November Lessons in Berean Kids

Unit: Trailblazers

Unit Memory Verse: "For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)

Week of October 25 (Sunday & Wednesday): The Sun Stood Still (Joshua 10 & 13)

Brite Idea: *God does what He says.*

The Israelites, led by Joshua, conquered Canaanite cities as God had promised. When several kings attacked a city named Gibeon, Joshua came to help. God told him not to fear and promised victory. Joshua prayed for the sun to stand still, and God answered, giving them more time to fight. The Israelites defeated their enemies, conquered more land, and Joshua divided it among the twelve tribes. The Promised Land became theirs, just as God said.

Throughout the Old Testament, God promised hundreds of times that He would send a Rescuer who would save the people from their sin. God kept His promise by sending Jesus, a descendant of Abraham, to Earth to die on the cross for our sins. God promises that when we trust in Jesus for forgiveness of our sins, we will live forever with Him. He always does what He says.

Week of November 1 (Sunday Only): Hannah & Samuel (1 Samuel 1-3)

Wednesday night will have a guest speaker for Missions Week!

Brite Idea: *God cares about us.*

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Week of November 8 (Sunday & Wednesday): David & Jonathan (1 Samuel 20)

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Unit: Beyond

Unit Memory Verse: "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. (Psalm 145:3)

Week of November 15 (Sunday & Wednesday): Elijah & Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:16-45)

Brite Idea: *The Lord is the one true God.*

Elijah told King Ahab to send the prophets of Baal to Mt. Carmel. Elijah asked the prophets to call on their god to send fire to burn up a sacrifice. They cried and prayed and danced, but nothing happened. Elijah prepared his altar and even drenched it with water. He prayed to God, and the Lord sent down fire, burning up the sacrifice and everything around it. God showed all of the people that He was the one true God.

God showed that He is the one true God. When Elijah called out to Him, God answered in power. God is real and He loves us so much that He provided one way for our sins to be forgiven. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us. When we pray to Jesus and ask Him to forgive us, He answers us powerfully. He forgives our sins and makes our relationship right with the one true God.

Week of November 22 (Sunday Only): Jonah (Jonah 1-4)

No BK Wednesday (Thanksgiving)

Brite Idea: *God gives grace.*

God called the prophet Jonah to warn Nineveh, but Jonah disobeyed and sailed in the opposite direction. A huge storm hit, and the sailors threw Jonah into the sea. God sent a big fish to swallow him. Inside the fish, Jonah prayed and admitted he was wrong. The fish spit him out, and this time Jonah went to Nineveh. He warned the people, and the people responded by believing in God. Jonah was upset that God showed grace, and God used a vine to remind him to have grace for others.

The story of Jonah is a reflection of God's Big Story. God, the Creator, is in charge of all things, but when He told Jonah what to do, Jonah did the opposite. Jonah chose sin. But God rescued Jonah and redeemed Him, or brought him back from his mess. He restored Jonah to his mission and restored an entire city as a result. In the same way, we all sin and disobey our God. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, He shows us grace and redeems us. He restores us to a right relationship with God and one day, Jesus will return and make all things new.

Week of November 29 (Sunday & Wednesday): The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)

Brite Idea: *Only God is worthy of worship.*

When Babylon captured Israel, young men like Daniel and his friends were taken to serve the king. King Nebuchadnezzar built a gold statue and commanded all to worship it or be thrown into a fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused, choosing to honor God. Even when given another chance, they stood firm. They were thrown into the furnace, but the king saw a fourth figure with them, protecting them from harm.

Who was in the fire with the three young men? Some people believe it was an angel. Some people believe it was Jesus Himself. Many scholars believe there are moments in the Old Testament when Jesus may have appeared on Earth before He was born as a baby. Either way, we know God was with them. Just like God was present in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, Jesus stepped down to be with us in our broken world. Not only did He join us here, but He paid the price for our sins, making it possible for us to live with Him forever.