grow best?
The good soil was best for the growth of the seeds. They took root and grew into tall plants.
5. What are the benefits to individuals who allow the Word of God to go deep into their hearts?
Allow for individual answers.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

ACTIVITY: *Provide students with bean seeds, cups and soil (some sandy, rocks and some good). Allow them to plant the seeds in each type of soil, water the seeds and observe them for a few weeks. They may want to keep journals of the results. They may also make analogies between the growth of their natural seeds and the working of the Word of God in the hearts of men.*

LESSON 64

OCTOBER 17, 2021

REPENTANCE IS NECESSARY

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

LESSON TEXT: Luke 13:1-5

LESSON STORY

Jesus taught multitudes of people everywhere He traveled. Some of the people would tell Jesus about events that happened where they lived. They would talk about such things as idol worship and the sacrifices that were indulged in by the religious leaders. They seemed to think these people who were killed had committed some great sins. Jesus let the multitude know that many were killed when the tower of Siloam fell, but these were not guilty of any sins that were greater than perhaps they themselves were guilty of. However, unless they repented for their sins, they would also perish.

In other words, all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. We must ask God to forgive us of our sins if we want to receive salvation. It is not His will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. It is necessary to repent of all sins, whether we're guilty of lying, stealing, mistreating our neighbor, disobeying those in authority, vandalism, fighting or murdering someone. All unrighteousness is sin and must be repented of, or we will perish. Remember, there is no age limit, sins of nine, ten and eleven year olds must be forgiven just as those who are older. The hundreds of people who are killed by terrorist attacks are not guilty of any greater sins than anyone else. Let's all ask God to forgive our sins so that we can be saved.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who taught about repentance in this lesson?
Jesus taught that all must repent of sin.
2. To whom was Jesus speaking?
Jesus was speaking to the multitudes that followed Him.
3. What information was given to Jesus by the people?
Allow students to give answers from the lesson story.
4. What was Jesus' response to the people about the sins of those who had been killed?
Students should find the information from the lesson.
5. What is the will of God toward repentance?
Read and discuss II Peter 3:9.

MEMORY VERSE: **Mark 1:15** And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

ACTIVITY: *Allow the students to name some similar kinds of events that occur in this day and time. Students should list and share their answers.*

LESSON 65

OCTOBER 24, 2021

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY KEEPING MY BODY UNDER SUBJECTION

MOTTO TEXT: **I Corinthians 9:27** But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

LESSON TEXT: **I Corinthians 9:24-27**

LESSON STORY

It is so important to keep our mind and body focused so we don't give in to the tricks of Satan. Temperate means to practice self-control. Subjection is the act of being obedient. We must keep ourselves under the authority of the Almighty God in order to control the lusts of the flesh.

To make it simple, Apostle Paul gave an example of how it is to be in a race. In order to win, there are certain things you must do to get your physical body in condition. The same way in our Christian walk. We are in a race against good and evil. Therefore, at all times it is necessary to follow the discipline of God's Word. By doing this, we are able to keep our bodies under subjection and remain steadfast. We're in a race, so never give up! The reward will be the prize of eternal life.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the meaning of temperance?
Temperance is having moderation, self-control or being under authority.
2. Why should we keep our body under subjection?
In order to please God, we must keep our bodies free from the sins of the flesh.
3. Explain Paul's example of being in a race.
We must condition our body in order to win or achieve.
4. Does this apply to the Christian race?
Yes. We must discipline ourselves by being obedient to God's Word.
5. What will be the reward for winning this race?
Eternal life with Christ will be the reward.

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 4:5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

ACTIVITY: *Have students list at least five ways to practice self-control.*

LESSON 66

OCTOBER 31, 2021

OBEY AND BE SAVED

MOTTO TEXT: Leviticus 26:3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them.

LESSON TEXT: Leviticus 26:1-9

LESSON STORY

God delivered Israel from bondage when they were in the land of Egypt. They were traveling to a new land that flowed with milk and honey that God promised to give them. God had certain Commandments and statutes for them to obey. Some of these were: don't make or worship idols, graven images of statutes; keep the Sabbaths, and reverence His sanctuary. The following blessings were promised for their obedience. (1) Rain would fall in due season, (2) Their land would give great increase, (3) The trees would yield much fruit, (4) They would have peace from their enemies, (5) God would rid their land of evil animals and (6) The Lord God would be their God and they would be His people.

Obedience to God's statutes and Commandments always result in blessings. God has not changed this requirement. Just as Israel was instructed to walk in God's statutes, keep His Commandments and do His will, the same instructions are for all people today. We cannot be saved unless we obey. Keep this in mind when your peers pressure you to disobey, break the rules, and act in unbecoming ways. God will bless and protect you when you resist these temptations and are obedient to Him.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What were God's instructions to Israel?
God instructed Israel to walk in His statutes, keep His Commandments and to do them.
2. Name the blessings that were promised for obedience to God.
The blessings promised to Israel were: 1) rain in due season, 2) great increase in the land, 3) fruitful trees, 4) freedom from war with their enemies, 5) a land rid of evil animals, and 6) God as their God.
3. What are the results of obedience to God?
Obedience to God always results in blessings.
4. Name some of the tactics young people often use to persuade their friends to do wrong.
The students may share their knowledge of these tactics.
5. How can you resist the pressure of your peers to do wrong?
Let the students answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 26:2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord.

ACTIVITY: Assign the class to interview a person to gather the following information: (a) Tell me about resisting drug and alcohol usage (b) How can a saved young person, obey an unsaved parent/adult who may not support me in obeying the Word of God?

LESSON 67

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

THE HOLY SHALL SEE GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 28:1-10

LESSON STORY

Moses was the leader of the children of Israel. He was teaching them to be obedient unto the Commandments of God. They had already been chosen by God to be His people, but God required them to obey. By obeying God's rules and statutes, they would receive all of the blessings He had promised them. These blessings would be a source of joy for them.

Since the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are required to be holy. The Spirit of God, which is the Holy Ghost, causes us to be holy. Once we have been made holy by God's Spirit, we must live holy day by day. The same way that God required the children of Israel to obey, He requires us to obey as

well. This is the means by which we are put in a position to see God. When we behold Him, we can have eternal joy and not eternal damnation.

It is not God's will that anyone should be lost, so let's repent, be forgiven of sin and live holy so that we can see God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who taught the children of Israel to obey God's rules?
Moses, who was their leader, taught the children of Israel to obey God's rules.
2. How did the children of Israel become to be God's people?
God chose the children of Israel to be His chosen people.
3. What did Moses say that Israel would receive for obeying?
Moses said that Israel would receive all of the blessings God had promised them.
4. What is required of us today in order to see God?
Allow for individual responses.
5. What must we do today to become holy?
Let the students respond from the lesson story.

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 28:9 The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

ACTIVITY: *Let the students list blessings that God promised the children of Israel for their obedience. Then, list blessings that God has promised us today for our obedience.*

LESSON 68

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.

LESSON TEXT: Romans 10:4-11

LESSON STORY

Paul, the Apostle, taught the people of Rome that they are to be saved through faith. Moses taught the law of God to the children of Israel and as long as they obeyed the law, they were holy in the sight of God. However, Jesus came to fulfill the sacrificial laws and now we receive salvation by believing in our hearts and confessing with our mouths that Christ is raised from the dead.

God sent Jesus as a sacrifice that could atone for sin, whereas animal sacrifices could not. We no longer offer up animals for our sins.

We must repent and receive the Holy Ghost in the name of Jesus. This righteousness is of God and comes through the name of Jesus. Except we have faith in God, we cannot please Him.

Now is the time to take a serious look at your lives and make the decision whether or not you want to live righteously. If you do, then have faith in Christ.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did Moses teach the children of Israel?
Moses taught the children of Israel to keep God's law.
2. How did the Israelites atone for their sins?
The Israelites offered animal sacrifices for sin.
3. What did Paul teach the Romans?
Paul taught the Romans to be saved by having faith in God and by believing on the name of Jesus.
4. Tell how faith leads to Salvation.
The students may answer individually.
5. What laws did Jesus' death fulfill?
Jesus' death fulfilled the sacrificial offering of animals as atonement for sin.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

ACTIVITY: *Help the students to develop a plan for personal Bible study and Scripture memorization. As students memorize and recite Scriptures, their names could be recorded on a chart and recognition given.*

LESSON 69

NOVEMBER 25, 2021

THANKSGIVING LESSON THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 107:1-8

LESSON STORY

God's blessings are innumerable. We cannot count the many blessings God bestows on us daily. As we discuss the lesson, let's think about the blessings we have received and how we can acknowledge God for them. We are exhorted to give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good for His mercy endureth forever.

As children of God, we should forever give God praises and thanksgiving. At least four times in Psalm 107, we are urged to praise the LORD for His goodness and for his wonderful works. We should exalt the LORD for His goodness and for His wonderful works. We should exalt the LORD GOD in the congregation for the people and in the assembly of the elders. It does not matter where we are or who we are with, we should show gratitude and appreciation to God for all His goodness. He will continue to bless us in every way. Make a commitment today to acknowledge God for everything He does.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the meaning of acknowledge?
Acknowledge means to recognize, admit, show gratitude or appreciation.
2. What are we exhorted to do?
We are exhorted to “give thanks unto the LORD for He is good, for his mercy endureth forever”.
3. Why should we exalt the LORD GOD?
We should exalt the LORD for his mercy endureth forever.
4. What will God do when we obey and acknowledge Him for His goodness?
When we obey and acknowledge God for His goodness, He will continue to bless us.
5. What should we do today?
We should make a commitment to acknowledge God for everything.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 107:43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students make a chart showing a list of the magnificent things God has done in their lives.*

LESSON 70

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

STUDYING GOD’S WORD BRINGS UNDERSTANDING

MOTTO TEXT: II Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 8:26-35

LESSON STORY

An Ethiopian officer, who was in charge of Ethiopia’s Queen Candace’s treasury, was sitting in his chariot reading the Scriptures from the prophet Esaias. Although he was studying the Scriptures, he needed someone to open up his

understanding of what was being read. The prophet Esaias, or Isaiah, had written about Jesus' coming into the world to give His life for the sins of the world.

The Ethiopian officer had trouble understanding who Esaias had prophesied about. Philip, a deacon full of the Holy Ghost, was led by the Spirit to join this officer. He talked with him and gave him an explanation of the Scriptures and acquainted him with the good news about Jesus. They came to a place where there was some water. The Officer desired to be baptized so Philip baptized him.

The more we read the Bible, the more we will learn how to live and how to stay away from those things that are not right. As we study the Word of the LORD, the Holy Ghost will help us to gain understanding. We will know the truth of God's Word and will be able to teach it to others as well.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who sat in his chariot reading the Scriptures?
An Ethiopian officer sat in his chariot reading the Scriptures.
2. Who was led by the Spirit to join this officer?
Philip, a deacon, was led by the Spirit to join the Ethiopian officer.
3. What did the officer need Philip to do?
The officer needed Philip to help him to understand who the prophet Esaias was prophesying about.
4. What did Philip teach the Ethiopian officer about from the Scriptures?
Philip taught the officer about the prophecy of Jesus.
5. What did the officer desire Philip to do when they saw some water?
The officer desired Philip to baptize him.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

ACTIVITY: *Let each student choose a Scripture of their choice to read and explain to someone in the class.*

LESSON 71

DECEMBER 5, 2021

THE POWER OF PRAYER

MOTTO TEXT: John 11:22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 12: 4-18

LESSON STORY

When power is received from God, it brings authority. The authority God has given us is to ask Him for anything in faith (believing) we will receive it.

This lesson tells about Apostle Peter who was put in jail for preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Herod, having already killed James, planned to kill Peter after the days of the feast were over. It was a dangerous time for Christians. They were persecuted, made fun of, put into jail and even killed. Sometimes the people would leave their homes and go live in other places in order to get away from their enemies. While Peter was in jail, the saints of the church were together praying for him.

Suddenly, an angel of the LORD came upon Peter and shined a light on him. The angel told Peter to get dressed and follow him. Peter obeyed the angel thinking that he was dreaming and not knowing that this was actually happening. When Peter and the angel got out of prison, the angel disappeared and Peter went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where they were praying. He knocked on the door. A woman named Rhoda opened the door and saw Peter. She thought he was a ghost. But they soon knew it was Peter indeed.

When we get together and pray sincerely to God for deliverance, we must have faith and believe that our prayers will be answered. God promised that we would receive whatever we ask for. Let's ask to be free from everything that is evil and from all sin and God will do it.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does power from God give us?
Power from God gives us the authority to ask anything of Him through faith and we shall receive it.
2. Who had been killed by King Herod?
King Herod had already killed James.
3. What were Herod's plans concerning Peter?
Herod imprisoned Peter and planned to kill him also following the feast of the Passover.
4. How was Peter rescued from prison?
The students should answer from the lesson story.
5. What is God's promise according to the motto text of this lesson?
The students may answer from the motto text of the lesson.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 12:18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

ACTIVITY: *Let the class plan a prayer vigil for the unsaved to receive the Holy Ghost. This prayer time may be at their individual homes all praying at the same hour for the same period of time. At opportune times, during tarry service, they should be encouraged to tarry for the Holy Ghost. (Pastoral approval is suggested).*

DO YOU HAVE THE HOLY GHOST?

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 8:5-17

LESSON STORY

After the Holy Ghost had fallen on the apostles and others, they went about preaching and teaching about Jesus Christ. Many people heard the Word they preached and believed.

One of them went down to the city of Samaria and preached unto the Samaritans. His name was Philip. He taught the people and he worked miracles among them. He healed those who were sick of the palsy, those who were lame and cast out unclean spirits. The miracles that were wrought through Philip brought joy unto all in the city.

A man of the city by the name of Simon was a sorcerer, one who uses witchcraft to fool others into believing that they have power from God. He had practiced witchcraft for a long time and the people thought very highly of him. But, when Philip came and preached the truth unto them, they forsook Simon and accepted the Lord. Not only did the people believe the gospel of Jesus, but, Simon himself believed and they were all baptized. The apostles, Peter and John came to Samaria, prayed for them, laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

As young people, there will be those who will try to deceive you with flattering words and other tricks to get you to turn away from the truth. If you keep on believing God's Word and the real people of God, you too, will receive the Holy Ghost, live for the Lord and even tell others about Him. Everyone needs the Holy Ghost and now is the time to receive Him.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did the apostles and others do once they received the Holy Ghost?
After the apostles and others received the Holy Ghost, they went about preaching and teaching others about Christ.
2. Who went to the city of Samaria?
Philip went to the city of Samaria.
3. What work did Philip do in Samaria?
Philip taught about Jesus Christ and worked many miracles in the city of Samaria.
4. What were some of the miracles that Philip performed?
The students may answer from the lesson story.
5. In your own words, tell the events that happened in Samaria with the people both before and after Philip came to the city.
Give the students opportunity to discuss the events.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss some of the tactics that magicians and sorcerers may use to deceive people today. How do you determine whether they are false?*

LESSON 73

DECEMBER 19, 2021

**CHRISTMAS LESSON
BEHOLD, EMMANUEL**

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 1:23 Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 1:18-25

LESSON STORY

The Prophet Isaiah foretold how God would be with us through the birth of Jesus Christ, His Son. Isaiah said, “Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.” This name means “God with us.”

The birth of Jesus represented God manifested in the flesh. A sign that this prophecy was fulfilled occurred when the baby Jesus was born of the virgin Mary. This was God’s plan for redemption of the world through a Savior, Jesus Christ; His Son.

The angels declared it to the shepherds who were taking care of their sheep in the fields, near Bethlehem. The angel said to them “Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” These shepherds recognized God’s sign of a Messiah and immediately went to Bethlehem and found the baby Jesus. As they looked upon Him lying in a manger, they rejoiced and declared, “behold, Emmanuel, the new born king.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What was the prophecy of Isaiah concerning the birth of Jesus?
Isaiah said, “Therefore, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign, behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.
2. What does this name mean?
The name Emmanuel means “God with us.”
3. How did the birth of Jesus represent God?
 - a. *God was manifested in the flesh through the birth of His Son, Jesus.*
 - b. *God’s plan for redemption of the world through a Savior came to pass.*

4. How was the birth of Jesus announced to shepherds in the fields?
The angels declared it to the shepherds who were taking care of their sheep in the fields.
5. What did the shepherds do after they went to Bethlehem and found the baby Jesus lying in a manger?
The shepherds rejoiced and declared, "behold, Emmanuel, the new born king."

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students list all the names of Jesus that are found in the Scriptures and tell what each means to them.*

LESSON 74

DECEMBER 26, 2021

PRAISES BRING BLESSINGS

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 66:1-8

LESSON STORY

David, the writer of this text, was a king, a musician, a warrior and a man after God's own heart. He acknowledged that God had brought him out of danger, given him numerous blessings and forgiven him when he sinned. He knew that the Lord God was worthy to be praised.

The greatest praises that please God are those that come from clean and holy living. When we are not careful to learn about the Lord, show great reverence and respect and obey His Word, we can't give Him the praises that bring blessings. God knows our hearts and minds and judges them thoroughly. Therefore, we must strive to live according to the ways that His Laws and statutes tell us.

Young people must seek the Lord even in your youth. The Bible teaches us that there is work for everyone to do in the Lord's house. You can be confident that God is watching and listening. He accepts only the praises that are holy and sent up from clean hands and hearts. Give thanks unto the Lord daily: in the mornings when you arise, during the daytime, and in the evening. He is a good God and He is worthy to be praised.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who is the writer of today's lesson text?
David is the writer of today's lesson text.

2. Name some of David's attributes.
Let the class take turns to give answers.
3. Name some of the ways David was blessed by God.
Some of the ways that David was blessed were, God helped him to kill Goliath the giant, protected him from Saul who pursued him, gave him musical talents and made him king over Israel.
4. What kind of praises please God?
God wants praises that come from a clean heart and from holy lives.
5. When is the best time to seek the Lord?
The best time to seek the Lord is now, today!

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 66:8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

ACTIVITY: *Allow the students to compare and contrast their skills and talents with those of David and tell how they can use them to praise God.*

LESSON 75

JANUARY 2, 2022

**NEW YEAR'S LESSON/NEW BEGINNING
THE NEW BIRTH**

MOTTO TEXT: St. John 3:3 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

LESSON TEXT: St. John 3:1-21

LESSON STORY

According to Scriptures, the new birth is a change from man's carnal nature to that of a spiritual nature. Man is first born of the flesh and the water. In the second birth, he is born again of the Spirit. In the House of God Church, we believe that this change takes place after someone repents, calls upon the name of Jesus and receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Thus, the new birth is the beginning of a new life in Christ.

Nicodemus, a Jewish ruler, came to Jesus at night to find out more about this new birth. He had heard Jesus while he was teaching in the temple. Jesus told the people they must be born again in order to enter the kingdom of God. Nicodemus believed Jesus and this faith caused him to seek answers. Nicodemus did not understand how a grown man could be born again into this new life of Salvation. Jesus told Nicodemus that unless a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he could not enter into the kingdom of God. Jesus explained this did not mean that Nicodemus had to be born again by a natural birth, but had to become a new

creature through a spiritual change. This could only happen if Nicodemus had a change of heart and began a new life dead to sin and alive in Christ.

Young people, today is New Year's day, which represents the beginning of a new year. It is also a time of new beginnings. Why not let it be the beginning of a new birth in Christ for each of you?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Nicodemus?
Nicodemus was a Jewish ruler.
2. What did Nicodemus ask Jesus after he came to Him one night?
Nicodemus wanted Jesus to explain how a grown man could be born again.
3. Why did Nicodemus want to know about this new birth?
Nicodemus heard the teachings of Jesus and believed, but he could not understand how a grown man could be born again.
4. Give an explanation of the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus.
Explain individually.
5. Has this dialogue between Nicodemus and Jesus caused you to have a change of heart?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

ACTIVITY: *Have students discuss those things they plan to change in their lives.*

LESSON 76

JANUARY 9, 2022

THANKS TO GOD FOR SALVATION

MOTTO TEXT: Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

LESSON TEXT: Colossians 1:1-4; 12-14

LESSON STORY

Salvation is complete deliverance from the power, guilt and dominion of sin. Salvation is God's gift to man in the form of His Son Jesus. Paul was an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God. He was dedicated to doing God's will. He taught the gospel of Jesus Christ to many people. In this letter to the saints and faithful brethren at Colosse, Paul gave thanks to God and the Lord Jesus Christ for them, because of their faith in Christ. They had received the gospel and had been made partakers of the inheritance of the kingdom of God.

Jesus is the Saviour of the world. Without Jesus there would be no Salvation, no forgiveness for our sins, no one to stand in the gap for us. We show our thanks

to God by being obedient to His Word and honoring Jesus as the head of the church. We should always thank God for Salvation which came through His Son Jesus.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is Salvation?
Salvation is complete deliverance from the power, guilt and dominion of sin.
2. Who was Paul?
Paul was an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God.
3. What did Paul do?
Paul taught the gospel of Jesus Christ to many people.
4. Why did Paul give thanks to God and the Lord Jesus Christ for the saints?
Paul gave thanks to God and the Lord Jesus Christ because of the faith they had in Jesus and their love for all saints.
5. What would there be without Jesus?
Without Jesus there would be no Salvation, no forgiveness of sins and no one to stand in the gap for us.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITY: *Have students write a paragraph or poem about why they thank God for His Son Jesus.*

LESSON 77

JANUARY 16, 2022

CONTINUE IN LOVE

MOTTO TEXT: John 15:9 As the father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 22:35-40

LESSON STORY

In today's lesson text a Pharisee, in an attempt to mock Jesus, asked "which was the greatest Commandment of the law?" Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest Commandment. Secondly, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

We live in a society plagued by war, gangs, divorces, car-jackings, and drive-bys. It is evident that we have forgotten the First and Second Commandments. Let this lesson serve as a reminder that we should love God above all else. We should not love him in part but with our whole heart, soul, and mind. If we love Jesus completely, anything we ask in His name will be granted (John 15:7).

Let us also be reminded that we must love one another as Christ loved us and as we love ourselves (John 15:12, Matthew 22:39). Christ gave His life that we would live free from sin and have everlasting life. We should follow His example in giving freely of ourselves to help others. Love is not what it says but what it does. It is not hard to show love. Let your parents know you love them by doing extra chores around the house. Send a card to a friend you have not seen in a while. Satan seeks to kill, steal, and destroy. Allow God's love to shine through you. Instead of instigating a fight, bring peace to the situation. Promote love, God's unconditional love, and see it come back to you.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the first and greatest Commandment?
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
2. What is the Second Commandment?
Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
3. Who asked the question in today's lesson?
The Pharisees asked a question in today's lesson.
4. How can you show love?
Answer individually.
5. Who commands us to live in love?
Ask individual students to respond.

MEMORY VERSE: John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

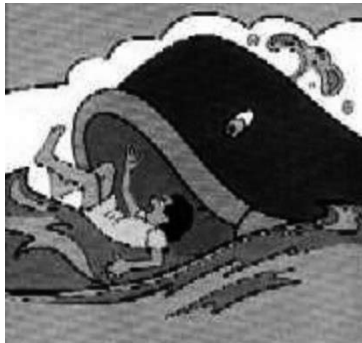
ACTIVITY: *List 10 ways love can be shown.*

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Now that you are familiar with several books and what they are about, you should continue to solidify your knowledge regarding the greatest book in the whole world, the Bible.

Hopefully, you will learn to recite the books of the Bible as you learn about the contents of the books. Lessons for this theme should inspire your study of the books of the Bible. Begin now reading more during your study time. Just as you study books in school that impart knowledge for different reasons; as you read books of the Bible, you will receive knowledge and understanding helpful towards eternal life.

You will be studying such characters as Ezekiel, Jonah, Zechariah, Matthew, and many others. Not only will you receive information for different periods in history, you will gain knowledge about God and how He wants His people to live.



Jonah and the big fish

Get Ready, Set, Go!

THE MINOR PROPHETS – PART II

MOTTO TEXT: Jonah 3:2 Arise, go unto Ninevah, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

LESSON TEXT: Jonah 3:1-5

LESSON STORY

This lesson continues the books of the minor prophets. The meaning of the name Jonah is “dove.” The prophet occupies a unique place as the first foreign missionary. He was sent by God to Nineveh. Because he was fearful of the call, he tried to flee by sea to Tarshish.

During the voyage, he was thrown overboard by his fellow passengers and swallowed by a great fish sent by God. The prophet was saved and went on to Nineveh to successfully convert the people of that city.

Micah, whose name means, “Who is like the LORD,” prophesied particularly to the capital cities, Samaria and Jerusalem. They were the centers of influence in the nation. Micah was a prophet of social protest, the spokesman of the poor who were exploited by the upper classes. He believed that true faith came from the heart and not from formal sacrifices.

Micah’s message was stern and uncompromising.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is Jonah noted for?
The first foreign missionary.
2. What happened when Jonah finally obeyed God?
He went where he was sent, and many were converted.
3. What was Micah’s belief concerning true faith?
That it came from the heart.
4. To whom did Micah direct his prophecies?
Micah’s prophecies were directed at Samaria and Jerusalem.
5. What faith was shown by Micah’s prophecy in the memory verse?
Answer from the memory verse of the lesson.

MEMORY VERSE: Micah 7:7 Therefore I will look unto the Lord. I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

ACTIVITY: *Have students to discuss why the names of these prophets suit them.*

MORE MINOR PROPHETS

MOTTO TEXT: Nahum 3:1 Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies, and robbery; the prey departeth not.

LESSON TEXT: Habakkuk 1:1-6

LESSON STORY

Nahum and Habakkuk were also minor prophets. The style of Nahum is lyric poetry of high order. Comfort of God is the meaning of Nahum. It is a sequel to the Book of Jonah. In his brief book, Nahum confines himself to lashing out against Nineveh. He calls it a bloody city, all full of lies” (see motto text). His message is “as Nineveh sowed, so must she reap.”

God is depicted by Nahum as revengeful to those who conspire against Him. All must concede that his messages are vivid and powerful.

“Embrace” is the meaning of the name Habakkuk. The book is concerned with the problem of unpunished evil in the world. It was revealed to Habakkuk that the Chaldean armies were to be God’s means of punishing the wicked and that evil would destroy itself.

The first part of the book is a dialogue between the prophet and God. The book concludes with a poem of thanksgiving and great faith.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Book of Nahum considered a sequel of?
The Book of Jonah.
2. What is the Book of Habakkuk concerned with?
The Book of Habakkuk is concerned with the problem of unpunished evil in the world.
3. Describe the prophecies of Nahum.
Nahum’s prophecies are vivid and powerful.
4. How does Habakkuk end?
Habakkuk ends with a poem of thanksgiving and great faith.
5. What is the meaning of the name Habakkuk?
“Embrace” is the meaning of the name Habakkuk.

MEMORY VERSE: Nahum 1:11 There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the Lord, a wicked counsellor.

ACTIVITY: *Look up the word dialogue in a dictionary. If you could have dialogue directly with God, what would you talk about? Share your response.*

THE LAST MINOR PROPHETS

MOTTO TEXT: Zephaniah 1:7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guest.

LESSON TEXT: Zechariah 8:14-19

LESSON STORY

The name Zephaniah means “the LORD hides.” He was the great-great-grandson of king Hezekiah. He described with power the “Day of the Lord” as a future event. He revealed that only the judgment of God can cleanse Judah of her sins. Zephaniah wanted everyone to know that the day of the Lord is coming, and the nation must prepare for its salvation.

Haggai was a contemporary of Zechariah. His name means “festive.” The prophet is singularly concerned with the rebuilding of the temple, which he believed was essential to restoring the nation’s religious purity. He declared that the new temple would shine with a glory greater than that of Solomon’s temple.

The meaning of Zechariah’s name is “the LORD remembers.” He was a contemporary of Haggai. His messages cover events beginning with the rebuilding of the temple and concluding with the millennium.

Malachi is the last Book of the Old Testament. It means “my messenger.” This final message of the Old Testament contains a prophecy to the priests and the people. They are charged with indifference, doubt, immorality and miserliness (stingy with money) toward God. Malachi closes the book with a prophecy of John the Baptist’s ministry.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the meaning of the name Zephaniah?
Zephaniah means the LORD hides.
2. What is the theme of the Book of Haggai?
Haggai’s theme is rebuilding the temple.
3. What is the meaning of Haggai’s name?
Haggai means festive.
4. Which book is the last in the Old Testament?
Malachi is the last Old Testament book.
5. How does the Book of Malachi close?
Malachi closes with a prophecy about John the Baptist.

MEMORY VERSE: Malachi 3:12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.

ACTIVITY: Allow the students to choose one of the minor prophet’s names from the lesson to decorate and write a sentence telling what the name means.

SAINT MATTHEW

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 9:9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 1:21-23

LESSON STORY

Saint Matthew is the first Book of the New Testament and is a gospel book. It was written by Matthew who was a tax collector and an apostle.

Every year your parents have to fill out forms and pay taxes. Things were no different in Jesus' time. Everyone helped to support the government. Instead of writing a check and putting it into the mail, people paid their money to tax collectors. Tax collectors earned reputations for cheating, lying, and stealing. These were some of the reasons almost no one liked tax collectors.

Matthew realized that he was not happy working as a tax collector. He quit his well-paying job to become one of Jesus' disciples. He wrote the Book of Matthew to the Jews to show that Jesus was the Messiah and King. The prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled with the birth of Jesus.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What New Testament book did we study about today?
We studied about Saint Matthew.
2. Who was the author of the book?
The author was Matthew.
3. To whom was it written?
Matthew wrote to the Jews.
4. What was Matthew's profession?
Matthew was a Tax Collector, an Apostle and a Gospel Writer.
5. Why did Matthew write the Book of Matthew?
He wrote the Book of Matthew to show that Jesus was the Messiah and King.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

ACTIVITY: *Let the students list other means of paying taxes other than money. i.e., giving expensive jewelry or gems.*

SAINT MARK

MOTTO TEXT: St. Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

LESSON TEXT: St. Mark 1:2-11

LESSON STORY

Saint Mark is the second Book of the New Testament. It is also a gospel book written by Mark.

Have you ever just quit doing something when you were right in the middle of it? Mark did that once. He promised Paul and Barnabas that he would travel with them to help tell others about Jesus. Mark broke his promise. He left Paul and Barnabas in the middle of the trip and returned to his hometown, Jerusalem.

In the Book of Mark are elements of fact, drama, and interpretation much needed in the telling of the story of Jesus even in present times. Mark exhibited Jesus as the Mighty God, one of Divine power and a miracle-worker. He dwells on the mighty deeds of Jesus; seventy-two miracles are recorded in the Book of Mark. To Mark, Jesus was a Ruler who served and a Servant who ruled. The key words of St. Mark are “straightway” and “immediately.”

St. Mark records the works of John the Baptist, who was a forerunner of Jesus. John taught the people to repent and be baptized. He also proclaimed that Jesus was coming after him who was mightier than he was. Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost. Isn't it wonderful that Mark wrote all of these events for us to learn about God's Son, Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What New Testament book did we study about today?
We studied about Saint Mark.
2. What is its theme?
Jesus, the Servant is its theme.
3. What are the key words of St. Mark?
Straightway and immediately are key words in St. Mark.
4. How many miracles are recorded in the book?
Seventy-two miracles are recorded in Saint Mark.
5. What was it that Mark stopped in the middle of?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: St. Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss the importance of keeping promises.*

SAINT LUKE

MOTTO TEXT: Colossians 4:14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

LESSON TEXT: Luke 1:1-4

LESSON STORY

The third gospel book is Saint Luke. He wrote Luke and the Book of Acts. Luke was a secretary, a physician and he traveled with Paul. The theme of Saint Luke is Jesus, the Son of Man.

Luke presented Jesus to the Greeks not only as the Son of man, but also as a Servant of God. He also portrayed Jesus as a divine teacher and a friend of the race (poor outcasts...the unpopular).

Luke was the only gospel writer who probably never knew Jesus. However, he talked with many of Jesus' disciples and friends. Luke learned much about the life of Jesus from them. He was a close friend of Apostle Paul. He was well educated and earned his living as a medical doctor.

Luke must have kept many notes as he talked with those who knew Jesus. He also probably spent a great deal of time putting this information in order so that it could be written in a book. A gospel book tells the good news about Jesus Christ.

Luke presents a great example to you as youth. He was an educated man who was a doctor, yet he had time to seek far and learn about Jesus.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What New Testament book did we study about today?
We studied about Saint Luke.
2. What is its theme?
Jesus, the Son of Man is its theme.
3. Who was the author?
The author was Luke.
4. What are some facts about Luke?
Answer from the lesson.
5. Luke presented Jesus as a friend to whom?
Answer from the lesson story.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 19:38 Saying, Blessed by the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

ACTIVITY: *Write a short paragraph telling what you know about Jesus.*

YOUTH DAY
THE YOUNG ONES PRAISE THE LORD

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 21:16 And said unto him, Hearst thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 2:14-17

LESSON STORY

Wherever Jesus went, others followed Him. Some followed Him for good reasons and others for bad. One day while in the temple, the blind and the lame came to Jesus and he healed them.

When the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things Jesus had done and the children crying and praising Him, they (chief priests and scribes) were unhappy. None can be unhappy about praises to the Lord but the devil. For the Lord is worthy to be praised!

How can you demonstrate praising God, especially each holy season of Lent? Devotional services present a joyful opportunity today, and weekly services for the children to sing, pray, clap your hands, etc. Learn to testify, tell the church of God's protection in school, His provisions from day to day and for those who love and care for you. Praise God!

Jesus loves all of the children. It does matter what race/ethnicity you belong to, He loves you and you are precious to Him. Jesus blessed the children that were brought to Him by their parents. Praise the Lord for His goodness, mercy and all of the blessings He gives you daily. God protects you throughout each day and you must give Him thanks and praises each day.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who came to Jesus for healing?
The blind and the lame came to Him.
2. Were the blind and lame healed by Jesus?
Yes, Jesus healed them.
3. Explain how the chief priests and scribes felt about the wonderful works of Jesus.
They were unhappy.
4. What did Jesus say about the children praising God?
Jesus said, out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou has perfected praise!
5. How can children demonstrate praises to God especially each Lent season?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

ACTIVITY: *Help the children sing a gospel song with the congregation's participation.*

CHARACTER BUILDING

**RESPECT
TRUSTWORTHY**

**SELF-CONTROL
LOYALTY
RELIABILITY**

**HONESTY
GENEROSITY**

Character is one of the attributes or features that make up and distinguish individuals. Character is your reputation or moral excellence and firmness. It is your disposition.

This is a good time in your social development to demonstrate good character in your community, at school, at home and at church. These lessons will help you become youth of integrity. Some people have bad character.

You should have good character and learn to practice basic moral values that will enable you to have a good reputation.



Children playing together

Get Ready, Set, Go!

A GODLY LIFESTYLE

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 112:1 Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 1:1-6

LESSON STORY

Blessed are you if you do not walk (live) in the counsel of the ungodly, if you do not stand (be a stumbling block) in the way of those who are sinners, and do not sit in the seat (always finding fault) of the scornful. The three words, walk, stand, and sit all refer to your actions. Do not be found in the congregation of the ungodly, neither should you be scornful. Show humility in your holiness.

How often have you gotten into trouble because you were not in the right place and with the wrong crowd? If you treasure God and His Word, your passion for Him will not allow you to do ungodly things.

When you are blessed, your delight is in the Law of the Lord, and in His Law, you will meditate (think on) day and night.

Make it your business to be blessed by receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Then you can surely be blessed by doing what pleases the Lord.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What kind of man is he that feareth the Lord?
The kind of man that feareth the Lord is a blessed man.
2. What is the counsel of the ungodly?
It is the advice or teaching given that is contrary to God's Word.
3. Are you influenced by your peers?
Answer individually.
4. What happens when you treasure God's Word?
When you treasure God's Word, your passion for Him will not allow you to do ungodly things.
5. What does the Holy Ghost help you to do?
The Holy Ghost helps you to do what pleases the Lord.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 57:2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

ACTIVITY: *Dramatize The Lesson Story.*

FOLLOW GOD'S PLAN

MOTTO TEXT: Judges 13:7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

LESSON TEXT: Judges 16:15-20

LESSON STORY

Manoah and his wife did not have children. One day an angel appeared unto Manoah's wife. The angel told her that she was going to have a baby: a very special baby! The angel gave the mother instructions and she told her husband. The angel told the husband also. They had special rules to follow before and after the birth of the child. He could not drink wine or strong drink, eat anything that was unclean, or cut his hair.

The child's name was Samson. Samson grew up to be the strongest man that had ever lived. In order to stay strong, he had to follow God's plan. One day he met a strange woman, Delilah. He liked her a lot. She wanted to know the source of his strength and continued to ask him. Finally, he got tired of her asking and told her the truth. Samson told her that he was a Nazarite and his hair had never been cut. Delilah asked Samson to sleep on her knees. She called for a man and caused him to shave off the seven locks of Samson's hair. He was afflicted and his strength went from him, leaving him an ordinary man, because he did not follow God's plan.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was the strongest man that ever lived?
Samson was the strongest man that ever lived.
2. What was Samson?
Samson was a Nazarite.
3. What did it mean to be a Nazarite?
A Nazarite couldn't drink wine or strong drink, eat anything that was unclean or cut his hair.
4. What did Delilah do to Samson?
After finding out where his strength lay, she had a man to shave off Samson's seven locks of hair.
5. What happened to Samson as a result of this?
Ask individual students to respond.

MEMORY VERSE: Judges 16:19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

ACTIVITY: *Have a discussion about what you would have done if you were Samson.*

LESSON 87

MARCH 27, 2022

WE NEED GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Leviticus 26:12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

LESSON TEXT: Leviticus 26:12-17

LESSON STORY

We have learned that we were all born in sin and we all inherited a sinful nature. So, without God's Spirit, it is impossible to live a holy life. Sometimes regardless of how hard we try, we will do or say the very things we had hoped we would not do or say. This is why we need God's Spirit, which is the Holy Ghost.

Remember the Words of the Bible: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." This is the power that will keep us from doing or saying things against our will. The Lord God promised to be with His people. We cannot exist without Him. God causes us to breathe, to move and to be able to do everything that we do. When we really understand who God is and how much we need Him, we should love Him and seek to obey all of His Laws. Today, we can receive the Holy Ghost. He comes from God and is indeed the Spirit of God. The Holy Ghost gives us the power to obey. We know we need God for without him, we are nothing.

God called to the attention of Israel, the blessings he would give for obedience. Israel didn't have the Holy Ghost; they had God's laws and statutes to obey. As long as they obeyed, they received God's promised blessings.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Complete the sentences below with the following words: Sin, Spirit of God, the Lord, impossible and Power.

1. The Holy Ghost is the _____.
2. Ye shall receive _____.
3. We were all born in _____.
4. Without the Holy Ghost, it is _____ to live holy.
5. We need _____ to be our helper.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 30:10 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the Activities listed in the back of the book.*

ORDERED STEPS

MOTTO TEXT: Genesis 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 12:1-4

LESSON STORY

In our lesson story today, Abraham had faith to allow God to order his steps. Faith is believing and trusting in God. It was by faith that Abraham heeded the call when God told him to leave his kindred and go to a land that He would show him. Abraham obeyed God. He also, trusted Him and by faith, sojourned to the land of promise. The Lord ordered his steps. For this obedience the Lord blessed him because he gave God the opportunity to order his steps.

It must not have been easy for Abraham to leave the home of his father, but when God gave his command, Abraham obeyed. God established an agreement between Him and Abraham. God said He would bless him abundantly with family and with land.

Young people, God wants you to live holy. Why don't you heed the voice of God? When you receive instructions from the Word of God, obey them. Let them become a part of your daily thoughts and your daily lives. Think about some of the instructions God has given you. Are you following them? He will direct you in the way you should go. He will turn around and bless you in all your future goals. God already gives us those things we need and will give us much of what we want, if we follow the steps He has ordered us to follow.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is faith?
Faith is having hope in God.
2. Have you ever trusted God for anything?
Answer individually.
3. What does heed mean?
Heed means to listen to.
4. What did God tell Abraham to do?
He told him to leave his family and go to a land He would show him.
5. What did God promise to Abraham?
He promised to bless his seed as the sand of the sea.

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 13:17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

ACTIVITY: *List the Commandments that you have learned to follow.*

**PALM SUNDAY
HOSANNA!**

MOTTO TEXT: St. Matthew 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

LESSON TEXT: St. Matthew 21:1-9

LESSON STORY

Hosanna comes from the Greek word Hosanna and the Hebrew word for it means “Save now”. It was the cry of the multitude as they thronged in our Lord’s triumphal procession into Jerusalem.

It was the first day of the week that the road to Jerusalem was filled with people. They were on the way to celebrate the Passover feast of the Jews. At Jesus’ request, two of His disciples brought Him a colt, a lowly beast of burden. Jesus mounted it and joined the multitude of pilgrims.

Eagerly the multitude made way for Him, waving palm branches and carpeting His path with their garments. While they escorted Him triumphantly up the road and into the city, the sound of their praises, “Hosanna! Blessed is the King that cometh in the name of the Lord!” filled the air.

During its long history, Jerusalem had seen many processions enter its gates. There had been kings on horsebacks and even conquerors with armed legions, but never a procession like this one!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. The Passover feast was held in what city?
The Passover feast was held in the city of Jerusalem.
2. What Sunday is always identified as Palm Sunday?
The Sunday before Easter Sunday is always identified as Palm Sunday.
3. What was the multitude crying out?
The multitude was crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.
4. What did the multitude wave and carpet Jesus’ path with?
The multitude waved palm branches and laid their garments in Jesus’ path.
5. Many kings rode through Jerusalem. Had any ever come as did Jesus?
No. Kings were not known to ride on lowly animals, but horses.

MEMORY VERSE: St. Matthew 21:11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

ACTIVITY: *For your Sunday Bible School review, arrange to have “A Victorious March.” Use palm branches and act out according to St. Matthew 21:7-9 as much as possible.*

**EASTER SUNDAY
CHRIST IS RISEN**

MOTTO TEXT: I Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

LESSON TEXT: I Corinthians 15:1-8

LESSON STORY

Paul's letter to the church at Corinth was to explain the importance of the doctrine of the resurrection. He expressed that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried and arose again the third day according to the Scriptures. This was the gospel that he preached.

Many ask questions today, such as "why did Christ have to die"? If Christ had not died for us, our religion would be in vain. Just a mere exercise of coming to church, living true and praying for nothing. Let us be joyful that he died for the sins of the whole world. Most importantly, rejoice because he arose from the grave!

Do you want to be saved? Do you want to live with Christ? Do you want to inherit the mansion Jesus went to prepare for us? Won't it be wonderful to not only look up and see Him coming again on a cloud, but to also rise from this earth to meet Him in the air? All of these are possible because three days after being crucified, Jesus arose with great power over death and the grave. The Holy Ghost empowers us to do likewise. Jesus Christ is risen!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why do we celebrate Easter?
We celebrate Easter in appreciation of the resurrection of Christ from the dead.
2. Explain why Christ arose from the dead?
He arose from the dead so we could be saved from sin.
3. What proof do we have that Christ arose from the dead?
He was seen of Cephas, James, Paul, all the apostles and of more than five hundred brethren .
4. How did Paul deliver this message to the church concerning the gospel which he had preached to them?
It came to them by letter.
5. How should we feel today about the death and resurrection of Christ?
We should be joyful that Christ died for the sins of the whole world.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 10:40 Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly.

ACTIVITY: *Draw a picture of the risen Christ.*

HERE AM I

MOTTO TEXT: I Samuel 3:4 That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 3:1-10

LESSON STORY

Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. It came to pass that the Lord called Samuel, and he answered, “Here am I.” He ran unto Eli, and said, here am I, didn’t you call me? Eli said to Samuel, I didn’t call you; lie back down. Samuel followed instructions and went and laid down. Samuel did not know the Lord or that it was the voice of the Lord that called him. The third time Samuel heard the voice calling his name, he again went to Eli. It was then that Eli realized that the Lord was calling Samuel. He told Samuel that the next time he heard the voice, he should say, “Speak Lord, for thy servant hears.” The Lord came and stood over Samuel and called as at other times, “Samuel, Samuel.” Then Samuel answered, Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth.

Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did not let any of God’s Words fall to the ground. Samuel obeyed the voice of God. All Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

God used Samuel to bring His Word to Eli concerning his failure to do what was right within his household. Samuel was sent by God to anoint David as king over Israel. Samuel also, brought to King David’s attention the sin he committed against God’s law. When King Saul was rejected by God as Israel’s first king, Samuel’s spirit warned Saul that God was against him.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who ministered unto the Lord before Eli?
Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli.
2. How many times did Samuel hear a voice calling his name?
Samuel heard his name being called three times.
3. Did Samuel know who called him?
No, Samuel thought Eli had called him.
4. After the third time, what did Eli tell Samuel to do?
Answer from the lesson story.
5. What was Samuel established to do?
Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

MEMORY VERSE: I Samuel 3:1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

ACTIVITY: Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.

**NATIONAL PRAYER DAY
PRAYER AGAINST OPPRESSORS OF THE CHURCH**

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 83:3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 83:1-5, 18

LESSON STORY

Oppressors are those who persecute, cause harm, or injury to others. Prayer is communicating with God. In our study today, we will refer to prayer as a request to God in the name of Jesus. God's children have always had enemies, those who do not want to see the work of God go forth. Just as they persecuted, and tried to harm the children of God throughout history, they are also trying to do the same to the church today. Our main weapon against those who oppose the church is PRAYER.

Satan is the leader of this oppression. He has those who are working for him to carry out his attack against God's people. According to the lesson, they assemble and form counsels against the church. They consent together to work against God's people. Likewise, we must come together and be united in our stand for God. Let us pray together against oppressors of the church and for the protection of God's people. Let us pray that God will move in such a way that the world will know that He alone is JEHOVAH, the most High over all the earth.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who are oppressors?
Oppressors are those who persecute, cause harm, or injury to others.
2. What is prayer?
Prayer is communicating with God.
3. What is our main weapon against those who oppose the church?
Prayer is our main weapon against those who oppress the church.
4. Who is the leader of those who oppress the church?
Satan is the leader of those who oppress the church.
5. What should we as children of God do?
As children of God, we should unite in prayers against the oppressors and pray protection for God's people.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 83:18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students make a list of oppressors of the church and pray a special prayer against the oppressors.*

**MOTHER'S DAY
A DISCIPLE PROVIDES FOR JESUS' MOTHER**

MOTTO TEXT: St. John 19:27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

LESSON TEXT: John 19:25-30

LESSON STORY

The time had come for Jesus to die on the cross. His mother was one of the persons standing near the cross and John was another. Jesus looked down from the cross and saw his mother and John and said to Him, Behold thy mother! Jesus wanted John to take care of her and John took her into his home. He was obedient to Jesus, even unto His death on the cross.

Even when Jesus was suffering great pain on the cross, He showed the love that he had for His mother. He was concerned that someone should care for her. Jesus probably knew that it was very difficult and painful for His mother to see Him hanging on the cross. By making this request, His mother probably realized that her son loved her very much and had her welfare at heart. It takes love to obey. If you love always, you will do as you are asked, even to share what you have. The Lord's blessings come as a result of obedience. Young people, will you be obedient until you die? One day you may be able to care for your mother when she is old.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was the disciple to whom Jesus spoke?
John was that disciple.
2. Why was Jesus concerned about his mother?
He was concerned because he was about to die.
3. What did John do?
He took her home with Him and provided for her.
4. Why was it important that Jesus die on the cross?
It was important because it was in God's plan from the beginning so we might be saved.
5. What does it take to obey?
If you love always, you will do as you are asked, even to share what you have.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common.

ACTIVITY: *Prepare something to give to any mother if not your own today.*

OBSERVE THE GOLDEN RULE

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

LESSON TEXT: Esther 7:1-10

LESSON STORY

A man named Haman was persuaded to build gallows on which to hang another man named Mordecai, having been assured that he might do as he pleased with his enemies. Haman had an evil plot. He knew he was not honest with King Ahasuerus.

As this was going on, King Ahasuerus, being sleepless one night, called for a review of the records of the kingdom. He wanted to know if anything had been done for the person who saved the king from being assassinated. The King learned that it was Mordecai who had saved his life. He ordered Haman, of all people, to see that Mordecai was provided with all the honors and dignities proper to one who had saved the king's life.

When the king was told that Haman intended to hang Mordecai on the gallows, because he hated him, he ordered that Haman, himself, should be hanged. Remember that if you dig a hole for someone, be sure to dig another one for yourself. Jesus commanded that we should love our neighbors as we love ourselves. So never, do to someone else those things that you don't want to happen to yourself. We must never allow ourselves to become so greedy of fame and fortune, that we mistreat others to get it. God sees all our doings.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What wicked thing did Haman plan?
Haman planned to hang Mordecai on gallows because he hated him.
2. Did Haman's plan materialize?
Haman's plan backfired on him.
3. What good deed had Mordecai done?
Mordecai had uncovered a plot to assassinate the king.
4. What happened to Haman?
The king ordered Haman to be hanged on the gallows he had built for Mordecai.
5. Do you know the golden rule by memory?
Allow individual students to respond.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 6:31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss with the students the meaning of when digging a hole for someone you should dig one for yourself as well.*

OVERCOME THROUGH FAITH

MOTTO TEXT: Numbers 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

LESSON TEXT: Numbers 13:26-33

LESSON STORY

God had delivered the Israelites from bondage and slavery. God, through Moses brought the people out of Egypt. He also promised them a beautiful new home...Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey. God has also taken care of them in the wilderness.

The people mumbled and grumbled and did not put their trust in God. When they reached Canaan, the Israelites did not have faith in what God had promised them he would do. God, therefore, told Moses to send spies into the land, one from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Two of these spies were Joshua and Caleb.

For forty days, the twelve spies searched the land. When they returned, ten said that the land was indeed beautiful. They also added that there were giant people and they felt like grasshoppers next to them. They reported that the Israelites could not take the land.

What the ten saw and reported was a negative report. They thought of what they alone could do. Joshua and Caleb saw the same things but came back with a responsible and positive report. They did not follow the crowd; they stood on God's Word. They had faith in what God could do. The Israelites believed the negative report. God punished them by making them wander for forty years in the wilderness. No one 20 years old or older made it to the promise land except Joshua and Caleb.

Remember to put your trust in what God says. He will do it. Do not even depend on what your eyes or thoughts tell you. Be led by the Word and the Holy Ghost. God has promised us a promised land; Heaven. He has promised us a good life on earth, too. It is our responsibility to give a good report.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What land had God promised to His people?
Canaan, the promised land, flowing with milk and honey.
2. Who did Moses send into Canaan?
Moses sent 12 spies into Canaan.
3. What was their report?
Ten said that they could not take the land. Joshua and Caleb said they could take the land.
4. Did they reach the promised land?
No one 20 years old or older reached the promised land except Joshua and Caleb.
5. What results when we put faith and trust in God?
Allow for individual answers.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

ACTIVITY: *Each of you tell of an experience in which people were saying or doing the wrong thing, but you decided to do what was right. Are you responsible for your own actions?*

LESSON 96

MAY 29, 2022

BEHAVE THYSELF

MOTTO TEXT: Ecclesiastes 5:1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

LESSON TEXT: I Timothy 3:15

LESSON STORY

Today in our lesson text Paul is telling Timothy that if he wait awhile, he would know how to behave himself in the House of God. Young people, you must learn how to act in the House of the Lord. God's house is a place of worship and praise. We come here to give Him glory and thank Him for His goodness.

God is holy and expects every one of His children to be holy. The temple of God is a house of prayer. We look to God for all our needs and He will supply them. God has standards and rules for those who enter His house. Psalm 100 teaches us to serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with singing. Everything should not go on in the house of the Lord.

We must reverence His house at all time. Reverence means respect. We don't eat candy or chew gum in His house. Talking, playing and doing other inappropriate things should never be participated in at the sanctuary or temple of the Lord. We must watch what we say and do. We must also keep our feet when we come into the house. We are not to walk all over God's house. Especially during Scripture reading, prayer, testimony service and during the preach service. Keep your seat in the House of God. God's house is a place of reverence. Let us respect and hold God's house in high esteem.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did Paul tell Timothy?
That he should know how to behave himself in the house of God.
2. What does behave mean?
Behave means the way I act.
3. Do we behave ourselves in God's house?
Answer individually.
4. Permit the students to name some things we are not to do in the House of God.
5. What does 'To keep your feet' means?
You don't walk around unnecessarily in God's house.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalms 99:9 Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

LESSON 97

JUNE 5, 2022

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 22:35-40

LESSON STORY

These are the Words of Jesus: “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great Commandment. The second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two Commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Notice that Jesus put God first, our neighbor second. The one most important thing in life is our attitude toward God. Everything depends on that. The one thing that Jesus wants is that we love Him more than we love even our own life.

When we love as we should, we will obey God’s Word, our parents, teachers and others. Love causes us to want others to have the same good things we have. God loves us so much that He wants us to live forever in heaven with Him. We should also want others to live with us in heaven.

We can do many things for others, even to keeping God’s Commandments, but they must be done in love. Sometimes we do things because we want to be seen or we want others to praise us. If these are the reasons we do things, we already have our reward. God does not want us to obey so we can have other people say nice things about us, but because we love Him and want Him to be pleased. If others say we are good examples because we are sincere in what we do, that is what pleases God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the great Commandment?
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
2. Who did Jesus put first?
Jesus put God first.
3. What is the most important thing in our lives?
Our attitude toward God.
4. How did God show love for us?
Answer individually.
5. What should be our attitude toward others?
We should want others to go to heaven with us.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

LESSON 98

JUNE 12, 2022

CITIZENS IN THIS WORLD YET, CHILDREN OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: St Matthew 22:15 Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.

LESSON TEXT: St. Matthew 22:15-22

LESSON STORY

The Pharisees were a group of men who studied Jewish law and history. They would not admit that Jesus was God's son and the Messiah. They were always trying to trick and trap Jesus.

One day, the Pharisees asked Jesus should they pay taxes to Caesar who now ruled in their land. Jesus knew they were trying to trick Him. The people didn't want to pay taxes, but if they didn't, they would be in trouble with the Roman government.

Jesus told them to give Him a coin. They gave Him a penny. Jesus asked them whose face and name were on it. They said, Caesar's. Jesus then told them to give to Caesar what he is due, and give to God what belongs to God. The Pharisees were amazed at what he said and went away.

Jesus is telling us that we have a duty to be good citizens. We should obey the rules and laws of our school, city and country. We must, however, be sure we obey the Commandments of God and the rules he has given us for our own good. We must also obey the rules of our leaders and the doctrine of The House Of God Church.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did the Pharisees study?
The Pharisees studied the Jewish law and history.
2. What did the Pharisees try to do?
They always tried to trick and trap Jesus.
3. What did they ask Jesus?
They ask Jesus if they should pay taxes.
4. What are our responsibilities in this world?
Since we are citizens in this world, we should obey the rules and laws, but we must serve, worship, praise and obey God also.
5. Did Jesus say we should pay taxes?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: St. Matthew 22: 21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

ACTIVITY: *Tell how you obey school, parents, city or our country's rules. Tell how you obey God's rules.*

LESSON 99

JUNE 19, 2022

**FATHER'S DAY
INSTRUCTIONS FROM A GOOD FATHER**

MOTTO TEXT: I Chronicles 28:20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.

LESSON TEXT: II Timothy 2:1-12

LESSON STORY

Paul instructs Timothy, his spiritual son, to be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus and to endure hardness as a good soldier. Paul exhorted Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men..." How wonderful it is to have good fathers to instruct their children, and to teach them how to endure trials, which will help them to be strong young people. Fathers should be an example of a pillar of strength to their children.

Paul did not have children of his own, but he was a spiritual father to many and gave good instructions. He taught Timothy how to strive lawfully, not unfairly or unjustly. He even taught Timothy how to suffer doing things the right way and not take the easy way out. For if we suffer, we shall also reign with Christ. Paul wants Timothy to know the value of going through, not only for his sake but also for the sake of others. Paul said, I endure all things for the elect's sake. Paul was an unselfish man. Finally, Paul advised Timothy, consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things, II Timothy 2:7.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What was Paul to Timothy?
Paul was a spiritual father to Timothy.
2. What did he instruct Timothy to be?
Paul instructed Timothy to be strong and endure hardness as a good soldier.
3. What will happen if we suffer?
If we suffer, we will reign with Him.
4. Why did Paul endure all things?
Paul said that he endured all things for the elect's sake.

5. How may we learn to take the good advice of the more experienced ministers today?

Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: II Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

ACTIVITY: *Let the children make Father's Day greeting cards for their fathers.*

LESSON 100

JUNE 26, 2022

CONTINUING THE LEGACY

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them to thy sons, and thy sons' sons.

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 4:8-13

LESSON STORY

A legacy is something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past. Once we receive religious and moral training, we should continue in the things we have learned and teach others to do so.

We should remember that whatever spiritual guidance our parents give will help us to attain eternal life if we take heed. In today's lesson, Moses made an appeal for the Israelites to take heed to perform the laws and judgments they had been taught and not forget them. The Ten Commandments were laws that God gave Moses to help govern the people. The Ten Commandments were also called the covenant because they summarized the entire contract between God and Israel. He wanted them to remember so they could teach their children and their grandchildren. If they obeyed, they would go in and possess the land that God promised their fathers.

Please listen to the voice of experience as well as recall the things you know to be true according to what you have been taught. Learn to read and study God's law and do precisely what He says. Just as your parents and grandparents teach you, one day you may teach your children and your children may teach another generation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did Moses ask the Israelites to do?
Moses asked the Israelites to perform the laws and judgments they had been taught and not to forget them.
2. What did Moses promise would happen to the obedient?

Moses said that the obedient would go in and possess the land that God promised their fathers.

3. When we remember the spiritual guidance of our parents, what will be the result?
When we remember the spiritual guidance of our parents, it will help us to attain eternal life.
4. What will you do one day when you are older?
One day you may teach your children and they may teach their children.
5. How do you think God feels when we remember His Commandments and teach them to others?
Individual answers may be given.

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 4:14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

ACTIVITY: *Let the students list at least 5 of the Commandments they have been taught.*

LESSON 101

JULY 3, 2022

DANIEL REFUSES THE KING'S MEAT

MOTTO TEXT: Daniel 1:12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

LESSON TEXT: Daniel 1:8-15

LESSON STORY

Daniel and his three friends were among the Jewish children who were taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar, Ruler of the Babylon Empire. The king gave an order to bring children with certain skills into the palace. Daniel and three of his friends were among those chosen to come to the king's palace. They were chosen because they were smart and had good appearances. Daniel could also interpret dreams.

The king wanted the children to be completely nourished before they could come before him in the palace. He ordered them to eat his food and drink his wine for three years. Daniel and his friends refused to eat the king's meat or drink his wine because it was against Jewish dietary laws. Daniel asked the prince of the eunuchs, who was guarding him, if they could eat grain and drink water instead of the king's food. The man was afraid to grant Daniel's request, because he feared for his life. He granted Daniel a ten-day trial period to eat according to Jewish dietary law. He wanted to see if they would look the same as the other children.

After ten days, Daniel and his friends looked better and healthier than the other children who had eaten the king's meat. God gave Daniel more knowledge and

understanding than all the astrologers and magicians who came before the king because he obeyed God's laws.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Where were the Jews taken into captivity by King Nebuchadnezzar?
The Jews were taken into captivity in Babylon.
2. Who were the children captured in the first group of Jews?
The children were Daniel and three of his friends.
3. Where were Daniel and his friends taken?
Daniel and his three friends were taken into the king's palace.
4. What did the king order be done for the children?
The king ordered that the children be fed his meat and drink his wine.
5. What did God do for Daniel because he refused to eat the king's meat?
God gave Daniel more knowledge and understanding than all the astrologers and magicians who came before the king.

MEMORY VERSE: Daniel 2:19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students to draw or cut and paste pictures of various animals and label them as clean and unclean.*

LESSON 102

JULY 10, 2022

JONAH CHANGES HIS MIND

MOTTO TEXT: Jonah 2:9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

LESSON TEXT: Jonah 2:1-10

LESSON STORY

God told Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh to preach to the people. Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh, because the people were so wicked. Instead Jonah chose to go to Tarshish to flee from God. He ran away and boarded a ship at Joppa. God sent a storm into the sea and it caused the men on the ship to be very afraid. The men prayed, but the storm did not cease. They threw things off the ship to lighten the load. Jonah went down into the side of the ship and fell asleep. The shipmaster found Jonah and told him to call upon God.

Finally, Jonah told the men that God had caused a storm to rise in the sea because he had run away. Jonah told the men to throw him overboard so that God would calm the storm. As they threw Jonah overboard, God sent a great fish to swallow him. Jonah stayed in the fish's belly for three days and three nights. Jonah knew that he had disobeyed God and prayed to God for forgiveness. After three

days and three nights, God caused the fish to throw Jonah up onto dry land. Jonah was so glad, that he obeyed God and went to Nineveh to preach to the people.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did God tell Jonah to do?
God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and preach to the people.
2. Did Jonah obey God?
No, he ran away and boarded a ship at Joppa.
3. What happened after the ship was on the sea?
God sent a storm into the sea.
4. What caused the storm to cease?
The men threw Jonah overboard.
5. Where did Jonah spend three days and three nights?
Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of a great fish.

MEMORY VERSE: Jonah 3:3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students to draw Jonah in the fish's belly.*

LESSON 103

JULY 17, 2022

JOSEPH SAYS NO TO TEMPTATION

MOTTO TEXT: Genesis 39:8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 39: 1-10

LESSON STORY

Joseph found favor in the sight of Potiphar, an Egyptian captain of the guards. Potiphar trusted Joseph because Joseph was a man of God. Potiphar had so much confidence in Joseph that he appointed him over all the affairs of his house.

One day, Potiphar's wife asked Joseph to commit a sin. Joseph refused her. He knew that it was wrong to commit sin. He did not want to sin against God. Potiphar's wife would not leave Joseph alone. She kept asking him to commit the sin of fornication. Each time she approached Joseph, he always said "no" to her requests. Finally, one day she grabbed Joseph's coat sleeve; but he ran away. She kept Joseph's coat that she pulled off his arm. When Potiphar returned home, his wife lied that Joseph had tried to make her commit the sin. She showed Joseph's coat to Potiphar. Potiphar believed his wife and put Joseph in prison. However,

God was with Joseph and delivered him out of prison because he had refused to sin.

Young people should strive to be like Joseph by saying no to temptation. God will be with you through all trials and tribulations that you endure because you refuse to yield to temptation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who gave Joseph an important position in his house?
Potiphar, the Egyptian captain of the guards.
2. Who kept asking Joseph to commit a sin?
Potiphar's wife kept asking Joseph to commit a sin.
3. What did Joseph do each time he was asked to commit a sin?
He refused to commit a sin against God.
4. What did Potiphar's wife do?
Answer from lesson story.
5. What did God do for Joseph?
God delivered Joseph out of prison.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss some of the sins young people commit because of peer pressure.*

LESSON 104

JULY 24, 2022

JONATHAN, A LOVING FRIEND

MOTTO TEXT: I Samuel 18:3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 18:1-5

LESSON STORY

King Saul fought many battles against the Philistines. He had many men in his army. One day, King Saul saw the boy, David, kill many Philistines. Afterwards, King Saul chose David to rule over his men of war. David was a man of God and all the people respected him. King Saul was afraid of David because he knew the Lord was with him.

Jonathan was King Saul's son. Jonathan also admired and loved David. They became very close friends. To show his love for David, Jonathan made a covenant with him. Jonathan also gave David his robe, armour, sword and other personal belongings to show his love for him.

One day, David won a great battle against the Philistines. The women were so happy that they sang praises to King Saul and to David. Because they gave David

more praises than King Saul, he became very jealous of David and tried to kill him. Jonathan knew that his father, King Saul, was wrong to try and kill David. He helped David escape from King Saul on many occasions. One day, King Saul ordered Jonathan and his servants to kill David. Jonathan did not obey his father, and told David to hide in a secret place. Jonathan even came to help David while he was hiding from King Saul. Because Jonathan loved David as a very close friend, he never forgot their covenant.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Jonathan?
He was King Saul's son.
2. What did King Saul choose David to do?
King Saul chose David to rule over his men of war.
3. What happened to King Saul?
An evil spirit came upon him and he became very jealous of David and sought to kill him.
4. Who helped David escape?
Jonathan helped David escape.
5. Why did Jonathan help David?
Jonathan loved David and made a covenant with him.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

ACTIVITY: Ask each student to list their special friends and explain why they are so special.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Now that you are familiar with several books and what they are about, you should continue to solidify your knowledge regarding the greatest book in the whole world, the Bible.

Hopefully, you will learn to recite the books of the Bible as you learn about the contents of the books. Lessons for this theme should inspire your study of the books of the Bible. Begin now reading more during your study time. Just as you study books in school that impart knowledge for different reasons; as you read books of the Bible, you will receive knowledge and understanding helpful towards eternal life.

You will be studying such characters as John, Paul, Lazarus, Silas, and many others. Not only will you receive information for different periods in history, you will gain knowledge about God and how he wants His people to live.



Paul

Get Ready, Set, Go!

SAINT JOHN AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

MOTTO TEXT: John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

LESSON TEXT: John 1:6-9, Matthew 3:1-2, 6, 11-17

LESSON STORY

John, one of the twelve apostles, was the writer of the Book of John, also known as “John the Beloved Disciple”. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of James, another of the twelve apostles of Jesus.

In today’s lesson, we will discuss another John, John the Baptist. He was sent from God to bear witness of the coming of the *Light*, so that through Jesus (*the Light*), all men might believe. John the Baptist went about preaching repentance, “...for the kingdom of God is at hand.” Many people confessed their sins and were baptized by him in the River Jordan. John said, “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.”

Jesus came from Galilee to Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptist. When He was baptized, He came up out of the water, the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descended like a dove, lighting upon Him. A voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Saint John?
Saint John was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. He was also known as “John, the Beloved Disciple”.
2. Who was John the Baptist?
John the Baptist was a man sent from God to bear witness of the coming of Jesus.
3. Who was the *Light*?
Jesus was the Light, the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world.
4. What does it mean to repent?
To repent is to feel godly sorrow, i.e., regretful for one’s sins and ready to change one’s life for the better.
5. Describe the difference between John the Baptist’s baptism with water and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with fire.
Students should answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: John 21: 24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

ACTIVITY: Divide the class into two groups, one light and the other darkness. Give a short skit demonstrating the effect that light has on darkness.

**FAMILY SUNDAY
FAMILY BLESSINGS**

MOTTO TEXT: Genesis 33:5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children, which God hath graciously given thy servant.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 48:1-6

LESSON STORY

Jacob was a very old and sick man. His son, Joseph, decided to go and see about his sick father. Joseph also took his two sons, Ephraim and Manesseh to visit their grandfather. Jacob was very happy to see them. He told Joseph that God had truly blessed him by allowing him to live long enough to see not only his son, but also his grandsons.

Jacob told Joseph about God's promise. He said God promised to bless him with a great nation. God told Jacob that he would be fruitful and have many descendants. God would also bless his family to possess a great land forever.

Jacob's eyes were dim, and he could not see clearly. He asked Joseph to tell him the names of the two sons. Joseph told Jacob their names were Ephraim and Manesseh. He said his sons were a blessing from God. When Jacob heard their names, he knew that these two were chosen by God to rule the great nation to come. Then, Jacob desired to bless Joseph's two sons. Jacob asked Joseph to bring them closer to his bed. When they came close, Jacob kissed and hugged them. Jacob asked them to come even closer. After they came nearer, Jacob put his right hand on Ephraim's head and his left hand on the head of Manesseh. Jacob blessed them. Jacob also blessed Joseph who had bowed down in respect for his father.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What was Jacob's condition in our lesson story?
Jacob was very old, sick and could not see very well.
2. What did Joseph, Jacob's son, do after he heard that Jacob was very sick?
Joseph went to visit Jacob.
3. Who did Joseph take with him to see Jacob?
Joseph took his two sons, Ephraim and Manesseh, to see Jacob.
4. What did Jacob tell Joseph about God's promise to him?
Refer to answers in the lesson story.
5. What did Jacob desire to do to Joseph's two sons?
Jacob knew that these two were chosen to be leaders of the future nation; therefore, he desired to bless them.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

ACTIVITY: *Role play the lesson story and discuss how this story can be used in building character.*

LESSON 107

AUGUST 14, 2022

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

MOTTO TEXT: **Acts 2:1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

LESSON TEXT: **Acts 2:1-4**

LESSON STORY

The Acts of the Apostles gives the history of the church during the first generation after Jesus' ascension. It is the Book of the Holy Ghost. It opens with the Pentecost and records a similar descent of the Holy Ghost on the Samaritans, the Romans at Caesarea, and the Greeks at Ephesus. The two principal characters are (1) Peter, to who it opens the door of faith to Jews and Gentiles and (2) Paul, the great apostle of the Gentiles.

The actual work of foreign missions begin with Antioch and reaches to Rome before this book closes, following the exact order of Acts 1:8. Jesus told His disciples to remain at Jerusalem until they received the Holy Ghost. Then they would be witnesses throughout many cities, even to the uttermost parts of the earth. After receiving the Holy Ghost, the apostles did exactly as Jesus commanded. They witnessed at Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria and many other places. All these works were recorded by Luke in the Book of Acts.

Acts was written by Luke. We learn that Luke was a gospel writer, who wrote the Book of Luke. He was also a secretary, well educated, a doctor and a close friend and traveling companion of Paul.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who wrote the Book of Acts?
Luke wrote the Book of Acts.
2. What kind of book is Acts?
Acts tells about the history of the church after Jesus' ascension.
3. Name the two principal characters in Acts.
Ask individual students to answer.
4. Where did the work of foreign missions begin?
The work of foreign missions began with Antioch.
5. What is the command in Acts 1:8?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.

ACTIVITY: *Use a dictionary and define the word acts. Decide which definition fits the Book of Acts.*

LESSON 108

AUGUST 21, 2022

WHAT IS AN EPISTLE?

MOTTO TEXT: II Peter 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction.

LESSON TEXT: II Corinthians 3:2-6

LESSON STORY

An Epistle is a pastoral letter written on a serious subject by the New Testament apostles.

Have you ever received a letter? Most of us have at one time or another. We sometimes visit the mailbox several times a day waiting for the mail. Letters help us to keep in touch with our friends and relatives.

The apostles expanded and applied the gems of truth about Jesus' teachings throughout the Roman Empire and Asia with their letters. These letters followed a standard format, just as our letters do today. The format in Bible times was somewhat different. The Bible time format went like this: First the name of (office/title) of the author. Then came the name of the people who were going to receive the letter. Next came words of greeting and finally the main message or body.

There are five Epistle writers: Paul, Peter, James, John and Jude. Paul's theme is Faith; Peter's Hope; James' Good Works; John's Love; and Jude's Truth. Jude warned of false doctrine displacing true doctrine and evil works displacing good works. Both or either threaten the life of the Church.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is an Epistle?

An Epistle is pastoral letter written on a serious subject by the New Testament apostles.

2. How many Epistle writers are there?

There are five Epistle writers.

3. Allow the each student to name the five Epistle writers.

4. Can you give the format of letters of Bible times?

Answer individually.

5. Why are letters written?

Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: II Peter 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

ACTIVITY: *Write a letter of encouragement to your pastor.*

LESSON 109

AUGUST 28, 2022

ROMANS

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

LESSON TEXT: Romans 1:1-8

LESSON STORY

Romans is the first of the thirteen Pauline Epistles. The theme of Romans is the gospel of God. It was written from Corinth during Apostle Paul's third missionary journey. Paul wrote to the Romans in preparation for his trip to see them.

Paul talked to the Romans about the doctrine of Christianity. He told them that faith in the mercy and grace of God justifies us through Jesus Christ. Paul had not been to Rome, but he planned to travel there. The church at Rome was probably set up by Christians who had received the Holy Ghost in Jerusalem.

Acts told how Paul had been arrested for talking about Jesus. He had traveled to the capital of the Roman Empire to stand trial before the wicked emperor, Nero. The court was booked for a long time, so Paul was placed under "house arrest." Not only was he not allowed to go anywhere, he was chained to a Roman guard twenty-four hours a day. But guess what! Paul was not bored! He told his guards about Jesus, talked with friends who were allowed to visit him, and wrote many letters to people he had come to know over the years. This Epistle to the church at Rome is an example of the devotion Paul had for God and for the people of God. What a blessing he was to the church!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What New Testament book did we study about today?

We studied about Romans.

2. What is its theme?

The gospel of God is its theme.

3. To whom was it written?

Paul wrote to the Romans.

4. From the lesson, permit the students to tell what Paul did to fight boredom.

5. Why did Paul write to the Romans?

Paul wrote to the Romans in preparation of visiting them.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 15:29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss ways youth can be like Paul to keep from being bored.*

LESSON 110

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

**EVANGELISM SUNDAY
GO TELL THE GOOD NEWS**

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

LESSON TEXT: Acts 11:5-15

LESSON STORY

Evangelize means to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. In our lesson today, Peter was a great evangelist and disciple of Christ. God showed him a vision one day while he was praying. In it was a vessel holding all types of beasts. He heard a voice say, Arise Peter, slay and eat. At first Peter could not understand what the dream meant. However, after the third time, God showed him that He would draw people of every race, creed and nationality into His Kingdom. He wanted it to be known that He is not one to discriminate. Salvation would be available to all who want to receive it. Peter then went forth to preach Salvation to all mankind. As he did, the Holy Ghost began to fall, and many were saved.

We too, must do as Apostle Peter and spread the gospel. Let men, women and children know that Jesus died for our sins to give us eternal life. The Holy Ghost is a free gift and is available to everyone who calls on the name of Jesus. It doesn't matter whether you are young or old. All you must do is repent, believe and receive. Are you ready to go tell the good news?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does it mean to evangelize?
To go teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ so others can be saved.
2. Who was Peter?
Peter was an Apostle of Christ and an Evangelist.
3. What was the meaning of the vision God showed Peter while he was praying?
Salvation would be available to all who believed on His name.
4. What should we do to follow Christ?
Receive the Holy Ghost and then go spread the good news to others that Jesus saves.

5. Do we have to pay for the Holy Ghost?

No. It is a free gift and available to everyone, young and old.

MEMORY VERSE: John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

ACTIVITY: *Have students role-play how they would witness to one of their friends who does not know the Lord.*

LESSON 111

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY
A MESSAGE FROM GRANDPARENTS**

MOTTO TEXT: Joel 1:3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

LESSON TEXT: Joel 1:1-4

LESSON STORY

Joel was a minor prophet and there is very little known about him. In our lesson today, he described an invasion on the people of Judah by a swarm of locusts. They completely destroyed all vegetation. This was very devastating to all of the people. Joel compared this event to the coming of the Lord. He said that this will be nothing as compared to God's coming and the wrath that He will send upon all sinful and disobedient people.

Joel told the people that they should warn their children that the Lord is coming. Their children should warn their children, and their children another generation. Our parents and grandparents have warned us that God is coming and His coming is soon. They have told us that we should be ready for His coming. They have taught us to be obedient to God's Word. Through our obedience to God, we will be able to escape the wrath that he will bring upon sinful men.

We need to turn to God with all of our heart, mind, and soul. We need to fast and pray for the strength to be humble and obedient children of God. Let us not forsake the warning that our parents and grandparents have given us. The time is nigh for the Lord's coming. There will be no time for us to get ready. We must be ready when He comes.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Was Joel a major or a minor prophet?

Joel was a minor prophet.

2. To what did Joel compare the destruction of the vegetation by the locust?

He compared it to the coming of the Lord and the wrath he shall bring against sinful men.

3. Who did Joel tell the people to warn?
Answer individually
4. How will we escape the wrath of God?
We will escape God's wrath by being obedient unto Him.
5. When will the Lord come?
The Lord will come soon.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

ACTIVITY: *Write a poem to your grandparents expressing your sincere feelings for them.*

LESSON 112

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

FIRST AND SECOND CORINTHIANS

MOTTO TEXT: II Corinthians 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men.

LESSON TEXT: II Corinthians 4:1-6

LESSON STORY

First and Second Corinthians are Epistles written by Paul to the church at Corinth. Corinth was a wealthy commercial center as well as a wicked city in southern Greece. Many people who lived there worshipped idols. The moral character of Corinth made it a fertile field for the good news of the Messiah. Paul worked hard to establish a church in this trading town and was very successful.

It was not easy for the Christians at Corinth to overcome their evil-like lifestyle and live true to their new-found religion. You see, they had divided themselves into groups and were saying many bad things about one another.

Paul was in Ephesus when he heard about their problems. He was upset, and so he wrote this long letter to teach Corinthian Christians about Christian conduct.

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians was written within a year of the first one. Paul's spiritual burden was great because in addition to the problems that existed before writing the first letter, now others came. A wave of distrust in relation to Paul himself had now swept through the church. Some said that he was not sincere, while others questioned whether he had apostolic authority. Consequently, Paul defends his authority by placing before the church the overwhelming evidence of his sincerity in serving God. Thus, the Second Epistle to the Corinthians is very personal and autobiographical. Paul tried very hard to straighten out their misunderstandings.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What New Testament books did we study about today?
We studied about I Corinthians and II Corinthians.
2. Who was the author?
The author was Paul.
3. What was Paul's emotional condition in today's lesson?
Paul was upset.
4. Describe Corinth.
Corinth was a wealthy and wicked commercial center in southern Greece.
5. How much time passed between the first and Second Epistle to Corinth?
Answer from lesson story.

MEMORY VERSE: I Corinthians 1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

ACTIVITY: *Using a map, try to locate the city of Corinth. What things can you tell about it from your observation.*

LESSON 113

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

PAUL'S EPISTLES TO THE GALATIANS AND EPHESIANS

MOTTO TEXT: Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but of Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead).

LESSON TEXT: Ephesians 2:1-5

LESSON STORY

Paul had worked very hard to start churches in many Galatian cities. Galatia was a providence in what is now South-Central Turkey. Paul had taught the Galatians that Salvation came by the grace of God.

The Epistle to them is made spiritually mature by the power of the Holy Ghost and the richness of life available when the Holy Ghost rules in the Christian. He taught them that they were justified by faith. They thought they could do the works of the law for Salvation. Jesus died for our Salvation and the faith (belief) we put in Him brings forgiveness of sins.

Paul ministered at Ephesus for three years. He spent more time in Ephesus than almost anywhere else. It is not surprising that the Ephesian church was one of the strongest in New Testament times. Paul taught the Ephesians to give God the glory for mercy and grace. Paul made mention of the Ephesians often in his prayers.

Galatians and Ephesians are important Epistles to the church and show the love Paul had for God's people. He desired that the church should grow.

In this Epistle, Paul reminds the Ephesians that all people are the same in God's sight. Everyone must be treated with equal importance. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is one of "The Prison Epistles."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Which of Paul's Epistles were studied today?
Paul's Epistles of Galatians and Ephesians.
2. Where is Galatia located today?
Answer from the lesson.
3. How long did Paul minister at Ephesus?
Paul ministered at Ephesus for three years.
4. What kind of letter was Ephesians?
Ephesians is one of Paul's prison Epistles.
5. What are all people in the sight of God?
All people are the same in God's sight.

MEMORY VERSE: **Galatians 1:6** I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel.

ACTIVITY: *Since Paul wrote these Epistles while in prison, tell what other activities you think he had to do.*

RULES OF CONDUCT

The Bible contains the books of law. In fact, the Old Testament is perhaps the most remarkable source of law that we have. The Bible emphasizes the order to recognize God. The Old Testament also sets forth specific guidelines as to how people should deal with each other as they recognize God and seek to attain godly knowledge.

Rules of conduct that you study will emphasize how to deal with the weak, and teach respect for authority and friendship. While some rules such as the Ten Commandments (the Torah) may be specific, some rules may be general. Are you ready to gain more knowledge and practice rules of conduct on a daily basis?



The Ten Commandments

Get Ready, Set, Go!

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 20:1-3

LESSON STORY

God delivered Moses and His people out of the land of Egypt where they were held as slaves. He called Moses up on Mount Sinai and gave him one set of Commandments to guide their daily living. Commandments are laws or rules for living that are given with power. God carved those laws on a stone and told Moses to give them to the people.

The First Law that God gave Moses was that we should have no other gods before Him. There is only one God, and He is that God. God should be first in our lives, and we should include Him in all that we do.

We should love God. We should love Him with all of our heart, soul, and might. God was good to Moses and the children of Israel. He delivered them out of the land of Egypt by allowing them to cross the sea without any being harmed. God shows this same concern and care for us today. He provides our food, shelter and clothing and he keeps us from all hurt, harm and danger. The least service we can do for someone who is so caring is to put them first in our lives and to love them. Let us all have no other gods before the one and only God and let us love Him.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. To whom did God give the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai?
The Commandments were given to Moses.
2. What is the First Commandment?
The First Commandment is "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."
3. What is the Scripture?
Exodus 20:3.
4. Who should always be first in our lives?
God should always be first in our lives.
5. What does God do for us?
He provides our food, shelter, and clothing and he keeps us from all hurt, harm and danger.

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

ACTIVITY: Write a paragraph about why you love God, and how you show your love for Him.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 20:4-6

LESSON STORY

The Second Commandment that God gave to Moses was that we should not make any graven images. We should not fashion them after anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. God is a jealous God. We should not put anything or anyone ahead of Him.

What were the idol gods? The people that God delivered from bondage took all of their gold and made a golden calf out of it. They were impatient with God, and they began to worship the calf. Today, any uncleanness is considered idolatry (Colossians 3:5). If we put anything before the Lord, it is like worshipping idols as did the Israelites. Never put anything such as watching television, playing sports and shopping, etc. as your priority. We allow these things to keep us from assembling together and worshipping God.

If we disobey this Commandment, we and our children will be punished. If we keep this Commandment, He will show mercy unto us and our children. Let us stay in His mercy and not serve any idol gods.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Scripture for the second Commandment?
Exodus 20:4.
2. What is the Second Commandment?
The Second Commandment is: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
3. What will happen if we worship idol gods?
Answer individually.
4. What kind of God is the true and living God?
The true and living God is a jealous God.
5. How had God protected His people?
Answer from lesson story.

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 6:14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you.

ACTIVITY: *Make a list of other things that can be used as idol gods.*

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 5:34-37

LESSON STORY

The Third Commandment that God gave to Moses was that we should not take His name in vain; for he will not hold us guiltless if we take His name in vain. God's name and what He represents are interchangeable. We should hold respect for His name and reverence it. The Israelites were not to use His name for any idle nor useless purpose. They were not to swear by His name in any situation. This Command holds for us today. We should not go into court and swear by His name. We should not curse and use His name.

When we pray to God and give praises to Him, we should not be hypocrites and use His name in a meaningless manner. We should be sincere in our worshipping of God, and we should fully respect His name. Let us not be found guilty of taking His name in vain.

Cursing and swearing are not for children of God. Just be honest with what you say. If you are not a truthful person, all you need to say is yes or no. If you don't know something, say I don't know. We can't swear by heaven because it is God's throne; neither by earth, because it's God's footstool. That means we only have our own words and if we tell the truth, that's all that is necessary to be said.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Third Commandment?
Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
2. What is the Scripture?
Exodus 20:7
3. What will happen to us if we take His name in vain?
He will not hold us guiltless.
4. Is it alright to swear by God's name if we do it in the County, Federal, State or District Courts?
No, we do not swear at all.
5. How should you respond when your friends use profanity?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Leviticus 19:12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

ACTIVITY: *Do a dramatization of how we should praise God.*

**TEMPERANCE SUNDAY
PRAYER HELPS TO WALK IN PURITY**

MOTTO TEXT: **Daniel 6:10** ...He kneeled upon his knees three times a day.

LESSON TEXT: **Daniel 6:11-17**

LESSON STORY

An often-repeated act becomes a habit which exerts a powerful influence! Therefore, we must be very careful to cultivate only tendencies which are constructive and helpful.

Daniel prayed three times a day with the windows of his chamber opened toward Jerusalem. When the King's order forbade this, he continued it although it might mean death in the lion's den. This action was more than mere habit; however, it was a courageous expression of faith. Kneeling to pray had become so much a part of his life that he found it easy to maintain it in spite of the danger. Prayer helped Daniel to walk in purity.

Regular prayer, faithful attendance of our church services, and daily Bible readings will help us to walk in purity every day. If you have not developed these practices as part of your pattern of life, you will need to discipline yourself for a time. Faithfully carried out, however, they will become good spiritual habits that will help you through life; and will certainly bear precious fruit in eternity.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is temperance?
Temperance means self-control.
2. What did Daniel practice daily?
Daniel practiced praying three times a day.
3. What was the result?
Daniel was able to walk in purity before God.
4. What should you do daily?
We should pray daily and keep a prayerful attitude throughout the day.
5. Name some worthwhile habits.
Give individual answers.

MEMORY VERSE: **I Thessalonians 5:17** Pray without ceasing.

ACTIVITY: *Let the children discuss some of their answered prayers.*

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 20:8-11

LESSON STORY

The Fourth Commandment that God gave to Moses was for us to first remember the Sabbath Day and secondly, to keep it holy. The Sabbath is the day of rest considered holy to God by His rest on the seventh day after creation.

God said that we should labor and do all of our work in six days. The seventh day we should not work. He commanded that the seventh day is the Sabbath and no one in His household should work. God set this pattern for us. In six days, He made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested. When we do this, we follow the example that He set. We can be thankful for what God has accomplished in our lives. The Christian's Sabbath Day is Sunday, which is the first day of the week. Let us remember to worship the Lord and live holy every day of the week.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Fourth Commandment?
Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.
2. What is the Scripture?
Exodus 20:8.
3. What day of the week do we acknowledge for the Sabbath?
Christians acknowledge Sunday, as the first day of the week.
4. How many days did God work?
God worked six days creating the haven and the earth.
5. How does the Bible explain keeping the Sabbath Day?
Answer from Exodus 20:8-11.

MEMORY VERSE: Exodus 20:9 Six days shall thou labor and do all thy work.

ACTIVITY: *Make a list of things that you can do, and a list of things that you cannot do on the Sabbath.*

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 20:12 Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

LESSON TEXT: Leviticus 19:1-3

LESSON STORY

The Fifth Commandment that God gave to Moses was that we honor our father and mother. If we do this, our days for living may be longer. This is the First Commandment that deals with our relationships with others. Our parents are the first people with whom we have a relationship. They take care of us, protect us, and are our first teachers. Our parents are the first authoritative figures that we have contact with in our lives.

This is why God wants us to honor them. We should have full respect for our parents. We should be obedient to them, and as they grow older and become unable to take care of themselves, we should become caretakers for them.

If we want to please God, we should respect our parents regardless of what our friends and the world may think. This is the First Commandment that God has given to us with the promise of long life. Let us always honor, respect and obey our parents.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Fifth Commandment?
Honor thy father and mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
2. What is the Scripture?
Exodus 20:12.
3. Who are the first authoritative figures in our lives?
Our parents are the first authoritative figures in our lives.
4. What is the promise to us for honoring them?
The promise is for a long life.
5. Name some ways to honor your parents.
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 6:1-2 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise.

ACTIVITY: *Write a poem to show your parents how much you honor and respect them.*

LESSON 120

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 9:3-10

LESSON STORY

The Sixth Commandment that God gave to Moses is that we should not kill. To kill is to cause the death of a person or to slay them. Cain killed his brother Abel. Saul persecuted and killed followers of Christ.

Man is made in the image of God. God breathed life into him, and none of us have the right to take this life away from any man or woman. God wants us to love one another. We should have respect for each other and for life. This Commandment also deals with relationships.

Killing destroys societies. God tried to protect and preserve our society when He gave this Commandment. Every day, we hear of one person killing another. Society has gotten to be so bad that children, your age and younger, are killing people. Man does not have respect for life that God created. Let us begin to respect life as God created it. Let us love one another.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Sixth Commandment?
Thou shall not kill.
2. What is the Scripture?
Exodus 20:13
3. Man is made in the image of _____.
God.
4. The Sixth Commandment tries to _____ and _____ society.
Protect, preserve.
5. What are some of the consequences of killing someone?
Let the class discuss and respond to the question.

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

ACTIVITY: *Make a list of other evil things that destroy society.*

LESSON 121

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

THANKSGIVING LESSON HONOR ALL MEN

MOTTO TEXT: I Peter 2:17 Honor all men, Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

LESSON TEXT: I Peter 2:17-20

LESSON STORY

In our lesson story today, honor means respect. God requires that we respect everyone and show love to the brotherhood. We are supposed to have a special love for those that are in the church with us.

Then, we must fear God. If we fear God, we will keep His Commandments. Solomon said to fear God is the beginning of wisdom. We must also honor and respect the king or anyone in authority.

Paul is admonishing us to honor all men if they are worthy of honor. We are to give respect to all leaders of the church: the Chief Overseer, Pastor, Sunday School Superintendent, Choir Director, YFFU Coordinator and President or anyone who has the rule over you in the House of God.

We are also to give honor to people in power or government. You are to respect the laws of the land and those who enforce them. When you go to school, you are to respect your teachers and any adult that is in authority. God requires that we show honor to anyone that has rule over you. Young people we are to respect all men.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does the word *honor* mean?
Honor means respect.
2. Who are we to honor?
We are to honor all men.
3. Who are we to love?
We are to love the brotherhood.
4. Are we supposed to have a special love for the household of faith?
Yes. We are to have a special love for the household of faith.
5. Name someone we are to respect and why.
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 2:10a But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good.

ACTIVITY: *Write a poem with the letters of honor.*

LESSON 122

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 2:21-24

LESSON STORY

The Seventh Commandment that God gave to Moses is that one should not commit adultery. This Commandment is meant to protect the sacredness of the home. God's intent was that a man and woman should marry and should reproduce children. The family was formed from this union of man and woman and their offspring.

God's plan is that males and females grow up and choose a mate (husband or wife). With this mate, we have the privilege to have children. Under no other circumstance should we have sex. If we have sex with anyone before we marry or with anyone other than our spouse (husband or wife), we have committed adultery.

Many men and women today do not respect this law. They live with each other before they marry, and many have sex with other people after they are married. This practice displeases God. Let us not commit adultery. Let us all respect the home and the family.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Seventh Commandment?
Thou shall not commit adultery.
2. What is the Scripture?
Exodus 20:14.
3. What is a spouse?
One's husband or wife.
4. The Seventh Commandment protects the _____.
Home.
5. Who gave this Commandment to Moses?
This Commandment was given to Moses by God.

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

ACTIVITY: *Draw a picture of all of your family members, who live in your home.*

LESSON 123

DECEMBER 4, 2022

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 19:16-18

LESSON STORY

The Eighth Commandment that God gave to Moses is that we should not steal. To steal is to take something from someone without them giving it to you. This Commandment was given to us, so that we could learn respect for the property and belongings of others.

There are many ways that we can steal from others. When we see our neighbor's car with the keys in the ignition, we may jump in it and drive away with it. We may go into a bank and hold a weapon on the clerk, and demand money from them. We may sit in class and copy the answers from our neighbor's test paper. We may leave the store with something in our hands or a bag without paying

for it. These are all methods of stealing. Stealing will also cause us to miss having eternal life. Stealing is a sin. In heaven there is no sin. Sinners cannot inherit life with God and Jesus.

In this Commandment, God emphasizes the importance of getting all of what we have through lawful means. He gives us the strength to work for everything we need and want. There is no need for any man or woman to steal, or cheat to get anything.

Let us work for what we need or want, and not steal or cheat to get it.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Eighth Commandment?
Thou shalt not steal.
2. What is the Scripture?
Exodus 20:15.
3. Name some ways that we may steal.
To be answered individually.
4. What does stealing keep us from inheriting?
Stealing prevents us from inheriting eternal life.
5. What is stealing?
Stealing is a sin.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

ACTIVITY: *Make a list of the first seven Commandments without referring to the previous lessons.*

LESSON 124

DECEMBER 11, 2022

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

LESSON TEXT: Psalm 140:1-5

LESSON STORY

The Ninth Commandment that God gave to Moses is that we should not bear false witness against our neighbor. We should speak honest things about our neighbors. You may have heard many people say that “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” Well, this is not true because words can

kill. Many have had their character killed with false accusations. We should not say anything about another person unless we know that it is true.

Oftentimes, we say things about people that we have heard others say. We do not know whether these statements are true or false. There are some people who say things about others that they know are not true because they may be jealous of the person. These accusations may destroy a person's reputation for life. Many people have had their character destroyed, and have even lost their natural lives because of false accusations. Whatever we say about others, we should make sure that it is not something that will destroy their character or maybe, even their lives. Let us love one another, and have only true, kind things to say about our neighbor.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Ninth Commandment?
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
2. What is the Scripture?
Exodus 20:16.
3. Is it true that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words don't hurt me?"
To be answered individually.
4. When we bear false witness, what are we doing?
When we bear false witness, we are telling a lie.
5. Where are all liars going?
All liars will be given their portion in the lake of fire and brimstone (Revelation 21:8).

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 25:18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbor is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

ACTIVITY: *Make a list of false accusations that men said about Jesus when he was here on earth.*

LESSON 125

DECEMBER 18, 2022

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

MOTTO TEXT: Exodus 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

LESSON TEXT: Deuteronomy 11:1-5

LESSON STORY

The Tenth Commandment that God gave to Moses is that we should not covet (strongly desire) that which belongs to our neighbor. God has been good to all of us. We are all different and have different needs. God has given to us according to

what our needs are. We should all be thankful for what God has given us and how he has provided for our needs.

If we love God, and put Him first in our lives, it will be easy for us to keep this Commandment. We will be desirous of God, and not of what He has given others.

This Commandment was emphasized by Jesus when He told us to love our neighbor as ourselves. To do this, we must respect others and their belongings. We need to thank God for what He has given us, as well as what He has given to others.

These Ten Commandments can be summed up with one word, and that word is love. They begin with love for God, and if we truly love Him, this love will spread to our neighbors. Let us keep this Commandment and all of the Commandments of God that we have learned.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the Tenth Commandment?

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

2. What is the Scripture?

Exodus 20:17.

3. What did Jesus tell us to do?

Jesus said that we should love our neighbor as ourselves.

4. What one word sums up all of the Commandments?

"Love" is the one word that sums up all of the Commandments. .

5. Is it easy to obey the Commandments of God?

Allow all students to answer why it is easy or why not.

MEMORY VERSE: St. Matthew 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

ACTIVITY: *Write a poem which will include The Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses.*

LESSON 126

DECEMBER 25, 2022

CHRISTMAS LESSON TRUE WORSHIP FOR THE NEWBORN KING

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 2:2 Saying; Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 2:1-12

LESSON STORY

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, three wise men followed a star in the sky to find Him. It was a long trip, but they pressed on, following the star until it led them to baby Jesus. When they found Him, they presented precious gifts of gold and other valuable treasures. The wise men were filled with joy and fell down to worship the new King and Savior of the world. Their praise was sincere, However, there was a king named Herod who had a different motive. King Herod pretended to also want to find Jesus in order to worship Him, but his worship was not true, nor sincere. In fact, he wanted to kill baby Jesus to keep Him from becoming the new ruler over the land. Of course, his plot failed. Herod did not realize he could not alter God's plan of Salvation through His Son, Jesus.

True worship involves praising God with a sincere heart, and not out of pretense. Because Jesus was born, we now have the right to inherit eternal life, Once lost in sin, we now can sing: "Thank God for the newborn King!"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why did the three wise men come to Jerusalem?
They were seeking for the baby Jesus.
2. Why were they looking for Jesus?
They heard he was to be the King of the Jews and ruler of the land.
3. What did the wise men do when they found Jesus?
They worshipped Him and presented Him with gifts.
4. Was King Herod pleased with the birth of Jesus?
No. He pretended to be, but really sought to destroy Him.
5. What is true worship?
Praising God with a sincere heart, and not for an outward show is true worship.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

ACTIVITY: *Have students role-play the wise men bringing gifts and worshipping the baby Jesus.*

LESSON 127

JANUARY 1, 2023

NEW YEAR'S LESSON/NEW BEGINNING EXPECTATION OF NEW THINGS

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

LESSON TEXT: Revelation 21:1-27

LESSON STORY

Today, as we enter into the new year, we realize that the day of the Lord is closer; therefore, our expectation of new things heightens. Isaiah, in the Motto Text says, “Behold I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered nor come into mind.” John, in the Revelations, says “I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away”.

These two prophesies are the same, and one day this will not be just a prophecy, but a reality. Young people, are you preparing for this new heaven and new earth? Remember, this earth, which we call home, will pass away, and will not be remembered any more. So, you must know that you are a traveler here and this world is not your home; you will leave one day. Now ask yourselves this question, “where will my home be when I leave this world?” The answer is completely up to you.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who were the two prophets that wrote the prophecy in the lesson?
The two prophets that wrote the prophecy were Isaiah and John.
2. What was the prophecy?
The prophecy was that there would be a new heaven and a new earth.
3. Are these two different prophecies?
No, these prophesies are the same.
4. Is this world our home?
No, this world is not our home.
5. Where will you call home after leaving here?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

ACTIVITY: *Have the children write a paragraph entitled, “Where will I spend Eternity?”*

LESSON 128

JANUARY 8, 2023

FOLLOW GOD’S LAW

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 6:24 And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

LESSON TEXT: Genesis 39:5-10

LESSON STORY

When Joseph's brothers sold him to the Ishmaelites and he was taken to Egypt, they meant it for bad; but God used their evil plot for Joseph's good. God blessed Joseph in the land of Egypt. He was an important man in Potiphar's court. Potiphar's wife liked Joseph, but he didn't like her because he knew she was someone else's wife. She lied on him and he was put in prison. In spite of everything that went wrong in Joseph's life, he had found favor with God. God blessed Joseph for doing right. God blessed his brothers, also. Joseph was going to be the means of survival for his father, his brothers and their families during the famine. Joseph decided to keep God's law and follow His Commandment.

Perhaps, someone has tried to entice you to do wrong such as lying, shoplifting, fighting or being mischievous. Always remember God's laws and tell the truth, do not steal or cause confusion. If you remember God's Word and obey His Law, in the time of temptation, He will bless you.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did Potiphar's wife do?
Potiphar's wife tried to entice Joseph to do wrong.
2. Did Joseph fall for her?
No, Joseph did not fall for her.
3. What did Potiphar's wife tell?
Potiphar's wife lied on Joseph.
4. What happened to Joseph as a result of her lie?
As a result of her lie, Joseph was thrown into prison.
5. What did Joseph decide to do?
Joseph decided to obey God's laws.

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 11:32 And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

ACTIVITY: *What are some laws that you should follow on a daily basis? Write some of them.*

LESSON 129

JANUARY 15, 2023

RULES THAT MOTHERS TEACH

MOTTO TEXT: Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is wellpleasing unto the Lord.

LESSON TEXT: Ephesians 6:1-3

LESSON STORY

Anna M. Jarvis of Philadelphia is credited with bringing about the observance of Mother's Day in the United States in 1914 under President Wilson. She suggested the second Sunday in May for the observance and also the wearing of a carnation on that day. Mothers have always been very special. Mothers are given the joy of bringing a new life into the world. Many wives are mothers who have great responsibility of nurturing and helping to rear children in the home.

Mothers are a blessing to children. They love their children and bring them up in the fear of the Lord. In teaching children, rules are given by mothers. A rule is a direction telling what may or may not be done. Rules are meant to help if they are followed. Discuss these rules:

- ♦ Be on your best behavior at all times.
- ♦ When attending a function, be on time.
- ♦ Sit quietly during church services.
- ♦ Don't run or play inside the church.
- ♦ Do not chew gum or eat candy in church.

We are thankful for mothers and for all of the rules that they give us to follow.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who is credited with bringing about the observance of Mother's Day in the United States?
Anna M. Jarvis did in 1914 under President Wilson.
2. What are mothers to children?
Mothers are a blessing to their children.
3. What are the rules meant to do?
Rules are meant to help if they are followed.
4. What are some of the rules you follow?
Answer individually.
5. What is God's Commandment about mothers?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 113:9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

ACTIVITY: *Make a card for your mother and list the rules that you appreciate.*

LESSON 130

JANUARY 22, 2023

RESULT OF KINDNESS AND OBEDIENCE

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

LESSON TEXT: I Kings 17:9-16

LESSON STORY

In our motto text, Paul is admonishing us to remember those who have rule over us in the Lord. Young people, you are not to forget those who have preached the Word of God to you and who have prayed for you. Respect and love them who have preached the Word that gives us life.

In today's lesson story, the Lord told Elijah to go to Zarephath and a widow woman would sustain him. When he saw the widow, he asked her for a morsel of bread and some water to drink. She told him that she had a handful of meal in a barrel and a little oil. She was getting ready to cook it and she and her son would eat it and die. She had no money to buy more oil or meal. Elijah told the widow woman to make a cake for him first, then make one for her son and herself. The woman obeyed the words of the prophet and the Lord said, "The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither the cruse of oil fail, until the day the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth." It happened just as God said it would.

One day the woman's son became sick and died. She brought him to the man of God. Elijah stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord. The child came back to life and he gave him back to his mother. The woman said, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the Word of the Lord by thy mouth is truth. We thank God for the woman and man of God because they speak the Word of truth to us.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who are we to remember?
We are to remember those who have rule over us.
2. What do they do for us?
They give us the word of life.
3. Do you think this is important and why?
Answer individually
4. Who did God send Elijah to?
God sent Elijah to a widow woman of Zarephath.
5. Was she obedient to the man of God and what happened?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: I Kings 17:24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth.

ACTIVITY: Write a letter of appreciation to your Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent or Pastor.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRUNKENNESS

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 28:3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet.

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 28:1-4

LESSON STORY

Temperance means moderation in action, thought or feeling. It has to do with self-control. Temperance teaches us that we should abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks. In today's lesson, Isaiah prophesied that the drunkards of Ephraim would be trodden under feet because they erred through wine and strong drink. When people drink intoxicating beverages, they cannot see or think clearly and do not make good sense. God uses sober instruments, not those who are given to alcohol.

The people did not like what Isaiah told them. They thought they were being treated like children. As pre-teens, when you are told what you should not do, please take heed to these good instructions. The ultimate consequence for wrongdoing is death.

Young people sometimes experiment with different things. You desire to know what they are like. Just read the Bible about those who drank wine and what happened to them. Even today, just listen to the news or read the newspaper. There are many reports of car accidents, murders, robberies and arrests due to drunkenness. Don't think that experimenting with alcohol or wine is necessary to know what happens, just open your eyes and your ears and you can readily understand the results of being drunk.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. From what should we abstain?
We should abstain from any intoxicating drinks.
2. What did Isaiah say would happen to the drunkards of Ephraim?
Isaiah said they would be trodden under feet.
3. What did the people think about Isaiah's message?
They thought they were being treated like children.
4. How should you react to good instructions?
You should be wise and heed good instructions.
5. What is temperance?
Answer from the lesson story.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 28:8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

ACTIVITY: *Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.*

SAY NO TO DRUGS

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

LESSON TEXT: Proverbs 4:14-17

LESSON STORY

Drugs are taking over the entire land. Drugs are in our homes, schools, and communities. It is important that you always say no to drugs. They will kill you. They are an evil disease. Drugs cause people to steal, kill and hurt others in order to get money to buy them. Wise people avoid drugs and people who sell, buy or use them.

Proverbs teaches that we should “enter not into the path of the wicked and go not in the way of evil men.” Those who have anything to do with drugs are evil. Everyone should avoid drugs, turn from them and pass away from them. Drugs can cause people to lose their family, friends and even their lives. Persons who allow themselves to be overtaken by drugs are not wise.

So be a winner and not a loser. Say no to drugs and you will get many hugs. God is more than able to help you!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Should you use drugs?
No, you should not use drugs because they will cause you to lose everything.
2. Why do you think individuals use drugs?
Allow individual answers.
3. How are people who use, sell or buy drugs classified?
They are considered evil.
4. What does Proverbs teach concerning the way of evil men?
Proverbs teaches that we are not to go in the way of evil men.
5. Have you ever been offered drugs? If so, how did you respond?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 4:15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

ACTIVITY: *Name as many different types of drugs as you can and tell the bad effects of them.*

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Now that you are familiar with several books and what they are about, you should continue to solidify your knowledge regarding the greatest book in the whole world, the Bible.

Hopefully, you will learn to recite the books of the Bible as you learn about the contents of the books.

Lessons for this theme should inspire your study of the books of the Bible. Begin now reading more during your study time. Just as you study books in school that impart knowledge for different reasons; as you read books of the Bible, you will receive knowledge and understanding helpful towards eternal life.

You will be studying such characters as Timothy, Titus, Philemon, James, and many others. Not only will you receive information for different periods in history, you will gain knowledge about God and how he wants His people to live.



Holy Bible

Get Ready, Set, Go!

**THE EPISTLE OF
PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS**

MOTTO TEXT: **Colossians 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother.

LESSON TEXT: **Philippians 3:1-4**

LESSON STORY

The Epistle to the Philippians is one of Paul's prison Epistles. It is a tender letter full of advice to a group of Christians who were especially close to the heart of Paul.

It was at Philippi that the jailer and his family were converted to Christ. The Philippian Christians supported Paul's missionary work long after he had to leave town.

The Epistle to the Colossians, like the letters to the Ephesians and Philippians, was written in Rome during Paul's first imprisonment. False teachers taught that believing in Jesus was not enough to become a follower, or make one a candidate for Christian life. They taught that Christians also had to worship angels and closely follow a list of rules that they had made up. When Epaphras told Paul what was happening, Paul wrote this letter.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What are Philippians and Colossians called?
Philippians and Colossians are called Epistles.
2. Where was Paul when he wrote these Epistles?
Answer from the lesson story.
3. What happened to the Philippian jailer?
Answer from the lesson story.
4. Who were teaching the Christians to worship angels and follow made up rules?
Individual students may take turns answering the question.
5. Who told Paul about the Christians at Colosse?
Epaphras told Paul about the Colossian church.

MEMORY VERSE: **Philippians 4:13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss a good way to handle things when someone is teaching you the wrong way to live.*

FIRST AND SECOND THESSALONIANS

MOTTO TEXT: II Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

LESSON TEXT: I Thessalonians 3:1-7

LESSON STORY

The First Epistle to the Thessalonians was written at Corinth shortly after Paul's departure from Thessalonica. Paul had visited the city on his second missionary journey and preached in the synagogue on three successive Sabbaths.

Paul knew that the Thessalonian Christians would be persecuted for their faith, so he sent Timothy back to see how things were going. Paul wrote this letter praising the Thessalonian Christians for their progress.

The Second Epistle of the Thessalonians was written shortly after he wrote his first letter to them. Are there mornings when you wish you did not have to get up and go to school? Sure! Everyone feels this way sometimes. It is fun to take a break and relax every once in a while.

Some of the Thessalonian Christians were being lazy all the time. In the meantime, some other hard-working people in the church had been taking care of the lazy ones.

In the second letter to the Thessalonians, Paul tells them just what he thinks of "loafers."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What New Testament books did we study about today?
We studied about I and II Thessalonians.
2. Where was Paul when he wrote the First Epistle to the Thessalonians?
Paul was at Corinth when he wrote the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.
3. What did Paul think about loafers?
If any would not work, neither should he eat.
4. What were some of the Thessalonians?
Let students answer from the lesson.
5. Why did Paul send Timothy to the Thessalonian church?
Paul sent Timothy to see how things were going at the Thessalonian church.

MEMORY VERSE: II Thessalonians 2:17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

ACTIVITY: *Divide the students into pairs. One person should write 5 things about Paul as a persecutor of the church and the other write 5 things about Paul as a missionary and an apostle. Compare papers.*

FIRST AND SECOND TIMOTHY

MOTTO TEXT: II Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus.

LESSON TEXT: II Timothy 4:1-5

LESSON STORY

The First Epistle to Timothy was written during the last few years of Paul's life. Together with II Timothy and Titus, it is known as a pastoral Epistle. The key verse of the Epistle is I Timothy 3:15.

When Timothy needed advice, he often turned to the person that he respected most, Paul. For several years, young Timothy worked as Paul's assistant. Sometimes Timothy would stay in a town and help a new church get established while Paul went on to the next city.

After Paul's release from Roman captivity, he visited Timothy at Ephesus. Timothy had become leader of the strong Ephesian church. Paul wrote this letter to Timothy to help him guide the Ephesian Christians in their growing faith.

The Second Epistle to Timothy was probably the last letter by Paul. It is a pastoral Epistle written toward the end of Nero's reign. Paul had been arrested again and sent to Rome for the second time. He suspected that Nero's sentence for him this time would be death. So, he wrote Timothy another letter, hoping he could see his young friend once again.

Paul gave young Timothy much spiritual advice in this letter.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What New Testament books did we study about today?
We studied about I and II Timothy.
2. Who was the author?
Paul was the author.
3. To whom were these Epistles written?
Paul wrote to Timothy.
4. What kind of advice did Paul give Timothy?
Paul gave Timothy spiritual advice.
5. What kind of Epistle is II Timothy?
II Timothy is a pastoral Epistle.

MEMORY VERSE: II Timothy 4:22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss some of the advice Paul gave Timothy. Use your Bible.*

**YOUTH DAY
WALKING HONORABLY**

MOTTO TEXT: I Chronicles 4:10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from the evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

LESSON TEXT: I Chronicles 4:8-10

LESSON STORY

Our lesson today is about a young man named Jabez. His mother named him Jabez because she said that she bore him in sorrow. Jabez had seven brothers, but Jabez walked honorably before God. To walk honorably means to walk respectfully. Jabez prayed to God. He asked God to bless him indeed, and to enlarge his coast. This was an awesome and very moving prayer.

Jabez was a man of integrity who walked honorably before God and God granted his request. He blessed him in all his endeavors. Jabez also asked God to keep him from evil. He realized that he needed to live a life free from wrong doings. Youth should strive to walk like Jabez. Pray and ask God to help you to walk honorably and upright before Him. God loves us and He will certainly hear our sincere prayers and grant us our request. If we walk respectfully and honorably before God, He will bless us and will bestow favors upon us.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does Jabez's name mean?
It means borne in sorrow.
2. How many brothers did Jabez have?
Jabez had seven brothers.
3. What does walking honorably mean?
It means to walk respectfully.
4. Are you walking honorably?
Answer individually.
5. Name some things that Jabez prayed for.
Jabez asked God to bless him indeed, enlarge his coast, and keep him from evil.

MEMORY VERSE: I Chronicles 4:9 And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

ACTIVITY: Write a prayer and share it with the Sunday Bible School.

TITUS AND PHILEMON

MOTTO TEXT: Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness.

LESSON TEXT: Philemon 1:10-16

LESSON STORY

Paul wrote these books to Titus and Philemon.

Titus was one of Paul's most reliable helpers. He took care of tasks requiring responsibility and discretion, such as being in charge of collections for the poor in Jerusalem and placed over the churches at Crete. The inhabitants of Crete were of low character. They had a reputation for being lazy liars. In fact, the Greeks even made up a special term for lying, "to Cretize."

These were the kind of people Titus was teaching about Jesus. Titus needed this pastoral letter to help him deal with the condition of the Cretans. Paul instructs Titus to be firm with the new Cretan Christians.

The Epistle to Philemon was written during Paul's first imprisonment in Rome. Philemon was a well-to-do citizen of Colosse. The letter to Philemon is about a runaway, Onesimus. The name Onesimus (oh-NES-ih-mus) means profitable, but he had been unprofitable to his master Philemon. Not only had Onesimus run away from Philemon, but he had also stolen from him and fled to Rome. There he was converted through Paul's ministry and now Paul was sending him back to Philemon with this letter.

In the letter, Paul asked Philemon not to punish Onesimus for what he had done, but if he has harmed you in any way or stolen anything from you, charge it to me. I, Paul, personally guarantee this by writing it with my own hand. "I will repay it." If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account (Philemon 1:18).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What New Testament books did we study about today?
We studied about Titus and Philemon.
2. Who was Titus?
Titus was one of Paul's most reliable helpers.
3. When was the Epistle of Philemon written?
The Epistle of Philemon was written during Paul's first imprisonment.
4. What happened to Onesimus while he was home?
He was converted through Paul's ministry.
5. How was Philemon entreated to accept Onesimus?
Paul entreated Philemon not to punish Onesimus who had been a runaway slave.

MEMORY VERSE: Philemon 1:3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITY: *Role-play the story of Onesimus, the runaway slave.*

LESSON 138

MARCH 19, 2023

HEBREWS

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

LESSON TEXT: Hebrews 1:1-5

LESSON STORY

The Epistle of the Hebrews is an anonymous book written to a group of Jewish Christians. Its authorship has been debated since post-apostolic days, but whoever the author was, he urged the converted Jews to hold fast to their new-found faith.

The Hebrews were getting very discouraged. They were being beaten and being killed for worshipping Jesus. Many were thinking about going back to their old Jewish faith. Their old faith included the sacrificing of animals and a set of laws and standards to live by that were almost impossible to keep.

The key word of this Epistle eleven times is, “better.” Hebrews contains a series of contrasts between the good things of Judaism and the better things of Christ. Everything Jesus offers is superior to any previous privileges, however great. Jesus is better than angels, than Moses, than Joshua, or Aaron.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Spell the name of the New Testament book we studied about today.
Let the class answer unanimously.
2. Who is the author?
The author is unknown.
3. What is the key word of the Epistle to the Hebrews?
Better is the key word of Hebrews.
4. How many times is the key word found in the book?
The key word is found eleven times in Hebrews.
5. Jesus is better than what persons named in the lesson?
Jesus is better than angels, Moses, Joshua or Aaron.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

ACTIVITY: *Look through the Book of Hebrews and write at least six phrases containing the key word “better” (i.e. Hebrews 1:4). Being made so much better than the angels, etc.*

JAMES

MOTTO TEXT: James 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

LESSON TEXT: James 1:1-5

LESSON STORY

The Epistle of James was written by the brother of Jesus. James was a man of great authority. He had been leader of the Jerusalem church for many years. He had become very wise, and wrote this letter to help Christians know how to act.

What does a tourist do when he wants to know what to see in a big city? Of course, he reads a tour guidebook. This letter is like a guidebook for Christians.

James said that anybody can say that they are a Christian. That is why it is important to show people our Christian faith by the way we live. True religion is shown by what we do. Help those who need help, be fair to all people, ask God for wisdom and keep our lives pure and undefiled.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did you learn in today's lesson about James?
Answer individually.
2. What kind of book can the Epistle of James be called?
A guidebook for Christians.
3. What is religion?
It is a duty.
4. Describe pure religion.
Answer individually from the memory verse.
5. How is a Christian's faith revealed?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

ACTIVITY: *As young people, tell how you can keep your life undefiled.*

**PALM SUNDAY
GOD WILL BE PRAISED!**

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 21:8-9 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying,

Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna to the highest.

LESSON TEXT: Luke 19:29-40

LESSON STORY

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Jesus was crucified and resurrected. His triumphant ride into Jerusalem takes place on this day and begins the week leading up to these most important events.

Jesus used a colt that had never been ridden to make His entry into the city. The disciples spread their clothes on the colt before Jesus sat on it. The people spread their garments and palm branches in the way for the colt to walk on as he carried Jesus. As Jesus rode into the city, the multitude began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice. They praised God for all of the mighty works and miracles that they had seen. The Pharisees, who were enemies of Jesus, seeking to kill Him, told Jesus to stop the loud praises of the people. Jesus let them know, if the multitude stopped the praises, the rocks or stones would cry out. This is because God is worthy to be praised and He must be praised. If we, as the people of God don't give Him the praise, He will still be praised even if the perfect praise must come from other sources. God is in control and He has all power.

Don't let the stones cry out for you! Give God all the praises and honor of which He is most worthy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What took place on Palm Sunday?
Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.
2. On what did Jesus ride?
Jesus rode on a colt that had never been ridden before.
3. What did the people spread in the way for the colt to walk on as he carried Jesus?
The people spread their garments and palm branches in the way for the colt to walk on as he carried Jesus.
4. For what did the people praise God with loud voices?
The people praised God with loud voices for the mighty works and miracles they had seen.
5. Who were the Pharisees and what did they tell Jesus to do when the peoples' praises were loud?
The Pharisees were the enemies of Jesus, seeking to kill him. They told Jesus to stop the loud praises of the people.

MEMORY VERSE: John 12:13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

ACTIVITY: *Have the students list ways to praise and honor God.*

EASTER SUNDAY
BE NOT AFRAID TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 28:10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

LESSON TEXT: Luke 24:1-9

LESSON STORY

It is at Easter that we remember and celebrate the death, suffering, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When the women and others came to the tomb (with spices for the dead body of Jesus) on the first day of the week after Jesus was buried, they found the stone rolled away and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. They were confused and afraid. The angels spoke to them asking why would they look for a living person in a tomb where the dead should be? The angels reminded the people how Jesus foretold these events saying He would be crucified but would rise again on the third day. The angels confirmed that Jesus was not in the tomb but had risen from the dead. Those who were at the tomb remembered the words of Jesus and returned to tell the eleven disciples and all the rest.

Let us never be afraid to tell the good news of Jesus Christ. He died for our sins, but rose on the third day. Today He lives and is alive within us. Tell everyone that Jesus saves!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Explain Easter?
Easter is the time that we remember and celebrate the death, suffering, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. Where did the women and others go on the first day of the week after the death and burial of Jesus Christ?
They went to the tomb where Jesus' body once laid.
3. When the women and others saw that the stone was rolled away and found not the body of Jesus, how did they feel?
The women and the others were confused and afraid when they saw the stone rolled away and found not the body of Jesus.
4. Who spoke to the people?
The angels spoke to the people.
5. Of what did the angels remind the people?
The angels reminded the people how Jesus foretold these events saying, He would be crucified but would rise again on the third day.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 10:34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

ACTIVITY: *Have each child communicate some good news they can spread or share with others about Jesus Christ.*

WORLDLINESS IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

The Word of God teaches you to love not the world, neither the things that are in the world...the world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. As young Christians, you are the light of the world.

You can be very effective as a young Christian in the community in which you live by putting a difference between holy and unholy and clean and unclean. When you really love God, your priorities change, and you feel good about the life to which you have been called.

This theme calls to your attention some things taking place in today's society that are dangerous to Christians. To live a spirit-filled life, you will deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus.



Jesus on the cross (the crucifixion)

Get Ready, Set, Go!

WHO IS SATAN TRYING TO DEVOUR, ME OR YOU?

MOTTO TEXT: I Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

LESSON TEXT: I Peter 5:6-8

LESSON STORY

Satan is a Hebrew word meaning an adversary, enemy or accuser. Most commonly Satan is taken for the Devil, or chief of the evil spirits.

There was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. The Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Satan answered the Lord, from going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

This is the reason why we should be sober and vigilant. We have an ever active, implacable enemy to contend with. He has access to us regardless of where we go, he knows our feelings and our propensities, and he informs himself of all of our circumstances. Only God knows more than Satan, and can do more than Satan, therefore we must cast our cares upon God. Satan is trying to devour both you and me. We must watch out for him so that he doesn't sneak up on us.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who is Satan trying to devour?
All of us.
2. Who is our enemy?
Satan is all of our enemy.
3. What does the word Satan mean?
Answer individually.
4. Why should we be sober and vigilant?
We should be sober and vigilant because our enemy is always trying to devour us.
5. Who cares for us?
God, who is more knowledgeable and powerful than Satan, cares for us.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 16:23 Get thee behind me, Satan: thou are an offense unto me.

ACTIVITY: Choose from the activities listed in the back of the book.

EVEN MONEY CAN'T BUY GOD'S POWER

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 8:18-24

LESSON STORY

Peter and John went where they were sent. They prayed for the Samaritans that they might receive the Holy Ghost. When Peter and John laid hands on the Samaritans, they received the Holy Ghost.

When Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money. But Peter rebuked him saying, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee."

We should never withhold God's truth or even give it for personal gain. This is wickedness just like Simon in the days of Peter and John. Even though we give money to the church and this is right, we should never think that money will save us. God's power comes only through the Holy Ghost. Herein, lies our Salvation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What two apostles were sent to the Samaritans?
Peter and John.
2. Who wanted to buy the gift of God?
Simon wanted to buy the gift of God.
3. Do you think that Simon should have been permitted to buy God's power?
Yes or no. Why?
4. How did Peter respond to Simon?
Peter rebuked him and told him to repent.
5. Did Simon repent?
Answer from the lesson text.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 8:24 Then answered Simon and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

ACTIVITY: *What are some things money cannot buy?*

PLEASE! DON'T BLASPHEME!

MOTO TEXT: Psalm 119:2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 12:30-34

LESSON STORY

Every boy and every girl of the class, hear ye this:

Always avoid abusive or contemptuous language directed toward God, Jesus, the Holy Ghost, God's ministers, and any sacred thing. Why? Because all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto man: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. Whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, not in this world, neither in the world to come. Be careful!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Define blasphememe.
To speak or to write irreverently about God, Jesus, the Holy Ghost, God's ministers any sacred or holy things.
2. Who warned us against blasphemy?
Jesus warned us against blasphemy.
3. Can we be forgiven for blasphemy?
Yes.
4. Can we be forgiven for blasphemy against the Holy Ghost?
No, there is no forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come.
5. How can we avoid blaspheming?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathered not with me scattereth aboard.

ACTIVITY: Discuss with the students and stress to them the importance of receiving the Holy Ghost and living holy. They must be extremely careful not to claim salvation if they know they don't have it or are not living lives unto God.

**NATIONAL PRAYER DAY
LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY**

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

LESSON TEXT: Luke 11:1-4

LESSON STORY

The disciples were very careful not to disturb Jesus while He was praying. When He ended His prayer, a disciple said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught His disciples.

Jesus taught them the same prayer that we pray weekly during devotions; when the superintendent opened Sunday Bible School this morning. We call this prayer, The Lord's Prayer. Have you learned the Lord's Prayer?

Because your minds are open to learn a wide variety of things in your youth, always let prayer be the first and most important thing to continually learn. It will help you with everything in life such as school, developing friendships and most of all, the ways of Christ. Did you stop to pray this morning?

David and Daniel are two good examples of those who remembered to pray. David prayed not only morning, noon and at night, but he also arose at midnight just to give God thanks for all of His benefits toward him. Daniel prayed even in the face of danger from a king who decreed that anyone who prayed to other gods than the king, would be put in the lion's den. God was good to David because he prayed and gave praises to Him. He was a deliverer for Daniel because he obeyed and trusted God. Be prayer warriors, praying out of clean hearts and obedient spirits. God will hear and deliver prayers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was praying in today's lesson text?
Jesus was praying.
2. What happened when He ended His prayer?
One of His disciples made a request of Jesus.
3. What did the disciple ask Him?
He asked Jesus to teach them to pray.
4. What did Jesus do?
He said, when you pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven (continue the Lord's Prayer).
5. What is a disciple?
A disciple is one that follows, learns and obeys Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

ACTIVITY: *Let each child repeat The Lord's Prayer.*

**MOTHER'S DAY
INSTRUCTIONS OF A GOOD MOTHER**

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 1:3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity.

LESSON TEXT: Proverbs 31:1-9

LESSON STORY

On this Mother's Day we are studying the prophecy that the mother of Lemuel, a young prince, taught him. His mother shows interest in and concern and love for her son. She seems to only want to give him the best advice.

Lemuel's mother warned him against being entangled with women. She advised him not to follow ways that would bring about destruction. His mother let him know that he should not drink wine nor strong drink for this would only make him forget the law and distort his judgment of the people.

Lemuel's mother gave him good instructions. She encouraged him to help the poor and needy as well as to speak for those who could not speak for themselves. She told him to do good with his power, to judge righteously, and with his knowledge help those who had no such intelligence and were oppressed.

A good mother will teach her children what is good that they may follow it and what is bad or evil that they may avoid it. When we are young, tender, and impressionable, we are most under our mother's care. A good mother takes time to mold our minds, thoughts, hearts, actions, and language. When we grow up, we often remember and reflect on the teachings and sayings of our mother.

We have many mother figures in the church and in our neighborhoods. There are those who nurture and love us even though we may not be their natural children. These special people are still like mothers to us.

If you have a good mother figure, tell her today that you love and appreciate her. Take in the good teachings and instructions that she gives you. This will benefit you in the long run.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who is the young prince in today's lesson?
Lemuel is the young prince in today's lesson.
2. Who gave him good advice and instructions?
Lemuel's mother gave him good advice and instructions.
3. What was Lemuel instructed not to drink?
Lemuel was instructed not to drink wine nor strong drink.
4. Who was Lemuel instructed to help?
Lemuel was instructed to help the poor and needy.
5. What does a good mother teach her children?
A good mother teaches her children what is good that they may follow and what is bad or evil that they may avoid it.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 31:26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

ACTIVITY: *Students can write a poem or letter to their mother (or mother figure) expressing their love and appreciation for her.*

LESSON 147

MAY 21, 2023

THIS IS THE WAY HYPOCRISY WORKS

MOTTO TEXT: Job 27:8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 7:15-20

LESSON STORY

If you are a hypocrite: Ye call me master and obey me not; ye call me light and see me not; ye call me way and walk not; ye call me life and desire me not; ye call me rich and ask me not; ye call me gracious and trust me not; ye call me eternal and seek me not; ye call me mighty and honor me not; ye call me just and fear me not. If I condemn you, blame me not. Hypocrisy means pretense. A person who pretends to be a follower of Jesus and is not, is a hypocrite. They talk to others about obeying the rules and rebuke them, but they, themselves are guilty of not obeying the rules. Always be real, for God knows all of our secrets.

“What *is* the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained when God taketh away his soul? Knowest thou *not* this of old that...the joy of the hypocrite is *but* for a moment? Though his excellence mount up to the heavens, and his head reach into the clouds; *Yet* he shall perish forever.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Are you a hypocrite?
Answer individually.
2. What is the hope of the hypocrite?
The hypocrite's hope shall perish, Job 8:13.
3. How does a hypocrite work?
See lesson.
4. A person who is a hypocrite does what?
A hypocrite rebukes those who break rules, but they are guilty also.
5. Who will punish the hypocrite?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss how you feel when someone wants you to obey rules, but they don't obey them. Is there a double standard with God?*

LESSON 148

MAY 28, 2023

THE DOOM OF CARNAL ALLUREMENT

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Peter 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

LESSON TEXT: 2 Peter 2:15-22

LESSON STORY

In this world there are many trials and temptations. God's children must be careful and not get involved in the worldly pleasures of life. False prophets and teachers are teaching doctrines which are out of harmony and contrary to the Word of God. Many times, this is done for material gain, thus, causing people to err from the truth. When this happens, it can cause swift destruction and can even cause the truth to be spoken of as evil. It is very necessary for us to realize that those who do such things are doomed to be punished. Doom means destined to be ruined, destroyed. All works of the flesh are carnal and those who walk after the allurements (attraction) of the flesh will assuredly be punished.

God punished the angels that sinned, destroyed the old world except eight persons and brought total destruction on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, making them an example to the ungodly. God promised in His Word that those who do evil will receive their reward. However, God knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation. This leaves no room for us to make excuses for not living holy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What are false prophets and teachers teaching?
False prophets and teachers are teaching doctrines which are out of harmony and contrary to the Word of God.
2. Why is this sometimes done?
This is sometimes done for worldly gain.
3. What two cities did God totally destroy as examples to the ungodly?
God totally destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah as examples to the ungodly.
4. What is the basic lesson for youth to remember?
Youth must remember that all who yield to the allurements (attraction) of the flesh (carnal) are doomed.
5. Because God knows how to deliver us out of temptation, what does this do for us?
Because God knows how to deliver us out of temptation, this leaves no room for us to make excuses for not living holy.

MEMORY VERSE: I Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

ACTIVITY: *Allow the students to work together and come up with a list of other persons who were punished for disobeying God.*

LESSON 149

JUNE 4, 2023

GRIEVOUSNESS OF UNBELIEF

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 3:10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

LESSON TEXT: Hebrews 3:5-6; 17-19

LESSON STORY

Grievousness comes from the word *grieve*, which means to cause sorrow, distress or pain. Think of the sorrow mankind has caused God because of unbelief or the unnecessary suffering men have had to endure because of their disobedience to Him.

God has given men rules to live by and has promised men if they would just believe and obey Him, he would bless them and deliver them from their enemies, sin and death. It grieves God when His people do not trust Him enough to obey Him. Their hearts are hardened and they will not believe the truth. One does not have to admit I do not believe what God says. Being disobedient to God's Commandments expresses one's belief. The children of Israel were disobedient, and tempted God throughout the Old Testament. Even though God loved them, he still punished them for their unbelief.

Young people do not be guilty of provoking God through disbelief and disobedience to Him. Remember, what God promises he will perform because God cannot lie!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Define grievousness?
Grievousness means to cause sorrow; distress or pain.
2. What has God given men to live by?
God has given men rules to live by.
3. How does one express their unbelief in God?
Being disobedient to God's Commandment expresses one's disbelief in God.
4. What did God do to Israel for their unbelief?
Even though God loved them, He still punished Israel for their unbelief.

5. What should we not be guilty of?

We should not be guilty of provoking God through our disbelief and disobedience to Him.

MEMORY VERSE: **John 17:17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

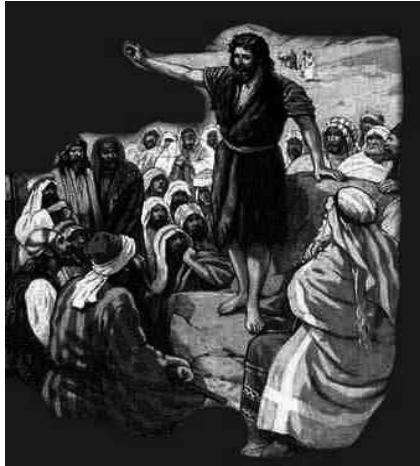
ACTIVITY: *Have the students share some examples of blessings they have received by walking in the truth of God's Word.*

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Now that you are familiar with several books and what they are about, you should continue to solidify your knowledge regarding the greatest book in the whole world, the Bible. Hopefully, you will learn to recite the books of the Bible as you learn about the contents of the books.

Lessons for this theme should inspire your study of the books of the Bible. Begin now reading more during your study time. Just as you study books in school that impart knowledge for different reasons; as you read books of the Bible, you will receive knowledge and understanding helpful towards eternal life.

You will be studying such characters as Peter, Gaius, Jude, John, and many others. Not only will you receive information for different periods in history, you will gain knowledge about God and how he wants His people to live.



John

Get Ready, Set, Go!

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

MOTTO TEXT: I Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia.

LESSON TEXT: I Peter 3:8-12

LESSON STORY

Next to Jesus and Paul, Peter is probably the most famous person in the New Testament. He gave up his job as a master fisherman to follow Jesus and become a “fisher of men.”

Peter was a very successful missionary. Thousands of people became Christians after hearing Peter preach the gospel. This worried the authorities and Peter was put into prison; however, he didn’t stay there very long. Peter wrote this letter to encourage Christians who were being persecuted for their faith. He reminded them how much Jesus had suffered for them, and that the final reward would make suffering well worth it all.

Peter explained in this Epistle that Christians must expect to suffer persecutions as a natural part of serving Christ. He taught them to live holy and righteously before unbelievers. They should not give up their beliefs no matter how they were tempted to do so.

Always remember that Jesus gave up too much for us to have life, that we should lose it just for a few days of worldly enjoyment.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Name the three most famous persons in the New Testament.
JESUS, Paul and Peter.
2. Peter was a successful
Missionary.
3. Why was the Epistle of I Peter written?
To encourage Christians who were being persecuted.
4. What did Peter become?
Peter became a fisher of men.
5. What should be the manner of a Christian’s conversation?
Students should answer from the memory verse.

MEMORY VERSE: I Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manners of conversation.

ACTIVITY: *Discuss with students how they too, can become fishers of men.*

**FATHER'S DAY
MY FATHER'S COMMAND**

MOTTO TEXT: Jeremiah 35:6 But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever.

LESSON TEXT: Jeremiah 35:1-10

LESSON STORY

Disobedience is one of the greatest problems God has had with His people from the beginning of time (Adam), and worsens as time progresses.

In the lesson, God's people were so disobedient, that He had to use the obedience of another nation to show them theirs. God told Jeremiah to take a nation of people, called the Rechabites, to one of the rooms in the House of the Lord and give them wine to drink. As Jeremiah obeyed the Lord, and offered wine to the Rechabites, they firmly refused, saying "We will drink no wine: for Jonadab, the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he hath charged". Because of their obedience, God greatly blessed the Rechabites.

As the Rechabites obeyed their father's instructions and received blessings, so should we obey our father and likewise, receive blessings. When you obey as young people, you can pass the same Commandments to your children. Then the blessings from God are also passed from generation to generation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the greatest problem God had with His people in today's lessons?
Disobedience is the greatest problem God had with His people.
2. How did God use the Rechabites?
They were used as an example of obedience to show how disobedient God's people were.
3. What did God tell Jeremiah to offer the Rechabites?
God told Jeremiah to offer the Rechabites wine.
4. Did the Rechabites accept the wine?
No, the Rechabites did not accept the wine.
5. Who were the Rechabites obedient to the commands of?
The Rechabites were obedient to their father.

MEMORY VERSE: Joshua 11:15 As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

ACTIVITY: *Have the class find how God blessed the Rechabites for their obedience (Look in v. 10-19).*

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

MOTTO TEXT: I Peter 4:16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

LESSON TEXT: II Peter 2:1-5

LESSON STORY

The Second Epistle of Peter has much in common with Second Timothy. In both Epistles, the authors were awaiting martyrdom. Both authors are joyful in tone, both foresee a departure from the faith that will culminate during “the last days.”

So much false teaching was present. It was hard to keep bad teaching out of the churches. Some said that Jesus would never return again. Others taught that many things Jesus had said were wrong. Many people believed them because they did not know any better.

Peter wrote this letter to warn Christians about these greedy, false teachers. They told so many untruths that some were having trouble distinguishing what was true and what was false. Peter encouraged the saints to persevere. This means to continue believing what they had initially learned about Jesus and their salvation through His death, suffering and resurrection. Even today, there are many false teachers. They will tell you that some things written in the Bible are not true. Don't believe them. They will be lost and so will you if you don't keep your faith and trust in God's Word.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Define martyr.
A martyr is one who voluntarily suffered death for refusing to renounce his religion.
2. What was the purpose of the Epistle of II Peter?
To warn Christians about false teachers.
3. Name two things the Second Epistles of Peter and Timothy had in common.
Answer from the lesson story.
4. Where did false teaching occur?
Much of the false teaching occurred in the church.
5. What would be your reaction if you were threatened for believing in Jesus?
Answer individually.

MEMORY VERSE: II Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations.

ACTIVITY: *Name some things you know that were wrong and you were tempted to do them.*

FIRST AND SECOND JOHN

MOTTO TEXT: I John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

LESSON TEXT: I John 1:5-10

LESSON STORY

The First Epistle of John is a family letter from the Father to His “little children,” who are in the world. In it, three short words give the key: “Life, Light and Love.” God is all of these. His children will show that they are like Him by manifesting His life, walking in His light and showing His love.

John, “the beloved disciple,” did a lot of writing in his last years. This letter was meant to be also a warning to some who believed the false teachers of their day.

John’s Second Epistle is a private and personal letter. It is addressed to an unnamed Christian woman and her household. It is a tribute to the dignity of womanhood, wifehood and motherhood.

Since John had grown older, he had become known for his gentleness and his loving spirit. John often wrote about how Christians ought to love one another and this short letter is no exception. John knew that if people love each other that they would love God more.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did we learn that the Epistle of I John is?
It is a family Epistle.
2. What are the key words of this Epistle?
They are: Life, Light and Love.
3. What might we call the Second Epistle of John?
A private and personal letter.
4. How did John believe loving others would help?
Students should answer from the lesson.
5. What was John known as?
John was known as the “beloved disciple.”

MEMORY VERSE: I John 1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

ACTIVITY: *What are some of the ways love can be demonstrated?*

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN

MOTTO TEXT: III John 1:1 The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

LESSON TEXT: III John 1:3-6

LESSON STORY

John's third letter is to a friend, Gaius, who is commended as a "fellow-helper to the truth." He seems to have excelled in hospitality, service of a very humble sort, acting the part of a Christian host.

There were no mailmen when the New Testament was written. If a letter was delivered, it was usually by a trusted friend who was going that way.

John sent this letter to Gaius by one named Demetrius. If Demetrius had not been traveling to Gaius' town, Gaius might have never gotten this letter of encouragement and advice.

Demetrius was praised as a church member entrusted with John's letter to Gaius.

The church was being hurt by a leader named Diotrephes. John's letter talked about being hospitable to traveling ministers or missionaries. The church had to be watchful about the doctrine of these travelers, yet many were true fellow Christians, like Demetrius. Diotrephes didn't allow members of his congregation to show hospitality. John taught love for the household of faith. Diotrephes even drove away members who showed love in spite of his wrongful advice. Let the love of God rule in our hearts and the Holy Ghost will reveal who is a true Christian and who is not.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Gaius?
He was a friend of John.
2. Can you characterize Gaius?
Answer individually.
3. Who was Demetrius?
Demetrius was a church member who delivered John's letter to Gaius.
4. What is hospitality?
Individual answers should be allowed.
5. What was the manner of mail delivery in the days of John?
There were no mailmen, so most mail was delivered by friends.

MEMORY VERSE: III John 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

ACTIVITY: *Share some ways you have shown hospitality to others.*

JUDE

MOTTO TEXT: Jude 1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called.

LESSON TEXT: Jude 20-25

LESSON STORY

Jude, like James, was a brother of Jesus. He did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God until one remarkable thing happened, JESUS rose from the dead. Jude then became a Christian and worked hard telling the people about the Saviour.

When Jude wrote this letter, he had become upset because some false teachers had succeeded in weakening the church. They were teaching that Jesus wasn't God's Son and had encouraged some of the people to return to sinful lives.

Jude in his Epistle urged the people to defend the truth of God. Jude expressed that believers are to keep themselves in the faith and in the love of God, and trust God to keep them from falling and even from stumbling.

Jude exhorted believers to avoid false teachers. When you know that someone is telling you things that are against what your church believes and teaches, the Bible says to avoid them. If you hang around people who lie, steal, cheat and mistreat others, you will begin to do these things yourself. God does not accept this kind of lifestyle. Avoiding persons who do these things is what Jude talked about in his Epistle. It is good teachings for us, also.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What was Jude's relation to Jesus?
Jude was Jesus' brother.
2. Was Jude always a believer of Jesus?
No, Jude was not always a believer.
3. What caused Jude to believe Jesus was God's Son?
When Jesus rose from the dead, Jude believed He was the Son of God.
4. Why did Jude write this letter?
Answer from the lesson story.
5. What did Jude urge people to do?
Jude urged people to defend the truth of God and keep themselves in faith, love and trusting God.

MEMORY VERSE: Jude 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

ACTIVITY: *Let the students share how they would convince someone that Jesus is God's Son.*

THE LAST BOOK OF THE BIBLE REVELATION

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

LESSON TEXT: Revelation 1:1-5

LESSON STORY

The Book of Revelation is Jesus' words written by John. He was a fisherman, a missionary, a disciple who later was an apostle. John also wrote a gospel book, Saint John and First, Second and Third John as well.

Revelation means to have the future made known. The Book of Revelation was written by someone who was fortunate enough to do just that; see into the future. John was living on the Mediterranean Island of Patmos when he had four visions. In these visions, God showed John what was going to happen to those who followed Jesus and those who did not follow Him. John also saw what the world is going to be like when Jesus comes back again.

The church at this time was having a lot of problems. After Jesus went back to heaven, people were taught to receive the Holy Ghost, and many did receive Him. They were also taught that Jesus would return one day for His Christian people. So many people thought this meant right away or soon. Some didn't seem to understand that time with God is not like our time. John's revealing Book of Revelation serves to encourage Christians to live holy in readiness for Jesus' return, whenever it occurs. It also gives us a glimpse of the rewards for the righteous and the punishment for Satan and his followers.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who wrote the Book of Revelation?
John wrote the words of Jesus in the Book of Revelation.
2. What other books did John write?
John wrote Saint John and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John.
3. How many visions did John have?
John had four visions.
4. Where was John when he had the visions?
Answer from the lesson story.
5. What is the meaning of Revelation?
Answer from lesson story.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

ACTIVITY: *Draw an illustration of New Jerusalem.*

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

LESSON TEXT: Revelation 21:1-5

LESSON STORY

The new heaven and new earth will be vastly different from the one we have come to know. The sea, the world, and the life as we know it, will no longer exist. All must be perfected by the purifying fire of God.

We are taught and we must live an holy life in an unholy world, a world that is departing, departed itself from Almighty God. In the beauty of true holiness, the new heaven and new earth will descend from God for His resurrected and sanctified ones to dwell. When we live righteously, filled with God's blessed Holy Ghost, our bodies will be changed because flesh and blood cannot inherit eternal life. We will have a body like Jesus that will never know sickness or disease. The hurtful pains of life and death will be no more, and all of our tears will be forever wiped dry.

We believe the gospel of Jesus Christ is nothing less than the Gospel of God revealed to our anointed leaders through God the Holy Ghost. We earnestly believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God, who gave His life a ransom that we all might be delivered from the curse of sin and death.

As much as we love this world, God will one day replace it with a new heaven and a new earth. An heavenly world is better, and we must diligently look forward to dwelling there. The everlasting peace of God that passes all understanding will abide with us forever.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What does the word 'new' mean to you?
The word 'new' means taking the place of what came before or replace.
2. Can you give an idea of what it would feel like to hear the truth?
Hearing the truth is a feeling of being able to trust.
3. Is it best to start serving God in your youth?
Yes! If we do well from the beginning of life, we have the best chance of ending right.
4. What do you expect to not see in the new heaven and new earth?
There will be no more sickness and disease, pains will cease, and tears will be wiped away.
5. Do you desire to forever be at peace?
Answer from lesson story.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

ACTIVITY: *Make a list of your expectation in the new heaven and earth.*