

THEME I

GOD'S RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND

**Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed;
for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea,
I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.
Isaiah 41:10**

LESSONS 1 – 12

LESSON 1

AUGUST 4, 2024

FAMILY SUNDAY

MARRIAGE IS HONORABLE

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 2:1-11

EXPLANATION

Today's lesson discusses the sacredness of marriage. The Bible lets us know that, Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled. Hebrews 13:4 Marriage was first instituted in the Garden of Eden. Yes, young people, it was God who ordained marriage.

We believe in Christians marrying Christians and Saints marrying Saints, and sinners and unbelievers marrying. We are opposed to being yoked together with unbelievers. Decree pg. 39 Marriage is between one man and one woman.

Marriage is under fire in today's society. It seems that anything goes (according to man). We must do all that we can to strengthen the bonds of love between a man and his wife. Once married, we are to remain faithful to each other. Both fornication and adultery are sins.

In our lesson, Jesus, his mother, and his disciples, were invited to a wedding in Cana of Galilee. During the ceremonial activities, the guest ran out of wine. Jesus instructed them to fill the waterpots with water (nothing else, but water). He then miraculously turned the water into wine. Jesus took the time to show up at someone's wedding. Remember, marriage is honorable. Always invite Jesus to the wedding and any other event. Great things happen when Jesus shows up!

GLOSSARY

1. Fornication – Sexual intercourse between people not married to each other.
2. Honorable – Bringing or worthy of honor; deserving respect or high regard.
3. Marriage – The legally and formally recognized union between one man and one woman as lifetime partners.
4. Miracle – An extraordinary event taken as a sign of the supernatural power of God.
5. Undefiled – Not defiled; pure; free from stain or blemish.
6. Yoked – Coupled or joined together.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What beginning of miracles did Jesus do in Cana of Galilee:
Jesus supernaturally turned water into wine
2. What event was taking place when Jesus turned the water into wine?
A marriage (wedding) was taking place when Jesus turned the water into wine
3. Where was marriage first instituted and by whom?
Marriage was instituted in the Garden of Eden. God instituted marriage.
4. What does it mean in Hebrews 13:4; "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge?"
Discuss as a Class
5. We should always invite Jesus to the wedding or any other event.
True ___ False ___

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

LESSON 2

AUGUST 11, 2024

THERE IS NO GOD LIKE OUR GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 45:21-22 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

ENTIRE LESSON 1 Samuel 2:1-10

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, a woman named Hannah wanted a son very badly. Her husband had two wives. The other wife had children. Hannah was extremely sad. She prayed hard for God to give her a son. She also vowed that she would give him back to God. Hannah's prayer was answered and she bore a son.

Hannah was praising and thanking God for blessing her. She acknowledged that "There is no God, like our God." No one can do what our God can do. This barren woman not only was given the son she prayed for but she also gave birth to seven other children. Our God is amazing. She honored God highly for his majesty, his power, and his being a keeper of promises as well as his forgiveness. God created the world and all that is in it. He is the sovereign one and there is no one like him. Always give praise and glory to our God. It all belongs to him.

GLOSSARY

1. Actions are weighed: God knows those things we have done and he judges us by them.
2. Adversaries: One's opponents in a contest, conflict or dispute, a foe or an enemy.
3. Barren: not producing or incapable of producing offspring. Childless, sterile or unfruitful.
4. Dunghill: a heap of dung, a place of refuse. The degradation to which a person or a nation might fall.
5. Horn: a symbol of authority and great power of the believer.
6. Prevail: To be victorious, win, triumph, succeed despite overwhelming odds.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why was Hannah so sorrowful?
Give answer from Explanation.
2. What vow did Hannah make to God in her prayer?
Let students respond from memory.
3. Have you ever prayed for something and made a vow about what you would do when your prayer was answered?
Let students share their answers.
4. After Hannah's prayer was answered, what other blessing did she receive?
God blessed Hannah with seven other children.
5. Name some of the ways that demonstrate that there is no God like our God.
Permit each student to name one way that shows there is no God like our God.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

LESSON 3

AUGUST 18, 2024

GOD IS FAITHFUL

MOTTO TEXT: 1 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Hebrews 10: 22-39

EXPLANATION

The Motto Text of today's lesson encourages believers regarding being tempted. Every day we are tempted to do either something good or bad. God always gives us a way to resist doing those things that are bad. We just need to make the right choice.

Apostle Paul is believed to be the writer of the book of Hebrews. In this chapter, he teaches the saints to stay faithful to God, because God is always faithful to His people.

Believers should motivate one another to do those things that are good. We have full assurance that God through his Spirit will provide all that we need.

Before we became to be a believer, we committed many sins, even though we knew some of them were wrong. Now as believers, we must not forget God's covenant to always be with us even to the end of the world.

All those who provoke us because they want us to do wrong will be judged and punished by God. Let's never think about repaying those who offend us. Vengeance belongs to God and he will repay. Those who draw back from obedience to God's Word, do so to perdition. Those who embrace his Word, do so to eternal life.

GLOSSARY

1. Assurance: promise, declaration, word to be depended on.
2. Covenant: agreement, pledge, or contract.
3. Fiery indignation: full of or prone to sudden extremes of emotion.
4. Gazing stock: to look on something for a long time with unwavering attention.
5. Perdition: punishment, damnation, or hell.
6. Provoke: incite, aggravate, bait, irritate to inflict harm.
7. Recompense: repay, compensation for a loss or injury.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What are some temptations that you face on a daily basis?
Discuss those things that tempt you.
2. How were you able to resist yielding to them?
The class could share their answers.
3. Believers must guard against retaliating to those who offend them.
Why is this important and how do you handle it? The class can talk about what the lesson teaches about retaliation.
4. Talk about and share ways that God has shown his faithfulness in your life.
5. In the days of Moses, those who despised his law were punished immediately.
What happens to those who despise God's law in today's world?

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep *you* from evil.

LESSON 4

AUGUST 25, 2024

GOD IS SPEAKING TO HIS PEOPLE

MOTTO TEXT: 2 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 55:3-13

EXPLANATION

In the book of Hebrews, we are admonished, “Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Hebrews 3:15; 4:7). Young people, just as in the days of old, God is still speaking to His people. He speaks to us in so many ways, through His Word, through His creation, the weather, through His preachers and others that He has anointed and sent.

People of all ages need to incline our ears, come to the Lord, hear, and listen (take heed to His voice). It is imperative to seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near, so that your sins may be forgiven. If we do this, our soul shall live (Isaiah 55:3-6). We will be blessed with health and prosperity. “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth” (3rd John 2).

Young people, God is still speaking; but are you listening? Forsake your ways and your thoughts, and return unto the Lord. You’ll be so glad you did!

GLOSSARY

1. Covenant – A relationship between two partners who make binding promises to each other; an agreement.
2. Everlasting – Lasting forever or a very long time; eternity; having no end.
3. Forsake – To abandon someone or something; to renounce or give up.
4. Incline – To lean, tend, or become drawn toward an opinion or course of conduct
5. Listen – To give one’s full attention to someone or something.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why is it important to seek the LORD?
Isaiah 55:6-7, “Seek ye the LORD while He may be found, call ye upon him while He is near,” so that your sins may be forgiven.
2. God is speaking to His people. Is it important to forsake your wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts and return unto the LORD?
Answer Individually
3. What does it mean in verse eight of our lesson, “for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD”.
Explain and Discuss Isaiah 55:8-9.
4. What is the difference between a leader and a commander?
A leader is one that leads and a commander is a person in authority who commands (see verse 4).
5. God is leading His people, lovingly commanding them to seek Him while He may be found.
True ___ False ___
6. Has God ever spoken to you? What did He say, and how did you respond?
Answer Individually and Discuss.

MEMORY VERSE: 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.

EVANGELISM SUNDAY

ARE YOU SAVED THE BIBLE WAY?

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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

EXPLANATION

Today's lesson asks a question: "Are you saved the bible way"? To be saved is to be rescued from harm, danger, or loss. It is being delivered from sin. Only you would know if you are saved, and from what? Young people, the bible tells us to "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). The Word of God poses a sincere question in Acts 19:2, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed"?

God desires that all men be saved! Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. It is written: "She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). It is also written, "For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).

Young people don't let it be said too late. Invite Jesus to come into your life and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which He freely gives to us! If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Be washed in the blood of Jesus. He will make you completely new! God's Word gives us hope and a blessed assurance, promising us, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

GLOSSARY

1. Confess – To acknowledge our sins; admit that we have done something wrong and declare faith in Jesus Christ, accepting Him as our Savior.
2. Convert – Turn away from sin in repentance and turning to Christ; cause to change in form or character.
3. Evangelism – The spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness.
4. Remission – The cancellation of a debt, charge, or penalty; forgiveness.
5. Repent – Feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin. Turning away from sin and turning to God for forgiveness and salvation.
6. Saved – Rescued from danger, harm, or loss; delivered. Your sins no longer count against you.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. *Fill in the blanks:* She shall bring forth a _____, and thou shalt _____ his _____: for he shall save his people from their _____.
2. Where is this scripture found in the Bible?
Matthew 1:21

3. What are some ways that a young person can evangelize?
Discuss as a class.
4. What does it mean to “Be Saved the Bible Way”
Answer Individually and discuss as a class.
5. What are the conditions to be saved according to Acts 2:38?
Repent, be baptized, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

LESSON 6

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 5:13-16

EXPLANATION

There is a song we sometimes sing in our services that says, “Let your light shine, shine, shine, Let your light shine, shine, shine, there may be someone down in the valley trying to get home, trying to get home”. The words of this song as well as the scripture in today’s lesson should inspire all believers to let their lights shine.

When we think about light, we need it to see clearly, whether it’s sun light, the moon and stars, or man-made, such as electric lights, candles, etc. When we think about Spiritual light, we consider testimonies, witnessing, helping and serving others, visiting the sick, supporting those who need comforting, giving of our time, resources and being helpful in any way to show forth the love of God and to tell others about the great sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sins of mankind.

We must tell others that God is real, that Jesus is his Son and the Holy Ghost is his Spirit. We must be witnesses to how God has forgiven us of our sins and other blessings we have received and do all we can so they can see Jesus in us.

Always give God the glory for working through us to do the good things that we do and how dedicating our lives to him will pay off. Remember that a blown out bulb gives no light and is thrown out, downed electric pole causes darkness for many people. Believers who have received the gift of the Holy Ghost have the light of Jesus on the inside. Jesus is the light of the world and with him living within us, we are the light that will help the world to see Jesus now. Let your light shine, because there may be someone down in the valley of sin trying to get home (to see Jesus and come out of sin).

GLOSSARY

1. Bushel: A measure used for dry goods equal to sixty-four pints.
2. Glorify: Worship, extol, or to praise.
3. Henceforth: Hereafter, in the future, and from now on.
4. Savor: Taste, flavor, fragrance, or smell.
5. Trodden: Walked on, crushed, and trampled upon by many others.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What are some benefits of having light? Natural light and Spiritual light?
Have an in-depth discussion.
2. Name some activities that show you have the Holy Ghost living within you.
Class discussion
3. When the natural lights go out, how do you feel? Is that the same feeling you have when your spiritual light goes out?
The students should compare the likenesses and differences of being in the dark both naturally and spiritually.
4. Some of the characteristics of spiritual light are love, peace, kindness, can you name others?
Students should list others and talk about activities they engage in or plan to do.
5. Jesus said that we should let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven.
Students should respond to this directive from Jesus and share the importance of letting our light so shine.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

LESSON 7

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 5:1-5; Genesis 5:15-24

EXPLANATION

Today's lesson focuses on Genesis, "the book of the generations of Adam." God created "male and female...and blessed them, and called their names Adam in the day when they were created." Genesis 5:2 Adam lived to be "nine hundred and thirty years: and he died." (v.5) Many of his generations lived to be several hundred years old, also. Although Seth, Mehalaleel, Jared, Enoch, and Methuselah are Adam's generations

mentioned in this lesson, Enoch is the main person in today's lesson. From Adam's generations, Jared "begat (*fathered*) Enoch," who lived on earth for three hundred sixty-five years. Genesis 5: 18, 23

Enoch, the son of Jared and a man of great faith, pleased God. (v. 18), Hebrews 11:5 He had fellowship with God, because Enoch loved the Lord and obeyed him. Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Amos 3:3 Enoch is known to have walked with God, which means Enoch's life was an example of God's will. His relationship with God was like having the greatest friendship ever. Naturally when individuals are in a relationship, they love spending time together. They may share the same interests and have the same values. They are usually concerned with what is best for each other. Additionally, they honor one another, and don't fight against each other. In conclusion, Enoch "had this testimony, that he pleased God." Hebrews 11:5b

As a result of pleasing God, Enoch did "not see death." Instead, Enoch "was not found, because God had translated him." Hebrews 11:5 He did not die, but God took Enoch from the earth. Genesis 5:24 Therefore, there was no need for a burial in a grave. What a friend!

GLOSSARY

1. Begat – to bear or bring forth.
2. Generations - refers to a group of people coming from a common ancestor; descendants.
3. Testimony – a formal written or spoken statement; proof or evidence.
4. Translated - taken from the earth by God without dying; transferred.
5. Walked - pleased God by obeying him; *biblically*, the way an individual conducts his/her life.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSIONS

1. What does the book of Genesis cover?
The book of Genesis covers the generations of Adam.
2. How did Enoch walk with God?
Enoch had fellowship with God by pleasing and obeying God.
3. Did Enoch die?
No, Enoch did not die, "but was translated that he should not see death." Hebrews 11:5.
4. Did Enoch have a grave?
No, Enoch did not have a grave, because he did not see death.
5. How old was Enoch when he was translated?
Enoch was three hundred sixty-five years old when he was translated.
Genesis 5:23
6. What is Enoch's testimony?
Enoch's testimony is that he pleased God.
7. Of whose generations was Enoch?
Enoch was of Adam's generation.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

GOD IS ANGRY WITH THE WICKED EVERY DAY

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 1:10-20

EXPLANATION

Sodom and Gomorrah were both very wicked cities. The people committed many adulterous acts, but also sacrificed animals (*rams, lambs, bullocks, he goats, etc.*) unto God. They called assemblies and held feasts. God became angry about all of this wickedness. He told the prophet Isaiah to say unto the people that all of these things were not acceptable unto Him. He had no pleasure in them. God said that He would hide his eyes and would not hear their prayers. They should wash themselves and be cleansed from all of these sinful acts.

Isaiah told the people that God required that they should 1) learn to do well, 2) seek judgment, 3) relieve the oppressed, 4) judge the fatherless, and 5) plead for the widow. God said, “Come now and let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” God would not tolerate sinning and sacrifices at the same time. A decision must be made. Serve God or serve the devil.

When we hear God’s message and turn away from our wicked ways, He will take away our sins, though they be as scarlet He will make them white as snow or like wool. If we don’t turn away from sin, we will be devoured. God hates sin and is angry with the wicked every day.

GLOSSARY

1. Devoured: eat hungrily, quickly, destroy completely.
2. Oblation: something offered in a religious rite or as a charitable gift.
3. Scarlet: a brilliant red color.
4. Sodom and Gomorrah: these two cities were destroyed for their grave sins.
5. Tread: to walk/step in a specific way.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Who was the prophet that gave the message to the people in this lesson? Who gives us God’s messages today?
Isaiah was the prophet in today’s lesson that gave God’s message to the people. Our ministers give us God’s messages today.
2. What kind of cities were Sodom and Gomorrah?
The students should locate the answer from the explanation.
3. What were the people in these cities guilty of and why did God reject them?
The students should discuss how the people in these cities lived.
Do we know of any cities in today’s world that are like Sodom and Gomorrah?
4. How did God show His anger toward the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah?
The class should read the responses from the lesson and give some opinions as to

whether punishments will be dealt in the same or similar manner today.

5. In your own words tell what you are doing or will do so that God is not angry with you.

Have each student give their answer to discuss with the class.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

LESSON 9

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

GOD IS FOR YOU, NOT AGAINST YOU

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 8:26-39

EXPLANATION

God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. God continues to prove that he is for you by giving his best for you. Jeremiah 31:3 ...Yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. God's everlasting love for you proves that he is for you. In Isaiah 41:10, God says: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." God confirms that he is for you by being there for you, by strengthening you, by helping you, and by upholding you. Everyday God protects you, provides for you, defends for you, and gives grace and mercy for you. What more can God do to prove he is for you?

GLOSSARY

1. Infirmities - weakness, frail, feeble.
2. Intercession - prayer on behalf of another.
3. Peril - danger, risk of injury, hazard.
4. Predestinate - predetermine, determined beforehand.
5. Principalities - state of authority, territory of a prince or leader.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Discuss why you think God is for or against you.
What has God done for you to prove he is for you?
2. It is important to know that all things are working for your good; which confirms that no matter what happens in your life, it will work out in your favor when you love and trust God.
3. If God be for you, he is more than the whole world against you. You and God make up the majority, and the majority overrules any and everything else.

4. It's good to know that the Holy Spirit will help us and pray for us when we are weak. See verse #26.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

LESSON 10

OCTOBER 6, 2024

HE IS A GOD OF A SECOND CHANCE

MOTTO TEXT: Judges 16:28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

ENTIRE LESSON: Judges 16:6-30

EXPLANATION

Samson was the son of Manoah and his wife. His mother was told not to drink any wine or strong drink or to eat anything of the vine. No razor was to come upon Samson's head. He was born a Nazarite (*see glossary*).

Israel had sinned against God and He allowed them to be ruled over by the Philistines. Now God had a plan to rescue Israel from the Philistines using Samson to do this work. When Samson became an adult, he asked to be married to a Philistine woman named Delilah. The Philistines wanted to kill Samson, but he was extremely strong, and had killed many of their people. His wife tried many times to get Samson to tell her the source of his great strength. He told her many things that weren't true such as: bind him with seven green withs, new ropes never used, pin of the beam with the web, etc. None of these worked. Finally because Delilah continuously pestered him, he told her that his strength lay in his hair and that if it was shaved his strength would leave him. She conspired with her countrymen and shaved his hair. Samson was captured, blinded and made fun of by the Philistines.

During a feast the Philistines were having with a great host of people in attendance, Samson was under the room, praying to God for a second chance and to restore his strength so he could avenge himself against the Philistines. He was tied between the posts of the building and God granted his request. Samson pulled down the whole building and killed the multitude of Philistine who were gathered there.

Remember that you can ask for a second chance when you have been disobedient. God is faithful and just and will hear a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

GLOSSARY

1. Afflict: to cause severe physical or mental distress to somebody.
2. Green withs: cords or ropes used to tie objects.

3. Nazarite: an Israelite consecrated to the service of God, under vows to abstain from alcohol, let their hair grow and avoid defilement by contact with corpses.
4. Philistine: a native or inhabitant of Southern Palestine.
5. Pin of the beam: to hold somebody or something immobile.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Samson was an Israelite who possessed great strength. What was the purpose of him being so strong?
God had a plan for Samson to use his strength to free Israel from the rule of the Philistines.
2. Who was the Philistine woman that Samson married and what did she try very hard to do?
All responses are in the explanation of the lesson. Allow students to discuss the way Delilah pressured him to reveal his strength.
3. From the lesson story name the various responses Samson gave his wife and enumerate his actions following their failures. (Judges 16:6-12)
Discuss the answers found in the lesson.
4. When Samson revealed the source of his strength, what was the result?
Samson was captured by the Philistines, blinded and made fun of.
5. Talk about what happened when Samson prayed for a second chance. Have you ever done something that you regretted and prayed for a second chance?
Encourage students to share any responses they are comfortable with sharing.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 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.

LESSON 11

OCTOBER 13, 2024

I AM SORRY GOD, AGAIN

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 38:18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 38:1-19

EXPLANATION

Whenever we commit an act of displeasure in front of God our heavenly Father, we should feel sorrow for causing our Father to be disappointed in us. Sometimes we fail to realize that our heavenly Father sees everything we do whether good or bad. Because He loves us and wants the best for us, He is hurt when we choose to commit sinful acts before his watchful eyes.

Our goal each day should be to please our Father and make Him smile by living a holy and righteous life. God is holy and He desires for us to live and be holy as well. By

doing so we will please our heavenly Father and cause blessings and favor to shower our lives. If you want to remain in the favor and blessings of God, we should quickly apologize to our Father whenever we do anything that is wrong or sinful.

GLOSSARY

- 1. Aloof - to distant yourself from someone physically or emotionally
- 2. Iniquity - sin, wicked act, willful wrong doing
- 3. Kinsmen - relative, someone that you're related to
- 4. Loathsome - disgusting, abominable, awful, horrible
- 5. Sorry - to feel remorse, a feeling of regret, to feel sympathy or concern

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

- 1. Why should we declare or admit our sin?
We should admit our sins to receive forgiveness for the wrong that we have committed.
- 2. Have you ever been mistreated by anyone?
How did it make you feel when they did not tell you they were sorry? How did you feel when they did apologize? *Answer Individually*
- 3. Do you think God deserves an apology when we make Him disappointed with our wrong-doing?
Answer Individually
- 4. How did it make you feel when you told someone you were sorry for hurting them?
Answer Individually
- 5. We should always lovingly and respectfully express sorrow to anyone we have mistreated. Remember to treat everyone the way you want to be treated, respect everybody the way you want to be respected, and love everyone the way you want to be loved.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

LESSON 12

OCTOBER 20, 2024

COME AND SEE THE MARVELOUS WORKS OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 111:2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

ENTIRE LESSON: Exodus 14:21-31

EXPLANATION

If we look around, we can see the marvelous works of God all around us; the wonderful sunrise and sunset, the majestic snow-capped mountains, the beautiful carefree birds in flight, the powerful waves of the spacious ocean, and the snowfall covering everything in a pure white blanket, the roaring clapping of thunder, and the miracle birth of a newborn child, just to name a few. How can we not believe in God when he is constantly revealing his miracles all around us and within us. There are so many testimonies of people who have first-hand experience of God's marvelous works wrought in their lives. How many marvelous works have God performed in your life?

GLOSSARY

1. Flee - To run away, to pass away swiftly, retreat.
2. Marvelous - Astonishing, miraculous, awesome, splendid.
3. Overthrew - Overturn, defeat, bring down.
4. Pillar - A solid mass, usually an ornamental column or shaft.
5. Pursue - Follow to overtake, to go after intensely.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What do you consider to be a marvelous work?
Answer Individually
2. Discuss with the class, some marvelous works by God that you have witnessed.
3. What's the difference in a marvelous work by man and a marvelous work by God?
Class Discussion
4. God is still performing marvelous works today like he did in biblical times?
True___ False___
5. What marvelous work do you need God to do for you?
Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 111:2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

Theme II

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and
am known of mine...And other sheep I have, which
are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall
hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.
John 10:14, 16

LESSONS 13 – 27

LESSON 13

OCTOBER 27, 2024

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

LEARNING TO HAVE SELF CONTROL

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

ENTIRE LESSON: Galatians 5:22-23; Proverbs 16:32; Titus 2:11-12
this present world.

EXPLANATION

This lesson relates to the believer exercising self-control. It's a virtue that is taught in many ways. There may be times and situations that cause you to become angry. As a child of God, the enemy attacks you in order to kill, steal or destroy your relationship with God. The Holy Ghost will strengthen you to hold your peace. God's grace, (*his unmerited favor, which we cannot earn but is freely given to us*) helps us to produce the fruit of the Spirit which is peace and temperance.

God's Spirit produces one fruit, but has nine parts to it. They are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Each part has a role to play in the life of the believer. Those who live righteously in this world will face many trials, tribulations, temptations and other distractions to take us away from the work God has given us to do. However, if we keep our eyes on God and his Word (*Jesus Christ*) we will overcome all pitfalls.

The believer that is able to exercise self-control has the godly character that will help him along this Christian journey.

GLOSSARY

1. Lusts - yearns for, hungers for, or longing for evil desires.
2. Salvation - redemption, deliverance and escape from sin.
3. Temperance - abstinence, emotional restraint, self-control in the face of temptation or desire.
4. Ungodly - not devoted to or obeying God.
5. Virtue - the quality of being morally good or righteous.
6. Walls - a structure of earth or stone built for defensive purposes.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Name, discuss and share the importance of the nine parts of the fruit of the Spirit.
Class discussion.
2. What are some problems that might occur to cause someone to lose control of his temper?
Students could demonstrate some instances.
3. How does a believer show an unbeliever that he/she is able to practice temperance?
Students could gather in small groups to make list and then compare and talk about the lists.
4. What helps a Christian to bridle his tongue?
The Holy Ghost is a keeper, if he is obeyed because he knows the mind of God and will always tell you what to do. Is it difficult to hear his voice? Do you strive to listen?
5. Have you observed an athlete who lost his/her temper in a sport? What was the outcome?
Share your experiences. This lesson encourages self-control because it is very important to living godly.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

LESSON 14

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH

MOTTO TEXT: John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 1:1-23

EXPLANATION

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men (John 1:1-4).

Young people, we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). Did you know laminin is the binding cell that holds everything together (molecules)? It is shaped like the cross. Colossians 1:16-17 tells us, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thorns, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consists.

Wow! God's word is even in our bodies! For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness (1 John 1:2a). What a Mighty God we Serve! Upholding all things by the word of his power (Hebrews 1:3a)!

GLOSSARY

1. Laminin – The cross-like shaped binding cell that holds everything together.
2. Manifest – To reveal a clear appearance.
3. Molecule – Two or more atoms joined “bonded” tightly together.
4. True Light – Jesus Christ, the authentic illumination for the world.
5. Witness - Knowledge gained from personal experience or eyewitness account.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. How was the Word made flesh according to our lesson?
Study the following scriptures: Luke 1:34-35; John 1:14; Romans 1:1-4; Romans 8:3.
Class Discussion expounding upon each scriptural text.
2. In the beginning was the Word and, the Word was with _____, and the _____ was God (John 1:1).
3. There are many lights, but who is the true light?
Jesus Christ is the true light according to John 8:12 (Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life).
4. What is Laminin?
The binding cell that holds everything together resembling the Cross. (Colossians 1:16-17).
5. What does the memory verse mean to you?
Answer Individually and Discuss.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 1:2 For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;

LESSON 15

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

A MAN NAMED JESUS

MOTTO TEXT: 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

EXPLANATION

We all should know the man named Jesus who is the one and only man ever born of a virgin. He is the one and only son of the living God. Jesus is the one and only one

qualified and without sin, to be offered as a sacrificial lamb to save mankind from sin and eternal damnation. He is the one and only one to be born, crucified, died, buried, raised from the dead to live and never die again. Jesus is the one and only name that is above every other name, the name that every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

GLOSSARY

1. Bidden - To issue an order to someone by right or authority.
2. Conceived - To become pregnant.
3. Espoused - Married; to betroth.
4. Just - Morally upright, conforming to a standard of correctness.
5. Virgin - A person who has never had sexual relations, innocent.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Who is the man named Jesus?
Jesus is the son of God, born of the virgin Mary to save his people from their sins.
2. Discuss why Jesus is so significant to mankind.
God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. Explain what this mean to you.
3. Do you know Jesus? Should you know Jesus? Why?
Answer individually
4. Have you called on the name of Jesus?
If so discuss what happened when you called on the name of Jesus.

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.

LESSON 16

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

EXPLANATION

Jesus' disciples were with him as he traveled from place to place during his work for God. They witnessed his healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out demons and other works he performed. As they walked along the seashore of Caesarea Philippi, he asked them who the people said that he was. They answered him saying, "Some say you're John the Baptist, some say Elias, others say Jeremias, or one of the prophets."

Then Jesus wanted to know who they (*the disciples*) said he was. Peter answered that he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus let Peter know that flesh and blood didn't let him know who Jesus was, but that the Father in Heaven had revealed this knowledge to him. He also told them that on this rock (the truth of who Jesus was) the church is built. This means that the church which is inside of us through the power of the Holy Ghost is established on the truth of who Jesus is.

Do you know that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son? Everyone who has received the gift of the Holy Ghost has to believe in their hearts and confess with their mouths that Jesus is God's Son. Every work that Jesus did while on this earth, he let them know he was doing the works of him that sent him (*meaning his Father, God*). All of the work that we do must be for the glory of God. Jesus set the perfect example for us to follow. Always acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

GLOSSARY

1. Blessed: Made holy, sacred, granted special favor by God.
2. Coast: A part of the land near the sea, the seashore.
3. Prevail: Victorious, more powerful than the opposing force, to overcome the enemy.
4. Reveal: Made known what was previously a secret from others.
5. Rock: Something or someone who is strong and stable, that which is firm for support, the truth.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. As Jesus and his disciples walked, he wanted to know who the people said he was. What was their response?
The class should respond from the lesson.
2. Jesus asked his disciples who they said he was. Which of the disciples answered? Peter, boldly and firmly answered for the group.
3. Which member of the class will demonstrate the manner in which you think Peter spoke?
Permit several students to volunteer to give a respond.
4. How important is it for us to know who Jesus is?
Let those who desire to share their answers to the question.
5. The teacher should hold a serious discussion so that the students understand the importance of knowing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

THANKSGIVING LESSON

REAL JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 15:4-24

EXPLANATION

One of the greatest benefits of being filled with the Holy Ghost is having joy. The Holy Ghost imparts everlasting joy deep within your soul. The joy of the Lord is your strength and there is abundant joy knowing that greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. That means you have greatness inside of you. There is joy unspeakable knowing that the Holy Ghost is your comforter, your leader, your guide, your sanctifier, your teacher and so much more than just a shout or a dance.

Rejoicing and Joy is in heaven especially when a sinner repents. Imagine the heavenly host of angels rejoicing over one sinner that repents. Remember the story of the prodigal son who requested his inheritance from his father? He left home and went to a far country and there wasted it with riotous living. When his money and so-called friends were all gone, he found himself desperate and hungry in the midst of a herd of swine. It was when he was tempted to eat the husk that the swine ate, he came to himself and said "I will arise and go to my father and repent." When his father saw his son returning home, he met him rejoicing with joy and called for a celebration. For his son was dead and is alive again; he was lost, and now is found. Your heavenly Father is awaiting the return and repentance of all sinners so He and the heavenly host can rejoice with great joy!

GLOSSARY

1. Compassion - have mercy, to be gentle, to show concern, to have pity or sympathy.
2. Fain - gladly, pleased or willing under circumstances.
3. Famine - extreme scarcity of food usually due to droughts. Famine is one of the scourges that God sent to chastise men for their wickedness.
4. Husk - dry outer covering of some fruits, seeds or leftover food scraps.
5. Riotous - wastefulness, public disorder, wild and uncontrolled behavior.
6. Swine - a pig

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What is the kingdom of God?
See the Motto Text.
2. What are some ways you can have joy in the Holy Ghost?
You can experience joy by living righteous, enjoying peace of mind, loving and giving to others, and allowing the Holy Ghost to lead and guide your life.
3. If heaven rejoices over a sinner that repents, should not we rejoice as well?

We all have good reason to rejoice over a repented sinner because he or she is saved from sin, saved from hell, saved from damnation, and safe in the will of God!

4. Discuss how you felt and explain your reaction when you found something valuable that was lost?
5. Why did the prodigal son return home?

The son returned home when he realized life was so much better with his father. Apart from his father he was starving, but he never starved in his father's house. Apart from his father he was abused and unloved, but he never went unloved in his father's presence. Apart from his father he lost everything he had, but he had more than enough in his father's house.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 1:8-9 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

LESSON 18

DECEMBER 1, 2024

JESUS IS THE WAY OUT OF YOUR DILEMMA

MOTTO TEXT: John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 14:1-21

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, Jesus encourages and commands us "Let not your heart be troubled." God is against worry. Jesus preached against it. The whole Bible teaches against worry because it was designed by Satan to produce stress, strain, and death. It is a sin to worry. Jesus is the way out of all our troubles. He is the answer to all our dilemmas!

Yes, young people, God wants the best for us! That's why He gave his Son, Jesus, to provide a way of escape from the troubles that life brings. However, Satan will continue to make you feel that your situation is hopeless. He will discourage you in efforts to make you doubt God's goodness and bring defeat. Please don't buy into the Devil's lies! He is already defeated! Remember, God has promised and will always cause you to triumph in Christ.

Let us take Jesus at his Word, and "Let not our hearts be troubled." The choice is yours. Remember, God will not take your cares away from you. You must *give* them to Him! You are guaranteed victory! Make up your mind right now to be a winner and allow Jesus to bring you out of every dilemma.

GLOSSARY

1. Affliction – Something that causes pain or suffering; trouble.

2. Commandment – A divine rule to be observed.
3. Dilemma – A difficult situation or problem.
4. Err – To make a mistake.
5. Troubled – Showing distress or conflict; having problems or conflict.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What are some dilemmas that you were faced with that Jesus made a way out for you?
Answer Individually and Discuss as a Class
2. *Fill in the blanks* _____ saith unto him, I am the _____, the _____, and the _____: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6).
3. Who is the lesson referring to as “another Comforter, and the Spirit of truth”?
The Holy Ghost is the Comforter and the Spirit of truth.
4. Who is the way out of life’s dilemmas?
Jesus is the way out of life’s dilemmas.
5. Are you willing to seek Jesus and allow Him to bring you out of your troubles?
Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

LESSON 19

DECEMBER 8, 2024

READY OR NOT JESUS IS COMING BACK

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 24:36-51

EXPLANATION

Jesus will return to earth to receive those who are prepared to live in heaven with him. He said through the Word of God that he would come quickly and that he would have his reward with him to pay every man according as his works shall be. We must work the works of Him (God) that has given us the jobs to do. Whatever we have done, we will receive pay for it. If our works are good, we will receive a good reward, but if our works are evil, we will be paid for our evil works. No one knows when Jesus will return, not even the angels in heaven. Only God knows the day or the hour of Jesus’ appearance.

During the days of Noah, God told him to build an ark and preach to the people about their evil works. They did not believe him nor did they repent of their evil doings. When Noah completed building the ark, God told him who and what to take into the ark. Noah obeyed God and the flood came. It rained for forty days and forty nights. Everything on the earth was destroyed. Many people tried to come into the ark but it was too late.

Only Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives were saved.

In our world today, many are hearing the gospel being preached, taught, testified of, witnessed to, provided with bibles to read, prayed for, etc. Yet they refuse to repent. Jesus' return will find many unprepared.

Let us take heed to work out our soul salvation with fear and trembling before God. Don't let it be too late to repent of your sins. Do the work now that God has assigned to you. Jesus is coming again and now is the time to work for your pay. Whether we are prepared or unprepared, Jesus is coming.

GLOSSARY

1. Asunder: To separate into pieces, to take apart.
2. Gnashing: To grind ones teeth together or strike together.
3. Noe: Refers to Noah in the time of the flood.
4. Portion: A part of a whole, a person's destiny or lot, punishment.
5. Smite: To strike a firm blow, a heavy blow or stroke with a weapon or the hand.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Jesus said he would come quickly. What does it mean to do something quickly?
Answer Individually
2. What were the people like during the time of Noah? The people were living evil continually and did not repent when they had time.
Compare the world today with that period of time.
3. What are the characteristics of a wise and faithful servant?
Class discussion
4. Does anyone know when Jesus will return?
Only God knows the day or the hour when Jesus will return. We must be found working for the Lord if we desire to go back with him when he does come. We don't want to be found with our works undone.
5. The world offers many opportunities to young people and sometimes you may find yourself so busy that there isn't time enough to study the word of God, to pray or to attend your services. Remember there must first be a willing mind and with the guidance of the Holy Ghost, you will be able to manage your time wisely. Just trust and obey, and the Lord will always help you to find a way.
What is your plan to be able to work the works of him that has sent you? How are you handling these options?

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.

LIVING FOR JESUS

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.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

EXPLANATION

A person must be willing to make life changes, if he/she lives for God, who allows us to choose freely whether we serve God or Satan. With our actions, we make choices, and choices bring consequences. Joshua and his family chose to follow God. On the other hand, many Israelites chose to follow what was popular serving “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.” Joshua 24:15 Just because a choice is popular does not make that choice right.

Moreover, Paul, like Joshua, the leader after Moses’ death, had exhorted the Israelites to do what is right in God’s sight. First, Paul had reminded the people to live a life to please Jesus. As a result, the people would “abound more and more.” 1 Thessalonians 4:1 Furthermore, Paul had encouraged the people to keep their bodies sanctified by obeying God’s word and abstaining “from fornication and the lust of concupiscence.” (vs 4-5) He also warns the people not to cheat others, because “the Lord is the avenger of all of such” (vs 6) Instead, live holy and love one another. In addition, Paul reminds the people to take care of their own affairs or business and be honest with others. Remember, living for Jesus means you cannot live like the world. You must choose to put aside every action not like God and treat everyone honestly.

GLOSSARY

1. Abstaining - avoiding; staying away from; refrain.
2. Avenger - stand guard for another person; protector.
3. Abound - prosper; gain; do well.
4. Concupiscence - evil sexual desires brought on by lust.
5. Exhorted – strongly encouraged or urge someone to do something.
6. Fornication - sexual intercourse between people not married.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Can we live for Jesus and maintain our own sinful ways?
No, we must stop sinning and choose God’s way, if we want to live for Jesus.
2. What great decision did Joshua make?
Joshua made the decision that he and his family would serve the Lord.
3. How can Paul be compared to Joshua?
Both men taught how we have a choice, both chose to serve God.
4. According to Paul, what is one benefit of serving God?
We will abound when we serve God.

5. Name two worldly sins Paul reminds us from which to abstain?
Paul reminds us to abstain from fornication and concupiscence.
6. If we live for Jesus, should we cheat others?
No, we should not cheat others. God will avenge such.
7. If we are living for Jesus, should we attend to other people's business?
No, we should not bother in others' business, but take care of our own.

MEMORY VERSE: John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

LESSON 21

DECEMBER 22, 2024

CHRISTMAS LESSON OUT OF EGYPT HAVE I CALLED MY SON

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 2:14-15 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-15

EXPLANATION

The Gospel of Mathew informs us of the events after the birth of Jesus. Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, he enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. Herod's deceitful orders were for the wise men to return and tell him where the child was. Herod made it appear as though he wanted to worship the young child. The wise men arrived in Jerusalem after the birth of Jesus. When they entered the house where the baby Jesus was with his mother Mary, they fell and worshipped him. They presented him with gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. After being warned by God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. Joseph took Mary and the child by night to Egypt. They were there until the death of Herod that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, *Out of Egypt have I called my Son.*

GLOSSARY

1. Prophet – a person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God.
2. Flee – run away from a place or situation of danger.
3. Gold – a precious yellow metal.
4. Frankincense – a fragrant resin derived from the Boswellia tree, used in the

sacred anointing oil.

5. Myrrh – one of the ingredients in the sacred oils used to anoint kings and priests.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Where was Christ born?
____ Bethlehem, ____ Jerusalem, or ____ Damascus.
2. Which Prophet spoke the prophecy, Out of Egypt have I called my son?
Class Discussion. Hosea 11:1
3. What did the wise men do to avoid reporting to Herod?
Answer individually
4. Who did the angel of the Lord warn to take Mary and the young child into Egypt, and why?
Answer Individually
5. How long did Mary, Joseph, and the young child remain in Egypt?

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

LESSON 22

DECEMBER 29, 2024

THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 1:8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

EXPLANATION

Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost and he went about carrying out his works on the earth. It was through the same Spirit (the Holy Ghost) that he was resurrected. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God and the third person of the trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost).

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he instructed the disciples to return to Jerusalem and wait for the promise. They waited in an upper room being with one accord and the Holy Ghost came into the place as a sound of a rushing mighty wind, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. They began to speak with other tongues; (languages that were of other nationalities). There were others, devout men, Jews and those of several other nations, who witnessed this mighty and miraculous power of God through his Spirit. They were amazed and began to make comments about what they saw and heard. Some of their comments were; they must be drunk on new wine, they're speaking in our language, or some kind of new doctrine.

Peter spoke up and got their attention and reminded them of the prophecy of the Prophet Joel. They were the words of God when he said that he would pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, the sons and daughters would prophesy, the young men would see visions and the old men would dream dreams. He further stated that there would be wonders in heaven, signs in the earth, the sun will turn to darkness and the moon will turn to blood. It will be a terrible day. But, all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

GLOSSARY

1. Cloven tongues - Split tongues spoken like as of fire that could not be controlled because they were uttered by the Holy Ghost. The cloven tongues were spoken by those who received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.
2. Confounded - To perplex, to embarrass, cast down or make ashamed. Those who were witnesses to the disciples receiving the Holy Ghost were confounded. The tongues given by the Spirit of God is for unbelievers to witness the awesome power of God.
3. Devout Men - Having or showing deep religious feelings or commitment who are given recognition and praise. Some of those eyewitnesses were considered to be deeply religious.
4. Pentecost - A Christian holiday taking place the fiftieth day after Easter. The one hundred twenty souls waited in the upper room for the promise of the Father, which was sent upon them on the fiftieth day of Pentecost.
5. Proselytes - Persons who have changed from one opinion, religion or party to a different one. Proselytes were among those witnesses standing outside of the upper room.
6. Uttermost - The greatest or most extreme extent or amount. After we receive the Holy Ghost, we're empowered to witness to the uttermost part of the earth.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Jesus told his disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for the power from on high. Because of their obedience they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Discuss the importance of being obedient when seeking for the Holy Ghost.
2. God's miraculous powers were demonstrated on the day of Pentecost. In your own words describe as best you can the sequence of events.
3. Those of various nationalities who were confounded by the working of the Holy Ghost made many statements about what they observed. Name some of the statements they made.
4. Peter boldly stood up and addressed the men. What were some of Joel's prophecy that he reminded them about?
Allow the students to share as many facts of the prophecy that they can recall.
5. Are you a bold defender of the power of God through the Holy Ghost?
Class discussion

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

NEW YEAR'S LESSON

GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE COMING

MOTTO TEXT: Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

ENTIRE LESSON: Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Malachi 3:6-12; Psalm 1:1-3

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, we are encouraged to know that God's Blessings are coming! The Bible is full of promises of God's blessings for obedience. It is written in Isaiah 1:19; If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land. As God's children, it is imperative that we trust God, believing that he will deliver his promises. To receive these promises, we should be faithful in tithing (*in the Church of the Living God we believe and firmly preach tithing as a way to partner with God, furthering his work on earth*), and align our lives with his principles to receive abundant blessings. Study Malachi 3:10

Deuteronomy 28:1-14, outlines the blessings of obedience within the covenant with God, illustrating prosperity that follows faithfulness. Young people, God does not want you to be poor and oppressed, he doesn't want sickness and afflictions to reign in our bodies, for we are his temple. (Study 1 Corinthians 3:16-17) The bible says in Psalm 35:27, God takes pleasure in your prosperity. God wants you to prosper! Not just in the financial realm but in every area of your life... spirit, soul, and body. (Study 3rd John 2)

Today, young people, make a quality decision to lay down your life, your thoughts, and your ways, and follow Jesus! Obey his word and his command. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Psalm 1:1 Trust God and be blessed!

GLOSSARY

1. Align – To place or arrange things in a straight line; to agree with or support.
2. Covenant – An agreement; an agreement between God and his people.
3. Imperative – Of vital importance; crucial; completely necessary.
4. Obedient – Compliance with an order, request, or law or submission to another's authority.
5. Principle – A fundamental truth that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behavior.
6. Prosperity – The state of being prosperous; condition of being successful or thriving.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. List some of the blessings spoken of in Deuteronomy 28:1-14.
Class Discussion
2. Are you ready and in position to receive the blessings of God in this New Year?
Answer individually

3. Who is the Giver of all blessings?
God is the Giver of all blessings.
4. What does it mean to trust in God's promises?
Class Discussion
5. What book of the Bible in today's lesson, tells us about tithing?
The Book of Malachi 3rd Chapter 3:10, tells us about tithing.

MEMORY VERSE: Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

LESSON 24

JANUARY 12, 2025

WE ARE QUICKENED BY THE HOLY GHOST

MOTTO TEXT: Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, we are reminded that the Holy Ghost is a quickening power. The word quicken means to give life or to make alive. Through the powers of Jesus Christ, we receive life. Yes, Jesus came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. John 10:10b

It is God's will for his children to die to the sins of this world and be quickened by the Holy Ghost. Ephesians 2:1 & 5, tells us, And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;). The Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword. Hebrews 4:12a It is the Holy Ghost that quickens and brings new life.

Young people, you are special in the sight of God; Psalms 139:14 declares that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 Always remember to read and study God's Word. His word is quick and powerful. In this twenty-first century, it is possible to be made free from sin, and walk in the newness of life!

GLOSSARY

1. Quicken – To give life or to make alive.
2. Sin – An immoral act considered to be a transgression against God's divine law.
3. Trespass – To commit an offense against; to sin.
4. Workmanship – The degree of skill with which something is made; something made or produced.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Name some sins of the world that we can receive the quickening power of God, and be made free?
Answer individually and discuss as a class
2. Have you been quickened by the Holy Ghost?
Answer Individually
3. Is it possible to live free from sin today, in the twenty-first century?
Discuss as a class and be sure to give supporting scriptures.
4. How do you know that you are special to God?
Answer individually and discuss as a class
5. It is the Holy Ghost that quickens.
True ___ False ___

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

LESSON 25

JANUARY 19, 2025

A HOLY GHOST FILLED CHURCH: LORD FILL THIS HOUSE

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 2:36-47

EXPLANATION

God wants his house to be filled. Nothing can compare to God's church, it was not a thought of man, the church was designed and conceived in the mind of God. Peter wanted the house of Israel to know that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. This was the beginning of the gospel of Christ being preached in that He was the resurrected Son of God. When they heard Peter's message, their hearts were pricked, these were men and women who had the hardest of hearts. What brought about their change of heart?

God's word is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12) Peter was asked by his hearer, what shall we do? Peter told them to 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. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. Jesus said, if I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me. (John 12:32) Will you be a witness today, so the hearers of the word can receive the Holy Ghost and fill God's house?

GLOSSARY

1. Unadulterated – not mixed or diluted, complete and absolute.
2. Assuredly – confidently, truly.
3. Possessions – the state of having, owning.
4. Steadfastly – strongly and without stopping.
5. Remission – pardon, forgiveness, as of sins or offenses.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why did the crowd ask, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
Class Discussion
2. For God's house to be filled, what did Peter tell them to do?
 - a. Go back to their hometown.
 - b. Meet him at the foot of the cross.
 - c. Repent and be baptized.
 - d. Go and find the Messiah.
3. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
True ____ False ____
4. How can you help fill the House of God?
Answer individually
5. What does it mean to repent and be baptized?
Class discussion

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 16:17-18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

LESSON 26

JANUARY 26, 2025

THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY

MOTTO TEXT: Acts 2:47 Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

ENTIRE LESSON: Acts 2:41-47

EXPLANATION

After the disciples and others received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up to explain to those who were witnesses what this mighty move of God meant. God added those who gladly received Peter's words to the church. This was about three thousand people.

Then they received the doctrine of the apostles and broke bread together in prayer. The Bible says that signs and wonders will follow those who believe. The apostles performed signs and wonders so much so that the people showed great respect to them.

Their love and fellowship, one with another led them to sell of their possessions and bring the money and lay it at the feet of the apostles so that distribution could be made and no one would go lacking. They possessed a spirit of devotion and kindness. It's a custom that some practice today in giving of their tithes and offerings for the support of the church and some of its officials. When love and kindness exists within the church others can be drawn in. God continues to add to the church as the saints do the work of taking the gospel to the world.

GLOSSARY

1. Accord - Agreement, promise, understanding, or covenant.
2. Common - Mutual, shared, joint, collective or usual.
3. Doctrine - Guideline, teaching, instruction, or rule.
4. Favor - Approval, esteem, be in support of, or praise.
5. Steadfastly - Persistently, consistently, with conviction or unwaveringly.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Peter boldly preached about the Holy Ghost that the disciples and others had received. What was his purpose?
Read Acts Chapter 2 and give your thoughts.
2. Three thousand of those who gladly received Peter's words were added to the church. What were some of their activities?
Talk about how they showed their love and kindness toward each other.
3. Fellowship among the members of the church is very important. What are some ways to help keep love among the members?
Share your thoughts and ideas.
4. The need of members may be different. As young people how do you find out about the needs of other young people?
The class should share what they do.
5. Are you a devotional leader or part of the praise team in your congregation? What helps you to choose the praise and worship songs you sing?
Allow students to express their experiences and/or to ask questions.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 2:47 Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

LESSON 27

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

IF A MAN DIES SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?

MOTTO TEXT: Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

ENTIRE LESSON: Job 14:1-15

EXPLANATION

Job was a perfect man in his day. He was faithfully obedient and dedicated to the Lord. Satan got permission from God to afflict Job and said he would make Job curse God to his face. Satan took away Job's children, his wealth and caused his wife to turn her back on him? Will we live with Jesus in the mansion that he went away to prepare? Or will we live in destruction and torment forever? We will live again somewhere.

Job endured a great deal of suffering because of Satan's desire to kill, steal and destroy, but he did not win with Job. God knows how much we are able to bear. Throughout all of our trials and tribulations, we should be as Job was. Just keep faith in God and don't let the enemy win. He hates God and wants to take away all that God has created. When we allow him to take away our belief and our trust in God, he will cause us to lose our souls. Don't give in to him because in the end we will win. We have God on our side and we will live again with him!

GLOSSARY

1. Accomplish: To complete or to finish.
2. Appointed: Designated, made a decision before.
3. Determined: Intent, dedication, unwavering, strong-minded.
4. Hireling: A person employed to undertake small task for money.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Job was _____ and _____ in his day.
Read Job 1:1 for the response.
2. Job endured so many afflictions from the devil as he tried to take Job away from God. Demonstrate a conversation Satan may have had with Job as he tried to destroy him.
Class demonstration.
3. Have you had any trials and tribulations from the enemy trying to get you to turn your back on or to disobey God?
Class sharing experiences.
4. Name some ways you can protect yourselves from Satan's attacks.
Allow students to respond.
5. The Bible says that when we meet Jesus we will see him as he is for we shall be like him. What is our assurance of living again with Jesus?
Share your beliefs and read 1 John 3:2

MEMORY VERSE: Job 14:14 If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Theme III
LET US MAKE PROGRESS THROUGH EVANGELISM
And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways
and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.
Luke 14:23

LESSONS 28 - 44

LESSON 28

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

FISHERS OF MEN

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 4:18-19 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 4:12-25

EXPLANATION

Jesus had begun his mission to do the will of his Father preaching and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Shortly after hearing that John the Baptist was cast into prison, he departed Nazareth and journeyed to Galilee. While walking by the sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, who were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left their fishing nets and followed him. Jesus also saw two more brothers, James and John, who were fishermen mending their nets to catch fish. Jesus called them to become fishers of men as well and they followed him and went throughout Galilee teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom.

When we follow Jesus, our focus is transformed from our own personal agenda to serving and ministering to all people. Today Jesus is still calling you from fishing for your own selves to become fishers of men.

GLOSSARY

1. Fisherman - A person who catches fish for a living or for sport. The trade has always been an industry pursued by a large number of people in Palestine. They are exceedingly fond of fish, and pay double or triple the price for it. Four of the twelve disciples were fisherman, however Jesus promised to make them all fishers of men.
2. Gospel - The good news. Glad tidings of the birth, death, burial, resurrection of Christ.
3. Kingdom - The territory or people over whom a king rules, denoting sovereignty, royal power, dominion.
4. Repent - A deep remorse for sin and change from committing sin.
5. Synagogue - A place of religious gathering for prayer and teaching of scriptures.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. In this lesson, who are the four fishermen that Jesus made to become fishers of men?
The four fishermen in this lesson that became fishers of men are Peter, Andrew, James and John.
2. Discuss how you too can become fishers of men for Jesus Christ.
3. What message did Jesus began preaching?
See verse #17
4. When Jesus calls his disciples, do they hesitate?
See verses #21-22
5. Was healing a large part of Jesus' ministry?
See verses #23-24
6. What is more important, fishing for fish or fishing for men?
Fishing for men is so much more important. For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. It's not God's will for any to perish but that all should come to repentance.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 10:7-8 And as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give.

LESSON 29

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

EXCEPT YE REPENT YOU SHALL ALL PERISH

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

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 13:1-35

EXPLANATION

As Jesus was walking with some of the Galileans, they talked about some of the people who were killed by Pilate. Jesus responded by asking them if they thought those people were greater sinners than those who were yet alive. He said that all who have not repented of their sins would also perish. Another event was mentioned concerning eighteen persons who were killed by a tower falling upon them. Jesus' response was the same. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and would likewise perish if they do not repent.

Jesus began to teach the people parables so they would understand heavenly meaning. A man planted a fig tree so that he could get figs from it. He returned three years later but there were no figs on the tree. He commanded that it should be cut down because it was just taking up space in the ground but not producing any figs. The gardener

asked him to let it alone for another year. He would fertilize it and take care of it and if the figs did not grow then cut it down. This means that each of us should work to build up God's kingdom which is how believers produce fruit. If we're not working for God and causing others to become believers then we will be cut from God's kingdom. The Holy Ghost will assist us to grow in the fruit of the Spirit. Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, and self-control must be a part of every believer's fruitful life.

Jesus was criticized by a ruler of the synagogue for healing an afflicted woman on the Sabbath day. The ruler told the people not to come for healing on the Sabbath day but come on another day. Jesus told the ruler that he was a hypocrite. He fed and watered his animals on the Sabbath day, so why did he want this woman who had been afflicted for so many years not to be healed on the Sabbath day. The ruler taught others to follow rules that he did not follow. Hypocrisy is pretending to be someone or something that we are not. It is also sin. Keep in mind that there are no big or small sins. All unrighteousness is sin. If you know what is wrong and do it anyway, you will be punished. God desires for all to repent and to be saved. Without repentance we will all perish.

GLOSSARY

1. Afflicted: to cause pain or suffering, to be bowed down.
2. Hypocrite: a person who fails to practice what he teaches; pretends to be what he is not.
3. Infirmity: a physical or mental weakness, the condition of being feeble.
4. Parable: a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.
5. Pilate: the Roman ruler of Judea who crucified Jesus.
6. Synagogue: the building where a Jewish assembly or congregation meet for religious worship and instruction.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Jesus had a discussion with some Galileans. What were they talking about?
Have students to locate the discussion from the explanation of the lesson.
2. What does the Bible say about God's desire for mankind?
It is not God's will that any should perish, but all should come to repentance.
3. Are there any little sins or big sins?
Class discussion about the question.
4. When calamities occur, does that mean the victims were greater sinners than those who survived?
What are your thoughts?
5. Jesus went into the synagogue to teach. This is our example to assemble in the services to receive instructions.
Write your reasons why you do or do not attend your services.
6. Is it important to repent on a daily basis even if you don't think you have done anything wrong?
Choose a partner and share your responses. Those who desire can share them with the class.

MEMORY VERSE: Zechariah 1:3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

THE HEART OF MAN

MOTTO TEXT: Mark 7:21-23 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

ENTIRE LESSON: Mark 7:1-23

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, God is dealing with the heart of man. The physical or natural heart is a muscular organ which keeps the blood in circulation throughout the body. It is our conscience, our mind, our emotions, and our will. Just as the physical heart pumps blood to different areas of the body to survive, our spiritual hearts need to be connected to God for the spirit of man to survive.

Young people, what do you see in the word, "**HEART**?" HE = God; HEAR; EAR. This is God letting us know **He Hears your Heart**. "In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears" (Psalms 18:6). As children of God, it is imperative for us to maintain a healthy heart spiritually. In our lesson, Jesus admonishes the disciples in Mark 7:21-23, letting them know that there is nothing from without a man, which entering him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. The evil deeds of man come from within the heart of man. The heart is defiled from within. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Just like the physical body will die if the natural heart malfunctions, we will die spiritually if the spiritual heart is defiled. Let us make a quality decision today to allow God to be the center of our lives. Let Him cleanse your heart, your inner man. Once you do this, your life will never be the same!

GLOSSARY

1. Covetousness – Having a strong desire for the things that other people have; an insatiabl desire for worldly gain.
2. Defile – To mar or spoil; pollute.
3. Heart – The heart is a muscular organ which keeps the blood in circulation throughout the body. It is the total personality with reference to intuition, feeling or emotion, affection, sympathy, enthusiasm, and courage. Your heart determines your motive.
4. Hypocrite – A person who claims or pretends to have certain beliefs about what is right but who behaves in a way that disagrees with those beliefs; a person who pretends to have virtues or qualities that he or she does not have.
5. Lasciviousness – Filled with or showing sexual desire; lewd; lustful.
6. Wickedness – The quality of being evil or morally wrong; sinfulness.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. How do you make the Word of God of none effect according to Mark 7:9-12 in our lesson?
Answer Individually and Class Discussion
2. How can you reject the Commandments of God according to our lesson Mark 7:9?
Class Discussion
3. Fill in the blanks: For from _____, out of the _____ of men, proceed _____, adulteries, _____, murders, thefts, _____, wickedness, deceit _____, an evil eye, _____, _____, _____: All these evil things come from _____, and defile the man.
4. What does it mean to keep your own tradition?
Mark 7:3-13
5. What is the condition of your heart?
Is it pure or contaminated, and finding fault? (Only the pure in heart shall see God – Matthew 5:8; Mark 7:2)
Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

LESSON 31

MARCH 2, 2025

YOUTH DAY UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Jeremiah 32:17 Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 139:1-16

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, we explore the awesomeness of God. We serve a mighty God, who has all power in his hand! God's power is limitless. He has the ability to create, deliver, and sustain life in every circumstance. Genesis 1:1-3 and Psalm 139:1-16 demonstrate God's power brought everything into existence, including mankind.

God created everything with his power, the earth, seas, sun, moon, and stars. However, the most prized possession that he created was **YOU!** Yes, God created mankind from the dust of the earth. There is nothing too hard for the Lord. There are many events in the bible, as well as in the world today that demonstrates the power of God. God's power parted the red sea. His power turned water into wine, healed the sick and afflicted, and cast out devils. God's power created life in the womb.

Youth, be encouraged! Trust in the power of God! Acknowledge his awesome ability to create something out of nothing. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8 We have no need to fret or worry, God gave us the ability to receive and

demonstrate His power! Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Ephesians 3:20

GLOSSARY

- 1. Awesome – Extremely expressive; inspiring great admiration, apprehension, or fear.
- 2. Create – To bring something into existence.
- 3. Demonstrate – To clearly show the existence of truth of something by giving proof or evidence; to show how something works or is performed.
- 4. Power - The ability to do something; legal or official authority; might; strength; force.
- 5. Substance – The real physical matter of which a person or thing is made of which has a tangible, solid presence.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

- 1. Who has **ALL** Power in his hand?
God has **ALL** Power in his hand.
- 2. There is nothing too hard for the Lord.
True___ False___
- 3. Give some events in the bible and in the world today, where God’s awesome power was demonstrated.
Class Discussion
- 4. Do you trust in God’s power, and do you really believe that there is nothing too hard for him?
Answer individually and discuss with class.
- 5. Share a time with the class where you witnessed God’s awesome power demonstrated in your life.
Answer individually and discuss with the class.

MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 32:17 Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.

LESSON 32

MARCH 9, 2025

GO

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 20:3-4 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 14:12-24

EXPLANATION

God never intended for us to be idle or inactive. He created us with the activity of life in our limbs, the blood of life in our veins, the breath of life in our lungs, the thoughts of life in our brains, and the Spirit of life in our souls. Therefore we were created with a purpose to go! Go live holy, tell your story and give God glory. Go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that the Lord's house may be filled. If the rich and famous won't come in, then invite the poor, the homeless, the blind, the crippled, and less fortunate to come into God's house. You have been chosen and called by the Lord to invite everybody outside to come into God's house. Now will you go?

GLOSSARY

1. Consent - to agree, voluntary agreement
2. Idle - unused, inactive
3. Maimed - serious physical injury, loss of a member of the body, lame, cripple
4. Recompence - to pay for, to compensate for a service rendered; to give back
5. Vineyard - field of planted grapevines

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. There are those who make things happen; there are those who watch things happen; and there are those who wonder what just happened. Which one are you?
Answer Individually
2. Why is the Lord saying to us, go?
The Lord is saying go, so we can compel those who are lost on the outside of the house, the way to His house. The Lord desire us to compel them to come out of the streets that lead to death and destruction, and come into His house that leads to everlasting life.
3. Do you know someone that needs to come into the Lord's house?
Answer Individually
4. Are you busy helping others or are you standing idle doing nothing?
Answer Individually
5. Jesus said in Matthew 9:37, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Can God use you to go, or do you have an excuse?
Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here *am* I; send me.

LESSON 33

MARCH 16, 2025

THE END IS NEAR

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 24:1-14

EXPLANATION

Although some people announce when the world will end, no one on this earth actually knows when the end will come. We are to get ready and stay ready until Jesus returns. Jesus had been teaching in the temple when his disciples had inquired about the end of time. Jesus gives instructions and answers the questions asked by his disciples. Jesus let them know, that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my father only. Matthew 24:36

Because the disciples came to Jesus privately and wanted to know about end times, Jesus sat down on the Mount of Olives to teach them. He had warned the disciples not to allow anyone else to deceive them. Jesus had taught the disciples that anyone claiming to know the end time and pretending to be Christ is a liar. Matthew 24:5

Signs before the end will be numerous. There will be conflicts among nations and kingdoms, talk of wars, pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. Matthew 24:7 Furthermore, Matthew 24:12 states that because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. In 2 Timothy 3:1-5 it lists how people will behave in inhumane ways towards each other. People will mostly love themselves and hate those who are good. They will not have natural affections for their loved ones. Instead, people will betray one another and seek to please themselves. They will even turn away from God, but we are warned to turn away from these individuals. With national conflicts, natural disasters, betrayals, false prophets, and a lack of love, only those who endure and live the truth will be saved at the end of time.

GLOSSARY

1. Betrayal - Disloyalty; cause harm; without cause, turn against family, friends, loved-ones.
2. Deceive - To fool; to trick; to be dishonest with.
3. Divers - Many, several, various; widespread.
4. Iniquity - Evil, sin, unrighteousness.
5. Pestilence - Deadly, widespread, worldly diseases; epidemics.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Does anyone on earth know when the world will end?
No, only God knows Matthew 24:36
2. Will people pretend to be Christ or God?
Yes, they will, but don't let them fool you.
3. Will there be any signs before the end is near?
Yes, there will be signs. Read Matthew 24:6-12.
4. How will relationships suffer?
Betrayals will be evident. Refer to the Memory Verse.
5. What must we do to be saved?
Endure to the end.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Timothy 3:1-5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection,

trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

LESSON 34

MARCH 23, 2025

I GAVE YOU SPACE TO REPENT, BUT YOU REPENTED NOT

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 2:21-23 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 22:6-21

EXPLANATION

In Matthew 4:17, Jesus admonishes us to “Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” This is not a suggestion, but this is a command! Young people, this is the urgent message of the hour. It is time to clean up and get right with God. Do it now! Do it today, for tomorrow may be too late. In this twenty-first century, we must continue to preach and teach repentance and remission of sins in Jesus’ name. As Saints and children of God, we have a charge to warn the wicked of their wicked ways.

God has given us space to repent of all our sins; however, many people stubbornly refuse to repent. Some of us continue to turn to God over and over for the same sin. Today, make a quality decision and turn from the things of this world; turn from sin; turn from fornication; turn from lying, stealing, cheating and all other things that are not of God. 2 Chronicles 7:14, encourages us that, “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.” Except we repent of our evil deeds, we will perish.

There will be no time to change and repent on the Day of Judgement. “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” Revelation 22:11 “He which testifieth these things saith, Surely, I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus.” Revelation 22:20

GLOSSARY

1. Evil deeds – Actions that are intended to harm self or others; wickedness; sin.
2. Repent – To feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one’s wrongdoing or sin; to turn away from and change one’s mind or ways.
3. Testify – Give evidence as a witness; to make a statement based on personal experience or knowledge.
4. Space – to give someone time to do something; an interval of time.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Who is the “I” in the lesson that gives us space to repent?
Jesus is the “I” in the lesson that gives us space to repent.
2. List some things that we need to repent from?
We need to repent of all sin and anything that is not like God.
3. Now, today, is the time to clean up and get right with God.
True ___ False ___
4. It is okay to continue to turn to God over and over for the same sin.
True ___ False ___
5. Have you taken heed, seizing the opportunity to change and repent from your sinful ways?
Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 6:5 And 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.

LESSON 35

MARCH 30, 2025

BOUGHT WITH A PRICE

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 6:1-20

EXPLANATION

It is by the blood of Jesus Christ that we are saved. It is written: Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world (Luke 1:29). Our sins separated us from God, we needed a redeemer. We were bought with a price and that price was the shed blood of Jesus Christ. We were bought with his blood that cleansing blood that will never lose its power.

Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to be the ultimate sacrifice for mankind. Only the righteous shall be saved. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, brothers and sisters, we are not our own.

GLOSSARY

1. Separate – to become detached or disjointed.

2. Redeemer – a person who redeems someone or something.
3. Bought – is the past tense of the verb to buy.
4. Ultimate – being or happening at the end of a process; final.
5. Sacrifice – Christ’s offering of himself in the Crucifixion.
6. Effeminate – having feminine qualities untypical of a man.
7. Extortioners - a criminal who extorts money from someone by threatening to expose embarrassing information about them.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. We were bought with a price. What was the price?
Class discussion
2. What does it mean that Christ was the ultimate sacrifice for mankind?
The Blood still works, explain in your own words
3. Only the righteous shall be saved.
True ___ False ___
4. What does it mean that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost.
Class Discussion
5. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
What does this scripture mean to you?

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

LESSON 36

APRIL 6, 2025

LET THE WHEAT AND TARES GROW TOGETHER

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

EXPLANATION

The wheat seed represents the children of the kingdom of God and the tare represents the children of the wicked one, namely Satan. Jesus makes it clear in this scripture that the wheat, who are the children of the kingdom, will dwell here on earth together with the tares, who are the children of the wicked one.

The harvest time will be the end of this world, when the angels of God will separate the wheat from the tares. The tares will be cast into the furnace of fire and burned and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. The wheat shall be gathered together and shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their heavenly Father!

As young men and women, chose to live the good life, serving the good and great God, as a good seed in the kingdom of God, then at the end of this world you can be gathered with the saints of God who will be given a crown of righteousness and everlasting life!

GLOSSARY

1. Harvest – The season for gathering agricultural crops, the act of gathering in a crop.
2. Householder – A person who occupies a house alone or as head of a household.
3. Parable – A short story that illustrates a moral attitude or a religious principle.
4. Tare – Weeds that resemble wheat, an undesirable element.
5. Wailing – To express sorrow audibly, the sound of crying and mourning.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think the wheat and the tares were allowed to grow together?
See verse #29
2. How did the tares become mixed into the wheat?
According to verse #28, the enemy sowed the tare within the wheat.
3. What will happen to the tare during the time of harvesting?
See verse #30.
4. What happen to the wheat during the time of harvesting?
See verse #30
5. Who sowed the good seed and who sowed the tare in the field?
See verses #37 and #39
6. Now is the time to decide if you want your lifestyle to represent the wheat or the tare, the choice is yours.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 9:27-28 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

LESSON 37

APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY

BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

MOTTO TEXT: 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11

EXPLANATION

In the Old Testament book of Zechariah 9:9, the prophet prophesied of the triumphant entry of Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem. This prophecy was fulfilled during the time of Matthew. Jesus sent two of his disciples to get the animals (a colt and an ass) and bring them to him. They obeyed him and spread their coats on the animals and Jesus sat on them. As Jesus rode these animals through the streets of Jerusalem, people spread branches from trees and placed them in the way. Palm leaves are symbols of victory. They also shouted Hosanna, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. The city was there giving praises to the Son of God.

Whenever God is working the enemy is lurking around. There were those who questioned who Jesus was. Hosanna was the highest praise given to God's Son, who had come to do the work of him that had sent him. The enemy tries his best to discredit God's work, but God has all power and the enemy can do just so much and no more. We should all as believers walk in victory by giving praise and glory to the Son of God in everything we do and on a daily basis. Hosanna, blessed be the rock of our salvation.

GLOSSARY

1. Blessed - made holy, granted spiritual favor by God with joy and prosperity.
2. Foal - a young horse or related animal.
3. Nigh - almost here, near or close.
4. Sion - often used to mean Jerusalem or another way to say Zion, or the whole land of Israel.
5. Straightway - immediately, without delay or at once.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Jesus' disciples obeyed his command immediately to secure these two animals. Discuss how they prepared the animals for Jesus to ride on them.
2. The prophecy concerning Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem was made many years before it actually occurred.
What are your thoughts about the number of years between prophecy and fulfillment of it?
3. How does Jesus triumphantly enter our lives?
Class discussion
4. Hosanna is a shout of great praise shouted by the multitude. We sing a song "Hosanna, blessed be the rock, blessed be the rock of my salvation," Give a great shout of praised today.
Class shouts "Blessed is he that come in the Name of the Lord."

MEMORY VERSE: 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.

EASTER SUNDAY RISEN INDEED

MOTTO TEXT: John 20:15-16 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 20:1-18

EXPLANATION

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, Mary Magdalene went seeking Jesus' body. She discovered the stone had been removed. She went away and ran to Peter and John (the disciple Jesus loved), and told them what she witnessed at the sepulchre. They both ran to the sepulchre, John looked in and Peter went inside and saw for themselves what Mary had told them was true. They left and went to their homes.

Jesus had prepared his disciples for those things that would happen, but they seemed to have forgotten or disbelieved him. However, Mary was weeping greatly and encountered a man whom she mistook for a gardener and he asked her why she was weeping. She responded that someone had taken Jesus' body away and she wanted to know where so she could retrieve it. When the man called her name, she recognized that it was Jesus, she called him Master (Rabboni) and desired to touch him. However, he did not allow her to touch him by saying he had not yet ascended to his Father but gave her a message for his disciples. She was to go and tell them that she had seen the Lord and he talked with her.

What a great honor given to Mary to carry a message from the risen Savior. Jesus is yet giving messages to those who diligently seek him. Are you relaying messages from the Lord today? Are you looking for him? Those who believe his message, will be saved and can tell others with an assurance that Jesus is risen indeed from the grave. He is the Risen Savior!

GLOSSARY

1. Ascended - risen, gone up, soared or moved upward.
2. Borne - carried, taken, transported or tote.
3. Encounter - meet, come across, bump into or stumble upon.
4. Rabboni - another name for Master.
5. Weepest - meaning to cry or crying deeply.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why do you suppose Mary Magdalene went to the sepulchre alone looking for Jesus' body?
Class discussion of ideas should follow.
2. What was the first thing Mary noticed upon approaching the sepulchre?
The first thing Mary saw was that the stone was rolled away from the mouth of the sepulchre.

3. Describe what her next reactions were.
Students should look into the explanation for the answer.
4. When running away from the grave whom did she see?
Allow responses.
5. What did Peter do when he reached the tomb?
Let various students give answers.
6. Mary Magdalene saw a man that she thought was a gardener, how did she approach and interact with him?
The students may choose to role play the scenario.
7. How did Jesus reveal his identity to Mary?
Call on various members of the class to respond.

MEMORY VERSE: John 20:11-12 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

LESSON 39

APRIL 27, 2025

TRUST IN THE LORD

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

ENTIRE LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-16

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, we learn the importance and value of trusting. Some people place their trust in everything but the "right" thing; and in everybody but the "right" somebody. It is imperative in this day and time, that we put our trust in Jesus. To trust the Lord is to have complete confidence, trust, and faith in God. Proverbs 3:5-6, encourages us to Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Young people, no matter how impossible your situation may seem in your eyes, or your family's eyes, the Lord has the plan to deliver you. Many biblical characters, such as Abraham, David, Job, Daniel, the woman with the issue of blood, the three Hebrew boys, and many others, have been in tough situations; but God brought them through because they had faith in him.

Today, make a quality decision to put all your trust in the Lord. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. (Psalms 34:19) Make God's Word the final authority in your life. Believe what he says instead of believing what people say. Believe what he says instead of what the devil says. Believe what he

says instead of what the circumstances say. Young people, if you do this, you will never go wrong and you will always come out victorious.

GLOSSARY

1. Acknowledge – Accept or admit the existence or truth of; to recognize the importance or quality of.
2. Confidence – The feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust; self-assurance.
3. Faith – Complete belief, trust, or confidence in someone or something.
4. Trust – Firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Give at least three (3) Scriptures that emphasize trust in God.
Discuss as a Class
2. What does it mean to trust in the LORD with all thine heart?
Answer Individually and Discuss as a Class
3. Can you remember a time when you needed to put your trust in the Lord? How did you respond, and what was the outcome?
Class Discussion
4. Name some biblical characters that put their trust in God and give supporting scriptures.
Individual and Discuss as a Class
5. True or False: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 17:7-8 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

LESSON 40

MAY 4, 2025

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER YES AND AMEN

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

EXPLANATION

God has many promises recorded throughout the Bible. He is able to and does fulfill each and every one of them. We can depend on the Word of God. When we pray in God's will and keep his commandments, he will make ways for us throughout this Christian journey.

Every Word of God is answered *yea (which means yes)* Amen (*which means affirmation of truth/true*) YEA!

- God forgives sins.
- God does not desire that any should be lost.
- In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth.
- The Lord is my light and my salvation.
- God sent his son into the world to save the world.
- I will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there will not be room to receive it.
- God will take care of you.
- I am the Lord that healeth thee.
- God's Word will accomplish that which he sends it to do.
- God is not man that he should lie.
- God knows how to bless his children.
- Amen.

Sometimes we have not because we ask not. We're taught to ask and it shall be given, seek and we shall find and knock and it shall be opened unto us. Let us follow the scripture and pray trusting in the Lord to keep his promises because they are yea and amen.

GLOSSARY

1. Amen - uttered at the end of a prayer meaning so be it.
2. Assurance - positive declaration, to give confidence.
3. Earnest - sincere, and intense.
4. Stablished - something that is made stable.
5. Yea - yes, agree, affirmative reply.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. God's Word is true. Do you believe what you read?
Each student should respond.
2. Attending Sunday Bible School helps to strengthen the believer in God's Word.
you attend?
Students should explain their responses.
3. When we hear the Word of God being taught or preached how should we respond to it?
Let the class discuss the question.
4. When the benediction is given at the end of services, why do we say amen?
Discuss the reason/s.
5. God's promises are yea and amen.
What do these responses mean to you and how are you helped in your daily walk with the Lord?
Sharing time for students and the teacher/s.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

LESSON 41

MAY 11, 2025

MOTHER'S DAY THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A MOTHER'S LOVE

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

ENTIRE LESSON: Proverbs 6:20-23

EXPLANATION

Throughout the writings of King Solomon in the book of Proverbs, he reminds his son of the importance of heeding parental instructions. Parents understand much more about life than their children, because of age and experience. It's important to honor your father and your mother. With age and experience comes wisdom. Solomon said, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praises her." A worthy mother may be called blessed because of her love for her children and husband. She may also be praised due to her devotion to the almighty God. Mothers get up early in the morning and pray for their families, and late in the midnight hours.

Young people do not forsake your mother's teaching. "Bind them continually upon thine heart and tie them about thy neck" (Proverbs 6:21). Our parents teach us things as we grow that we should keep close to us so that they can speak to us as we face difficult situations later in life. Listen to your parents, for this is so important in the eyes of the Lord. It is part of the Ten Commandments. Honor your father by listening respectfully when he voices his concerns and your mother by not forgetting her teachings about right and wrong and the fear of God, who is always watching. Remember, there's nothing like a mother's love. Honor her and always show respect.

GLOSSARY

1. Praiseth – social interaction expresses recognition, reassurance, or admiration.
2. Continually – repeated frequently in the same way, regularly.
3. Worthy – having or showing the qualities or abilities that merit recognition in a specified way.
4. Respectfully – used to express politeness to mitigate the effect of a refusal or disagreement.
5. Reproofs – an expression of blame or disapproval.
6. Heeding – paying attention to, take notice of.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why is she called blessed by her children and husband?
Class discussion

2. Explain Proverbs 6:22, When thou goest, it shall lead thee, when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
Class discussion
3. Name three things your mother taught you that you can use to obtain your goal as a young person.
4. When was the last time you expressed to your mother how much you appreciate her teachings?
Answer individually
5. Even Jesus demonstrated his love and respect for his mother. While he was dying on the cross, he took time to care for his mother.
Explain what Jesus did about the welfare of his mother. John 19:25-27 Class discussion.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

LESSON 42

MAY 18, 2025

GET READY FOR THE INCREASE

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 67:6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 54:1-17

EXPLANATION

It is refreshing to know that God has promised us increase and prosperity whenever we remain faithful to his will and to his word. No matter what trouble or trial you may be experiencing, and no matter what lack or poverty you are encountering, God's promises of increase is destined to take place in your life because God is not a man that he should lie, neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

God is faithful to his people and he is plentiful in mercy. Increase is on the way, prosperity is coming, your breakthrough is just beyond your brokenness, your miracle is on the other side of your midnight madness. If you can just hold on, weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning. Increase your faith, increase your hope, increase your determination and God will increase his blessings and bounty.

GLOSSARY

1. Condemn - To pronounce guilty, to convict, to declare wrong or evil.
2. Increase - To become progressively greater in size, amount, number, or intensity.
3. Oppression - Unjust; cruel exercise of authority of power, a sense of being weighed down in body or mind.

4. Tempest - A violent storm, an uproar.
5. Travail - Work in painful or agonizing nature, toil, torment.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What would you like God to increase in your life?
Answer Individually
2. Do you think God's increase of blessings, favor, and prosperity is depended upon your increase in faith and obedience?
Why or why not?
3. What should you do to get ready for increase?
Explain why
4. Do you think God will deny increase to some people? Why?
5. Discuss why some people receive increase and some people do not receive increase.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

LESSON 43

MAY 25, 2025

THE HARVEST IS RIPE

MOTTO TEXT: Joel 3:13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down, for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

ENTIRE LESSONS: Revelation 14:14-20

EXPLANATION

Revelation 14 is a synopsis of the end times and depicts the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the second time to gather all individuals as a sickle collecting the harvest of souls and separating the righteous people from the evil ones. The vital question remains; are you ready to go back with Jesus when he returns to gather the elect from this evil and corrupt world?

Now is the time to grow in holiness and mature in righteousness so we can not only be a shining light of hope in this dark world, but be ready and prepared to meet and join our soon coming King in joy and triumph.

GLOSSARY

1. Furlong - A unit of distance equal to 220 yards or 201 meters.
2. Harvest - The quantity of natural product gathered in a single season.
3. Ripe - Fully grown and developed, mature, fully prepared.
4. Sickle - An agricultural cutting tool with a sharp blade used for reaping crops or mowing unwanted weeds.

5. Trodden - To step or walk on or over.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Who are the harvest that Jesus is coming with a sickle to gather?
We the people that God has called and prepared for eternal life.
2. What does the phrase the harvest is ripe refer to?
It means the time has come for the people to be gathered by the reaper, Jesus Christ, for judgment and separation.
3. The motto text says, their wickedness is great.
Do you think the wicked is still great in the world today? Why?
4. Why is the wrath of God magnified in the end-times?
The wrath of God is magnified in the end-time because the time has come that judgment is pronounced upon the wicked who refuse to obey and heed to God's commandments.
5. Discuss what we can do to help people prepare for the end-time harvest.

MEMORY VERSE Revelation 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle and reap, for the time is come for thee to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

LESSON 44

JUNE 1, 2025

HE THAT ENDURES TO THE END THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 24:13 - But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 24:1-14

EXPLANATION

The key to the success of salvation is to endure until the end. We must be willing to hold on to our convictions and endure opposition, trials, challenges, difficulties and trouble without giving up or giving out. Be not weary in well doing, for in due season you shall reap if you faint not. We shall be offended, betrayed, and hated, but if we stand firm in the gospel of Jesus Christ and continue to live the good life, we shall have eternal life. Jesus said in Revelation 3:11; Behold I come quickly, hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Although iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall wax cold, if you endure until the end, you shall be saved.

GLOSSARY

1. Deceive - To make someone believe something that is not true, to give a false impression.
2. Disciple - One who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another.

3. Endure - To remain firm without yielding, to continue until the end.
4. Famine - Extreme scarcity of food, starvation, drought.
5. Pestilence - A contagious or infectious epidemic disease.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What is the importance of enduring until the end?
We should endure until the end so that we can have that blessed assurance of salvation and everlasting life. Other the other hand, if we do not endure until the end we will be lost.
2. What are some of the things we will have to endure?
We will have to endure being offended, hated, betrayed, afflicted, and possibly even killed.
3. What are some of the signs of the last days?
Read verses 5-8.
4. Discuss some of the signs of the last days that you have already witnessed.
5. When do you think Jesus will return? Are you ready?

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 24:13 - But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

THEME IV
THE RIGHTEOUS ONES:
HOLDING FAST TO GOD'S PROMISES WITHOUT WAVERING

**But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth
is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.**
James 1:6-8

LESSONS 45 – 54

LESSON 45

JUNE 8, 2025

WE HAVE A LAW

MOTTO TEXT: John 19:7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 19:1-19

EXPLANATION

Laws are good and created for the benefit of the people they protect. However, when a law causes an innocent man to be executed, then we must obey God's righteous law rather than man's unjust law. Jesus was indeed the son of God, the Messiah, without sin or guile, therefore he was unjustly condemned to death by crucifixion. Pilate, knowing that Jesus was not guilty of the false charges, said to the crowd, "I find no fault in him." The chief priest and religious officers were determined to kill Jesus as they continued to stir up the crowd and cry loud to crucify him. Pilate was afraid of the large irate crowd so much so that he allowed an innocent man to be killed for indictments he did not commit.

The chief priests and the mob denied and rejected the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ was crucified on a cross to take away our sins. He shed his blood that we might be saved from eternal damnation. He who had no sin, died for our sins.

GLOSSARY

1. Behold - To look upon, to take heed, to see.
2. Golgotha - Place of a skull, the place where Jesus was crucified.
3. Passover - A feast instituted by God in commemoration of the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. The exemption of the Israelites from the death of their firstborn on that night when the death angel saw the blood of the lamb on their doorpost and passed over them.
4. Pilate - Governor of Judea who was residing at Jerusalem during the great feast of the Passover to preserve order.
5. Scourge - To whip with thongs made of straps of leather with sharp pieces of bone or metal tied to the ends.

6. Smote - To attack and strike with a firm blow.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why do we have laws?
We have laws to ensure accountability, stability, equality and access to justice for all. It also helps to lower levels of corruption and violence. Our Decree Book page #2 says “We believe all human beings should know that it is the will of God that all true people should have a rule to walk by. We should not draw back from the laws and or rules of our respective states.”
2. Did Jesus make himself the Son of God as he was accused of doing?
No, according to 2 Peter 1:17 Jesus received sonship from his Father and it was confirmed when God spoke from heaven and said; “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
3. Did Pilate, the governor, find any fault in Jesus?
According to verse #4, Pilate could not find any fault in Jesus and sought to release him.
4. Why did Pilate allow them to crucify Jesus, knowing he was an innocent man?
Pilate permitted them to crucify Jesus because he was afraid of the raging crowd and afraid of losing his position and authority as governor. See verse #8.
5. Who instigated the crowd and induced Pilate to crucify Jesus?
The chief priest and officers, who were the influential religious leaders, plotted and persuaded the crowd and Pilate to crucify Jesus. See verse #6.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

LESSON 46

JUNE 15, 2025

FATHER’S DAY LESSON FATHERS MUST PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6; 1 Timothy 5:8

EXPLANATION

In today’s lesson we’re being taught that fathers have responsibilities to provide for and to nurture their children. Children have natural needs such as food, clothing and shelter along with other necessities. These same children have spiritual needs as well. Fathers should not neglect to provide spiritual guidance also. Fathers are cautioned against provoking their children to wrath. Children that are abused both physically and mentally can often become so angry that they inflict injury to their fathers and/or to other individuals. Children that are neglected can also become full of wrath. When a person is full of wrath,

it is usually expressed in ways that are not good. Fathers who live for the Lord put forth great efforts to teach and discipline their children in godly ways.

Godly fathers show their children how to be meek and humble before the Lord, how to be loving and kind to their mothers and to others they come in contact with. Fathers are interested in their children's wellbeing. They inquire about their daily activities, their friends, their school work and community involvement. They are interested in every aspect of their children's lives. Those who neglect to provide for their own household is like unto being an infidel (somebody with no religious belief).

Believers are encouraged to think about these basic principles and understand the vital role that fathers have in shaping the lives of their children. Fathers need to actively provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of their children, thereby creating an environment that fosters growth, love, and adherence to biblical values. God is our Heavenly Father who daily loads us with benefits. He shows us unconditional love in great amounts. That is the perfect example of a father who provides for his children.

GLOSSARY

1. Admonition - advice for or against doing something.
2. Infidel - somebody with no religious belief.
3. Nurture - tender care and protection given to a young child, animal, or plant to help it to grow and develop.
4. Provide - to supply somebody with something, or be a source of something needed or wanted by someone.
5. Wrath - great anger, strong anger, often with a desire for revenge.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. According to the meaning of nurture, name some ways that fathers nurture their children.
Provide pen and paper so students can record their responses.
2. The class can be allowed to role play some scenarios from their lists.
Let the class critique the role playing activities.
3. Do you find it difficult to obey your father's rules? Why? Why not?
Class discussion
4. God provides us benefits every day. How many of them can you list in three (3) minutes?
Acknowledge those with the largest number of benefits on their list.
5. Are you listening to your father's voice, both natural and spiritual?
Don't miss out on the blessings you can have because you failed to listen!

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

EVERYBODY IS NOT GOING TO LOVE YOU

MOTTO TEXT: **Luke 6:26** Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Peter 3:8-18**EXPLANATION**

Today's lesson warns to beware of flattering words. People don't always mean what they say, especially when they praise others. The scripture clearly warns that we should be careful about listening to false praise, because everybody is not going to love you. "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets." Luke 6:26

In addition, the lesson focuses on how to behave when haters mistreat you. Usually, the person mistreated wants to play payback to get even or revenge. However, God's way is to do the opposite. In 1 Peter 3:8-18, the scripture teaches the wisdom of God. First, we are to be kind and loving to everyone, since God is love. When someone treats you with disrespect, evil, and unfair, hurtful actions, don't get even. Don't speak guile. "Eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it." 1 Peter 3:11 Bless them instead. As a result, God will bless you. Moreover, God favors those who are righteous. Even when others are mean to you and cause harm, God wants you to do the right thing. Even Christ suffered and was unjustly treated, but God had delivered him.

Remember, God loves you when others don't. "Blessed are ye, when man shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake, Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Matthew 5:11-12

GLOSSARY

1. Ensue – keep; follow, a result of.
2. Eschew – get away from; avoid.
3. Flattering – words used to make someone feel good about themselves.
4. Guile – lies, tricks, intentional deception; trying to fool others.
5. Persecute – mistreat someone without a real reason or cause.
6. Revile – say hateful, mean things about a person.
7. Woe – warning, be careful.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Should you be surprised, if everyone does not love you?
No, according to scripture, everyone will not love you.
2. What warning does this lesson give about flattery?
"Woe unto the prophets." Luke 6:26
3. Whenever someone mistreats you, should you pay them back or get revenge?
No, do not get even, but treat the person with kindness.
4. Does the scripture support speaking lies?

No, you should not make untrue statements with intent to deceive. (*speaking guile*)

5. When you are persecuted, does this mean that you have wrong someone?

No, persecuted means to harm someone without reason or cause.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:11-12 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

LESSON 48

JUNE 29, 2025

LOVE NOT THE WORLD NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD

MOTTO TEXT: 1 John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 John 2:4-17

EXPLANATION

God wants His people to be true to Him. We are reminded to “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.” 1 John 2:15 How can we serve two masters without loving one and hating the other? God wants our whole heart, not part of us. We are either saved, or we are lost. God will not accept us, if we are lukewarm. The Motto Text lists some works of the flesh that we should avoid, if we want to live with God forever. These fleshly lusts and pride are only temporal. On the other hand, what God has to offer is salvation and eternal life. If we want eternal life, we must be perfected, which results from loving God and keeping His commandments.

If we refuse to live worldly, we will reflect God’s character in our daily lives. That is, we will love one another and do whatever pleases God. Also, we will walk in the light where no darkness abides.

Since God forgives sin, we have power to be overcomers. Thus, we are to be examples to others to demonstrate how we have defeated Satan. Refuse to allow Satan to convince you to love the ways of the world and to practice the desires that displease God. The temporal desires listed in the motto text and entire lesson will cause your soul to be lost. On the contrary, follow the examples of those who have overcome the world and are walking in the light by following Christ. Anyone, whether they are young, old, a parent or a friend can lead others to Christ, if he/she has been forgiven of sin and is walking in the newness of life. “For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:18

GLOSSARY

1. Abides – remain; stays with; dwell.
2. Eternal - never ending; lasting forever.
3. Fleshly - human-like; relating to human desires.
4. Lust - very strong desire for someone or something.
5. Perfected - overcame; free from any faults.
6. Pride - anything showy to brag about; excessive self-esteem; conceit.
7. Temporal - not long lasting; for a short time.
8. World – a place which is hostile to God and to Christ, a source of moral corruption, a danger to the spiritual health and life of Christians

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why does John warn us about loving the world and the things of the world?
If we love the world, we can not be saved, because the worldly ways are opposite of God's ways.
2. Who shall abide forever?
The person who obeys God will abide forever. 1 John 2:7
3. Who walks in darkness?
The person who says he/she loves God, but lies, and hates his brother lives in darkness.
4. Who are the overcomers?
Those who live in oneness with God are overcomers.
5. In verse 14, what is the young men's quality?
Young men are strong.
6. Who will live forever after the world passes away?
He that doeth the will of God will dwell with him forever.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

LESSON 49

JULY 6, 2025

ASK WHAT YOU WILL

MOTTO TEXT: John 14:13-14 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 7:7-11, Matthew 6:5-13

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson Jesus gave his disciples a promise and one that is still being fulfilled today, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: Matthew 7:7

Jesus informs the reader that if a son asks his father for bread, will he give him a stone, fish, or serpent? "If ye then, being evil, knows how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

God has much love and compassion for his children, and he allows us to ask, in the name of Jesus, the desires of our hearts. There is a stipulation to the prayer, to not be as the hypocrites are, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and the corners of the streets that they may be seen of men.

You can go to your closet in secret. God already knows what you require before you ask him. You do not have to make up things to pray for or about, just to be seen or heard. Talk to God like you would talk to your parents or a friend. Praying is not in the tone, nor in fancy words, it's communicating with God the Father. Remember, it is important to develop a relationship with God and talk to him daily.

GLOSSARY

1. Hypocrites – a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion.
2. Prayer – an act of communication by humans with the sacred or holy God.
3. Repetitions – repeating something that has already been said or written.
4. Ask – say something to obtain an answer or some information.
5. Communicating – share or exchange information, news, or ideas.
6. Relationship – the way in which two or more concepts, objects, or people are connected.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Is there anything you want to ask God for currently?
Answer Individually
2. What three commands did Jesus give with promises regarding praying?
Ask, Seek, and Knock, explain in your own words.
3. Are prayers answered according to how many words you use?
Answer Individually
4. God is our heavenly Father, but whose name are we to pray in?
His Son, Jesus' name.
5. When was the last time you prayed to God and received your petition?
Answer Individually
6. Recite the memory verse and explain it.
Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: Job 6:8 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant *me* the thing that I long for!

JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 30:5 For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favor *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 30:1-12

EXPLANATION

God does not hold on to anger like mankind does, his anger endureth but for a moment. We all want joy! There are times when we must go through dark days to appreciate the good days. Have you ever felt down when the weather is wet and cloudy, and as soon as the sun comes out you begin to smile? That is how life is, because of the dark days we appreciate the sunny days.

In this lesson, David is exhorting the Lord in keeping him alive when his enemies wanted to take his life. God rescued David from the brink of death. Think of what God brought you through at a young age and you gave him glory and praise. You cannot fathom his greatness. Not only does David praise the Lord, but he also summons others to praise God and to trust him.

One thing about David is that he acknowledges his need to be forgiven. If there are any situations in your life, ask God to have mercy. Don't just pursue God on Sunday, but every moment of every day seek the Lord and his guidance. God is there when we have joy and also in those dark days. What do you do when nothing seems to be going right in school and you are struggling to pull your grades up? What do you do when you keep getting in trouble for hanging out with the wrong crowd and now you are suspended? You can turn to the Lord and ask for forgiveness and guidance. God wants to help bring back the joy. Your joy in the morning can be the next minute or hour. Trust God!

GLOSSARY

1. Joy - is more than a happy feeling. It is a lasting emotion that comes from the choice to trust that God will fulfill his promises.
2. Supplication – the action of asking or begging for something earnestly or humbly.
3. Mourning – the expression of deep sorrow.
4. Weeping – shedding tears when expressing grief or sorrow.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Is joy one of the fruit of the Spirit? If it is, can you name the nine fruit of the Spirit?
Galatians 5:22
2. Where does our joy come from?
 - a. Our parents
 - b. Friends
 - c. Saints
 - d. God
3. Which verse lets you know that joy will come in the morning?

Psalm 30:5

4. How did you feel after going through your night experience?

Answer Individually

5. Weeping may endure for a night is David's testimony for his own life, what is your testimony for your life, are you walking in your morning?

Answer Individually

6. You may be experiencing or have experience difficult times right now, or that time maybe in your future, remember that it is temporary. David said, "Thou has turned my mourning into dancing; thou hast put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness. Psalms 30:11

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

LESSON 51

JULY 20, 2025

CONTROLLING YOUR ANGER

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 37:8-9 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 4:22-32

EXPLANATION

Whenever we allow anger to get out of control, something may be said or done that we will regret later. You cannot control what people say or do to you, but you can control how you respond. When your emotions are rising, take a deep breath, and think before you react. Ask yourself, what would Jesus do? What is the Holy Spirit advising? What is a peaceful solution? Always remember the sermon that Jesus preached on a mountain when He said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9 Jesus has given us peace so we can spread peace everywhere we go.

GLOSSARY

1. Bitterness - intensely unpleasant, animosity, hostility, holding a grudge.
2. Clamour - shouting or fussing loudly, strongly expressed protest.
3. Conversation - a talk, especially an informal one, between two or more people, in which news and ideas are exchanged.
4. Malice – the intention or desire to do evil; ill will.
5. Tenderhearted - kindhearted, merciful, compassionate,
6. Wrath - extreme anger or rage.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why should we cease from anger?
First and foremost, God commands that we cease from anger and avoid wrath. Anger negatively effects our health: It increases our heart rate, blood pressure, anxiety, stress, body temperature, and headaches.
2. What can happen when anger is out of control?
History has proven that uncontrolled anger can cause avoidable conflict, broken relationships, physical abuse, undue violence, and lost sleep, just to name a few.
3. What can we do to avoid uncontrolled anger?
God gives us the answer to this question in His word: Psalm 34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace and pursue it. Exodus 14:14 The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.
4. How can we be angry and not sin?
Our lesson gives us various scriptures that can help us not to sin when angry. Put off the old man who is full of anger. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Put on the new man that God created in righteousness and holiness. Rid yourself of anger before the sun goes down. Never give place to the devil. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, malice, and evil speaking be put away from you.
5. Do you think being kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving to others will minimize anger? Why or why not? Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 14:29 He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

LESSON 52

JULY 27, 2025

HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

MOTTO TEXT: Leviticus 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them. **Leviticus 18:22** Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 1:1-6 and Psalm 119:1-8

EXPLANATION

Today's lesson emphasizes the importance of being on the right road and heading in the right direction. Young people, the devil is a liar and a deceiver. He comes to steal, to kill, and to destroy. There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Many have been on the road, heading in the "right" direction; however, they allowed Satan's influences to entice them into making a U-turn, and now, they are headed in the "wrong" direction. When we turn our backs on God, continue to commit sin, and do things that are not pleasing to him, we are headed in the wrong direction. Youth, if you

are present and reading this lesson, please know that it is not too late to turn back to God. He is married to the backslider. Turn and repent from all manner of sin: lying, stealing, cheating, fornication, homosexuality, bestiality, witchcraft, backbiting, gossiping, and all other such things that are displeasing to God.

We are living in a time where iniquity has abounded and is on the rise. Make a quality decision right now, and make sure that you delight in the law of the Lord; and meditate day and night. Stay on the right road and keep heading in the right direction.

GLOSSARY

- 1. Delight – Please someone greatly; great pleasure.
- 2. Direction – The path that something or someone takes.
- 3. Iniquity – Immoral behavior; sinfulness; wickedness.
- 4. Statute – Mandates, precepts, or rules; a law established by God.
- 5. Wrong – The state of being mistaken or incorrect; unsuitable; undesirable; immoral.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

- 1. What are some things that will have someone heading in the wrong direction?
All manner of sin. Please explain and discuss as a class.
- 2. Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination.
True ____ False ____
- 3. What are some ways that you can delight in the law of the LORD?
Answer Individually and Discuss
- 4. When we turn our back on God, we are headed in the “right” direction.
True ____ False ____
- 5. What direction are you headed in? Are you headed in the “right” direction, or are you headed in the “wrong” direction?
Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 5:14-15 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

LESSON 53

AUGUST 3, 2025

**FAMILY SUNDAY
INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY**

MOTTO TEXT: Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Titus 2:1-15

EXPLANATION

In this lesson, Titus taught different groups of the congregation how to live. The Bible is the only book to teach us how not only to live right, but to talk right. Titus instructed the older men in the church to be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith in charity and in patience.

Titus not only gave instruction to the aged men, but he also instructed the aged women that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, and teachers of good things. The aged women were to teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, love their children, be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, and that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Titus gave instructions to the servants to be obedient to their own masters, and to please them well in all things. All ages are to live in this present age soberly, righteously, and godly. The young men were exhorted to be sober-minded, sound-minded, discreet, and self-disciplined. Parents and grandparents also have a responsibility to train, instruct, and teach members of the family the way of holiness.

GLOSSARY

1. Family – one or more parents, mother/father and children living together as a unit.
2. Instructions – a direction or order.
3. Grave – serious, important, significant.
4. Temperate – showing moderation or self-restraint.
5. Fidelity – the quality or state of being faithful.
6. Iniquity – gross injustice, a wicked act or thing.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why do members of a family need to be instructed?
Answer Individually
2. What older Christian men or women have provided a good example for you to follow as you grow in grace?
3. Why is it important for Christians to live blameless lives?
Class Discussion
4. What does the grace of God bring?
 - a. Love
 - b. Hope
 - c. Endurance
 - d. Salvation
5. Families should spend time in prayer, that the commandment of God shall be in thine hearts.
True ___ False ___
6. Do you have a prayer life?
7. What is your takeaway from this subject? Family Sunday: Instructions for Members of the Family

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

LESSON 54

AUGUST 10, 2025

LET NOT YOUR GOOD BE EVIL SPOKEN OF

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 14:16-17 Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 37:1-11

EXPLANATION

In Christ Jesus, we have liberty. As a child of God, we are blessed with freedom. However, with that freedom comes great responsibility. Young people, this does not mean that you can live as you wish, do what you want, or go where you want. Our lesson is designed to teach us to talk, walk, and live like God, expressing his very character and attributes. Whatever we do in life, let not your good be evil spoken of. This can be accomplished by thinking positively and keeping your mind on things that are true, honest, lovely, and just. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Romans 14:19

When you use spiritual things in an unspiritual way, your good can be evil spoken of. Always seek God's wisdom and allow his Holy Spirit to lead and guide you into all truth. Youth, make up your mind to yield your members as instruments for righteousness. If your mouth is used for speaking the Word of God, do not allow any corrupt communication to come out of your mouth. (Study Ephesians 4:29)

Careless and proud exercise of freedom in Christ can cause damage and destruction, not only to you, but to your fellow brethren. In all you do, Trust in the LORD and commit thy way unto him. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psalm 37:3-5 Finally young people, As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). Remember to think before you act or speak; and let not your good be evil spoken of.

GLOSSARY

1. Attribute – A quality, character, or characteristic ascribed or associated to someone or something.
2. Character – The way someone thinks, feels, and behaves.
3. Evil – Profoundly immoral and wicked; morally wrong or bad.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. How can we make sure that our good is not evil spoken of?

Let not your good be evil spoken of by thinking positively and keeping your mind on things that are true, honest, lovely, and just.

2. What does it mean to Trust in the LORD, Delight thyself in the LORD, and commit thy way unto the Lord?

Answer Individually and Discuss as a Class

3. Can you remember a time when your good was evil spoken of and how did you respond?

Answer Individually

4. We should do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

True ____ False ____

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

THEME V

WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:37-39

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LESSON 55

AUGUST 17, 2025

IT IS GOING TO TAKE THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-24

EXPLANATION

As Christians living in an evil world, we fight against the devil every day. Natural soldiers dress in special clothing (*uniforms*) for battle. Christians also need to put on special armor to fight the wiles (*plots*) of the devil. We don't use guns, knives, bombs, etc. to fight because our battle is spiritual. We must put on the whole (*entire*) armor of God. Jesus is our captain. He prayed to the Father to send us a guide which is the Holy Ghost. He is the Spirit of God who leads and guides us in all truth.

We put on these special garments:

- Gird our loins with truth
- Wear the breastplate of righteousness
- Shod our feet with the gospel of peace
- The shield of faith
- The helmet of salvation
- The sword of the Spirit (*the Word of God*)

Remember that prayer is also a weapon to use so that we are always in communication with the Lord. Let us be bold soldiers fighting for our crown. God gives us the strength as well as the weapons needed for our warfare. When we are dressed in the whole armor of God we will successfully win the battle against sin and sinning.

GLOSSARY

1. Girt: belted or wrapped.
2. Persevere: continued effort to do or achieve something despite opposition.
3. Principality: a region ruled by a deity, powers often in conflict with God.

4. Quench: to put out or extinguish; to subdue or destroy.
5. Shod: fit with a shoe or shoes of a specific kind.
6. Withstand: remain unaffected by opposition.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What would be your first line of defense when the enemy rises up in your life?
Class discussion to share responses.
2. Can you name some of the garments worn by natural soldiers?
Uniforms (*fatigues*), boots, (Name others)
3. Prayer is a weapon for Christians. Is it important to pray while fighting the devil?
Prayer is vital to always talk with the Lord. Name some reasons why.
4. Compare and contrast the weapons used by natural soldiers and those used by Christians.
Allow the class to share their answers.
5. We must never give place to the enemy. Remember, with God on our side we are winners.
The students should talk about the ways to fight the devil according to the lesson.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

LESSON 56

AUGUST 24, 2025

WALK IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 8:1-14

EXPLANATION

Young people, do you believe and really know that God truly loves us and desires everyone to live the best life, right now, right here, on earth? He wants us to walk in the newness of life. To walk in the newness of life, is to walk in the Spirit. The Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit are the same.

In order to walk in the newness of life, one must lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Hebrews 12:1b. We must lay aside all malice, and guile, and hypocrisies, envies, and all evil deeds. Study 1 Peter 2:1-2; Ephesians 4:31, Philippians 2:5, admonishes us to, Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Put away your thoughts and your ways, surrendering yourselves totally and completely to God. Don't have a carnal mind.

It is impossible to walk in the newness of life and live a godly life without the power of the Holy Ghost. Why not make a quality decision today and change your ways. God has given you the ability and the command to live above sin and to live in fellowship with him. He will help you. Always remember, you can do all things through Christ which strengthens you. Philippians 4:13 Romans 8:1 encourages us, saying, There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

GLOSSARY

1. Carnal – Having to do with or preoccupied with bodily or sexual pleasures; things of the flesh and not of the Holy Spirit.
2. Condemnation – The expression of very strong disapproval; having guilt or punishment attached to it.
3. Life – Living and not dead; having purpose; full of vigor and strength.
4. Newness – The quality of being new or original; being enlightened and experiencing God's goodness.
5. Walk – The way in which an individual lives or conducts his or her life.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to walk in the newness of life?
Class Discussion
2. What is the difference between being spiritually minded and being carnally minded?
Discuss as a class and give examples of the spiritual mind vs. the carnal mind.
3. You cannot live a godly life or walk in the newness of life with the power of the Holy Ghost.
True ___ False ___
4. Are you walking in the newness of life?
Answer Individually
5. They that are in the flesh cannot please God.
True ___ False ___

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

LESSON 57

AUGUST 31, 2025

GOD SENT HIS WORD TO HEAL THEM

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 8:1-15

EXPLANATION

One of the many benefits of being a believer of Jesus Christ is divine healing. God can and will heal you as he promised in his word. Psalms 103:2-4: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies. Jeremiah 17:14: Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise. 3 John 2: Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. Matthew 9:35: Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

GLOSSARY

1. Beseech - to call upon, beg, to plead.
2. Centurion - Roman officer commanding a group of one hundred men.
3. Gnashing - to grind or strike teeth together.
4. Leper - a person affected with a contagious and deadly disease called leprosy.
5. Palsy - a shorter form of paralysis.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Do you think God can still heal today? Why or why not?
2. What is the difference between the doctor treating you and God healing you?
3. The leper said to Jesus, if thy will, thy can make me clean. Jesus answered him by saying, "I will, be thou clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Do you think it is God's will to heal you?
4. The centurion asked Jesus not to come to his house, but just speak the word, and his servant would be healed. If only we had the faith to ask Jesus to just speak the word; he doesn't have to lay hands on us; he doesn't have to pour oil on us; he doesn't have to have a prayer meeting with us, just speak the word only and we shall be healed.
5. So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Hear the word, speak the word and believe the word, and you too can be healed. Romans 10:17

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 8:43-44 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd

LESSON 58

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

GRANDPARENTS' DAY CHILDREN OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD FOR THIS IS RIGHT

MOTTO TEXT: Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 6:1-11

EXPLANATION

God has given all children specific instructions concerning the right thing to do; to obey your parents in the Lord. The Lord also gives all children a promise to live long on the earth, if they would honor their father and their mother. Not only does God promise to give you a long life, but also it shall be well with you while you live. Children wouldn't you like to be able to say everyday, that all is well? My health is well, my body is well, my home is well, and my family is well. This can be your life if you would honor and obey your parents.

GLOSSARY

1. Admonition – A gentle or friendly reproof, counsel or warning against faulty behavior.
2. Honor – Showing respect, to regard or treat someone with admiration, distinction.
3. Nurture – Training, upbringing, to educate or cultivate, to develop or promote.
4. Promise – A declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something specified, to pledge or vow to do.
5. Provoke – To stir up purposely, to incite to anger, to arouse, to stimulate.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What is the right thing for children to do?
Obey your parents in the Lord.
2. Have you told your parents how much you appreciate the food, clothes, shelter, and wisdom they have given you?
3. Do you have a grandparent or grandparents that have done special things for you?
4. What do you think would happen to you if your parents or grandparents were not there for you?
5. Discuss how the promise of God will affect you if you keep honoring your father and mother?

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

LESSON 59

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

EVANGELISM SUNDAY LORD, SEND ME

MOTTO TEXT: Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I

send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 10:1-20

EXPLANATION

Evangelism means spreading the Good News of the gospel. The gospel is the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As you study the gospel, learn how you as a young person can explain it in your own words or language. If you share your testimony, it will flow more naturally for you. We are called to go and tell others about salvation. Pray for God to grant you the opportunity to share your faith with others. Then pray that they are receptive to the gospel as you share the story of Jesus. If you don't know how or where to start, share your testimony. Everyone will not accept you; you may be persecuted by some. Let the word speak for itself.

Adults and youth alike can do Kingdom work. The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Jesus is calling you to bring in the harvest, now is the appointed time. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. Jesus prepared his disciples for opposition and persecution, he said, in Luke 10:3, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Remember you are covered by the blood of Jesus Christ.

GLOSSARY

1. Evangelism - the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ, by public preaching or personal witness.
2. Testimony - a public recounting of a religious conversion or experience.
3. Opposition - resistance or dissent, expressed in action of argument.
4. Persecution - to harass or punish in a manner designed to injure, grieve, or afflict, specifically to cause to suffer because of belief.
5. Harvest – the season when crops are gathered.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. When was the last time you shared the Good News to a lost soul?
What was the outcome?
2. Are you ready to say, "Lord, send me?"
Answer individually
3. What did Jesus mean when he said, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few?
Class discussion
4. Study the Word of God so you will be an effective witness of the Birth, Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Share some benefits of studying. Class discussion.
5. Can you give a bible verse about harvesting time?
 - a. Luke 10:2
 - b. Matthew 9:37-38
 - c. Proverbs 20:4
 - d. Exodus 34:21-22
 - e. Genesis 8:22
6. Everyone you share the Good News with will welcome you with open arms.

True ____ False ____

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 16:10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

LESSON 60

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

I WILL PAY MY VOW

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 22:25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 116:1-19

EXPLANATION

David was said to be a man after God's own heart. David committed some sinful acts that he should not have done. However, he admitted his sins. When he was in trouble because of his enemies he prayed unto God and expressed how he felt. In today's lesson, David not only told the Lord how his soul and spirit were troubled, but also how he depended on the Lord to hear his cry.

David praised the Lord because his pleas were not only heard but he was confident that they would be answered. Therefore, he begins to tell God how he would respond to the benefits from the Lord. He said that he would call upon the name of the Lord as long as he lived; the Lord delivered his soul from death, so he would walk before the Lord before the living, take up the cup of salvation, offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay his vows in the presence of the people.

This is a wonderful example of how we should give thanks and praises unto God for all of the benefits we receive from him. God is faithful and keeps his promises to his children. He hears our cries and will come to our rescue. We must follow David's example and give honor and praise unto the Lord for delivering us from all of our troubles. Whatever vow we make unto the Lord, we must keep it. It's better not to make a vow, than to make one and not keep it.

GLOSSARY

1. Compasseth: Sympathy or concern, or consideration for the suffering of others.
2. Inclined: Motivated, of a mind, or to show a preference toward an action, belief or attitude.
3. Render: Supply or give or provide for service given.
4. Supplication: The action of asking or begging for something humbly or earnestly.
5. Vow: A solemn promise or pledge to do a specific thing.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. David was experiencing some difficulties in his life. Name some of the feelings he expressed.
See the explanation of the lesson.
2. How did David show his faith in God to hear and answer his prayer?
Allow students to respond.
3. What are some ways the enemy has used to cause you anguish or pain?
Volunteers should share their experiences.
4. David made multiple vows in his prayer. What were some of them?
Allow various students to respond.
5. Is making a vow a good thing to do? Why or why not?
Class discussion
6. David praised the Lord for answering his prayer for deliverance.
In what ways did he do this? The class may refer to the explanation for responses.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 116:14 I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

LESSON 61

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

THERE IS HOPE FOR TOMORROW

MOTTO TEXT: Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 8:14-25

EXPLANATION

Today, in this 21st century, we are living in perilous and dangerous times. Everything that is happening around us makes the truth of this statement more obvious than ever before. There are diseases that no man can heal and problems that no man can solve. However, there is hope for tomorrow! The only hope that any man has anywhere in the world is faith in Jesus Christ!

Not only is hope an essential element of our salvation, but it also plays a vital role in our everyday life. It emphasizes the unseen nature of patient expectation of future promises. Hope transcends what is visible. According to Romans, hope is something you can't see. No matter how impossible your situation may seem, the LORD has a plan to deliver you! Young people, please know that God is thinking of you. He is concerned about you. Jeremiah 29:11 states, For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

If you are a child of God, you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, and you are joint heirs with Christ. Turn up your hope! Counteract any fear or thoughts of failure by spending time alone with God and listen to him. Change the image of how you see things. Change them from images of despair to images of hope. Meditate on the promises of God. Trust him and wait for them

to manifest. Have the steadfast assurance in the unseen future. Anchor your life in the hope of God and wait patiently, expecting him to bring the fulfillment of hope to fruition.

GLOSSARY

1. Adoption – The action or fact of legally taking another’s child and bringing it up as one’s own; the fact of being adopted.
2. Bondage – The state of being a slave.
3. Expectation – A strong belief that something will happen or be the case in the future.
4. Hope – A feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.
5. Joint Heir – A person who shares with another, or others, the right to inherit a person’s money, property, title, or any promise that another person has.
6. Manifestation – Something made real.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What role does faith and hope play in life and in your Christian journey?
Answer Individually and Discuss as a Class
2. Explain and discuss Jeremiah 29:11.
Class Discussion
3. Hope is seen.
True _____ False _____
4. As young people, we should be patient and wait for the fulfillment of hope.
True _____ False _____
5. Share with the class a time that you had to exercise faith and hope, waiting for a promise to come to pass.
Class Discussion

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 8:24 For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

LESSON 62

OCTOBER 5, 2025

MY PAST IS FINALLY BEHIND ME

MOTTO TEXT: Philippians 3:13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

ENTIRE LESSON: Philippians 3:1-21

EXPLANATION

Letting go of the past is not always easy. However, in today’s lesson, Paul, the writer of Hebrews, encourages the Philippians and the readers to leave the past in the past

and to grow on to perfection in Christ Jesus. Although Paul was a man of great honor in his society, he realized that life without Christ was worthless. "Circumcised the eighth day of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless."

Philippians 3:5-6 Nothing that Paul had attained in life measured up to the joy of knowing and loving Christ. Paul had to give up a past of self-righteousness to realize that Christ means more than anything else. Even though Paul had not apprehended, he was striving to be Christ-like. Compared to learning about Christ, Paul's past accomplishments were considered "but dung." (v.8) He had realized that those who follow Christ and not self-righteousness are the circumcised. Moreover, Paul left the past so he could be a follower of Christ and be a part of his resurrection.

Because Paul wanted to please Christ, not only did Paul finally leave his past behind, but also said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (v. 18) In addition, Paul realized that everyone seeking perfection in Christ must have the same mind as Christ. There should be no infighting or bad behavior. Thus, followers of Christ had to be aware of their attitudes towards others and not behave like angry dogs or participate in concision.

GLOSSARY

1. Apprehended - reached, completed, gained.
2. Attained - reached my goal; made it.
3. Concision - separation, division, not working together.
4. Circumcision - cleanliness; impurity removed.
5. Persecuting - unearned punishment or mistreatment because of someone's religion or difference.
6. Zeal - excitement about success or reaching a goal.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. When is it important to put your past behind you?
It is important to put your past behind you, if the past keeps you from knowing Christ.
2. Although earthly honors and awards are important, what is most important in life?
Knowing and being like Christ is most important.
3. What did Paul compare his earthly achievements and honors when he had accepted Christ?
Paul had compared his achievements to dung.
4. When you really want to achieve something, how should you strive to get it?
Push forward and don't give up. Press towards your goal.
5. Should concision be named among the body of Christ?
No, everyone in Christ should be one and have the mind of Christ.

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 43:18-19 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.

I HATE THE SINS THAT MAKE THEE MOURN

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 7:23-24 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 7:7-25

EXPLANATION

We all must realize that sin is alluring and highly deceitful. What looks good and feels good is not always good. Sin may offer moments of pleasure, but can end with long-lasting and destructive consequences. One pleasurable but sinful mistake can result in life-changing affects that evoke regret, mourning and heartache.

The war between your members (*body*) and your mind (*inward man*) is a real battle amongst good (*righteousness*) and evil (*sin*). The Apostle Paul illustrates in the scriptures the struggle between the flesh and the spiritual mind. The will to do good is present in my mind but the sinful flesh wants to do the sinful things that it desires. He says in verse #25, "With the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin. Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" It is through Jesus Christ our Lord and the Holy Ghost who sanctifies and empowers us to overcome sin and death.

GLOSSARY

1. Captivity - The condition of being imprisoned, confined or in bondage.
2. Carnal - The nature of flesh, controlled by human nature and not by the Spirit.
3. Concupiscence - Strong sexual desire, evil lust.
4. Members - Limbs of the body, a portion of the human body.
5. Wretched - Distressed, miserable, unhappy, unfortunate.
6. Wrought - Past tense of work, an activity that involves mental or physical effort.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why does sin make you mourn?
Sin makes you mourn because it drives you away from God. It steals your joy and peace, and leads to death and damnation.
2. How do you win the war between the flesh and the mind?
The war of flesh and the mind is won by the stronger of the two. If you feed your flesh more than you feed your spiritual mind then the flesh usually wins, especially during times of temptation.
3. If you delight in the law of God, what will happen?
When you delight (*enjoy*) the law of God you will walk and live more in the Spirit and less in the flesh. Therefore, your inward man becomes stronger and your outer man or flesh becomes weaker and less influential.
4. Discuss some consequences of sin.
5. Discuss some consequences of righteousness.
6. Why should we hate sin?

We should hate sin that brings death, sorrow, guilt, shame, embarrassment, regret and damnation. We are God's workmanship, created and ordained in Christ Jesus to do good works. Read Ephesians 2:10

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 6:16-19 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

THEME VI

GREAT FAITH DISARMING THE WEAPONS OF FEAR AND EVIL

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear:
though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty
of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

Psalm 27:3-4

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LESSON 64

OCTOBER 19, 2025

GIVING UP YOUR FLESHLY DESIRES

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

ENTIRE LESSON: Galatians 5:16-26

EXPLANATION

We are made of body, soul, and flesh, which means we are two thirds spiritual beings. But unfortunately, most people place more time and effort in caring for the flesh that is decaying and dying daily. God is a Spirit and He connects with our spirit and soul, which is everlasting. Therefore, it is much more advantageous for us to care extra for our spirit and soul. What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and die and lose his own soul? For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

GLOSSARY

1. Emulation - ambition or endeavor to excel others, envious
2. Lasciviousness - lewd sexual desires, indecent lust, perverseness
3. Mortify - destroy, to subdue or deaden, to kill appetites or desires
4. Seditions - resistance or insurrection against authority
5. Variance - not in harmony, discord, division, strife, conflict

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What are some fleshly desires that will get us in trouble?
Explain why fulfilling the lust of the flesh will lead to death?
2. How do we walk in the Spirit?
We walk in the Spirit when we are guided by the Spirit, controlled by the Spirit, empowered by the Spirit, baptized by the Spirit, listen to the Spirit, and live in the Spirit.
3. How do we crucify the flesh?

We crucify the flesh by denying the flesh its lustful desires, by refusing to allow the fleshly desires to control us, and by setting our affections on things above and not on things on the earth.

4. What can we do daily to avoid fulfilling the lust of the flesh?

The things we can do daily to avoid fulfilling the lust of the flesh is praying in the Spirit, studying and applying God's word, keep your mind and thoughts on Jesus, having a strong desire to please God in everything we say and do.

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

LESSON 65

OCTOBER 26, 2025

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY SIN CANNOT ENTER HERE

MOTTO TEXT: Romans 6:12-13 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 6:1-23

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, we are admonished to stay away from sin and avoid it at all costs. Sin is transgressing against the law of God. Romans 6:12-13 says, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God".

As young people, it is imperative that we exercise or practice temperance, which is self-restraint or self-control. God does not want us to continue in any type of sin. Stay away from fornication, witchcraft, lying, homosexuality, hatred, and all other behaviors that are ungodly. You may think that you have been in sin too long and it's no way out. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins (1 John 1:9). Once you do this, you are in Christ, and you become a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). Old things are passed away and all things are new.

Let us come to God boldly; He will help us to practice temperance. His Holy Spirit will lead and guide us in everything and in every way. Let the devil and the world know that sin cannot enter here anymore! The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GLOSSARY

1. Crucify – To put to death; to kill by nailing onto a cross.
2. Infirmary – A physical or mental weakness.
3. Iniquity – Immoral behavior; gross sin and dirtiness that lives in you when you continue to transgress God's law.
4. Mortal – Being subject to death.
5. Reign – To possess or exercise power or control over someone or something.
6. Temperance – Self-restraint; self-control; moderation.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Give some examples of times where you needed to exercise or practice temperance.
Answer Individually and Discuss as a Class
2. Are you bold enough to say, "Sin Cannot Enter Here?"
Answer Individually
3. What or who helps us to avoid sin in our bodies?
The Holy Ghost, God's Spirit, helps us to avoid sin in our bodies.
4. The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
True ____ False ____
5. Define the word temperance. Why is it important that we as young people practice temperance?
Class Discussion

MEMORY VERSE: 1 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 66

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

GOD CANCELED MY DEBT

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Kings 4:7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Kings 4:1-7; Deuteronomy 15:1-6

EXPLANATION

God is a great financial provider. In this lesson, Elisha, a prophet of God, gives a widow woman sound advice about getting out and staying out of debt. The woman's husband had died, and she was poor with children, one pot of oil, and no means to pay her debt. To make matters worse, her creditors were trying to make her two sons' bondsmen to satisfy her debt. As a result, the woman talked with Elisha, who had instructed her to borrow vessels from neighbors, shut the door upon herself and her sons, and pour oil from her pot into the vessel. The miracle is that without, running out, the oil filled every bottle.

When she asked Elisha for further instructions, he had told her to sell the oil to provide for her family and others to get out of debt.

In Deuteronomy Chapter 15, it was a custom to make a release of debt at the end of every seven years. This practice helped the poor to get out of debt. The Lord promised to bless those who obey Him. God wants his people to lend, not borrow and reign over many nations.

In the Memory Verse is part of The Lord's prayer, where the Lord forgives our trespasses as we forgive others' trespasses.

GLOSSARY

1. Bondsmen - A kind of slave; person who does work to pay off a debt.
2. Creditors - A person or a lender who is owed.
3. Debt - What is owed to someone for what was borrowed.
4. Reign - To rule over; most important.
5. Trespass - the mistreatment of someone; offenses; wrong doings.
6. Vessels - Something like a bottle or jar used as a container to hold something.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Who is the prophet in the lesson?
Elisha is the prophet in the lesson.
2. What is the main problem or conflict in the lesson?
A widow is deeply in debt without any money.
3. How does her debt affect her sons?
Her sons are about to become bondsmen to pay off her debts.
4. Does the woman give up in defeat?
No, the woman ask the prophet for advice.
5. Is the prophet's advice helpful?
Yes, both the woman and others get out of debt by listening to Elisha.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 6:14 - 15 If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

LESSON 67

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

BEFORE I BACKSLIDE, LET ME THINK

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

ENTIRE LESSON: Hosea 4:1-19

EXPLANATION

This lesson warns about the dangers of backsliding and becoming unfaithful to God. The subject implores us to think before making the choice to backslide against God. In addition, the Motto Text, Luke 9:62 reminds us of the danger of turning back to sin. Study the Motto Text.

The prophet Hosea speaks to God's people, the Israelites. He reminds them that God has a controversy with them. Hosea says the people have abandoned truth, mercy, and the knowledge of God. Hosea 4:1 Furthermore, the inhabitants were swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery. As a result, God will punish his people by natural resources of land, animals, and fish. The land languishes for the people's striving against God and the priests. God will destroy the people. Because the people reject God, he will reject them. They are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge. In addition, God promised to reduce the population. As the Israelites had prospered, they had increased in sin. Therefore, will I change their glory into shame. All of Israel's sacrifices are of no value, because the people continue their whoredom, which displeases God.

GLOSSARY

1. Backslide - Turn away from God; turn from righteousness to sin.
2. Controversy - Heated, long disagreement.
3. Languish - To become weak, sick.
4. Plough - A tool used to get the ground loose and ready to plant.
5. Whoredom - Fornication; faithless; idolatry.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What warning is given in this lesson?
Think about the dangers of backsliding.
2. Who do we turn against when we backslide?
We turn against God.
3. Who is sent to warn the Israelites against backsliding?
The prophet Hosea is sent to warn God's people.
4. According to the Motto Text, why should we stay with God?
Anyone that turns their back on God, is not fit for the Kingdom of God.
5. What are some of the behaviors that had displeased God?
Read Hosea 4:2 and refer to paragraph 2 in the explanation.
6. How can we please God?
Return to him and obey him.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

DECEIVED BY THE DEVIL

MOTTO TEXT: John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 3:1-24

EXPLANATION

Anyone who has been deceived by the devil has probably been lied to by the devil. Jesus said he is a liar and the father of lies. That is why we should never believe his lies nor should we fall for his lies, because his plan is to deceive and mislead you into sin and disobedience. Satan deceived Adam and Eve convincing them that they wouldn't die if they ate of the forbidden fruit, but instead they would become as gods knowing good and evil. Unfortunately Adam and Eve believed the lie from Satan instead of the truth from God and it caused them their freedom, their innocence, and their lives. Don't ever believe the devil's lies over God's truth. The truth of the matter is the devil wants to kill, steal and destroy you, but Jesus came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. One deceitful mistake can cause a lifetime of pain and regret; it's not worth it, believe and follow Jesus who will lead you to eternal life!

GLOSSARY

1. Apron - a garment usually tied around the waist for protection.
2. Deceive - to cause to accept as true what is really false.
3. Lust - uncontrolled desire, intense craving.
4. Serpent - snake, creature that creeps and hisses.
5. Subtil - subtle, cunning, crafty, elusive.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Who is the father of lies?
Satan the devil is the father of lies.
2. What is the most subtle of all the beast that God made?
The serpent is the most subtle of all beasts.
3. What lie did the serpent tell Eve?
See verse #4.
4. What three things attracted the woman to the forbidden fruit?
See verse #6
5. What immediately happened to Adam and Eve after they ate the fruit?
See verse #7
6. Who did Adam blame for eating the fruit? Who did Eve blame for eating the fruit?
See verse #12 & 13.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

LESSON 69

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

THANKSGIVING LESSON GIVING ALL PRAISE AND HONOR TO GOD

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 150:6 Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

ENTIRE LESSON: Psalm 95:1-7; Revelation 4:8-11; Psalm 103:1-5

EXPLANATION

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to commemorate and give thanks for all the blessings of God, not only on the fourth Thursday in November, but all throughout the year. It is essential that we give praise and honor to God in our daily lives. David said, Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 150:6

We were created to praise God. Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November to give thanks and praises to God. Don't even wait until you get to church to praise him; but begin praising him daily for his goodness. Psalms 103:2, encourages us to; Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Praise him in your own private prayer time and throughout your day.

Young people, please learn to maintain an attitude of praise and thanksgiving. Open your mouth and your heart and do what God has created you to do. Praise! Acknowledge God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, and lovingkindness. Remember, when blessings go up, praises will come down!

GLOSSARY

1. Acknowledge – Accept or admit the existence of; to admit to be real or true.
2. Blessings – God's favor and protection.
3. Honor – High respect; great esteem.
4. Praise – Express warm approval or admiration of; lifting God up.
5. Thanksgiving – The expression of gratitude, especially to God.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. We should only wait until we go to the physical church building to give God praises and Thanksgiving.
True___ False___
2. What are some things that you are thankful for and why?
Answer individually and have a class discussion

3. Give examples of praise and worship songs.
Discuss & sing them with the class
4. We should only give thanks and praise to God on the fourth Thursday in November.
True___ False___
5. Name a character(s) in the Bible that gave God thanksgiving and praise.
Discuss as a class

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 150:6 Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

LESSON 70

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

WHO MADE ME A JUDGE OVER YOU?

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 12:14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 7:1-5 and Romans 2:1-3

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, we are asked the question, who made me a judge over you? Throughout the Bible, we are admonished not to judge unrighteous, nor condemn or we will also be judged. It is imperative to follow Jesus' example and let judgement be just and righteous. Let the Word of God do the judging.

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven. We shouldn't judge by appearances or how someone act. God is a righteous judge. By judging others in ways that are ungodly and not in agreement with the Word of God, will open doors to criticism and negativity. It is written: In righteousness shalt you judge your neighbor.

Young people, do not speak evil against one another. He that speaks evil of his brother, and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law, and judges the law. Always make sure that you are following God's laws and commandments before you begin to judge someone else. Judging this way is inexcusable. Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? (Matthew 7:3-5; Romans 2:1-3). Don't be a hypocrite. Stop judging one another. Ask God to help you encourage others to make a positive change in their lives.

GLOSSARY

1. Beam – A long sturdy piece of squared timber; a huge log.
2. Hypocrite – A person who believes, claims, or pretends to be something but their actions are different and disagree with that belief.
3. Inexcusable – Incapable or impossible of being excused or justified.
4. Judge – To express an opinion of someone's behavior.

5. Mote – A tiny piece of a substance; a small particle.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why shouldn't we judge one another?
Class Discussion
2. What is the difference between a beam and a mote?
Give some examples of each.
3. True or False: We should cast out the beam out of our eye, before attempting to cast the mote out of someone else's eye.
4. What is a hypocrite?
A hypocrite is a person who believes, claims, or pretends to be something but their actions are different or don't agree with that belief.
5. Have you ever had someone judge you incorrectly? How did it make you feel; and how did you handle it?
Answer individually and share with the class

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:10 For 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.

LESSON 71

DECEMBER 7, 2025

SATAN DECEIVED EVE BUT CAUSED BOTH ADAM AND EVE TO SIN

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Timothy 2:14-15 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 3:1-24

EXPLANATION

The Lord God made Adam and Eve, and placed them in a beautiful garden called Eden. They were to care for all that was in the garden. They could eat the fruit from all of the trees in the garden except the tree in the midst of the garden. He said that the day that they ate of it, they would surely die.

Isn't it strange that we can be given the freedom to do many things but prohibited from doing one thing? Why are we so curious about that one restriction? When the serpent (*the devil/snake*) talked with Eve in the garden, he told her what God's commandment was. When God told you that you would surely die, but you won't surely die, you would be wise as God. In other words Satan deceived Eve and she disobeyed God and caused Adam to disobey as well. The sin that Adam and Eve committed caused sin to be in the world and affected everyone in it. God made aprons for them to cover themselves and drove them out of the garden. Cherubims were placed at the east of Eden to keep Adam and Eve from

reentering the garden. Now they were all punished and lost the beautiful home God made especially for them.

Whenever we disobey God's commandments, we may bring harm to our family from generation to generation as well as others who follow our example.

GLOSSARY

1. Beguile: to deceive, to lead astray.
2. Cherubim: a formidable creature who relentlessly guards the sacred space of God.
3. Enmity: deep rooted hatred.
4. Sobriety: the state of being sober, serious, solemn.
5. Subtil: sly, crafty, cunning

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. God made a beautiful place for Adam and Eve to live. How did they disobey God?
Responses may be found in the explanation of the lesson. Discuss your ideas of what was in the garden.
2. The serpent deceived Eve. How did he accomplish this deception?
The serpent told Eve that she would not surely die but that she would be wise like God.
3. Should Eve have allowed the serpent to have a conversation about what God said to her?
Allow students to share their thoughts. Talk about what you might have done.
4. We don't usually think that what we do might affect others. Why is this so?
Allow the class to write down their thoughts. The teacher may collect the papers without names and share responses.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 13:13-14 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

LESSON 72

DECEMBER 14, 2025

THE WISDOM OF THE WISE

MOTTO TEXT: 1 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:11-31

EXPLANATION

Young people, if there was ever a time that we needed to be wise, the time is now!

It is imperative to be filled with the wisdom that comes from God, and not the wisdom of the world (man's wisdom). When you're facing a problem (and you will), the very first thing that you should ask God for is wisdom. Not money, not power, not fame, not tangible things, but wisdom! God's wisdom is the key that will unlock every door in your life.

The wisdom of the wise and the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. God will destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. The prudent are those who are wise, discreet, and sober in practical affairs. 1 Corinthians 2:14, tells us, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

God says in his Word, Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding (Proverbs 4:7). Principal means, first in importance. This means that the Word of God will need to occupy the highest place of importance in all your activities. Be wise, let go of your own methods, let go of your ways, and put God's methods into operation. You will be so glad that you did.

GLOSSARY

1. Discern – To perceive or recognize something.
2. Discreet – Careful and circumspect in one's speech or actions, especially to avoid causing offense.
3. Foolishness – Lack of good sense or judgement; stupidity.
4. Prudent – Being wise, sensible, discreet.
5. Wisdom – The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Where does true wisdom come from?
Wisdom comes from God; If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (James 1:5).
2. Why is it important to be filled with wisdom that comes from God?
Answer Individually and Discuss as a Class
3. Compare and contrast the wisdom of God vs. the wisdom of man.
Class Discussion
4. Are you wise or are you foolish?
Answer Individually and Share/Discuss with the Class
5. Explain today's subject, The Wisdom of The Wise
Class Discussion

MEMORY VERSE: James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

CHRISTMAS LESSON THE GREATEST BIRTHDAY EVER

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 2:10-11 And 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.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

EXPLANATION

Most people consider their birthday to be a special day, celebrating with family and friends. But the greatest birthday ever is the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, Mary was found with child, in other words Mary was pregnant. Joseph was a just man, faithful to the law. According to the law, Mary committed adultery. Joseph did not want to make her a public example, he wanted to put her away privately.

While Joseph was thinking about these things, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS, for he shall save his people from their sins. Mary and Joseph were chosen by God for this task, and they showed faith by following God's plan. Christmas is a great time to share this story of the birth of Christ, the greatest birthday ever.

GLOSSARY

1. Espoused – espousal was a ceremony of betrothing, a formal agreement between the parties then coming under obligation for marriage.
2. Prophesied – say that (a specified thing) will happen.
3. Fulfilled – to do something as promised or intended.
4. Conceive – to become pregnant with (a child).
5. Procreation – the process of producing young babies.
6. Uniquely – in a way that is unusual or special.
7. Inherit – to receive an irrevocable (not able to be changed) gift.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Where was Jesus born?
 - a. Bethlehem
 - b. Damascus
 - c. Rome
 - d. Jericho
 - e. City of David
2. Who was the father of Jesus?
 - a. Joseph
 - b. God
 - c. Zacharias

3. What was special about Jesus's Mother Mary?
 - a. She was fair looking.
 - b. She was a virgin.
 - c. She was a prophetess.
4. The man that Mary was espoused to was.
 - d. Simeon
 - e. John
 - f. Joseph
 - g. Daniel
5. Why is Jesus' birthday the greatest ever?
Answer individually
6. Where in our Decree Book can you find what we believe concerning the birth of Christ?
Decree Book, page 33, 62 or 63

MEMORY VERSE: 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 74

DECEMBER 28, 2025

PRAISE HIM

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 134:1-3 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 5:1-14

EXPLANATION

We were created to praise the Lord and give him glory. We have a mouth and tongue built to utter words of adoration. We have hands constructed to raise a praise, and clap the sound of joy. We have legs to kneel in worship, leap for joy, and run in excitement. We have our feet to stomp in adulation and dance in exaltation. Yes, you definitely have many reasons and a right to praise God.

The Lord made you as his workmanship and masterpiece. You have greatness on the inside of you because the Lord placed his great spirit of life inside you. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us! As you can see in our lesson, the angels, the beasts, and the elders in heaven that numbered ten thousand times ten thousand of them are praising and worshipping the Lamb of God. The Bible says let everything that hath breath, praise ye the Lord! That includes you also.

GLOSSARY

1. Praise – To glorify, an expression of commendation, to celebrate, to exalt, to magnify, to bless.
2. Prevail – To triumph, to use persuasion successfully, to hold up or hold out.
3. Proclaim – To declare publicly, to announce openly, to praise or glorify publicly.
4. Throne – The chair of a high dignitary, the seat of a deity.
5. Vial – A small closed or closable vessel used especially for liquids.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why should we praise God?
We should praise God because he is great, good, merciful, gracious, loving, holy, righteous, awesome, almighty, everlasting, powerful, patient, giving worthy, just to name a few.
2. When should we praise the Lord?
Psalm 34:1 – I will bless the Lord at all time: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
3. Who should praise the Lord?
Psalm 150:6 – Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.
4. Is there a praise party in heaven?
See verses #11-13
5. Discuss reasons why you should personally praise the Lord?
If you don't want to praise God down here on earth, then you may not want to go to heaven, because that's what they do up there.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Samuel 6:14 And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

LESSON 75

JANUARY 4, 2026

NEW YEAR'S LESSON BEGIN BY BEING FAITHFUL

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 16:10-12

EXPLANATION

New Year's Day! Wow! Everyone is excited in one way or another about this holiday. Many will make resolutions to make some kind of change in their lives, be it losing weight, getting their finances in order, taking better care of themselves emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and physically. Yes, many begin the New Year, the first day, the first

month, or more, with the intention of following through with these desires; however, few, if any, continue the process, and bring it to fruition.

Are you expecting a better year? Do you desire a brighter future? Begin by being faithful! Allow God to be the center of your life. Be faithful in little things, serving the Lord with all your heart by doing the will of God. Trust in the Lord and you will be abundantly satisfied and blessed.

In today's lesson, we find that faithfulness is one of the key ingredients to a successful Christian life. Matthew 25:14-30 uses the parable of the talents to teach the importance of being faithful with the things that God entrust us with. 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 addresses the role of stewards and emphasizes the requirement of faithfulness in handling those things entrusted to us. Being faithful in little things leads to greater responsibilities in God's Kingdom. Revelations 2:10 encourages us as well as commands us to be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Young people, if you do these things, you will have a wonderful, joyful, and happy New Year!

GLOSSARY

1. Faithful – Remaining loyal and steadfast.
2. Resolution – A firm decision to do or not to do something.
3. Steward – A person who manages another's property or financial affairs.
4. Talent – Natural aptitude or skill; it can also be a unit of money.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. List some things that you can do to be more faithful in the coming year?
Answer individually
2. Are you faithful with the things that God entrusted you with?
Answer individually
3. Being faithful in little things leads to greater responsibilities.
True____ False____
4. God will not unfold his mysteries to those who are faithful.
True____ False____
5. What are some New Year's resolutions or goals that you desire to accomplish and bring to fruition in the coming year and how will you achieve them?
Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

THEME VII
THE JOY OF LIVING HOLY

**For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but
righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God,
and approved of men.
Romans 14:17-18**

LESSONS 76 – 84

LESSON 76

JANUARY 11, 2026

DO NOT LIE TO ONE ANOTHER

MOTTO TEXT: Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.

ENTIRE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-17

EXPLANATION

Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the Colossian church exhorting them to think of things in heaven, to look for those that are above where Jesus Christ is. Seek love, peace, joy, long suffering and other fruit of the Spirit. These are what we want to treasure because where our treasures are that is where our hearts will be.

Before we became to be believers we were disobedient. We were angry, hateful, used filthy language to others and were guilty of many other sinful acts. We told lies to others to hide those things we had done wrong. Now that we are believers we live very different lives. We're truthful to one another, patient with one another, forgiving to others, being kind and thankful. This is the way that God treats us.

Remember to study God's Word in order to gain knowledge, wisdom and understanding, allowing the peace of God to dwell richly in your hearts. Then, you can teach others as well as sing hymns and spiritual songs daily with grace unto the Lord.

Let us never forget that the Word of God says for us to put off malice, lying, hatred and all other sinful ways. This is what we did before we put off the old man of sin with his deeds (*acts*). Now we are new creatures walking in the truth of the Word of God.

GLOSSARY

1. Affection: a feeling of liking and caring for someone or something; tender attachment, fondness.
2. Bowels of mercies: innate compassion, kindness, humbleness and forgiveness.
3. Filthy communication: vulgar, obscene, corrupt speaking that comes out of the mouth.
4. Inordinate: excessive, ill regulated, immoderate, extreme or extravagant.
5. Malice: the intention or desire to do evil; spitefulness, wrongful, wickedness or badness.

6. Mortify: to subdue, discipline, self-denial or to put to death, to take away.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. If you are always truthful, you won't be called a liar. Is this a true statement? Discuss this question, telling why it is true or not true.
2. Name some of the ways that unbelievers live. Have you put off these ways? How do you live now?
Students can list their answers and share with each other.
3. Believers put their treasures above. Why is it so important to do so? Placing your treasures in heaven shows where your heart is.
4. Do you believe in white lies or little lies? Defend your response.
5. What lifestyle do you now live that show others that you have changed from being an unbeliever?
Allow each student to name a way their lives have changed.
6. Do you know any hymns, psalms and spiritual songs that you can teach to someone else? If not where can you find them?
Permit various student to respond to the question and share their sources.

MEMORY VERSE: John 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

LESSON 77

JANUARY 18, 2026

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE MERCY

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 5:1-2, 7 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 18:23-35

EXPLANATION

Our loving God is a God of mercy and he expects all of his children to have mercy on each other as well. When we extend mercy to those who need it, then we are blessed by God to receive mercy from him and other people. Galatians 6:7 says: Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. When we sow compassion, then we shall reap compassion. When we sow cold-heartedness, then we reap cold-heartedness. Therefore we should do unto others, as we would have them to do unto us.

GLOSSARY

1. Mercy - compassion, kindness, pity, sympathy.
2. Pence - plural of penny.
3. Reckon - to regard or think of, to consider.
4. Talent - ancient units of weight, a unit of value equal to the value of a talent of gold or silver.
5. Trespass - sin, a violation of moral or social ethics, an unlawful act.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What happens to those who are merciful?
Those that are merciful will receive mercy and blessings from God.
2. What happens to those who are not merciful?
Those who do not show mercy to their neighbors will not receive mercy when needed.
3. Have you ever needed mercy from your earthly father or mother?
Discuss an example of your parents granting you mercy for something wrong you did. How did it make you feel when they extended mercy instead of punishment?
4. Can you think of anyone that would appreciate compassion and mercy from you, especially after they have asked you for forgiveness?
5. What will your heavenly Father do for you if you do forgive others?
If you do not forgive others?

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

LESSON 78

JANUARY 25, 2026

GOD IS

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Samuel 22:32-34 For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God? God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

ENTIRE LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-12

EXPLANATION

The awesomeness of God is magnified in the fact that God is everything he wants or needs to be. He said to Moses, "I AM THAT I AM." In Jeremiah 32:27 God says, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: Is there anything too hard for me?" No, there is nothing too hard for the almighty God! Our lesson today gives us a surplus of things that God can be for us. He is a rock, strength, power, refuge, fortress, and salvation, just to name a few.

GLOSSARY

1. Counsel - advice, consultation, plan of action.
2. Exalt - to raise to rank, to elevate, to praise or glorify.
3. Fortress - a fortified place, stronghold, a place of defense.
4. Hind - a female deer, especially a red deer.
5. Trodden - stepped or walked on, to beat or press down with the feet.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Throughout the Bible God have proven himself to be so many things to humanity. What is God to you?
2. Discuss the benefits of knowing God.
3. How has God made a difference in your life?
4. According to verse #4, what is God to the poor and needy?
5. God is awesome, almighty, everlasting, majestic, full of glory, all-powerful, and all wise, he loves and knows us intimately and desires a close relationship with us.
6. Do you desire to have a close relationship with God?

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON 79

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

IN THE BEGINNING

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

ENTIRE LESSON: Genesis 1:1-31

EXPLANATION

Genesis is the first book of the Hebrew Bible. It tells the story of the creation and how the world was made. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. He did this in six days, and rested the seventh day, and hallowed it. God did not rest because he was tired, God rested because he was finished. Nonetheless, God desires that all of mankind take time to rest. The Bible tells us that “six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work.

Young people, from the beginning of creation, God has always desired the best for his people. Everything that God made was very good. Out of all his creation, he made man in his own image. Then, God blessed them, and said for them to be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

God is still creating today, just as he created yesterday. He will create in you a clean heart and renew a right spirit within you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit. Young people, it's time for a new beginning! Make a quality decision today,

allowing God to create new things in you. He will see everything that he has made in you, and behold, it will be very good!

GLOSSARY

1. Beginning – The point or time in space at which something starts.
2. Create – Bring something into existence.
3. Firmament – The vast solid dome created by God to divide the sea into upper and lower portions so that the dry land could appear; the heavens or sky.
4. Fruitful – Producing or capable of producing offspring or fruit.
5. Multiply – Increase or cause to increase greatly in number or quantity.
6. Replenish – To restore or to fill again.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

- 1 Who created the heaven and the earth?
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2 How long did it take God to create the earth?
In six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, and hallowed it. (Exodus 20:11)
- 3 List some things that God created according to the lesson. (Genesis 1:1-31)
Class Discussion
- 4 What are the first three words of the Bible?
The first three words of the Bible are, in the beginning.
- 5 Genesis is the first book of the Hebrew Bible.
True ____ False ____

MEMORY VERSE: Lamentations 3:22-24 *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore, will I hope in him.*

LESSON 80

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN THE FAITH

MOTTO TEXT: Colossians 2:6-7 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

ENTIRE LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-19

EXPLANATION

Plants, trees and other vegetation of the ground have to be planted in good soil and properly tended so that their roots can begin to grow deep. The roots are important for the vegetation to receive the moisture necessary for growth. As the roots begin to attach themselves to the soil, they expand and give support and nourishment to the plant.

In our spiritual walk with the Lord, we're taught through God's Word (the seed) the requirements God has for his people. We gain more strength to live holy and righteously before God.

In today's lesson, Paul encouraged the saints to remain steadfast and unmoveable in God's Word. If we have a made up mind to live for the Lord, his rules will not become so difficult for you to obey. God's great love for mankind is so deep, so powerful, and so glorious that he was pleased to send his only begotten Son to atone for the sins man committed. He desires that man would live in heaven. Listen carefully to the voice of God through the Holy Ghost. It will keep you firmly rooted and grounded in your relationship with the Lord.

GLOSSARY

1. Comprehend - understand, realize; to grasp the meaning or nature of something.
2. Grant - allow, permit, give, present: to agree to allow a request, favor, or privilege.
3. Grounded - established, supported; based on reason, reliable evidence, or good sense.
4. Rooted - fixed, established; arising from firmly held beliefs or long-standing traditions or practices.
5. Stablished - rules set up to keep you from evil, help you to remain rooted and grounded in love.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Before you received the Holy Ghost, what caused you to finally believe God to give you that gift?
Students that are saved may volunteer to respond. Any who are not saved may share why they haven't yet believed.
2. Now that you know how plants grow, name some of the ways you grow stronger in God.
Class discussion for information.
3. What are some activities that you participate in that help you to always obey the faith of the church?
List students' responses for future reference.
4. Faith is what we believe and doctrine is what we teach.
Name some of the things we believe and some of the things we are taught.

A: *Examples:*

Faith:

We believe in being filled with the Holy Ghost.

We believe Jesus is God's Son born of the Virgin Mary

We believe God is real

Doctrine:

We're taught to live separate from worldly things

We're taught to not serve idol gods

We're taught to live holy lives

5. Does love help you to stay obedient to the faith and doctrine of the church?
Explain your answers.

MEMORY VERSE: Colossians 2:6-7 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

LESSON 81

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

MOTTO TEXT: James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 2:14-26

EXPLANATION

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1) It is the spiritual force that causes the blessings that God promises us in the Bible to be manifested. However, even with all this power and force, faith is useless without works or corresponding actions.

In today's lesson, James declares that, faith without works is dead. (James 2:26) Genuine faith is validated and made complete by corresponding works. Therefore, to have a successful Christian life, it is imperative to value the relationship between faith and action (works).

Faith works as a result of *your* actions. Yes, it depends on you and on your efforts. You must activate the power of a believer, utilizing and exercising the Holy Ghost that dwells on the inside of you. But that power won't go to work until you put it to work. Ephesians 3:20 declares, Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Young people, always remember, faith in God works if we work it!

GLOSSARY

1. Action – A thing that is done, and not merely thought of or spoken about.
2. Dead – Something that does not have or appears to have life; no longer alive.
3. Faith – Complete confidence or trust in someone or something.
4. Substance – The real physical matter of which a person or thing consists of, and which has a tangible, solid presence.
5. Works – A task or tasks to be undertaken or done; something a person or thing must do.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. It is possible to have faith without works.
True ____ False ____
2. What are works considered to be in the context of today's lesson?
Works are corresponding actions that validate and complete genuine faith.
3. Name some Biblical characters that exercised faith with corresponding actions.

Study James 21-25, Explain, give supporting scriptures, and discuss as a class.

4. There is no connection between faith and works.

True_____ False _____

5. Are you willing to demonstrate your faith through actions and corresponding works of love?

Answer Individually and discuss as a class

MEMORY VERSE: James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

LESSON 82

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

MOTTO TEXT: 2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight:

ENTIRE LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 6

EXPLANATION

The theme of Hebrews 11th chapter emphasizes the fundamental principle of walking by faith. Believing. That's the key to everything in the kingdom of God. It is the way that we have access to God's power and the many benefits he offers. Faith is trust in God, believing what he has said will come to pass. Faith is what enables us to receive from God. It is the spiritual force that brings manifestation in our lives and to whatever we need from God, whether it's salvation, healing, prosperity, or any of the promises throughout the Bible.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. As children of God, we walk by faith and not by sight. Don't rely on what you see, hear, or feel. Young people, if you make the Word of God the final authority in your life, it will give you stability when everything else around you give away. Allow what God says settle the issues of life, you will be confident when others are confused, peaceful when others are under pressure. You will be an overcomer when others are being overcome.

Always remember, living by faith is not something you try. It's a lifestyle. Do it when things are hard. Do it when things are easy. You should do it all the time because you're not doing it just to get in on the benefits, you're doing it because faith pleases God. (Hebrews 11:6)

GLOSSARY

1. Evidence – Something that furnishes proof; ground for belief.
2. Faith – Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.
3. Hope – A feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.
4. Sight – The faculty or power of seeing.
5. Substance – The real physical matter of which a person or thing consists of, and which has a tangible, solid presence.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Fill in the Blanks Now _____ is the _____ of things _____ for, the _____ of things not _____. Hebrews 11:1
2. It is possible to please God without faith.
True_____ False_____ Discuss as a Class
3. Youth, are you walking by faith or are you walking by sight?
Share answers individually with class
4. Share with the class a time where you exercised (walked by) faith in God, trusting that he will bring his promises to pass.
Class Discussion
5. Pleasing God through faith is rewarding.
True_____ False_____

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

LESSON 83

MARCH 1, 2026

YOUTH DAY A PROMISE TO FOLLOW JESUS

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 4:18-22

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, Jesus calls his disciples and commanded them to follow him. Just as it was in the biblical days when Jesus physically walked this earth, it is just as important in this 21st century, that we as children of God, take heed to the command and follow Jesus!

There are many promises and benefits of following Jesus. To name a few, according to Psalm 103:1-5, we are promised all of his benefits; forgiveness of all iniquities; healed of all diseases; redemption from destruction; being crowned with lovingkindness and tender mercies; satisfied with good things; and a renewed, youthful life. We also have the promise of Eternal Life.

Young people, the time is now to respond to the call of Jesus! In the same way that the disciples left all they had and immediately followed him, we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him in a life of discipleship. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. Matthew 4:19-20 Youth, make a quality decision to follow Jesus this day! You will be so happy and blessed that you did.

GLOSSARY

1. Call – God’s initiative to bring people to Christ and to participate in his redemptive work in the world.
2. Disciple – A personal follower of Jesus.
3. Deny – To give up and lay down your own will, thoughts, and ways.
4. Follow – To go or come after someone who is the guide or leader.
5. Straightway – In a direct course; immediately, without delay or hesitation.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to deny yourself and follow Jesus?
Answer individually and discuss as a class
2. Are you willing to make a quality decision today, to deny yourself, and follow Jesus?
Answer Individually
3. Name some of the promises and benefits of following Jesus.
Class Discussion
4. What does it mean to be fishers of men?
To be fishers of men, is to live a life that is Christ-like, evangelize, and encourage your family, friends, enemies, co-workers, etc., to follow Jesus.
5. Who will make you to become fishers of men?
Jesus will make you to be fishers of men.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

LESSON 84

MARCH 8, 2026

HEAVEN IS EVERLASTING

MOTTO TEXT: John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-14

EXPLANATION

Heaven is a real place prepared for a prepared people. Heaven is an everlasting place that will never deteriorate nor depreciate. It is a place for the people who shall receive the gift of eternal life. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life. He that has everlasting life shall dwell in the everlasting heaven. Everything in heaven shall be everlasting, including, everlasting life, joy, peace, healing, love, immortality, and light.

GLOSSARY

1. Abominable - detestable, disgusting, hatred, extremely bad
2. Brimstone - burning stones, coals of fire, glowing hot
3. Plague - destructive affliction, epidemic, disease causing death
4. Resurrection - rising from the dead, rebirth, to come back to life
5. Tabernacle - house of worship, building or tent used for evangelistic services

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Discuss how different heaven is from the earth. What will there be no more of in heaven?
See verse # 4.
2. Who shall inherit all things according to verse #7? Who shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone?
See verse #8.
3. What must you do to go to heaven?
You must be born again: John 3:3. You must believe in Jesus Christ: John 11:25. You must call upon the name of the Lord: Romans 10:13. You must repent and receive the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

THEME VIII

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

**Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.
I Peter 5:2-4**

LESSONS 85 - 104

LESSON 85

MARCH 15, 2026

LEADERSHIP RULING ACCORDING TO GOD'S LAW

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 72:2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

ENTIRE LESSON: Romans 13:1-14

EXPLANATION

In this lesson, Paul was writing to Gentile believers in Rome to obey the God-ordained authority. Every person should obey the governing authorities. All authority was established by God. There is no authority that God did not establish. So, when Christians and non-Christians run red lights, avoid stopping for stop signs, and go way over the speed limit, they must answer to the powers that be. Sometimes the guilty person will have to pay a fine and spend time in jail. Paul is not implying that these rulers are followers of God, they are put in place by God. Romans 13:1 reads, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God."

When we fulfill this law of love, we cover them all. We owe each other love and that is the only thing God said to owe your fellowman. It is written: "For he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." (verse 8)

We must always love not only our Christian brothers and sisters, but all people. Youth, obey the laws of heaven and earth and you will not have to worry about reaping the consequences. Take the time to study God's Word. Remember, if you do not know the law and are not taught the law, you will find yourself breaking the laws of the land and God's law.

GLOSSARY

1. Ruling – to govern.
2. Law – a rule of action or conduct.
3. Resisteth – to fight against or oppose.
4. Righteousness – the quality of being morally right or justifiable.
5. Tribute – something given or contributed voluntarily as due or deserved.
6. Diligently – doing it thoroughly and well.

7. Lust – a strong powerful desire, craving.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Name some authority figures in your life.
Pastor, teacher, principal, bus driver, coach, boss, or government official.
2. God designed authority to be part of our society to be obeyed or pay the consequences.
True____ False____
3. When man rebels against authority, who else are they rebelling against?
They are also rebelling against God.
4. Complete this sentence, love worketh no ill to his _____: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:10
5. Memorize Romans 13:14, “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. Class discussion.

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 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 86

MARCH 22, 2026

CAN YOU LOSE YOUR ANOINTING?

MOTTO TEXT: Judges 16:20-21 And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Judges 16:1-20

EXPLANATION

The main characters in this lesson are Samson, Delilah, and the Philistines. Samson was born a Nazarite and was set apart with supernatural strength from God to do his work in the nation of Israel. Samson became great in his own eyes; he started pursuing women outside of God's plan for his life. From his birth, he was destined to liberate Israel from the Philistines. Samson was strong physically, but weak spiritually. He fell in love with a Philistine woman named Delilah.

The rulers in Philistine offered Delilah silver to seduce Samson, to discover the secret of his great strength. She set out to deceive Samson. Men of God, be careful of cunning women. Delilah set out to entrap the man of God to reveal the secret of his strength that lieth in his hair. He mocked and lied to her three times, his strength remaining within. This time she hit him with that four-letter word love. “How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me.” She pressed him daily with her words and urged him until

his soul was vexed unto death. Judges 16:16 Delilah persuaded Samson to tell her where his strength lies and Samson told her all his heart.

Samson confessed that he would lose his strength, “if his head were shaved.” Judges 16:15-17 Delilah called for the lords of the Philistines, they came and brought her money with them. She made Samson sleep upon her knees, she called for a man and caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head, and began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. When Samson awoke out of sleep and shook himself, he did not realize that the LORD had departed from him. Keep your eyes on God and your vow to God.

GLOSSARY

1. Anointing – the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.
2. Shaven – the removal of hair by using a razor or any other blade.
3. Strength – the state of being physically strong.
4. Philistine – the Philistines were an ancient people who lived on the south coast of Canaan during the Iron Age.
5. Samson – legendary Israelite warrior and judge; divinely inspired leader, renowned for the prodigious (extremely impressive) strength that he derived from his uncut hair.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What made Samson pray for Delilah?
Verse 4
2. Why did Deliah try to find the secret of Samson’s great strength?
Verse 5
 - a. She wanted to become the queen of Philistia.
 - b. She was curious to know.
 - c. She was offered money by the Philistine rulers.
3. Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man takes thy crown.
Class Discussion
4. What was Samson's vow as a Nazarite?
5. How many times did Delilah ask Samson about the source of his strength?
Verses 7,10,13
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
6. It is good to be strong physically, but it is better to be strong _____.
7. Who came to Delilah with an evil intention to capture and destroy Samson?
Verse 8
 - a. The king of the Philistines
 - b. The lords of the Philistines
 - c. The Philistine army officers.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Peter 2:20-23 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had

been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

LESSON 87

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY VICTORY IS MINE

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 118:24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 19:28-44

EXPLANATION

The triumphant entry into Jerusalem fulfilled a prophecy. It was prophesied in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament. It is all about what Christ has done for us. This is a victorious day, Jesus riding through the city on a colt that has never been ridden. What is the significance of Jesus riding on a colt? It was a traditional way to introduce a new king. A new king would come riding on the former king's animal, indicating the transfer of rulership.

According to Luke 19:30, the Lord Jesus Christ asked his disciples to bring him an unriden colt because his kingship did not come from man, it came from the almighty God. Jesus' disciples found everything exactly as Jesus had told them. They were instructed, if any man asked why they loosed the colt, to say, because the Lord has need of him. They brought the colt to Jesus, cast their garments on the colt and sat Jesus on him. Some placed their clothes in the way. At the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for the mighty works that they had seen, saying, blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord, peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

Some of you might remember receiving palm branches in church, on Palm Sunday this is a day of celebration. They cried out Hosanna, which means save us. Let's celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Sing with assurance, Victory, I got the Victory!

GLOSSARY

1. Triumphant – celebrating a triumph; a symbol of Jesus' Messiahship and Kingship.
2. Prophecy – the foretelling or prediction.
3. Significance – having the quality of being meaningful, and important.
4. Victorious – having won a victory, triumphant.
5. Assurance – a positive declaration intended to give confidence, a promise.
6. Hosanna – a statement or exclamation of praise.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. How did Jesus obtain the colt he rode into Jerusalem?
 - a. He borrowed it from friends.
 - b. He sent two disciples into Jerusalem for the colt.
 - c. He sent two disciples into a village for the colt.
 - d. He went and found the colt himself.
2. How was Jesus greeted by the people as he rode into Jerusalem?
 - a. They threw rocks at him.
 - b. They danced and sang.
 - c. They hid their faces from him.
 - d. They spread palm branches on the road ahead of Jesus.
3. Which feast day is a celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem?
 - a. Ash Wednesday
 - b. Easter
 - c. Palm Sunday
 - d. Christmas
 - e. New Year's
4. We can learn from the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem is the high praise of God through his beloved Son.
Class discussion
5. According to the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on an animal, a colt also known as a donkey.
True ____ False ____
6. Is Palm Sunday the week before Jesus' crucifixion?
Answer individually

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 118:24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

LESSON 88

APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY UNSPEAKABLE JOY

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 24:5b-6a Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 24:1-12

EXPLANATION

After Jesus' body was placed in the sepulchre, the women came with spices to anoint his body. It was a custom in those days to do so. They found the stone rolled away from the mouth of the sepulchre. They went inside but Jesus' body was not there. They didn't understand what had happened. They saw two men who asked them, why they were

looking for the living among those that were dead? Then they reminded the women of the words Jesus had said unto them in Galilee, and they remembered that he had spoken about his death and resurrection.

The women went to the eleven disciples with this good news but the disciples thought they were just telling idle tales. However, Peter ran to the sepulchre, looked inside and saw exactly what the women saw and wondered within himself what had occurred. Jesus had prepared his followers concerning all of these events, yet they did not remember his words. Do we disbelieve God's Word today? Are we yet not believing the Scriptures? Jesus will make another entrance into the world to receive those whose names are written in the book of life. What joy, so much so that it will be unspeakable joy! We must always keep in our hearts and minds the words of the Lord and be prepared to meet him in that day. These words are not idle tales but the truth which is forever settled in heaven.

GLOSSARY

1. Embrace - accept, support or welcome.
2. Idle tales - utter nonsense, empty talk or petty story.
3. Linen - smooth strong cloth for yarn made from flax.
4. Perplexed - puzzled, baffled, confused or confound.
5. Sepulchre - a small room or monument cut in rock or built of stone in which a dead person is laid or buried.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. The women went early in the morning to the sepulchre to anoint Jesus' body. How do you suppose they felt going among graves to do this?
Talk about it.
2. A sepulchre is an open grave like a cave into which people can walk. A large stone was placed at the opening. How do you suppose the women planned to move it aside in order to enter into it?
Share your ideas.
3. They saw two men inside the sepulchre, what message was given unto the women?
Allow volunteers to answer.
4. Why did the disciples think the women were telling idle tales?
Discuss responses.
5. What jogged the women's memory of what Jesus said about rising from the dead?
Allow answers from the class,

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 24:5b-6a Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.

DRINK FROM THE CUP

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 26:36-46

EXPLANATION

It was nearing the time for Jesus to be arrested after being betrayed by Judas and to be crucified. Can you imagine his feelings? He was very sorrowful because He knew how difficult the suffering would be to endure.

Jesus chose three of His disciples to accompany Him to Gethsemane so that He could pray. He asked them to watch with Him one hour and He went apart from them to pray. When He returned to where He left them, they had fallen asleep. Again they were asked to watch and Jesus went apart to pray again. When He came back they were asleep once more. The third time Jesus went to pray and this time He prayed so fervently repeating the same prayer. He asked that if it was possible to let this cup pass from Him, nevertheless, not His will but that God's will be done. The third time Jesus found the disciples asleep, He told them to sleep on. The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

This cup was the cup of suffering. Jesus suffered extreme agony being crucified for the sins of the whole wide world. We must all be willing to let God's will rule our lives. It may cause us to sacrifice and be deprived of somethings we desire. Let us remember that God's way is the best way and it's for our good. All of us will suffer trials and tribulations; this will be our cup of suffering. God will strengthen His children to deny our will and accept His.

GLOSSARY

1. At hand: about to happen, readily.
2. Exceeding: very great, or superior to.
3. Gethsemane: a garden at the foot of Mount Olives in Jerusalem.
4. Yonder: farther removed, distant.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. A cup is a container usually from which we drink liquids. Our spiritual cup may be full of trials and tribulations. What are some other spiritual things might our cup contain?
Discuss the answers to the question.
2. Jesus asked three of His disciples to go apart from the group to watch with Him. What do you think His reason/s were for this decision?
Allow students to respond.
3. Jesus was extremely sorrowful as He prayed however, what was His final decision?
Jesus knew that great agony awaited Him. Nevertheless, He submitted to God's will instead of His own.
4. Do you have a prayer partner? Why or why not?

Permit the class to share their answers.

5. Every Christian will have to drink from a spiritual cup. There are many benefits that can be gained from drinking from your spiritual cup.

Name as many benefits as you can think of.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 20:23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.

LESSON 90

APRIL 19, 2026

SOUND DOCTRINE THAT CANNOT BE DISPUTED

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 7:24-25 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

ENTIRE LESSON: Titus 2:1-15

EXPLANATION

The House of God, Which is the Church of the Living God the Pillar and Ground of the Truth, Without Controversy Inc. Keith Dominion, believes and firmly teach sound doctrine that is indisputable. The reason the doctrine of our church is sound and indisputable, is because it is the doctrine of Jesus Christ who spoke the indisputable truth of his heavenly Father.

It is so important that we learn and implement sound doctrine so that no one or anything can persuade or mislead us otherwise. As students of the Sunday Bible School of this great church, you can be confident that you are being taught sound doctrine that will stand the test of scrutiny and inquiry. Let us all speak and live the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. John 8:32 – “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

GLOSSARY

1. Dispute – To engage in argument, to call into question, to oppose or struggle against.
2. Doctrine – The teaching and instruction of what we believe.
3. Grave – Significantly serious, solemn, sedate.
4. Sober – Marked by moderation or seriousness, showing no excessive or extreme emotions.
5. Temperate – Self-controlling, keeping or held within limits, not extreme or excess.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. What is sound doctrine?
Sound doctrine is teaching and instruction that is based on biblical truth. It is the foundation of unity in the church.
2. Why should we hear and listen to the sayings of Jesus?
See the Motto Text
3. What is the difference between a house that is built on a rock and a house built on sand?
Read Matthew 7:24-26
4. According to verse #12 in the entire lesson, how should we live?
5. What are we looking for according to verse #13?
6. Discuss a particular sound doctrine that you have learned that cannot be disputed.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 7:26-27 And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

LESSON 91

APRIL 26, 2026

THE BEHAVIOR OF A BISHOP

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Timothy 3:1-16

EXPLANATION

Those of you that desire to hold the official position and appointment of a Bishop must understand the biblical requirements of such an office. The behavior of a bishop holds a higher standard and greater expectation than that of a layman.

A Bishop is a leader that is expected to lead by example and his behavior should reflect that of a goodly and godly person. He is expected and directed by God to be blameless, vigilant, hospitable, sober, the husband of one wife, apt to teach, good behavior, good report, patient, rule well their house, and have their children in subjection. There are some things a bishop should not do as well; he should not be given to wine, not a striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, not a brawler, not covetous, and not a novice. He that desires the office of a bishop desires a good work. I Timothy the 3rd chapter also list the behavior of deacons as well; note the similar requirements of a Bishop and a Deacon.

GLOSSARY

1. Brawler – To quarrel or fight noisily, to make a loud confused noise, to argue, dispute.

2. Gravity – Dignity, seriousness, earnest, solemnness.
3. Hospitality – Readily receptive, friendly, cordial, sociable, open to new ideas
4. Lucre – Monetary gain in a dishonorable way, profit.
5. Vigilant – Alert, watchful, attentive.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why does the behavior of a Bishop matter?
The behavior of the Bishop matters because his influence and impact can be damaged if his behavior is opposing to what he is teaching.
2. What are some of the behavior qualities of a Bishop?
See verses #2-7.
3. What are some of the behavior qualities of a Deacon?
See verses #8-13
4. What are some of the similarities of the qualifications of a Bishop and a Deacon?
Some similarities of the qualifications of a Bishop and Deacon are: They both must be husbands of one wife, sober, blameless, not given to wine, and not greedy of filthy lucre.
5. Do you desire to be a Bishop or a Deacon?
Why or why not?

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

LESSON 92

MAY 3, 2026

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PRAY AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT

MOTTO TEXT: James 5:16b The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

ENTIRE LESSON: James 5:13-18

EXPLANATION

Today's lesson teaches us the importance of prayer that is so fervent as if we can't live without it. It is vital that we communicate with God daily. David and Daniel prayed morning, noon and night and even rose at midnight to pray. God is waiting and wanting to hear from his children at all times. No time is too early or too late to pray.

We don't have to be prompted to pray when we are sick or in trouble but we neglect prayer when things are going well. This lesson addresses times when we are merry. We can sing songs of joy and thanksgiving. When we are afflicted (let's pray), when sick, call for the elders of the church. Elders may not necessarily mean a title, but may refer to older or senior members who live holy and they may pray and anoint you with oil. The

prayer of faith shall save the sick and God will raise the sick and will forgive any sins that have been committed. God will answer prayers when we follow his directions. He will give us healing, strength and save our souls if we are continuously in communication with him. Our lives truly depend on prayer!

GLOSSARY

1. Afflicted - distressed, troubled, upset or hurt.
2. Anointing - rub, smear with oil usually for religious ceremonies.
3. Availeth - effective, beneficial and to satisfy.
4. Fervent - ardent, intense or passionate.
5. Passion - strong affections for anyone or anything.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Where do we receive instructions on praise in this lesson?
These instructions are found 1 James the 5th chapter.
2. A merry heart can sing psalms.
Do you know any psalms? If not, use a hymnal and find songs that are joyful as well as uplifting and sing them.
3. What do you think the phrase, the effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much means?
Let students brainstorm responses.
4. Do you confess your sins, faults and shortcomings as well as pray prayers of thanksgiving?
Answer Individually
5. Do you pray for others in your daily prayers? Is this necessary?
Students should respond to the question.

MEMORY VERSE: James 5:16b The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

LESSON 93

MAY 10, 2026

MOTHER'S DAY A MOTHER'S LOVE CELEBRATED

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 1:26-33, 46-55

EXPLANATION

God sent an angel, by the name of Gabriel, to Mary. Mary was no one special, she was not royalty, and she wasn't rich or famous. Mary's belief in God was pleasing to him. Hebrews 11:6 states, "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that

cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him". What the angel told her was unreasonable from every human perspective. Mary, you will give birth to a son, and you are to call His name Jesus. Jesus will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest. Jesus will receive the throne of his father David and will reign over Jacob's descendants forever, and his kingdom will never end. The angel told Mary these words, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." Mary was completely willing to be used by God to accomplish His plan.

In the book of Proverbs, we are reminded that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, Mary walked in wisdom, and she walked in His way. This is what is worthy of honor. Mary being selected by the Father of us all, to bring the Messiah into this world, to save man from his sins and her willingness to do so is a great cause for celebration.

GLOSSARY

1. Celebrate – to do something special or enjoyable for an important event, occasion, or holiday.
2. Salutation – a gesture or utterance made as a greeting or acknowledgment of another's arrival or departure.
3. Magnify – to praise or render honor to God.
4. Henceforth – starting from this time.
5. Willingness – the quality of being happy to do something if it is needed.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Mary had hope and strong faith in God's ultimate plan of salvation.
Class discussion
2. The angel told Mary three things, Hail, thou that are highly _____, the _____ is with thee, and blessed art thou among _____.
3. Mothers are special people, how are you celebrating Mother's Day?
Answer individually
4. God gives mothers wisdom, strength, perseverance, peace, and joy.
Class discussion
5. What is a great cause for celebrating mothers today?
Answer individually
6. Do you think Mary eagerly submitted herself to God?
Class discussion
7. Can you list some characteristics of Mary the mother of Jesus, that you see in mothers today?
(See some examples listed below)
 - a. Humble - Luke 1:48
 - b. Faithful - Luke 1:46
 - c. Poor - Luke 2:7
8. Mary was special. Our mothers are special women deserving to be celebrated.
Let's celebrate mothers today!

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 1:46-47 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

I HATE PUTTING AWAY SAID THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL

MOTTO TEXT: Malachi 2:16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore, take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 19:1-12

EXPLANATION

Today's lesson deals with a very serious topic: Divorce. Marriage is honorable in all. God's plan from the beginning was that husband and wife live together lovingly and harmoniously until death, keeping Christ the center of everything. It is not good that man should live alone. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Genesis 2:24 This is God's original plan. However, the devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Young people, "life happens"; but we must remember that God is in full control. God hates "putting away" (divorce). He is a loving and forgiving God. Nonetheless, from the beginning, it was not so.

Well, someone might ask, "if God hates putting away, why did he allow it?" The answer is in our lesson. According to Matthew 19:7-8, They say unto him, why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. This question was asked by the Pharisees to "tempt" him. Their motive was not right.

The Bible lets us know that adultery and fornication are reasons for putting away. We should always be kind to one another and think before we act or react. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. Galatians 5:15 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church; So, ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. Ephesians 5:25, 28 When man sinned, he broke the covenant with God. Young people, we all go through various situations and circumstances in life. Always remember to consult God in everything and he will never lead you astray.

GLOSSARY

1. Adultery – Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not his or her spouse.
2. Divorce – The legal dissolution of a marriage by a court or other competent body.
3. Fornication – Sexual intercourse between people not married to each other.
4. Tempt – In the context of today's lesson, it means to test or try someone; to entice.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. According to our lesson, why did God allow putting away (divorce)?
God allowed Moses to give a writing of divorcement, and put away your wives due to the hardness of your hearts.
2. List at least two (2) reasons that may permit divorce.

- Two (2) reasons that may permit divorce are fornication and adultery.
3. Explain and discuss Galatians 5:15, But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.
 4. God hates putting away (divorce).
True _____ False _____
 5. It's okay for someone to get a divorce for any reason.
True _____ False _____

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 5:15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

LESSON 95

MAY 24, 2026

I WILL SHOW YOU THE BRIDE, THE LAMB'S WIFE

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-27

EXPLANATION

John was on the island of Patmos for his testimony. Jesus allowed John to see visions and to record what was shown to him. In Revelation, chapter 21, John saw one of seven angels who was holding a vial in his hand. This vial had the seven last plagues to be poured out on the earth. When the sins of the people go unrepentant the wrath of God is poured out, it will be a terrible day of reckoning for the unbelievers. Then John was shown the bride of the Lamb.

When a bride is preparing for her wedding, she is very particular about her appearance. She chooses her gown and her accessories, paying close attention to details to ensure that all is beautiful. She chooses family and close friends as her attendants. She surrounds herself with those who wish her well to give assistance in preparation of her ceremony. The church is the bride of Christ (the Lamb). When she is sufficiently prepared her robe having been washed white in the blood of the Lamb, she will be caught up to the marriage supper.

Those who have been disobedient, liars, hypocrites, unthankful, fearful and have sins they have not repented from will not be a part of the wedding, when God presents the bride to the groom (his Son, Jesus Christ). John was very privileged to have experienced all that he was shown. We are tremendously blessed to be able to benefit from all that was revealed to him. We have the opportunity to prepare our lives now so that we are a part of that glorious church that Jesus will one day receive.

GLOSSARY

1. Abominable - Causing repulsion, something loathsome, revulsion, unpleasant or detestable. Those who commit abominable acts will have their portion in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.
2. Adorned - To make more beautiful or attractive. A bride dresses herself to look glorious in the eyes of her groom. God's church that is holy and righteous brings glory to him and he is very proud to present it to his Son (Jesus).
3. Furlongs - An eighth of a mile, 220 yards. It is used as a biblical unit of measure.
4. Tabernacle - A meeting place for worship used by some religious groups, and the study of scriptures. The Bible admonishes believers to assemble together. Today, we come into a building which we call a church. Are you faithfully attending your services?
5. Whoremongers - Persons who have dealings with prostitutes, especially promiscuous men.
6. Vials - Small containers used for holding liquid medicines. In his vision John saw an angel carrying seven vials which contained the seven last plagues that would be poured out upon the earth. He also showed John the bride of Christ, which is the church.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Who saw the vision in this lesson and where was he?
John saw an angel with seven vials full of the seven last plagues to be poured out upon the earth. Class discussion
2. When do you think this will happen?
Allow the class to share their response
3. Name some of the preparations a bride makes for her wedding. How should the church make preparations as the Lamb's bride?
Check the explanation of the lesson for those listed. Can you add to the list?
4. Express some of the feelings you have when you see a bride walking down the aisle?
Some of the students may desire to demonstrate.
5. Everyone whose name is written in the book of life is invited to the marriage supper. Are you making plans to receive an invitation? How?
Make a list of the plans received from the students and talk about them.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY AND THE IMPACT OF CHANGE IN THE CHURCH

MOTTO TEXT: Psalm 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

ENTIRE LESSON: 2 Timothy 4:1-5, Acts 16:1-5 and Romans 10:17-21

EXPLANATION

To trust God means knowing that he is our security in life. However, there is no trust without faith. David had expressed his faith in God, I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust. Psalm 91:2

The love for God should have transparency, that is we should demonstrate our love for God by the dedication we show and the service we give. For example, in today's lesson, Paul gives Timothy a charge: Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 2 Timothy 4:2 Paul further states that the impact of change affects the church. Both verses 3 and 4 explain that some in the church will no longer want to hear sound doctrine, but would rather turn away and accept false teachings. As a result, Timothy is reminded to stay focused on God, despite hardships and to continue in the ministry, like Paul had done at Derbe and Lystra.

Throughout the lesson, the reader is reminded to see God through faith when we hear the word and to obey what the word says.

GLOSSARY

1. Charge - to hold accountable; a duty or responsibility to carry out.
2. Dedication - stick to a task, job, or duty.
3. Doctrine - law, teachings.
4. Fortress - fort, protection.
5. Impact - a strong influence or affect upon someone.
6. Refuge - a safe place.
7. Transparency - clear, easily seen through.
8. Trust - have confidence in; believe in someone or something.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Why should we trust God?
He is our security.
2. How do we demonstrate our love for God?
We demonstrate our love for God when we obey his word.
3. How should we feel about a task assigned?
Be dedicated to complete the task assigned.
4. Explain the effects of impact?
Impact can be positive or negative, but we should follow God's instructions.
5. Should trouble and/or hardships cause us to abandon our assignment?
No, trouble should not cause us to leave the charge God has assigned.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

LESSON 97

JUNE 7, 2026

ANOINTED TO PREACH, HEAL AND SET FREE

MOTTO TEXT: Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

ENTIRE LESSON: Luke 4:14-21

EXPLANATION

Jesus had been in the wilderness fasting for forty days and forty nights. Now he returned to Galilee under the Spirit. Many people heard about him. He taught in the temples and the people glorified him. Afterwards, he traveled to Nazareth and went in the temple on the Sabbath day, which was customary. He read to the people from the book of Isaiah the prophecy concerning his being anointed to preach the gospel to the poor and other acts under the anointing. He explained to them that prophecy was being fulfilled before them. The Nazarites rejected him (*a prophet was without honor in his own country*).

When God places an anointing upon you it is your job to obey his bidding. We must pray for the anointing to do his work to build up his kingdom. We should desire to preach to the poor, loose the bonds of the wicked, heal the broken-hearted, and other works. The enemy plots to kill, steal and destroy, but God anoints us to preach, heal and set free. Let's get to work and snatch these souls from the devil!

GLOSSARY

1. Anointed - Smeared or rubbed with oil.
2. Custom - Tradition, habit, routine or practice.
3. Elaborate - To explain, go into detail or expand.
4. Fame - Recognition, prominence, notoriety or renown.
5. Fulfill - Accomplish, bear out, bring to fruition or achieve.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Jesus was anointed to work for God. Do you feel the anointing? If not, why not? Elaborate on the question.
2. Are you praying for the anointing of God on your life? Talk about it.
3. Who are the captives, who has enslaved them and how? Class discussion.
4. How does God's anointing assist you in your study of the Bible?

Share your experiences.

5. Jesus' teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath Day was a custom. What do you do as a custom on the Sabbath Day?

List and share your activities.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

LESSON 98

JUNE 14, 2026

WE PREACH CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:23-24 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block and unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:17-31

EXPLANATION

Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians to teach them regarding the preaching of the gospel. Christ Jesus and his sacrifice of his life as an atonement for the sins of the world is the most important message for unbelievers. God has rejected those with so much worldly wisdom such as the noble, wise and mighty men. God's wisdom is seen as foolish to the Greek and a stumbling block to the Jews. Whenever people think they are wiser than their creator, they have a real problem. God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound (*amaze*) the wise. He despises the base things (*morally low, selfish*).

All glory, praise and honor belong to God. We move and live and have our being in him. It is because of the love, suffering, death, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ that we have salvation. This is what we believe and do firmly teach!

GLOSSARY

1. Base - Vile, corrupt, disreputable, or improper.
2. Confound - Confuse, amaze or misperceived.
3. Disputer - One who is involved in a debate an antagonist.
4. Prudent - Sensible, wise, practical or careful.
5. Stumbling - Faltering, slipping, uncertain, hesitant or tentative.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Apostle Paul taught the Corinthians to preach Jesus and him crucified. As young believers how do you obey this teaching?
Give your testimony.
2. Let's talk about the wisdom in this lesson of God. 1 Corinthians 1:23-24.

The world by wisdom knew not God yet it pleased God by his wisdom to save them. Man's wisdom is foolish. They don't believe in and glorify God. How then can man be saved? God in his wisdom sent Jesus to save the world and those who believe in him are saved. Discuss your belief.

3. Read the entire lesson from 1 Corinthians 1:17-31. Some will try to dispute what is written about Jesus.
Do you get discouraged when this happens? Share your comments.
4. Have you come into contact with any of your peers who mock you because you are a believer?
Tell how you handled it.
5. One of the thieves on the cross mocked Jesus by stating if you are the Christ, save yourself and us too. He deserved his punishment because of his actions, but Jesus had done no wrong. Does this come to your mind when unbelievers won't accept the fact that Jesus died to save them from eternal torment?
Share your feelings.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 1:23-24 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block and unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

LESSON 99

JUNE 21, 2026

FATHER'S DAY LESSON FATHERS LEADING BY EXAMPLE

MOTTO TEXT: Proverbs 20:7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

ENTIRE LESSON: Joshua 24:15; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 5:1-2

EXPLANATION

Fathers, as heads of the family, have great responsibilities. A father who takes his responsibility seriously is aware of the example he is setting for his children. A godly father seeks God for wisdom, knowledge and understanding for guiding his household.

The best training (*teaching*) for most children is by example. It gives a pattern of actions to be followed as they grow. Fathers, who serve God, show it by how they live and how they serve. Fathers who love their families desire blessings for them. In order to be effective in training their children, they must decide whom they will serve. Will it be the true and living God or serve the gods of the world? Will he come out from among the world and be separate? They must be stable in their minds because a double minded man is unstable in all of their ways. They are tossed to and fro like a ship without a sail. They should consider Joshua in today's lesson, who declared that he and his house would serve the Lord. God is counting on and desires to have fathers to show a pattern of good works, holy and righteous living for their children.

GLOSSARY

1. Example - a person, action, or thing taken as a model to be copied or avoided by others.
2. Integrity - the quality of possessing and steadfastly adhering to high moral principles.
3. Offering - presenting or extending a sacrifice or donation to someone.
4. Sweet-smelling - having a sweet, pleasant smell.
5. Train-up - to teach, educate or to help learn some fundamental truths.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Fathers as heads of house-holds are compared to _____ as head of the _____.
Talk about this comparison and tell what you think it means.
2. The Bible says, Train up a child in the way he should go.
Name some ways children are trained. Do you think those ways you've come up with are effective? Discuss them.
3. What decision did Joshua make that showed he was not double-minded?
Locate Joshua's decision in the lesson. Have you made a firm decision about who you will serve?
4. Fathers are extremely important to the family. What are some challenges households without fathers have?
Allow students to share their opinions.
5. Share some of the methods your father uses to teach you how to live and love the Lord.
Allow students who desire to do so to make simple post cards (*with unlined index cards*) to express their gratitude to their father, god-father or father figure for their help in training them.

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 20:7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

LESSON 100

JUNE 28, 2026

JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

MOTTO TEXT: John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.

ENTIRE LESSON: John 1:4-5, 9; 3:19-21

EXPLANATION

In today's lesson, according to John's Gospel, Jesus declares, I am the Light of the world. Light is a source of illumination. It can be natural, like the sun, or it can be

artificial, like a lamp. Today, we learn of, and acknowledge the spiritual source of light, not the sun, but the **SON**, Jesus Christ.

Jesus affirms his role as the source of life and illumination, dispelling darkness and revealing truth. Yes, he is the light of the world. As believers and children of God, it is imperative that we follow Jesus' footsteps. We need to embrace his light and his life. He will bring us up and out of darkness, the darkness of depression, the darkness of suicidal thoughts, the darkness of low self-esteem, the darkness of sin.

Sometimes we may wish to escape dark situations when God has called us to light up those very situations with his truth. We are called to follow Jesus. We are called to help bring others out of darkness into the marvelous light. We are the salt of the earth. Let's be that city that's built on a hill, it cannot be hidden. Youth, you are never too young to let your light (and your life) shine. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works (deeds) and glorify God (Matthew 5:16). Challenge other youth to align their deeds with the light of the world. If you (or your friends) need insight into some problem or situation that you may be facing today, set your eyes on, and head for **The Light!** Follow **Jesus, the Light of the world.** You will be so glad that you did.

GLOSSARY

1. Align – The place where we are positioned by coming into agreement with God; to place or arrange in order.
2. Illuminate – To make something visible or bright by shining light on it; to light up.
3. Light – Something that stimulates sight and makes things visible.
4. Source – A point of origin; anything, person, or place from which something comes, arises, or is obtained.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Who is The Light of the world?
Jesus is The Light of the world.
2. What are some ways, that you as a youth, can allow Jesus to shine in your life so that you will be able to help others come out of darkness?
Answer Individually and Discuss with the Class
3. Give scriptures depicting Jesus as The Light of the world.
Study John 1:4-5; 1:9; 3:19-21; Psalm 27:1.
You may list others. Discuss as a Class
4. We must follow Jesus, to dispel darkness and manifest deeds of God.
True_____ False_____
5. Are you letting your light shine, witnessing for God, and helping others come out of darkness?
Answer Individually

MEMORY VERSE: John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.

JESUS IS THE ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN MAN AND GOD

MOTTO TEXT: 1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

ENTIRE LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

EXPLANATION

A mediator is a person who attempts to bring people who are in conflict together to come to an agreement. It is also one who intercedes on behalf of someone else for mercy (a go between). Jesus is our mediator between us and God. He sits on the right hand of God and intercedes on our behalf. God's grace and mercy are renewed toward us every day. When we mess up through disobedience to God, Jesus pleads for our forgiveness when we have repentant hearts even when we make the same mistakes over and over again. We may cause God to become angry with our disrespect to his Word, but Jesus speaks on our behalf.

This lesson also teaches us that intercessory prayer is vitally important especially for the president and others who make laws that govern us. Do you desire to live peaceably and quietly with others? We must keep praying for them, so that God will work on our behalf and guide them with the laws they enact.

GLOSSARY

1. Intercession - The act of intervening or mediation or negotiation.
2. Ordained - Appointed, designed, commanded or destined.
3. Ransom - To exchange, redemption, to rescue, to deliver or to liberate.
4. Testified - Affirmed, bear witness to, affirmed or proved.
5. Verity - Truth, fact or actuality.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Jesus intercedes for mercy for us. Does this come to your mind when you're disobedient?
Discuss your responses.
2. What type of prayers do you pray for the President? How often do you pray for him?
Allow students to respond individually.
3. Apostle Paul was sent to teach the Gentiles. Any nation that wasn't the Children of Israel was called a Gentile nation. Do you think this was an easy labor for Paul?
God intended that salvation would be for all of mankind. Paul was a great worker for the Lord. Share how you talk with unbelievers to try and help them to know that God is real.

4. God desires that none is lost. He has made it possible for all to come to repentance. Why do you think so many people fail to accept salvation that is offered to them?
Perhaps their fleshly desires are stronger than their spiritual desires. Name other reasons that come to your mind.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

LESSON 102

JULY 12, 2026

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER

MOTTO TEXT: Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ENTIRE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11

EXPLANATION

The Apostle Paul was encouraging the church at Philippi to have the same mind that Jesus had. He was obedient to God, even to the death on the cross. God sent Jesus into the world to be the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the world. He was the only one who was qualified to be that sacrifice. Jesus knew that he would suffer greatly and because he was flesh and blood just as we are, he would feel all of that excruciating pain that would be inflicted on his body. But he did exactly what his Father sent him to do. After he was resurrected from the dead and ascended back to Heaven, God gave him a name that is above all names. No other name is as great or greater than Jesus' name.

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord. Every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. When we obey God in the same way that Jesus did, one day we will be elevated because God will exalt us. We will have the privilege of living in Heaven with God and with Jesus. What a glorious time that will be.

Jesus' mind was to obey his Father, even to suffering all that he endured. We must be like-minded. There will be times of trials and tribulations that may cause us pain and anxieties, but we must trust and obey God because he will be with us and see us through all of them. Let us glorify the name of Jesus as Lord to the praise and honor of God.

GLOSSARY

1. Confess: Admit, declare and acknowledge.
2. Esteem: Reverence, honor, and cherish.

3. Like-minded: In agreement with, with one accord and of one mind.
4. Lowliness: Humbleness, meekness and submissiveness.
5. Vain-glory: A quality in those who are conceited and boastful and full of themselves.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Jesus was _____ and _____ to God, the Father.
Complete this sentence and discuss if this is an accurate description of you as a believer.
2. Do you have the love and humility that you need as a believer?
Discuss what you should do to obtain them or what you need to do to keep them.
3. What did God do because of Jesus' love, obedience and humbleness?
The answer can be located in the explanation of the lesson.
4. The apostle who wrote this letter to the Philippian church encouraged them to fulfill his joy in what manner?
Read Philippians Chapter 2 for responses.
5. What does it mean to have vain-glory?
Students can demonstrate the actions of a person filled with vain-glory and express whether they want this quality to be a part of them. Why or why not?

MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LESSON 103

JULY 19, 2026

GO INTO THE VINEYARD AND WORK

MOTTO TEXT: Matthew 20:7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

ENTIRE LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

EXPLANATION

A vineyard is like a large garden where many foods are grown. It must be tended to often in order that the foods grow properly and are picked when they are ripe or fully grown. The soil must be fertilized, the ground must be kept watered, pests must be kept away and it must be weeded. A large vineyard requires many workers to be kept up. A careful eye is kept on the various foods because they don't all ripen at the same time. They must be harvested at the proper times as well as kept until they are distributed to places where they can be purchased.

God has a vineyard. It is the souls of mankind. He has given the Holy Ghost filled believers the job to go after unbelievers and witness unto them about his love and

forgiveness that awaits them. We must testify of the suffering, death, resurrection and love that Jesus has and how he paid the penalty for the sins of the whole wide world. Tell them how God has blessed you and the other ways that he works in your life. Now you are working in God’s vineyard and he will pay what is right to the obedient workers who labor for him. His command is to GO.

GLOSSARY

- 1. Eleventh hour: The last minute.
- 2. Idle: Avoid working, lazy, or just inactive.
- 3. Murmured: To say something in a low or indistinct voice, to complain or whine.
- 4. Ninth hour: Three o’clock in the afternoon.
- 5. Sixth hour: Twelve noon.
- 6. Steward: Supervisor, keeper, or leader.
- 7. Third hour: Nine o’clock in the morning.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

- 1. This lesson teaches us about a man who was a householder.
What kind of person comes to your mind? Permit voluntary responses.
- 2. Talk about the kinds of foods that may be grown in a vineyard.
Class discussion should follow.
- 3. Role-play what you understand about the ways a natural vineyard is cared for.
Class participation
- 4. Now role-play what you know about caring for God’s vineyard.
Class interaction
- 5. Which vineyard in your estimation is more important?
Class discussion and sharing of their understanding.
- 6. Are you working in God’s vineyard? If not, when will you begin? If yes, how are you progressing?

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last, for many be called, but few chosen.

LESSON 104

JULY 26, 2026

WHEN IT’S ALL OVER I WANT TO SEE JESUS

MOTTO TEXT: Revelation 22:4 And they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads.

ENTIRE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-7

EXPLANATION

Have you ever anticipated visiting a place you’d never been, but you heard about it? You were absolutely anxious to go there. If for any reason, it appeared you wouldn’t

make the trip, your disappointment was beyond expression. In this lesson from Revelation chapter 21, we are given a description of a new heaven and a new earth. We love new things. When you think about a place where we will ultimately see God, the Father, and God, the Son, who loves us so much that they make it possible to not only see their place of abode but to actually live there. What joy that we can't even express fills out souls. What promises from God! No more crying, no more sadness, no more sorrow, no more death, no more of anything that we are experiencing in this life. They will all be gone.

We can depend on God to fulfill all of his promises in the new heaven and the new earth because they will come down from heaven, His place of abode. We must live holy (through the Holy Ghost) and righteously in this lifetime, in order to inherit his place where Jesus and God reign supreme. As believers, we have great faith in God that when this life is over, we will see Jesus.

GLOSSARY

1. Adorned: Beautified, or enhanced. The church will be adorned like a bride to meet her groom.
2. Alpha: Primary, important, chief. God is the beginning of all things.
3. Former: Previous, last, or past. The former heaven and earth will pass away.
4. Omega: The last, the end. God is the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end.
5. Tabernacle: A meeting place for worship by believers.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS/DISCUSSION

1. Revelation chapter 21 was a vision by John. He described where the New Jerusalem would descend. What comes to your mind about his description and what are your feelings about it?
Share your thoughts.
2. There will also be a new heaven and a new earth. Are your expectations very great as you consider these new places?
Discuss what you are expecting.
3. God has made many promises to those who will live in his abode.
Enumerate as many promises as you can think of. Is it easy for you to envision?
4. God and Jesus are spirits.
What would a spirit resemble in your mind? Do you believe that our new bodies will be spirits as well? Talk about it.
5. There is an inheritance for overcomers which is the eternal fellowship with God.
Are you living now so that you can receive this inheritance? If not, what can you do? Or what should you do?

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 22:4 And they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads.