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Unit 25: The Warnings of Jesus

How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? Jesus perfectly reveals God the Father and fulfills what the prophets spoke.

Theme Idea: Road Trip: This unit is about warnings, and road trips are full of warnings in the form of road signs. Decorate for this unit using large road signs such as stop signs, speed limits, and yield signs. You can also create a large stoplight using large sheets of colored paper.

- Session 1: The road trip has begun and the road trippers have already entered a new state. They see the large welcome sign that the state has put up. Connect this to how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem.
- Session 2: The road trip continues and the passengers are becoming restless. One of them begins to incessantly ask questions such as, “Are we there yet?” and “How much longer?” Make it clear that the goal of his questions is to complain more than it is to truly gather information. Connect this to the way the religious leaders asked questions of Jesus not to truly understand His message, but rather to try and trick Him.
- Session 3: The driver makes a comment about how the speed limit just changed. This leads to a discussion on how important it is to follow the posted speed limit because it is a way to obey authority and also keep ourselves and others safe. Tie this to the commands Jesus gave to love God and love others.
- Session 4: The car is stopped at a stoplight. The light turns green and the car begins to drive. Connect the stoplight to the Jesus’ command to act. We are to be faithful servants of Christ and go when He says “go.”
- Session 5: The group is on their final leg of the road trip. They are using a GPS to get to their destination, but the GPS has them take a wrong turn. Tie this to the truth that when we follow Jesus, He never leads us in the wrong direction.



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Unit 26: The Arrest of Jesus

How is Jesus the perfect Priest? Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for sin, and He speaks to God the Father for us today.

Theme Idea: Library: The gospel is the greatest story ever told, so we're visiting a place where good stories are housed: the library. Decorate for this unit using books, a desk, and chairs. You could also create a backdrop by drawing the spines of books on a large piece of paper, as though it were a bookshelf.

- Session 1: A patron approaches the librarian and complains that kids are reading and touching the books. The librarian explains that is the very purpose of a library. Connect this to how the disciples were upset that Mary poured expensive oil on Jesus, when it was actually an act of worship.
- Session 2: The library is giving out free bookmarks this week. Bookmarks help us remember where we left off in a book. Tie this idea to the Last Supper helping the disciples remember Jesus and His sacrifice.
- Session 3: It's story time at the library today. The librarian is going to read a book to a group of kids. While the kids act surprised throughout the book, the librarian is not because she has already read the book and knows the ending. Connect this to how Jesus knew that everything that happened during the last days of His life was part of God's plan.
- Session 4: A student comes to the library asking for a certain novel. The student explains that he originally read a summary of the novel and failed the test. His teacher instructed him to read the actual novel as a way to earn back credit. Compare this to how the priests that Hebrews speaks of represented Jesus, but the priests were not able to give the full sacrifice that Jesus was able to.



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Unit 27: The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.

Theme Idea: Furniture Restoration Workshop: In this unit we see the trial, death, and resurrection of Jesus. A situation that seemed hopeless ends up being the very thing that brings hope to the entire world. Furniture restoration takes broken and discarded pieces of furniture and creates something better than the original. Decorate for this unit using old pieces of furniture, a workbench, and tools.

- Session 1: A person brings in a piece of furniture that needs repainted, but she wants it to be the exact color that it originally was. Connect the need for the perfect tint of paint to Jesus being the perfect substitute—paying the price for our sins because we cannot rescue ourselves.
- Session 2: A couch is brought into the workshop with its upholstery torn. Tie this to the curtain in the temple sanctuary splitting in two at the moment Jesus died on the cross.
- Session 3: A piece of furniture is brought in, and it is falling apart. It seems like a hopeless project. But the worker is able to restore the piece, and it ends up being even better than it was originally. Connect this to the truth that Jesus died, but He rose again to reign as King over all creation.
- Session 4: A new employee starts and tries to convince the owner that a new, more complicated way of restoring furniture works best. But the owner knows that the simple, original way of restoration is better. Tie this to the false teachers that the Colossian believers were confused by and the truth of the gospel that Paul reminded them of.