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THE GREEN EDITION

“God said: ‘Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants, every sort of fruit-bearing tree.’ (Genesis 1:28, MSG)

“God blessed [Adam and Eve], and God said, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it...’ (Genesis 1:28, NKJV)

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THE DISCOVERY METHOD

Enter the Story.

“Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.’” (Matthew 13:34-35)

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INTRODUCTION

Be Fruitful And Multiply

The “Be Fruitful And Multiply” (BFAM) study method is designed to help Christ followers and those who desire to become a follower of Christ understand the special relationship they can have with the author of life. BFAM is a course designed to lead Christ followers into an abundant life in relationship with Jesus.

People were created for relationship with each other. More importantly, people were made to live in relationship with God. The consequence of sin in this world is broken relationships with each other and with God. Our broken relationships cause people to live in disharmony with each other, with God, and with the rest of creation. It is for this reason that in this world we experience war, famine, poverty, violence, disease, illness, unjust rulers, and unjust societies. Without an understanding of how to deal with sin and how to restore relationships, we are destined to live a life of despair.

The Good News is that God has provided a way to account for our sin and to restore our relationships. BFAM seeks to teach people how to read and discover the Good News found in God’s Holy Word, the Bible. As people discover the Good News found in Bible stories, biblical truths are revealed. These essential biblical truths enable the Christ follower to live in a correct relationship with God. The **BFAM method** helps guide people to know how to study and understand the Bible and then to apply the truths learned.

In the Bible, God makes a promise to those who sincerely seek to know the truth:

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)

The BFAM course teaches people how to **ask**, **seek**, and **knock**. It teaches people how to read the Bible and look for God’s truth. The truth is that God has accounted for our sin and wants to restore our relationships. For those who are sincere in searching for God’s truth and who live out the truths found in the Bible, they are promised to be reconciled back to God. When our relationship with God is reconciled, we can live an abundant life.

The reason that this course is titled “Be Fruitful And Multiply” is first that God created us to live a life that produces spiritual **fruit**. We are able to produce spiritual **fruit** in our lives by discovering the mysteries of God in the Bible and then applying the truth of those mysteries to our lives. As our lives begin to produce spiritual **fruit** God desires that we would help our families, our friends and our neighbors follow Jesus and produce spiritual **fruit** in their own lives. This is called **multiplication**. (See Genesis 1:27-28 and Matthew 28:18-20.)

WHAT MAKES BFAM UNIQUE?

As you use the BFAM lessons and study method you will notice some unique characteristics in the curriculum that are not found in typical Bible studies. The following four characteristics will provide you with insight into what separates BFAM from other Bible studies and what makes it effective.

BFAM Is Bible Story Based.

Every BFAM lesson is based on a Bible story. The lessons are not mere teachings based on the Bible, but they are actual stories and parables found in the Bible. When Jesus came to earth and lived among men He taught His followers by using stories and parables. In fact, the book of Matthew records Jesus' explanation as to why He used parables:

“Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.’” (Matthew 13:34-35)

In this passage Jesus is giving us insight into why God has chosen to speak to us using stories and parables. Jesus is saying that God has hidden His thoughts and His mysteries in stories and parables.

As you examine the Bible you see that approximately 70% of the entire Bible is made up of stories, parables and narratives. This clearly demonstrates that God has put much significance and power in stories and parables. By intentional design BFAM focuses on stories and parables. By doing so the BFAM method and curriculum places a primacy on the Bible. In each BFAM lesson there are very few words that do not come directly from the Bible.

The method is also focused on Bible stories because they are much easier to remember and to retell. As you discover hidden mysteries in the Bible you will remember these special discoveries because you actively searched for them and found them. Additionally, as you begin to make Bible discoveries they will become more personal to you and they will be more readily and accurately shared with others.

The BFAM Method Is Discovery Based.

We see throughout the Bible that God desires for people to seek and find truth. God hides mysteries in His word so that we might find and discover them. Oftentimes it is through the process of discovery that truths have the greatest meaning and personal impact. The following is a simple proverb that expresses the value of discovery:

- *If you TELL me, I will FORGET.*
- *If you SHOW me, I will REMEMBER.*
- *If you INVOLVE me, I will UNDERSTAND.*

Discovering mysteries is a process that requires intentional involvement. We must actively involve ourselves in the process of discovery to find truth. One of the best ways to discover God's mysteries is through group involvement. Even though you can study stories and discover truth in personal devotions, you can also study stories with a small group and learn far more discoveries through interaction with others.

The BFAM Method Is Permission Based.

As you learn the BFAM method you will notice that it teaches you how to ask the right questions in order to discover God's hidden mysteries for yourself. Through this systematic method you are taught by the Holy Spirit how to identify and receive truth and revelation from God. The BFAM method permits you to have:

- *Permission to think for yourself*
- *Permission to ask questions*
- *Permission to understand*
- *Permission to hear from the Holy Spirit*
- *Permission to share with others what you have learned*

The BFAM Method Is Obedience Based.

There is very little personal impact in unveiling the mysteries of God in Scripture if we do not intend to apply the truths to our lives. The following passage tells us that we will receive a blessing from God if we apply His law and truth to our lives:

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like." (James 1:22-25)

The BFAM method not only provides a Discovery process but it also provides a clear personal Application process. Once we discover God's truths we must seek to understand how to live them out. Consider what 2 Timothy says about Scripture:

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Notice this passage says that all Scripture “is useful for.” This implies that if the truths of Scripture are applied then they are useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training. The passage, however, does not guarantee that Scripture will automatically teach, rebuke, correct, and train. We must be intentional about allowing Scripture to teach, rebuke, correct, and train us. In the BFAM Discovery method we first identify the truths that Scripture has taught us. After we have identified these truths we then allow the Scripture to rebuke, correct, and train us. In the BFAM application process you will learn how to use Scripture to rebuke, correct, and train in righteousness.

BFAM SUMMARY

In the next few pages, you will be introduced to the BFAM process. The BFAM process has three steps: Discover, Apply, and Share. The Discovery process will help you know the story, understand the story, and discover truth in the story. In the Application process, you will allow the story to rebuke, correct, and train you to be a follower of Christ. And the Share process will encourage you to share the stories and the truths you discover in them with others. Through these three steps, you will truly enter the stories of the Bible and allow them to transform your life in the likeness of Christ.

A. THE DISCOVERY PROCESS

Every lesson of BFAM focuses on a different story from the Bible. Jesus spoke of His stories and parables saying that found in them are “things hidden since the creation of the world” (Matthew 13:34-35). God has hidden mysteries in Bible stories and He intends for us to find and unlock these mysteries.

The BFAM lessons along with the BFAM study method will help you unlock these mysteries and will provide you with practical ways to apply their truths to your day-to-day life. As you apply the truths found in the Bible it will lead you into a deeper relationship with God and it will produce a fulfilled life.

The Discovery process involves three steps. Step one is designed to help you to simply know the story. Step two is to help you understand the meaning of the story. Step three is to help you to discover the truths that God has hidden in the story. Each of these three steps include three simple questions to ask as you work your way through the story. While the three questions for each step are very simplistic you will quickly realize how deep they take you into the story.

Following is an explanation of the three steps and the three questions for each step. After you read through this Discovery process use the included Bible story to try out these simple questions.

STEP 1 - KNOW THE STORY

Before you are able to discover the mysteries found in a Bible story or parable you must first KNOW the story. Every story has three common qualities/features. Without these three qualities/features a story is incomplete. The following are the three necessary qualities/features:

- *Who are the Characters in the story?*
- *What are the Actions of the characters in the story?*
- *What are the Details in the story?*

If you are able to identify the characters, their actions, and the special details of a story then you will KNOW the story. Once you are finished, take a few minutes and see if you are able to retell the story out loud or quietly in your mind, without looking at the story. You will quickly notice that you have become familiar with the story.

STEP 2 - UNDERSTAND THE STORY

Now that you KNOW the story, you are going to seek to UNDERSTAND the importance and meaning of the story. The best way to understand the meaning of a story is to focus on the different perspective of each character in the story. In this step it is important to “step into the shoes” of each character to try to identify with them. To do this we ask another set of three questions. The following are three questions to ask regarding each character:

- *What Emotion might each character be experiencing?*
- *What Choices does each character have?*
- *What are the Motives behind each character's choices?*

After you have examined the potential/possible emotions of a character then consider what choices that character could have made. We all have various choices in life's circumstances. It is helpful to examine what choices are available compared to the choice that was made in the story.

As you examine the different choices of a character you should seek to understand the motive behind the choice that each character made. Asking the questions of emotions, choices, and motives takes you beyond KNOWING the story. They give you the ability to UNDERSTAND the importance of the story. These three questions should be asked for each character in the story.

As you step into the shoes of each character by asking the three questions of emotions, choices, and motives you will notice that the story becomes alive. Oftentimes when we

hear a story we naturally examine the emotions, choices, and motives of the characters without realizing it. The true meaning of a story is revealed through these three questions. It is through these three questions that we are able to seek and UNDERSTAND the truths in the story.

STEP 3 - DISCOVER THE TRUTHS

Now that you have gone through Steps 1 and 2 to KNOW and UNDERSTAND the story, we come to the third step of DISCOVERING the hidden truths in the story. Remember, Jesus said that, “if you ASK you will receive, if you SEEK you will find and if you KNOCK the door will be opened.” In Step 1 we ASKED three questions that helped us to know the story. In Step 2 we were SEEKING to identify with each character. Now in Step 3 we want to KNOCK on the door of God and expect Him to open the door and reveal the mysteries found in the story.

Jesus taught us that all teachings in Scripture can be summed up in two commands. The first command is to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. The second command is to love others as ourselves. That means every story in the Bible has the potential to teach us right biblical thoughts and actions that will lead us to better understand how we can love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and how to love others as we love ourselves.

The third step involves another three questions that will help reveal the mysteries found in the Bible story. They are simple, yet profound questions:

- *What are the right thoughts and actions found in the story?*
- *What does this story teach me about God that will help me love Him with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength?*
- *What does this story teach me about loving others?*

As you examine the story, what are the right thoughts and actions? What else do you find in the story that teaches us about right thoughts and actions?

Once you have identified the right biblical thoughts and actions, the second question asks, “What does this story teach me about God that will help me to love God with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength?” What does the story teach us about God that will help us to love Him better?

The final question asks, “How should we treat others?” As you examine the story, what do you learn about yourself? And what do you learn about how you should treat others? Jesus said to love others to the same degree that we love ourselves.

SUMMARY

If you use these nine questions with any story in the Bible they will help you to KNOW the story, UNDERSTAND the story, and finally DISCOVER the mysteries hidden within the story. The following is a summary list of the Discovery questions:

1. KNOW THE STORY

- *Characters?*
- *Actions?*
- *Details?*

2. UNDERSTAND THE STORY

- *Emotions?*
- *Choices?*
- *Motives?*

3. DISCOVER THE TRUTHS

- *Right thoughts and actions?*
- *Loving God?*
- *Loving Others?*

B. THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Producing Spiritual Fruit

After you have learned the process of discovering the truths it is important that you apply the truths to your life. We ultimately find true fulfillment in our lives when we live in obedience to the truths that God has provided in the Bible. There is no value to learning the truths found in the Bible if you do not intend to apply them to your life.

The BFAM application process is a three-step process that is based on the following passage from the Bible: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

According to this Scripture we can be confident that every story from the Bible will:

- **teach** us truth.
- **rebuke** wrong thoughts and behaviors that do not match up with biblical truth.
- help **correct** any unbiblical thoughts and behaviors in our lives.
- **train** us to be obedient to correct biblical truth.

Through the DISCOVERY process the Bible story has already taught us truths. After learning the biblical truths we then want to allow ourselves to be rebuked, corrected, and trained. As you will see below, rebuke, correct, and train is about our past, present, and future. Following are the three specific steps that BFAM uses to apply the truths that have been learned in the Bible story.

REBUKE the Past

Rebuke is always about the PAST. It is comparing our PAST behavior to the new truths that we have learned. The question that we ask for REBUKE is, “Have I always lived according to this biblical truth?”

CORRECT the Present

Correct is always about the PRESENT. It is about CORRECTING our current behavior and thoughts to match the new biblical truths that we have learned. The question that we ask for CORRECTING is, “If my past behavior does not match up to biblical truths learned then what must I do to CORRECT my CURRENT behavior?”

TRAIN for the Future

Train is always about the FUTURE. It is about training ourselves to always live according to the new biblical truths that we have learned. The question that we ask for TRAINING is, “what must I do to prepare myself to always live according to this new biblical truth?”

C. THE SHARE PROCESS

The best stories are told over and over because these are the stories that change our lives. As you come to know, understand, discover, and apply the stories of the Bible through BFAM and the Discovery method, God wants you to share those stories with others. If your life has been changed by a story from God’s Word, you should retell that story to someone else. If a story has been valuable to you, it will certainly have value for someone you share it with.

Why Share Stories?

We should share the stories of the Bible with others because we love Jesus and because we love others. Sharing the stories of the Bible is an important part of our lives as followers of

Christ. Jesus tells us to, “go and make disciples... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). When we love Jesus, we want to obey Him. When we share stories from God’s Word, we are obeying Christ’s commission to teach others the things He taught and commanded us. By sharing the very same stories that Jesus told and that God recorded in His Word, we help to disciple others so that they, too, can discover fruitful life in Christ.

When we share Bible stories with others, Jesus will honor us by acknowledging us before the Father in heaven. This is something we should desire when we love Him. Jesus tells us, “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven” (Matthew 10:32). We can acknowledge Jesus before others by sharing His stories. Jesus delights in us and in our relationship with Him when we acknowledge Him by sharing His stories with others.

We share stories with others because we love Jesus, but we should also be motivated to share stories with others because of our love for them. The stories of the Bible bring us into relationship with Christ and help us discover abundant life and purpose in Him. If we love others, we will desire these same things for them. Sharing the stories of God’s Word is a way of showing love to others because we are inviting them to experience life in Christ just as we have.

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men” (Matthew 5:14-16). When the stories of the Bible begin to change your heart and life, they become like light inside of you. But God did not give you these stories only for your personal growth. God wants you to share these stories with others just like we would share light with those around us. A light becomes useless when it is hidden, but it can change the lives of everyone around when it is shared. In the same way, we should seek to share the stories that God gives us with others so that they, too, can be changed by them.

How Do I Share Stories?

When you share a story with someone, the most important thing is to retell the story. You do not need to memorize the story to retell it. You can read the story directly, or you can retell it in your own words. After you retell the story, be sure to share the truths you discovered in the story and the way those truths apply to your life. You might also share why that story was important to you, what the story taught you about loving God and loving others, or why you wanted to share the story.

You can use the story handouts from *Share the Discovery* (the third book in *The Discovery Collection*) as a reference to help you share the story. This book contains 52 story handouts corresponding to the 52 BFAM lessons found here in *The Discovery Method*. Each story handout includes the BFAM lesson on the front and the Discovered Truth as well as Additional Study Scriptures on the back. These handouts should give you all the information you need in order to share a story and the truths you discover in that story with a friend.

THE BFAM PROCESS DEFINED

Each lesson in the BFAM curriculum contains the following components:

LESSON THEME

The Lesson Theme is designed to prepare the soil of your mind and heart as you begin the process of finding the truths given by God in the Bible.

Key Scripture: *The Key Scripture is a verse from the Bible that reiterates the Lesson Theme and prepares the reader for the Bible Story.*

STORY INTRODUCTION

The Story Introduction is a brief overview of context for which the story is written in the Bible.

BIBLE STORY

The Bible Story is a seed being planted into the soul that will germinate, sprout, and grow in knowledge and truth. Prior to reading the story be sure to spend time in prayer, asking God to open your mind and heart to the truths of the Bible.

THE DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

Use these nine questions to water and fertilize the seed, God's Word, in order to help draw out the truths found in the story. Put yourself "into the shoes" of the character.

1. KNOW THE STORY

Who are the Characters in the story?

What are the Actions of the characters in the story?

What are the unique Details in the story?

2. UNDERSTAND THE STORY

What Emotions might each character be experiencing?

What Choices does each character have?

What are the Motives behind each character's choice.

3. DISCOVER THE TRUTHS

What are the Right Thoughts and Actions found in the story?

What does this story teach me about God that will help me Love Him with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength?

What does this story teach me about Loving Others?

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

These Application questions will help in the process of harvesting the truths found in every story and then applying them to our lives. Based on the right Biblical thoughts and actions you find during the Discovery process respond to the following questions:

4. REBUKE (the past)

Have I loved God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength?

Have I loved my neighbor as myself?

5. CORRECT (the present)

How can I correct my thoughts and actions?

6. TRAIN (for the future)

How can I prepare myself to love God and love others better?

ADDITIONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES

The Additional Study Scriptures are included to help prevent false doctrines that might be formed out of the story alone. They will help confirm the truths discovered in the story.

WE ARE GIVEN GIFTS

People Will Give an Account to God for How They Use Their Gifts

LESSON THEME

The Bible says that people are going to be held responsible to God for what they do with the gifts that God gives them.

Key Scripture: *So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. (Romans 14:12)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus was speaking to His disciples through a parable. A parable is a story that can be used to demonstrate a principle.

BIBLE STORY

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (Matthew 25:14-30)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. KNOW THE STORY

Characters?
Actions? Details?

2. UNDERSTAND THE STORY

Emotions? Choices?
Motives?

3. DISCOVER THE TRUTHS

Right thoughts and actions?
Love God? Love others?



APPLICATION PROCESS (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

4. REBUKE (the past)

5. CORRECT (the present)

6. TRAIN (for the future)

Additional Study Scriptures: Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ephesians 4

THE ESSENTIALS SERIES

Building a Home that God Will Live In

The first 52 lessons of the BFAM curriculum is called *The Essentials Series*. This series is a one-year study that is made up of four lesson sets, which have 13 lessons each. *The Essentials Series* is designed after the pattern of building a house. Each of the four lesson sets is named after a different part of a building. The four different parts are: Cornerstone, Foundation, Walls, and Roof. The following is a description of each of the four lesson sets.

The Cornerstone Lesson Set – Reconciled Relationship

The Cornerstone Lesson Set is focused on the story of reconciliation. It begins with a lesson about how God created all things. This truth establishes a correct biblical worldview. The second lesson establishes that people were created different than the rest of creation. We are created for a special relationship with God. The third and fourth lessons are about how mankind was deceived by Satan. The first people disobeyed God and the result was that our relationship with God was broken. The remainder of the lessons show God's great plan to redeem and reconcile people back into relationship with Him.

The Foundation Lesson Set – Abide in Christ

This lesson set is based on the importance of obeying the commands of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24). The Foundation Lesson Set shows how to establish a firm biblical foundation based on an obedient lifestyle.

The Walls Lesson Set – Abundant Life

The walls of a building are what are observed by people on the outside of the building. The same is true of followers of Christ. Followers of Christ represent God on the earth. As God's representatives, followers of Christ must be looking and acting in a way that shows God to those around them. This lesson set is focused on the important purposes of the family of God on earth.

The Roof Lesson Set – Essential Truths

This final lesson set includes the primary truths of the Christian faith. A roof is designed to keep out foreign or unwanted things. The Roof Lesson Set is designed to keep out false teachings by showing the primary biblical truths of the Christian faith.



Cornerstone

(Ephesians 2:19-22)



Foundation



Walls



Roof

RECONCILED RELATIONSHIP

13 Cornerstone Lessons

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” (Colossians 1:19-20)

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GOD, THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

He Made Everything

LESSON THEME

There is only one God. He knows all things, has all power, is everywhere, and created all things from nothing. God's command formed the entire universe. God made everything perfect because God is absolutely perfect.

Key Scripture: *He also says, "In the beginning, LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands." (Hebrews 1:10)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

God was before anything. The Bible says that God created the earth and all that exists on the earth in six days. During the first five days God created light, the sun, moon, stars and the sky, water, and land. He also created vegetation and every kind of living creature in the sea and every bird of the air with the ability to reproduce after its own kind. God saw His creation and declared "it is good." Our story begins on the sixth day.

BIBLE STORY

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Genesis 1:24-28)

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Additional Study Scriptures: John 1:3; Genesis 2:1-34; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 4:11

THE SPECIAL CREATION OF PEOPLE

Created for Special Relationship with God and Each Other

LESSON THEME

God created mankind to be very different from animals. People were made to reflect God's nature. God made man to have a special relationship with Him. God also created man a helper.

Key Scripture: *"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female...'" (Matthew 19:4)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

The Bible tells us that God created the heavens and the earth and all that exists in it and God declared that all His creation was "good."

BIBLE STORY

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. (Genesis 2: 7, 18-22)

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SATAN THE DECEIVER

He Came to Steal, Kill, and Destroy

LESSON THEME

Evil exists. Satan is evil. Satan hates God. Satan hates God's perfect creation. Because Satan hates God's perfect creation, he came to earth disguised as a serpent to destroy the special relationship between God and mankind.

Key Scripture: *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

God placed man and woman in a beautiful garden to live. God told man that he could eat from any tree in the garden except one. God said, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." One day Satan came disguised as a serpent and deceived Eve.

BIBLE STORY

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:1-6, 13-15)

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ADAM AND EVE DISOBEYED GOD

We Now Live Under a Curse

LESSON THEME

Satan came and deceived Eve into disobeying God. Disobeying God is sin. God punishes sin. The consequence of Adam's and Eve's sin was that their relationship with God was broken. The consequences of sin are pain, suffering, and death.

Key Scripture: *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned... (Romans 5:12)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

The first man and woman whom God created were named Adam and Eve. The tree in this story is the tree that gave the knowledge of good and evil. God said that they could eat from any tree except this tree.

BIBLE STORY

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." (Genesis 3:6-13, 16-19)

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THE CHOSEN FAMILY

God's Special Relationship with Abraham

LESSON THEME

The consequences of Adam's and Eve's sin were passed onto all people. God made a plan to restore mankind to fellowship with Him. God made a promise to a man named Abraham. God promised Abraham that through his family people would be reconciled to God.

Key Scripture: *The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:1-3)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Abraham was a man who obeyed when God spoke to him. God chose Abraham's family to be the family that would defeat Satan and bless all of mankind. Abraham did not trust that God would give him a child from his wife. Abraham and his wife had no children so Abraham had a child with his wife's servant. This child was named Ishmael.

BIBLE STORY

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you." God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her." Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?" And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!" Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him." (Genesis 17:1-7, 15-19)

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GOD TESTS ABRAHAM

Abraham Obeys God

LESSON THEME

All of the promises God made to Abraham depended on the survival of Isaac. Abraham was tested by God. Abraham obeyed the commands of God. Abraham trusted that God would not lie.

Key Scripture: *By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. (Hebrews 11:17-19)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

In times past, God established the sacrifice of blood to account for sin. Offering a sacrifice was a religious act of cleansing. It was also an act of worship.

BIBLE STORY

Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. (Genesis 22:2-13)

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THERE WILL BE LIFE AFTER DEATH

Life After Death Will Be Heaven or Hell

LESSON THEME

Scripture teaches us about life after death. After death, all people will either go to heaven or to hell. Heaven is where God is. Heaven will be full of joy because we will be with God. Hell is a place of severe punishment. People in hell are eternally separated from God. God will judge all people.

Key Scripture: *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our LORD. (Romans 6:23)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

The Bible uses parables to teach truths. Parables are stories that have a deeper meaning. In this parable “Son of Man” is a name of God.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.” (Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 13:47-50; Matthew 25:31-46; Mark 9:47-48; John 14:1-3

JESUS CHRIST

Completely God and Completely Man

LESSON THEME

Throughout the Bible, God was working out a plan of redemption in order to make a way to restore the broken relationship between God and people. When the time was right, God sent His Son Jesus Christ to reconcile people to God.

Key Scripture: *You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. (Luke 1:31)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

The Bible tells us that Jesus came through the family of David, who came through Abraham.

BIBLE STORY

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the LORD appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the LORD had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the LORD had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. (Matthew 1:18-25)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 16:13-20; Matthew 26:63-64; Luke 1:28-35; John 1:1-14

GOD'S RECONCILIATION PLAN FOR MANKIND

Taking the Punishment for Sin and Restoring Relationship

LESSON THEME

God loves all people. People were made to love God and to be in relationship with God. Satan convinced Adam and Eve to disobey God. Disobeying God is a sin. Sin destroyed the perfect relationship between God and mankind. God promised man that the perfect relationship between God and people would be restored. God promised Adam that one day someone from his family would crush Satan's head. God promised that He would bless the nations of the earth through Abraham's family. God fulfilled His promises by sending His Son, Jesus Christ.

Key Scripture: *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. (Romans 5:6)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

God sent His only Son. His name was Jesus Christ. His birth was a miracle. He was all God and all man. He lived and grew older and never sinned once. He did many miracles and taught many wise truths. Many religious leaders did not like Jesus and they determined to kill Him. The head governor questioned Jesus and determined He was innocent. To please the crowd, the governor allowed the people to beat Jesus and nail Him to a cross. A cross was an instrument of torture. God said that it was for our sins that Jesus would be beaten and put to death.

BIBLE STORY

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. (Matthew 27:27-38, 45, 50)

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JESUS CONQUERED DEATH

His Resurrection Proved Who He Is

LESSON THEME

While on the earth, Jesus said that He would die for our sins and rise from the dead. Jesus Christ died on a cross and then came back to life. When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, it proved that He is actually God. All that He said and commanded is true.

Key Scripture: *For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

After Jesus' death on the cross some friends took His body. They buried Jesus in a tomb. The governor ordered that a huge rock be placed over the entrance to the tomb. Soldiers guarded the tomb to prevent people from stealing Jesus' body. On the third day after His death two women came to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away and an angel sitting on it.

BIBLE STORY

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. (Matthew 28:5-8)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Acts 2:22-24; Romans 1:3-4; Romans 8:33-34; 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Believe

LESSON THEME

Jesus died and rose from the dead so that all people could have life. All people are called to have faith in Jesus Christ and to believe He is the Son of God. All people can be saved from the punishment of sin if they believe in Jesus and confess with their mouths that He is God. All people have a choice to believe in God and be saved or reject Him. God desires that all people be saved.

Key Scripture: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

After Jesus rose from the dead He appeared to His disciples. One of Jesus' disciples named Thomas was not in attendance. He had not seen Jesus since He had been crucified. To believe that something is real without seeing it or feeling it is called faith.

BIBLE STORY

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the LORD!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My LORD and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:24-31)

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HOW DO WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE?

Repent

LESSON THEME

Repentance is a change of heart and mind. Repentance includes thinking and acting differently about sin and God. Repentance means that we hate sin as much as God hates sin. Repentance results in a change of sinful behavior.

Key Scripture: *In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. (Acts 17:30)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus was a great teacher and went about doing many miracles and healing those in need. Wherever Jesus went there was a large crowd.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the LORD, "Look, LORD! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:1-10)

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I AM A FRIEND OF JESUS

I Remain in His Love by Obeying His Commands

LESSON THEME

As followers of Christ we are friends of God. Friends of God know God in a special way. Friends of God love God, and they love others. Friends of God trust and obey God's commands.

Key Scripture: *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus is speaking to His apostles giving them instructions. The Father whom He speaks about is God the Father.

BIBLE STORY

Philip said, "LORD, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." (John 14:8-9; 15:9-15)

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ABIDE IN CHRIST

13 Foundation Lessons

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”
(John 15:4)

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BE BAPTIZED

Believe in the LORD

LESSON THEME

Water baptism is a command from God. The Bible says that after we receive Christ, we should be baptized. Baptism is when new believers in Christ are put under water and brought back out. Baptism is a picture of the spiritual rebirth that occurs when we become Christians. Baptism is a picture to others that we are followers of Christ.

Key Scripture: *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... (Matthew 28:19)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Philip was a follower of Christ who proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom of God.

BIBLE STORY

Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city. Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. (Acts 8:5-13)

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WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Tell the World Who Jesus Is

LESSON THEME

A Christian is a person who follows Jesus Christ. Scripture says that Christians are to be a light to the world by showing the world who Jesus is.

Key Scripture: *You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus was sitting at a well. A woman came to get water. Jesus asked the woman for a drink. Jesus told the woman He could give her the living water of eternal life. Jesus told this woman things about her life that He could not know without divine knowledge. Jesus revealed to the woman that He is God. The woman was amazed at the words of Jesus and believed all that Jesus said.

BIBLE STORY

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him. Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world." (John 4:28-30, 39-42)

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BE RECONCILED TO OTHERS

Forgive Those Who Sin Against You

LESSON THEME

Jesus instructed His disciples to live peacefully with each other. Christians are instructed to be kind to other people and to offer mercy to those who sin against them. To live peacefully with each other is to extend forgiveness to those who have offended or hurt us.

Key Scripture: *Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

One of Jesus' disciples asked Jesus how many times He should forgive people who had sinned against Him. In response, Jesus told the following parable.

BIBLE STORY

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." (Matthew 18:23-35)

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DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

Do Not Look at Others Lustfully

LESSON THEME

Jesus instructed His disciples to not commit adultery. Jesus taught that to look upon another person lustfully is a sin.

Key Scripture: *You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:27-28)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

David was a famous king of Israel. David saw a woman bathing and lusted after her. This woman was the wife of a commander in David’s army. This man was named Uriah the Hittite. David asked his servants to get the woman. David made the woman pregnant. David then sent Uriah to war, and Uriah died in battle. God was displeased. God sent a prophet named Nathan to David.

BIBLE STORY

... but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” (John 8:1-11)

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MARRIAGE IS SACRED TO GOD

God Does Not Like Divorce

LESSON THEME

Jesus taught that the marriage relationship is sacred and very important to God.

Key Scripture: *But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. (Matthew 5:32)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Large crowds followed Jesus because He was healing and teaching the people. The Pharisees also came to Him to ask Him many questions. A Pharisee was a religious leader within the Jewish religion. Pharisees followed many religious laws which had been given by God to Moses. Moses was a man who led the people of Israel many years before Jesus was born.

BIBLE STORY

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery." (Matthew 19:3-9)

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RESPONDING TO INJUSTICE

Live As an Example of God's Love

LESSON THEME

Jesus taught His disciples how to respond to injustice. Jesus told His disciples not to take revenge against people who do wrong things to them. Jesus said Christians are to live as good examples of love and kindness to all people.

Key Scripture: *But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. (Matthew 5:39-41)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Judas was one of Jesus' disciples. Religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus. Judas betrayed Jesus for money. In this story, Jesus had been speaking to all His disciples except Judas. Jesus knew that Judas was coming to betray Him.

BIBLE STORY

While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "LORD, should we strike with our swords?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns." (Luke 22:47-53)

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LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

God Loves All People

LESSON THEME

Jesus taught His disciples to love and to pray for their enemies. Jesus said that it is difficult to love those who do not treat you well. Jesus told His disciples that they were different from other people because they were supposed to love those who are difficult to love.

Key Scripture: *But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. (Matthew 5:44-45)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

When Jesus lived on the earth, He had many enemies. These enemies hated Jesus. Jesus was tortured and put to death by His enemies.

BIBLE STORY

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:26-27, 32-43)

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GIVE TO OTHERS

God Cares About Those in Need

LESSON THEME

Jesus taught His disciples about caring for the needy. Followers of Christ do not give to the needy to be seen by those around them. When Christians give to the needy, they are seen by God and God will reward them in heaven.

Key Scripture: *But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6:3-4)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus' disciples asked Him about what will happen at the end of the world. Jesus told His disciples that at the end of the world He will be the king who judges all people.

BIBLE STORY

"All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'LORD, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' They also will answer, 'LORD, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew 25:32-46)

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PRAYER

Talking With and Listening to God

LESSON THEME

Jesus taught His disciples that they should always pray. Prayer is talking with God and listening to God. When we pray, we are heard by God.

Key Scripture: *But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6:6)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

An unjust king named Herod hated Christians. King Herod began to kill those who belonged to the Church. Soldiers arrested a church leader named Peter and were going to kill him.

BIBLE STORY

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the LORD appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the LORD has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen." When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the LORD had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this," he said, and then he left for another place. (Acts 12:5-17)

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STORE UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Honoring God With Our Lives and Possessions

LESSON THEME

The rewards that people will receive in heaven will be determined by how they honor God with their lives and possessions on earth. Christ followers should live for the reward that they will receive in heaven.

Key Scripture: *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus was being honored at a dinner at Lazarus' house. Jesus had recently brought Lazarus back from the dead. The guests included Lazarus, Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary, and the disciples.

BIBLE STORY

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." (John 12:1-8)

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DO NOT WORRY

God Knows and Cares About Your Needs

LESSON THEME

Jesus says that He cares about our lives and will help us with our problems. When we worry about our lives we are not having faith in Jesus.

Key Scripture: *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:34)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus was with His disciples by a lake. Many of His disciples had once worked as fishermen on this lake.

BIBLE STORY

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (Mark 4:35-41)

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DO NOT JUDGE OTHERS

God Is the Judge

LESSON THEME

It is wrong to judge other people. All people are sinners and only God can judge righteously.

Key Scripture: *Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? (Matthew 7:1-3)*

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ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

God Responds to Persistent Prayer

LESSON THEME

Jesus taught that when we persistently ask, seek, and knock, He responds. Because of our relationship with God, we can continually ask of God. At times, our prayers might not be answered immediately.

Key Scripture: *Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

BIBLE STORY

He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" And the LORD said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:2-8)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. KNOW THE STORY

Characters?
Actions? Details?

2. UNDERSTAND THE STORY

Emotions? Choices?
Motives?

3. DISCOVER THE TRUTHS

Right thoughts and actions?
Love God? Love others?



APPLICATION PROCESS (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

4. REBUKE (the past)

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6. TRAIN (for the future)

Additional Study Scriptures: Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:12; Hebrews 4:16; James 4:2-3; James 5:16

ABUNDANT LIFE

13 Walls Lessons

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

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WORSHIP IN EVERY PLACE

God Desires Pure Worship

LESSON THEME

God is not pleased with half-hearted worship. God is not pleased with simply going through actions and calling it worship. God is very concerned with the attitude of our heart. God promises that one day people in every place will have a worship attitude in their heart.

Key Scripture: *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

The people of Israel were taken into captivity far away from their homeland. After many years of being servants in a faraway land, one king gave the people of Israel permission to go back to their homeland and build a place to worship. In the place that the people of Israel worshipped, they would sacrifice animals to God and burn them on an altar. Israel went back to their homeland but had many challenges rebuilding their homeland. While Israel tried very hard to build a place to worship for God for many years, they were stopped by internal and external politics, by money, and ultimately the people of God forgot the importance of building a place to worship and would instead build their own homes. God is speaking to His people, asking them to return to pure worship.

BIBLE STORY

"When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the LORD Almighty. "Now plead with God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?"—says the LORD Almighty. "Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD Almighty, "and I will accept no offering from your hands. My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the LORD Almighty. "But you profane it by saying, 'The LORD's table is defiled,' and, 'Its food is contemptible.' And you say, 'What a burden!' and you sniff at it contemptuously," says the LORD Almighty. "When you bring injured, lame or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?" says the LORD. "Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the LORD. For I am a great king," says the LORD Almighty, "and my name is to be feared among the nations." (Malachi 1:8-14)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23; Luke 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

FOLLOW CHRIST

Following Christ Requires Us to Hope and Trust in Him

LESSON THEME

Following Christ means putting all of our trust and hope in Him. Anything that we have in our lives that we trust and hope in can be a barrier to fully following Christ.

Key Scripture: *Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” (Matthew 16:24-25)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Wealth is one of the things that people put their trust and hope in. The man in this story who approached Jesus was a rich man.

BIBLE STORY

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.” “Which ones?” he inquired. Jesus replied, “You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself.” “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?” Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. (Matthew 19:16-22)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Mark 8:34-38; John 6:28-29; Matthew 6:19-21; Romans 15:13

FOLLOW CHRIST

Those Who Follow Christ Reach Out to Others

LESSON THEME

Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Being a follower of Christ means that we will reach out to the lost as Jesus did.

Key Scripture: *Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” (Matthew 16:24-25)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus was teaching truths throughout the countryside. Many people were coming to hear the words Jesus taught.

BIBLE STORY

Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Mark 2:13-17)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Luke 15:1-31; Luke 5:27-28; Luke 19:1-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6

TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

Leading Other People to Follow Jesus

LESSON THEME

God wants to be in relationship with all people. As followers of Christ, we are called to lead other people into a relationship with Him.

Key Scripture: *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:14-15)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Simon Peter was a professional fisherman before he was a follower of Christ. In this story Jesus calls Peter to be a fisher of men.

BIBLE STORY

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, LORD; I am a sinful man!” For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. (Luke 5:1-11)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 28:18-19; John 4:39-42; 2 Peter 3:9

TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

Tell the Good News to Other People

LESSON THEME

The Bible tells people to share the Good News of Jesus with other people. All people deserve to have the opportunity to hear the Good News that Jesus came to bring.

Key Scripture: *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:14-15)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Paul was a well-known teacher and preacher. In this story, Paul preached the Gospel. The Gospel is the Good News that God desires a relationship with all people. We can be in relationship with God because of Jesus’ sacrifice for our sins.

BIBLE STORY

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The LORD opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the LORD,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us. (Acts 16:9-15)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 10:7-8; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Romans 1:16-17

TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

Many People Are Ready to Hear the Good News

LESSON THEME

Jesus said that the harvest is plenty but the laborers are few. There are many people who are waiting to hear about Jesus Christ. Followers of Christ should share the Good News with all people.

Key Scripture: *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:14-15)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus gave instructions to His disciples about how to share the Good News.

BIBLE STORY

After this the LORD appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the LORD of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’” (Luke 10:1-9)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 9:35-38; John 4:35-38; Galatians 6:9-10

LOVING GOD

Relationship With God Is the Most Important Thing

LESSON THEME

Jesus asked His followers to do many things. The most important thing is our relationship with God.

Key Scripture: *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Mary and Martha were followers of Jesus and had a good relationship with Him.

BIBLE STORY

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the LORD's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "LORD, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the LORD answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38-42)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 11:28-30; John 14:15; Luke 6:47-49; Philipians 2:12-13

LOVING GOD

Knowing the Good Shepherd

LESSON THEME

Followers of Christ are to love God with every part of who they are. To love God with all that we are, we must know God.

Key Scripture: *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus had explained previously that His followers are like sheep and sheep follow their shepherd.

BIBLE STORY

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me..." (John 10:7-14)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 22:37-38; Luke 10:27; 1 John 2:15-17; Matthew 6:24

LOVING OTHERS

Living in Unity With Other Followers of Christ

LESSON THEME

Followers of Christ are called the Church. God expects the Church to live in unity.

Key Scripture: *The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these. (Mark 12:31)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Religious leaders who opposed Jesus told the leaders of the Church not to speak or teach about Jesus. The Church sought God for a proper response.

BIBLE STORY

"Now, LORD, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the LORD Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. (Acts 4:29-35)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Romans 12:3-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; 1 Corinthians 14:26

LOVING OTHERS

Being a Light to the World

LESSON THEME

Jesus instructed His disciples to love people. Christians are called to bring a message of hope and peace to the world. Christians are instructed to show those in need the love of God.

Key Scripture: *The second is this: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no commandment greater than these. (Mark 12:31)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

The Bible teaches us to love our neighbor. A religious expert asked Jesus who his neighbor was. Jesus responded with a parable about a priest, a Levite, and a Samaritan. Levites and priests were religiously devout people. Samaritans were a group of people who were not friends with the group that Jesus belonged to.

BIBLE STORY

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” (Luke 10:30-37)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 5:14-16; John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13; Ephesians 4:1-3

MAKING DISCIPLES

Feed My Sheep

LESSON THEME

The love of God motivates us to train and care for other believers.

Key Scripture: *Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve... (1 Peter 5:2)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus had been crucified and had just risen from the dead. Early one morning Jesus found His disciples fishing.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the LORD. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, LORD,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, LORD, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “LORD, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” (John 21:12-17)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 9:16-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

MAKING DISCIPLES

Jesus Is With Us As We Make Disciples

LESSON THEME

Jesus loves all people so much that He asked His followers to disciple them. Jesus promised believers that He would be with them as they go and make disciples.

Key Scripture: *Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve... (1 Peter 5:2)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus had been crucified and put in a tomb for three days. The disciples learned that the tomb that Jesus was put in was now empty.

BIBLE STORY

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)

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Additional Study Scriptures: John 14:15-17; Acts 2:42-47; 2 Timothy 2:2; Hebrews 13:5-6

MAKING DISCIPLES

Strengthening and Encouraging Believers

LESSON THEME

As believers we all need to be encouraged and strengthened in our faith. As part of God’s family, we need to be trained and encouraged by each other.

Key Scripture: *Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve... (1 Peter 5:2)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Paul and Barnabas were going from city to city sharing about Jesus.

BIBLE STORY

But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe. They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said. Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the LORD, in whom they had put their trust. (Acts 14:20-23)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47; Acts 11:25-30; Acts 15:30-41; Acts 18:23

ESSENTIAL TRUTHS

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“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32)

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GOD

There Is Only One God

LESSON THEME

There is only one God. The Bible is how we understand who God is and what He is like. The Bible explains that Christians worship only one God and to worship other gods is disobedience to the one true God.

Key Scripture: “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.’” (Mark 12:29)

STORY INTRODUCTION

Paul was one of the first great preachers of the Gospel. One day Paul preached a message to introduce the people to the one and only God. The people of the city gathered around to hear what Paul said.

BIBLE STORY

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the LORD of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.” (Acts 17:22-31)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. KNOW THE STORY

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Right thoughts and actions?
Love God? Love others?



APPLICATION PROCESS (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

4. REBUKE (the past)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Genesis 1:1; Mark 12:32; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Revelation 1:8

JESUS

Jesus Is the Son of God

LESSON THEME

Jesus was in heaven with God before He came to earth. Jesus is the only Son of God. After His death and resurrection from the dead, Jesus returned to His Father in heaven. To understand and worship Jesus the way that we should, we must know that God the Father and Jesus are one.

Key Scripture: *All this took place to fulfill what the LORD had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). (Matthew 1:22-23)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Throughout history, there were many men who were sent by God to announce that Jesus would one day come. These men were called prophets. Moses and Elijah were prophets who lived many years before Jesus came to earth.

BIBLE STORY

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “LORD, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. (Matthew 17:1-8)

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Additional Study Scriptures: John 1:1-5; John 3:16; Philipians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20

HOLY SPIRIT

Followers of Christ Need the Holy Spirit

LESSON THEME

Jesus taught His disciples that a relationship with the Holy Spirit is essential. Jesus had a relationship with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is called the Helper and will lead followers of Christ into truth. The Holy Spirit also gives followers of Christ power. For believers today this divine relationship is still necessary.

Key Scripture: *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (John 14:16-17)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

One of the final instructions Jesus gave to His followers was to wait for the Holy Spirit. In obedience, a large group of people gathered in Jerusalem to wait. After several days, the Holy Spirit came upon those who had gathered.

BIBLE STORY

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you: listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.’” (Acts 2:1-17)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Luke 11:13; John 16:13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Galatians 5:16

LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus Came to Demonstrate Love and Forgiveness

LESSON THEME

Jesus demonstrated the love and forgiveness of God to all people. As followers of Christ, we should also demonstrate the love and forgiveness of God to all people.

Key Scripture: *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. (John 15:12)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

When Jesus lived, the people were governed by the law of Moses. In this story, Jesus is showing the people a new way of living that is based on love and forgiveness.

BIBLE STORY

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” (John 8:2-11)

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JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD

Recognizing We Fall Short of God's Perfect Standard

LESSON THEME

All people fall short of God's perfect standard. We cannot make ourselves better simply by doing good things. We must recognize our sinful condition and ask God for mercy. When we ask for mercy from God, we will be justified before God.

Key Scripture: *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus told a story about two men. One man was a religious leader called a Pharisee. The other man was a tax collector who was hated by society. In this story, to be justified before God means that God forgave the man's sin.

BIBLE STORY

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." (Luke 18:10-14)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Romans 3:24; Romans 4:4-5; Romans 4:25; Romans 5:1-2; Romans 5:8-10

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Being Spiritually Born Again

LESSON THEME

Jesus often spoke of the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is God's government. Followers of Christ are citizens of the kingdom of God. No one can see the kingdom of God without being born again.

Key Scripture: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

A man named Nicodemus came to Jesus to ask Him a question. Nicodemus was an important religious leader.

BIBLE STORY

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." (John 3:1-8)

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Additional Study Scriptures: John 18:36; Acts 1:3; Romans 6:4; 2 Timothy 4:18; 1 Peter 1:23

THE BIBLE

Written Truth from God

LESSON THEME

The Bible is Holy Scripture and is powerful. The truths in the Bible are able to change our hearts and minds. The Bible is essential and is the one book that tells us who God is. The Bible is the only book that came from God.

Key Scripture: *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Before Jesus began His public ministry, He was confronted by the devil. In this confrontation, Jesus relied upon Scripture to resist temptation.

BIBLE STORY

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the LORD your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the LORD your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. (Matthew 4:1-11)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Romans 10:17; Ephesians 6:13-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; James 1:21

THE CHURCH

Followers of Christ Living in Unity

LESSON THEME

When Jesus left the earth to return to His Father in heaven, He left the Church as His representative in the world. As followers of Christ, we are to live in harmony with other followers of Christ and encourage each other in the faith. The Church is Christ's Body, and Christ is the head of the Church.

Key Scripture: *And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. (Matthew 16:18)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

After Jesus returned to the Father in heaven and the Holy Spirit came, the number of believers grew very quickly. Soon believers were meeting together to worship and to study the Scriptures together. These believers were caring for those in need and caring for widows. The first Church group in Jerusalem was made up of two different groups. One group of the Church spoke Greek and were called Hellenistic Jews. The other group spoke Hebrew and were called Hebraic Jews. The priests in this story are priests of the Jewish faith.

BIBLE STORY

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:1-7)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Corinthians 12:12-28; Ephesians 2:19-21; Ephesians 4:14-16

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Reflecting the Light of Christ

LESSON THEME

As a follower of Christ our lives should be a reflection of the character of Christ. We should demonstrate to the world who Christ is by the way we live.

Key Scripture: *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

A great multitude of people gathered around Jesus to hear Jesus teach.

BIBLE STORY

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:11-16)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 5-7; 2 Corinthians 4:6; 1 John 1:7; 1 John 2:10

ETERNITY

Forever With God or Forever in Agony

LESSON THEME

Life does not end when we die. We continue to live forever. All people will give an account for the life they lived on earth. Followers of Christ will spend eternity with Him. Those who do not follow Christ will spend eternity in agony away from the presence of God.

Key Scripture: *Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. (John 5:28-29)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus taught His followers about eternity using a story about a rich man and a poor man.

BIBLE STORY

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” (Luke 16:19-31)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Matthew 19:16-26; Matthew 25:45-46; Romans 6:20-23

THE JUDGE

Jesus Christ Will Judge All People

LESSON THEME

Jesus came to the earth to restore people's relationship with God. He will return to earth again to put an end to all the work of the devil and to judge evil people, condemning those who have not accepted Him as LORD. Jesus will reward righteous people for their faith.

Key Scripture: *For the LORD himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air. And so we will be with the LORD forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

In this story Jesus is foretelling the future judgment to come on people at the end of life on earth.

BIBLE STORY

“For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.” (John 5:21-30)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Mark 9:41-48; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11-15

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Importance of Remembering the Death of Christ for Our Sins

LESSON THEME

Jesus instructed His followers to regularly participate in the LORD's supper. This is a symbolic act done to remember Jesus' sacrificial death, which paid the price for people's sins.

Key Scripture: *And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:19-20)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

The night before Jesus' death on the cross He shared His last meal with His disciples. During this time He requested that His disciples regularly remember Him and His death on the cross.

BIBLE STORY

In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. So then, when you come together, it is not the LORD's Supper you eat, for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter! For I received from the LORD what I also passed on to you: The LORD Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the LORD's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:17-26)

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Additional Study Scriptures: Luke 22:7-38; John 6:47-58; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Revelation 19:9

BAPTISM

Making a Public Declaration of Faith in Christ

LESSON THEME

Water baptism is very important in the life of a new believer. Baptism is the time when a new believer makes a public declaration of their faith in Christ by being dipped into water symbolizing death to the old way of life. When they are raised up out of the water it symbolizes our new life in Christ.

Key Scripture: *Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)*

STORY INTRODUCTION

Jesus had a cousin named John the Baptist. John the Baptist was telling people to be baptized in water as a sign of their repentance from their sins. Jesus never sinned, but He felt that it was necessary to go through this symbolic act to show others the importance of baptism.

BIBLE STORY

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:13-17)

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF BFAM

Why was BFAM created?

Be Fruitful and Multiply (BFAM) is both a curriculum and study method designed to help followers of Jesus understand the Bible and to live according to His teachings. Using the BFAM curriculum and method will lead followers of Jesus into an abundant life and will help produce a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

BFAM is available in many languages and new translations are being added regularly. There is a list of available languages at www.iBFAM.org. If you do not see the language you need please contact Every Home for Christ International (www.EHC.org or info@ehc.org) to request a new language.

Who developed BFAM?

Every Home for Christ International (EHCI) is the developer and owns the copyright of BFAM curriculum. The following is the global mission focus of EHCI:

Every Home for Christ exists to serve the Body of Christ in equipping and mobilizing believers everywhere to actively participate in taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every home in the whole world, adding new believers as reproducing members of the Church to see the literal fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Since 1946, EHCI has reached over 1.5 billion homes in 215 nations with the Good News of Jesus Christ. As a result, over one hundred million people have responded to the Gospel.

Three Unalterable Convictions

EHCI operates under three unalterable convictions. They are:

1. The Great Commission must be taken literally. At present, systematic literature distribution, house to house, village to village, is still the best means to ensure the task is completed. (Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15)
2. Without unity, finishing the task of world evangelization is impossible. Thus, the cooperation of all evangelical groups is essential to fulfilling the Great Commission. Already more than 500 evangelical missions groups and denominations have participated in Every Home for Christ outreaches worldwide. (John 17:21-23)
3. Prayer, alone, will remove every obstacle that stands in the way of fulfilling the Great Commission. Therefore, prayer is the most important element in the entire campaign. The degree to which prayer is mobilized will be the degree to which the world is evangelized. (Mark 11:22-23)

HOW CAN YOU PARTNER WITH EHCI?

PRAY

Pray for courageous workers to take the Gospel to the lost.

It is crucial that we have diligent praying partners who are asking the LORD for courageous workers. Jesus said “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the LORD of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Luke 10:2)

Every Home for Christ’s third unalterable conviction is: “Prayer alone, will remove every obstacle that stands in the way of fulfilling the Great Commission.” Therefore, prayer is the most important aspect in the entire campaign. The degree to which prayer is mobilized will be the degree to which the world is evangelized. (Mark 11:22-23)

GIVE

Help provide the Gospel for the lost.

In order for us to send out workers into the “harvest fields” resources are needed. Resources help us to provide literature, training, and coordination. Whether you choose to partner with us to reach 100 homes a month or you simply want to provide a one-time gift, every amount you give is an eternal investment into the lives of individuals in your nation and around the world who need to receive the Good News.

GO

Consider joining the growing work force of harvest workers.

Every Home for Christ’s first unalterable conviction is “The Great Commission must be taken literally.” EHC mobilizes thousands of indigenous workers all over the world to take the Gospel home to home in more than 100 nations every day! We believe that all followers of Christ need to be involved in missions, and we have many opportunities to get involved. Contact the nearest national EHC office to find out how you can participate in taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who are living in darkness.

For more information visit www.EHC.org or email info@ehc.org.

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A DECLARATION FROM GOD

*Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.*

*Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.*

*Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.*

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.*

*“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:*

*It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

*You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.*

*Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.*

*This will be for the LORD's renown,
for an everlasting sign,
that will endure forever.”*

(Isaiah 55:6-13)

THE DISCOVERY COLLECTION

The Discovery Collection is a set of three powerful tools that will introduce you to the Author of Life and lead you to a life of meaning, fulfillment, and happiness in Him. As you know, understand, and apply the stories of God's Word and share them with others, you will be forever changed.

1. THE DISCOVERY BOOK

This book is comprised of the New Testament + Genesis, containing stories of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and His followers after Him. Genesis tells the story of the creation of the earth and the beginnings of relationship between God and humankind.

2. THE DISCOVERY METHOD

This book is comprised of the Be Fruitful And Multiply (BFAM) Discovery Method, including 52 individual lessons based on stories from the New Testament + Genesis. This method will help you know, understand, and apply the stories of the Bible, guiding you toward deeper relationship with Christ and fulfilling life in Him.

3. SHARE THE DISCOVERY

This book contains removable story handouts that will help you share with others the discoveries you make in each BFAM lesson. When you find valuable mysteries in a Bible story, they will be valuable to others as well. When you share them with others, God will do something special in your life as you draw closer to Him.

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