

Sabbath School Plan from 7th-12th Grade

In 2004, as a response to a burden to help teenagers know Christ through His word we started using a biblically based curriculum following a strategic plan.

Here's what we know:

- Students are developing their belief system.
- Students need help seeing how Scripture relates to their lives.
- Students need to internalize truth.
- Responsibility for spiritual development for students falls to family.

To meet these needs, we take a student on a journey through God's Word in six years. Foundations, the first three years, is designed to give students a foundation for their beliefs as they grasp the big picture of God's work in the world. Topics, the next three years, builds on the foundation and equips students to live the Christian life day-to-day by using studies consisting of 8 six-week sessions. Each lesson also includes a family devotional so families can reinforce what students are learning together.

What will your students learn from every time you meet for the next six years?

Christ
Character
Community
Reverb
Linked
Prime

CHRIST

Jesus is the central focus and figure of the Bible. The Bible predicts His coming thousands of years before His birth, tells of His life and ministry, recounts His death, details His burial, announces His triumphant resurrection, and shows the remarkable changes in the lives of His followers. Knowing Jesus is the beginning and the end of the Christian faith. Through this yearlong study, students will come face to face with Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It's made up of 48 lessons designed to keep students engaged with the truth of God's Word. It is also the first study in part one, Foundations: Three Years Through the Bible.

Christ is the first year in the six-year plan.

Christ is made up of 48 lessons on the following topics:

- Old Testament prophecies about Him
- Events surrounding Jesus' birth and young life
- Jesus' ministry, including His miracles and parables
- Jesus' interactions with various people
- Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and ascension
- Jesus' coming return

CHARACTER

The Old Testament is full of amazing stories about remarkable people. From the very beginning, God has been at work in people's lives, whether kings, prophets, judges or ordinary individuals. By looking at how God worked in their lives, we see God's character, His love and provision, His judgment and discipline, and His redemptive plan for humanity.

Character reveals how people of the Old Testament encountered God in amazing ways and their lives were drastically changed. In this study students will be challenged to see how an encounter with God will change their lives forever.

It's made up of 48 lessons designed to keep your students engaged with the truth of God's Word.

Character is the second year in the six-year plan. It is also the second study in part one, Foundations: Three Years Through the Bible.

It's made up of 48 lessons covering the following topics:

- The key life events of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph
- The leadership shown by Moses and Joshua as they guided the Israelites
- The reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon
- The ministry and messages of the prophets Elijah, Elisha, Hosea, Isaiah, Jonah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel
- The story of the nation of Israel, God's chosen people

COMMUNITY

Using the Book of Acts as its backbone, *Community* covers many moments in the life of the New Testament Church, its miraculous inception at Pentecost, and its spread throughout the world. Not only will students learn the history of the New Testament church, they will also learn their roles as members of the modern day Church.

It's made up of 48 lessons designed to keep students engaged with the truth of God's Word.

Community is the third year in the six-year plan. It is also the third study in part one, Foundations: Three Years Through the Bible.

It's made up of 48 lessons covering the following topics:

- The Holy Spirit's coming at Pentecost
- The true sense of community among the early Christians
- Jew/Gentile controversies
- Paul's conversion, missionary journeys, imprisonment in Rome, and epistles
- Peter's leadership and letters
- John's revelation on the island of Patmos

REVERB

Reverb focuses on the mission of God in the world. God has a mission for all mankind and for each person. This study educates students about God's overarching plan as well as His individual plan for each person to impact the world around him.

It's made up of 8 six-week courses designed to keep students engaged with the truth of God's Word. From His motivating love to His call on our lives, we are meant to impact those around us.

Reverb is year four of the six-year plan. It is the first study in part two, Topix: 24 Biblical Subjects Teens Need to Know.

Reverb is made up of 8 six-week courses designed to keep your students engaged with the truth of God's Word.

- **Drive:** The Mission of God in the World
- **Step Out:** Responding to God's call
- **The Answer:** The Motivating Love of God
- **Transfer:** Disciple Making 101
- **Empowered:** A Look at the Holy Spirit
- **The Cruc:** Romans and the Gospel Message
- **Living Loud:** People Whose Lives were Heard
- **Squeeze:** Getting through the Tough Times

LINKED

Christians were never meant to live out their faith alone. In this study, students learn practical applications for living in relationship with God and other people through such topics as worship, justice, grace, and the future.

Linked is year five of the six-year plan. It is the second study in part two, Topix: 24 Biblical Subjects Teens Need to Know.

It's made up of 8 six-week courses designed to keep students engaged with the truth of God's Word.

- **Justice:** The Rightness and Fairness of God

- **Nexus:** The Covenant of God
- **Bridging the Gap:** A Look at Isaiah
- **The Means:** The Grace of God
- **Together:** How We Relate to Others
- **Chosen:** A Study on the Peoples of God
- **All About You:** Living a Life of Worship
- **Next:** God's Promises for the Future

PRIME

As we grow, our lives become increasingly full of options and distractions, but life is in balance when God is placed first. This study challenges your students to focus on their personal relationship with God through practical applications and prepares them for life after youth group.

Prime is year six of the six-year plan. It is also the third study in part two, Topix: 24 Biblical Subjects Teens Need to Know.

- **The Other Life:** Set Apart in Holiness
- **Cadence:** The Enduring Rhythm of Holy Disciplines
- **Inside Out:** Turning Faith into Action (A Study in the Book of James)
- **Misfits:** People Who Walked by Faith
- **Brainsweat:** The Anatomy of Wisdom
- **Entrusted:** Wisely Using God's Gifts
- **Redo:** What Happens When We Mess Up
- **FAQ:** Big Questions from Our Hearts and Minds after youth group.

Christ

The Life of Christ—The basis of Faith

Lesson 1:

The Bible on Jesus: Jesus as the Focus of the Bible

Biblical Passage: John 1:1-5,14; 5:31-47

Biblical Truth: Jesus Christ, who offers eternal life to all people, is the central figure of the Bible.

Lesson 2:

How Did They Know Before He Came?: Old Testament Prophecies About Jesus

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 9:1-7

Biblical Truth: God's prophets spoke of the Messiah's coming for centuries before His birth.

Lesson 3:

The First Christmas Song: Praising God with Joy

Biblical Passage: Luke 1:39-56

Biblical Truth: Mary reacted with praise to God because she knew His character.

Lesson 4:

God's Great Gift: Jesus' Birth

Biblical Passage: Luke 2:1-20

Biblical Truth: Jesus' coming was a gracious gift that expressed God's love for humanity.

Lesson 5:

Follow the Leader: Jesus as a Teen

Biblical Passage: Luke 2:41-52

Biblical Truth: Although fully God and fully man, Jesus' identity as the Son of God determined His purpose and action in His life.

Lesson 6:

Jesus' Advance Man: John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Biblical Passage: Matthew 3:1-12

Biblical Truth: The prophet John the Baptist, a contemporary of Jesus, prepared people for Jesus'

ministry by calling them to repentance and pointing them toward Jesus the Messiah.

Lesson 7:

Identified: Jesus' Baptism

Biblical Passage: Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-34

Biblical Truth: Baptism follows the example of Christ and is an important way of identifying oneself

with Jesus.

Lesson 8:

Tested, Tried, and Triumphant: Jesus and Temptations

Biblical Passage: Luke 4:1-13

Biblical Truth: Jesus overcame temptation by responding appropriately with the Word of God.

Lesson 9:

Following the Call: Jesus Calls and Commissions His Disciples

Biblical Passage: Matthew 4:18-22; 9:9-13

Biblical Truth: Discipleship involves forsaking ourselves, following Christ, and reaching others.

Lesson 10:

Revealed Authority: Wedding Feast at Cana

Biblical Passage: John 2:1-11

Biblical Truth: Jesus' miracles revealed His divine authority and glorified God.

Lesson 11:

A Second Birthday: Jesus and Nicodemus

Biblical Passage: John 3:1-21

Biblical Truth: Eternal life begins through faith in Jesus Christ.

Lesson 12:

Drink Up: Woman at the Well

Biblical Passage: John 4:4-26

Biblical Truth: Through His Son Jesus, God offers grace to all people, even those some might consider as unworthy and unacceptable.

Lesson 13:

Power over Nature: Calming the Storm

Biblical Passage: Mark 4:35-41

Biblical Truth: Because of Jesus' authority, He has power to see you through any difficult situation.

Lesson 14:

Making a Difference: Sermon on the Mount, Part 1

Biblical Passage: Matthew 5:13-16,43-48

Biblical Truth: By following the high standards Jesus gave His followers you can influence others to know and glorify God.

Lesson 15:

Don't Worry About It: Sermon on the Mount, Part 2

Biblical Passage: Matthew 6:19-34

Biblical Truth: By maintaining a right attitude toward treasures and by trusting God in every situation you face, you can experience the most abundant life.

Lesson 16:

Sight Unseen: The Centurion's Faith

Biblical Passage: Luke 7:1-10

Biblical Truth: Faith is trusting that God can work in a situation regardless of how things seem on the surface.

Lesson 17:

Difficulties and Doubts: Questions from John the Baptist

Biblical Passage: Matthew 11:1-19

Biblical Truth: By looking to Jesus and the evidence of His identity as God's Son, we can be encouraged even during difficult times.

Lesson 18:

Hungry?: Feeding the 5,000

Biblical Passage: Luke 9:10-17

Biblical Truth: Jesus' resources are infinite when it comes to meeting your needs.

Lesson 19:

Like a Rock: The Church

Biblical Passage: Matthew 16:13-20

Biblical Truth: The church is made up of people who confess Christ as God's Son and are being used by Him to advance God's kingdom.

Lesson 20:

Seeing Christ for Who He Is: The Transfiguration

Biblical Passage: Matthew 17:1-9

Biblical Truth: Experiencing Christ's glory enables you to serve Him with confidence.

Lesson 21:

Bad News/ Good News: Jesus Predicts His Death

Biblical Passages: Matthew 17:22-23; 20:17-19

Biblical Truth: Jesus came to earth to secure our salvation through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead.

Lesson 22:

Rooted or Rootless?: Parable of the Sower

Biblical Passage: Mark 4:3-20

Biblical Truth: The condition of a person's heart determines his or her response to the gospel.

Lesson 23:

At Your Service: Greatest in the Kingdom

Biblical Passage: Mark 9:33-37

Biblical Truth: A servant lifestyle gives changes my attitude and actions.

Lesson 24:

Why Forgive?: Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Biblical Passage: Matthew 18:21-35

Biblical Truth: We forgive others because in Jesus, God has first forgiven us.

Lesson 25:

I Gotta' Do What?: Jesus, the Lawyer, and the Story of the Good Samaritan

Biblical Passage: Luke 10:25-37

Biblical Truth: God wants you to treat others with compassion, respect, and concern.

Lesson 26: P2: Prayer Points: The Lord's Prayer

Biblical Passage: Matthew 6:9-13

Biblical Truth: The Lord's model prayer is an example we can use when communicating with God.

Lesson 27:

Small Beginnings, Huge Results: Parables of the Mustard Seed and Yeast

Biblical Passage: Luke 13:18-21

Biblical Truth: God's Kingdom, from small beginnings, grows at an incredible rate and to an extraordinary size.

Lesson 28:

Is That Your Final Answer?: Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler

Biblical Passage: Matthew 19:16-26

Biblical Truth: Nothing in life is more important or more valuable than following Christ.

Lesson 29:

You're Invited, But Dress Appropriately: The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Biblical Passage: Matthew 22:1-14

Biblical Truth: God invites all people, regardless of background, to join His Kingdom according to His conditions.

Lesson 30:

Lost and Found: Parable of Lost Things

Focal Passage: Luke 15:11-32

Biblical Truth: God's actions demonstrate the great value He places on all people.

Lesson 31:

Not What You Expect: The Parable of the Vineyard Workers

Biblical Passage: Matthew 20:1-16

Biblical Truth: God shows the same love and grace to all who respond to His call, regardless of when they come to Him.

Lesson 32:

Power over Death: Raising Lazarus

Biblical Passage: John 11:17-27; 41-45

Biblical Truth: Jesus wants you to come to Him when you experience emotional pain.

Lesson 33:

Give It Up: Anointing At Bethany

Biblical Passage: John 12:1-8

Biblical Truth: Christ honors your sacrifice when it comes from the heart and brings honor to Him.

Lesson 34:

Shallow Worship: Triumphal Entry

Biblical Passage: Luke 19:28-40

Biblical Truth: When should we worship?

Lesson 35:

Being Real in a Fake World: Jesus and the Pharisees

Biblical Passage: Matthew 23:24-28

Biblical Truth: God demands more than religious rituals. He wants a genuine relationship with you.

Lesson 36:

Get Ready: Signs of the End Times

Biblical Passage: Matthew 24:3-14,30-31,36-44

Biblical Truth: Jesus emphasized events related to the end times so you can be ready for His return and not be caught off guard.

Lesson 37:

Born to Die: Jesus' Last Hours with His Disciples

Biblical Passage: Luke 22:14-22

Biblical Truth: Jesus' suffering and death accomplished God's plan of bringing forgiveness of sin.

Lesson 38:

Ya' Gotta Love: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Biblical Passage: John 13:3-17

Biblical Truth: Jesus modeled Christian love through His humble service.

Lesson 39:

Undivided Attention: The Holy Spirit

Biblical Passage: John 14:15-18,25-27; 15:26-27; 16:7-14

Biblical Truth: The Holy Spirit, who lives in believers, is a counselor, comforter, and teacher who also brings conviction to those in the world.

Lesson 40:

Ya' Gotta Show: The Vine and the Branches

Biblical Passage: John 15:1-8

Biblical Truth: Remaining connected to Jesus through fellowship with Him, surrender to His will, and obedience to His Word will enable others to see your commitment to Christ.

Lesson 41:

Examine Your Heart: Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest

Biblical Passage: Matthew 26:47-56

Biblical Truth: Unless you continue to stay close to Jesus during difficult times you will likely fail in your commitment to Christ.

Lesson 42:

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know: The Crucifixion, Part 1

Biblical Passage: John 19:1-37

Biblical Truth: Jesus freely gave up His life as a sacrifice for your sin.

Lesson 43:

Surprise Followers: The Crucifixion, Part 2

Biblical Passage: Luke 23:39-56

Biblical Truth: Jesus will forgive anyone who believes in His sacrificial death.

Lesson 44:

Ya' Gotta Believe: The Resurrection

Biblical Passage: John 20:1-18

Biblical Truth: Jesus' resurrection is a challenge for you to believe and follow Him.

Lesson 45:

Better Than New: Jesus Reinstates Peter

Biblical Passage: John 21:15-21

Biblical Truth: When we make mistakes, we are to look to Christ for restoration.

Lesson 46:

Ya' Gotta Tell: The Great Commission

Biblical Passage: Matthew 28:17-20

Biblical Truth: Jesus Christ has commissioned you to share His message with all people so that all people have the opportunity to become His followers.

Lesson 47:

Discovering God's Agenda: The Ascension

Biblical Passage: Acts 1:4-11

Biblical Truth: God will empower you to share His good news with others both locally and globally.

Lesson 48:

Coming Again: Christ's Return

Biblical Passage: Revelation 22:12-17

Biblical Truth: Jesus' followers live with the promise that Jesus is coming again and that they will live with Him in eternity.

Character

Old Testament People—Encounters with God

Lesson 1: Jesus and the Old Testament

Biblical Passage: Matthew 5:17–20

Biblical Truth: The Old Testament affects my life because Jesus fulfilled its promises.

Lesson 2: The Creator

Biblical Passages: Genesis 1:1–2, 26–31; Hebrews 11:3
Biblical Truth: God expects me to enjoy creation.

Lesson 3: Adam and Eve

Biblical Passage: Genesis 3:1–24

Biblical Truth: God allows us to feel the consequences of sin, but through Jesus Christ He forgives us and heals our relationships with Him.

Lesson 4: Cain and Abel: Unacceptable Sacrifice

Biblical Passages: Genesis 4:1–16; Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12

Biblical Truth: You should approach God with an attitude of faith and humility.

Lesson 5: Noah

Biblical Passages: Genesis 6:1–22; Hebrews 11:7

Biblical Truth: Like Noah, we must trust the Word of God and be obedient because of our faith in Him.

Lesson 6: Job

Biblical Passages: Job 1:1–2:10; 42:10–17
Biblical Truth: God is in control of all things.

Lesson 7: Abraham, Part 1

Biblical Passages: Genesis 12:1–5, 13:1–18

Biblical Truth: My obedience demonstrates my faith in God.

Lesson 8: Abraham, Part 2

Biblical Passages: Genesis 15:1–6; 16:1–6; 17:1–8; 21:1–7

Biblical Truth: We must patiently wait on God's plan and timing rather than taking matters in our own hands.

Lesson 9: Abraham, Part 3

Biblical Passage: Genesis 22:1–19

Biblical Truth: God tested the authenticity of Abraham's faith by commanding him to sacrificially kill his son Isaac, the only son of the promise.

Lesson 10: Isaac, Part 1

Biblical Passages: Genesis 24:1–4, 10–26

Biblical Truth: The Lord faithfully answered Abraham's servant's prayer in order to provide a godly wife for Isaac, the son of the promise.

Lesson 11: Isaac, Part 2

Biblical Passage: Genesis 27:1–29

Biblical Truth: God chose Jacob to continue the line of promise. God blessed Jacob, even though Isaac loved Esau and desired to bless him.

Lesson 12: Jacob, Part 1

Biblical Passage: Genesis 29:1–35

Biblical Truth: God protects and preserves each person according to His plan.

Lesson 13: Jacob, Part 2

Biblical Passages: Genesis 31:43–55; 32:24–32; 35:1–15

Biblical Truth: God changes the patterns of our lives and brings reconciliation with our past.

Lesson 14: Joseph, Part 1

Biblical Passages: Genesis 37:12–36; 50:15–21

Biblical Truth: God's love in our hearts removes anger and allows us to forgive others.

Lesson 15: Joseph, Part 2

Biblical Passages: Genesis 39:7–12; 1 Corinthians 10:13

Biblical Truth: Temptation leads to sin, but with the help of the Lord, I can escape temptation.

Lesson 16: Joseph, Part 3

Biblical Passages: Genesis 40:14–15; 41:9–16, 32–36, 38–41, 53–54

Biblical Truth: When we exalt God and give Him glory, He works out His will in us in due time.

Lesson 17: Moses, Part 1

Biblical Passages: Exodus 3:1–12; 6:10–13

Biblical Truth: Moses was God's answer His people's prayers and the fulfillment of God's promises.

Lesson 18: Moses, Part 2

Biblical Passages: Exodus 7:1–7; 19:20–25; 24:3–8

Biblical Truth: God led the people by speaking through Moses.

Lesson 19: Caleb

Biblical Passage: Numbers 14:20–38

Biblical Truth: God rewards faithfulness with life.

Lesson 20: Joshua, Part 1

Biblical Passages: Deuteronomy 31:7–8, 14, 23; 34:9; Joshua 1:1–18; 3:7; 4:14

Biblical Truth: God equips and encourages those He calls to serve Him.

Lesson 21: Rahab

Biblical Passages: Joshua 2:1–24; 6:17, 22–25

Biblical Truth: Rahab recognized the power and grace, the holiness and love, and the majesty and mercy of God. She was willing to dedicate her life to following and trying to please the Lord.

Lesson 22: Joshua, Part 2

Biblical Passages: Joshua 6:1–27; Hebrews 11:30

Biblical Truth: It is necessary to seek God's will and follow His Word.

Lesson 23: Judge Gideon

Biblical Passages: Judges 6:11–16; 7:1–18

Biblical Truth: God chooses average people in unusual circumstances and supplies the necessary power to accomplish His purposes.

Lesson 24: Judge Samson

Biblical Passages: Judges 13:1–7; 16:4–30

Biblical Truth: God graciously restored strength to Samson despite his unfaithfulness to God in order to carry out judgment on the Philistines and their god.

Lesson 25: Ruth

Biblical Passages: Ruth 1:15–18; 2:8–13; 3:6–13

Biblical Truth: Ruth's simple obedience and faith brought about the birth of an important ancestor in the line of Jesus Christ.

Lesson 26: Hannah

Biblical Passage: 1 Samuel 1:1–2:11
Biblical Truth: God does answer my prayers.

Lesson 27: Samuel

Biblical Passages: 1 Samuel 2:18–21, 26; 3:1–20; 12:1–5
Biblical Truth: God can use any one at any age for His glory.

Lesson 28: King Saul

Biblical Passages: 1 Samuel 13:6–14; 15:10–11, 26
Biblical Truth: Because of Saul's disobedience, God took away his kingship.

Lesson 29: David and Jonathan

Biblical Passages: 1 Samuel 16:12–23, 19:1–7; 20:30–34
Biblical Truth: Jonathan and David's friendship was grounded in truth.

Lesson 30: King David, Part 2

Biblical Passages: 1 Samuel 17:17–22, 32–37, 45–47, 50; 2 Samuel 7:8–29
Biblical Truth: David sought God's heart by demonstrating steadfast obedience flowing out of a passionate love for God.

Lesson 31: King David, Part 3

Biblical Passages: 2 Samuel 11:5–9, 14–15, 26–27; 12:7–18
Biblical Truth: The effects of sin are profound and far-reaching.

Lesson 32: King Solomon

Biblical Passages: 1 Kings 3:5–15; 10:23–25; 11:1–13
Biblical Truth: Although Solomon was renowned worldwide for his wisdom, he allowed his relationships with his foreign wives to compromise his relationship with God.

Lesson 33: Prophet Elijah, Part 1

Biblical Passage: 1 Kings 17:1–16
Biblical Truth: God provides for those who trust Him and remain committed to Him.

Lesson 34: Prophet Elijah, Part 2

Biblical Passage: 1 Kings 19:9–18
Biblical Truth: God is always near even when you feel alone.

Lesson 35: Prophet Elisha

Biblical Passage: 2 Kings 2:1–18

Biblical Truth: God calls and equips His servants for His purposes.

Lesson 36: Prophet Hosea

Biblical Passage: Hosea 1:1–3; 3:1–5; 14:1–9

Biblical Truth: God wants to redeem us, not reject us.

Lesson 37: Prophet Isaiah

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 6:1–8

Biblical Truth: Intimacy with Holy God leads to God being exalted, the sin of man being exposed, the repentant man being cleansed, and a servant surrendered for service.

Lesson 38: King Hezekiah

Biblical Passages: 2 Kings 17:3–8; 18:1–7, 26–35; 19:14–20, 35–37

Biblical Truth: God miraculously delivered Hezekiah and Judah from the powerful Assyrian army because they humbly turned to the Lord in repentance and prayer.

Lesson 39: Prophet Jonah

Biblical Passages: Jonah 1:1–12, 17; 2:10–4:11

Biblical Truth: God expects me to listen and obey what He says.

Lesson 40: King Josiah

Biblical Passages: 2 Chronicles 34:1–7; 2 Kings 22:8–20; 23:3, 21–25

Biblical Truth: God works wonderful things through those who seek Him faithfully.

Lesson 41: Prophet Jeremiah

Biblical Passages: Jeremiah 1:4–10; 20:7–18

Biblical Truth: Jeremiah's faithfulness to God was stronger than his fear of the people.

Lesson 42: Prophet Habakkuk

Biblical Passage: Habakkuk 1:2–2:4

Biblical Truth: Although we cannot always see God's plan, we must still place our faith in Him.

Lesson 43: Prophet Ezekiel

Biblical Passages: Ezekiel 2:3–10; 33:7–12

Biblical Truth: Ezekiel was to warn the people about the danger of their sin.

Lesson 44: Danie, Part 1

Biblical Passage: Daniel 6:1–24

Biblical Truth: Daniel did not back down from his convictions even when it could have cost him his life.

Lesson 45: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

Biblical Passage: Daniel 3:1–30

Biblical Truth: God uses circumstances that are out of our control to test our faith.

Lesson 46: Danie, Part 2

Biblical Passage: Daniel 9:1–23

Biblical Truth: Daniel's prayer of faith demonstrated a God-focused attitude of humility.

Lesson 47: Esther

Biblical Passage: Esther 4:1–5:3

Biblical Truth: God had strategically placed Esther in a position to provide deliverance for the Jews.

Lesson 48: Nehemiah

Biblical Passage: Nehemiah 4:1–23

Biblical Truth: Those who desire to follow God's plan will suffer persecution.

Community

The New Testament Church— The Essence of Fellowship

Lesson 1: God's Army: What is the Church?

Biblical Passage: Matthew 16:13–20; Acts 1:1–3

Biblical Truth: The Church is the body of believers, both local and global, founded on Jesus Christ (God's Son) and commissioned with proclaiming His true identity to the world.

Lesson 2: The Power of the Spirit: Jesus' Ascension and the Holy Spirit

Biblical Passage: Acts 1:4–14

Biblical Truth: Jesus promised to give the Church His Holy Spirit to empower them to share the gospel with all people.

Lesson 3: The Church Founders: The Choosing of Mathias

Biblical Passage: Acts 1:15–26

Biblical Truth: The apostles had to replace Judas with a capable leader.

Lesson 4: Baptism of the Spirit: The Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Biblical Passage: Acts 2:1–13

Biblical Truth: On the day of Pentecost, God sent His Holy Spirit to dwell in those who placed their trust in Christ.

Lesson 5: The Church's Message: Peter Speaks

Biblical Passage: Acts 2:14–25, 32–33

Biblical Truth: Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the heartbeat of the gospel message.

Lesson 6: The Church in the World: Creating the Church

Biblical Passage: Acts 2:37–47

Biblical Truth: The Church is physically present in this world through communities of Christ-worshiping believers.

Lesson 7: Physical Opposition: Peter, John, and the Sanhedrin

Biblical Passage: Acts 4:1–12

Biblical Truth: God grants believers the strength and boldness to remain faithful to Him even in the face of physical persecution.

Lesson 8: One Community: Sharing Among Believers

Biblical Passage: Acts 4:32–37

Biblical Truth: True community happens when people unselfishly participate in one another's lives.

Lesson 9: Integrity: Ananias and Sapphira

Biblical Passage: Acts 5:1–11

Biblical Truth: God's people must honor Christ with their motives, actions, and character.

Lesson 10: An Invincible Church: Persecution of the Apostles

Biblical Passage: Acts 5:17–32, 41–42

Biblical Truth: God's people proclaim the good news despite persecution—believing in the power of the gospel.

Lesson 11: Shared Ministry: Choosing the Seven

Biblical Passage: Acts 6:1–7

Biblical Truth: Every believer should participate in the ministry of the Church.

Lesson 12: The Martyrdom of Saints: The Stoning of Stephen

Biblical Passage: Acts 7:54–60

Biblical Truth: True disciples will risk anything for the One who died for them.

Lesson 13: God's Perfect Plan: The Dispersion of the Church

Biblical Passage: Acts 8:1–8

Biblical Truth: As Christians were dispersed around the world, they became a part of God's sovereign agenda of making disciples of all nations.

Lesson 14: An Amazing Conversion: Philip and the Ethiopian

Biblical Passage: Acts 8:26–40

Biblical Truth: The Holy Spirit had been at work in the Ethiopian and arranged an encounter between him and Philip.

Lesson 15: The Apostle to the Gentiles: The Conversion of Saul

Biblical Passage: Acts 9:1–16

Biblical Truth: God graciously saved Saul and made him the apostle to the Gentiles.

Lesson 16: From Jews to Gentiles: Peter and Cornelius

Biblical Passage: Acts 10:34–48

Biblical Truth: God desires the salvation of people from all races.

Lesson 17: A Growing Church: The Church at Antioch Biblical Passage: Acts 11:19–26

Biblical Truth: The news of Jesus Christ began to spread.

Lesson 18: Reaching the Lost: Paul's First Missionary Journey

Biblical Passage: Acts 13:1–12

Biblical Truth: God wants every church to focus its energy and resources on reaching the unreached.

Lesson 19: Supporting Missionaries: Paul and Barnabas Return to Antioch

Biblical Passage: Acts 14:21–28

Biblical Truth: Paul and Barnabas followed up with the recent converts, strengthening and encouraging their spiritual growth.

Lesson 20: Healing a Rift: The Jerusalem Council

Biblical Passage: Acts 15:6–12; 22–30

Biblical Truth: Church leaders affirmed the spread of the gospel to all people.

Lesson 21: Valuable for Service: Paul and Barnabas' Disagreement Biblical

Passage: Acts 15:36–40

Biblical Truth: Paul and Barnabas parted company over a disagreement.

Lesson 22: Spiritual Parenthood: Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey and Timothy

Biblical Passage: Acts 16:1–5

Biblical Truth: Paul, Silas, and Timothy offered encouragement to new believers in the churches.

Lesson 23: Going to Macedonia: Paul's Vision

Biblical Passage: Acts 16:6–15

Biblical Truth: Because of a vision, Paul carried the gospel to Europe.

Lesson 24: Singing in Jail: Paul and Silas in Prison

Biblical Passage: Acts 16:16–34

Biblical Truth: Paul and Silas showed faith in God even in their darkest times and God delivered them.

Lesson 25: The Unknown God: Paul in Athens

Biblical Passage: Acts 17:22–34

Biblical Truth: Paul used a local altar to an unknown god to present Christ.

Lesson 26: A Night's Vision: Paul in Corinth

Biblical Passage: Acts 18:9–17

Biblical Truth: Despite the opposition of the Jews, God affirmed His hand on Paul and the message.

Lesson 27: The Church Expectant: The Return of Christ

Biblical Passage: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Biblical Truth: Jesus will rescue His church out of this world and unite all believers together forever.

Lesson 28: Spiritual Opposition: The Riot in Ephesus and Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey

Biblical Passage: Acts 19:21–41

Biblical Truth: Christians must realize who their enemy is and how to gain victory over him in order to be faithful messengers of Christ.

Lesson 29: Internal Divisions: Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, Part 1

Biblical Passage: 1 Corinthians 3:1–9

Biblical Truth: Opposition occurs in the church when people are glorified and members are spiritually immature.

Lesson 30: Accountability: Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, Part 2

Biblical Passage: 1 Corinthians 5:1–8

Biblical Truth: Out of love, the church must discipline those who dishonor Christ and who dismantle the unity of the church.

Lesson 31: The Lord's Supper: Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, Part 3

Biblical Passage: 1 Corinthians 11:17–29

Biblical Truth: The Lord's Supper is a symbol of hope for believers and should be taken with a reverent and repentant spirit.

Lesson 32: Spiritual Gifts: Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, Part 4

Biblical Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:4–11

Biblical Truth: Believers should use their spiritual gifts to edify the body and bring glory to God.

Lesson 33: Giving: Paul's Instructions to the Corinthian Church

Biblical Passage: 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

Biblical Truth: God desires for Christians to give willingly through the church in order to support ministry and bring glory to Him.

Lesson 34: Rebuking in Love: Paul's Disagreement with Peter

Biblical Passage: Galatians 2:11–21

Biblical Truth: Paul rebuked Peter for being unfaithful to Gentile believers.

Lesson 35: Faithfulness at Great Cost: Paul's Parting Message to the Ephesians

Biblical Passage: Acts 20:17–38

Biblical Truth: Faithful spiritual leaders must teach God's Word sacrificially, consistently, faithfully and boldly in order to protect the church from false teachers.

Lesson 36: Testimony in Chains: Paul's Arrest

Biblical Passage: Acts 24:24–27; 25:9–12; 26:24–32

Biblical Truth: Paul boldly proclaimed Christ from prison in Jerusalem.

Lesson 37: An Indirect Path: Paul Sails for Rome

Biblical Passage: Acts 27:39–28:6

Biblical Truth: Despite great obstacles, God arranged for Paul to preach the gospel in Rome.

Lesson 38: Every Opportunity: Paul Preaches in Prison

Biblical Passage: Acts 28:23–30

Biblical Truth: Paul shared the gospel with any who would listen while he was in prison.

Lesson 39: One in Christ: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Part 1

Biblical Passage: Ephesians 2:11–22

Biblical Truth: The church is made up of people from all races that are brought together by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Lesson 40: Equipping for Ministry: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Part 2

Biblical Passage: Ephesians 4:11–16

Biblical Truth: God provides equipping ministers to help mold Christians into Christ's image through the teaching of His Word.

Lesson 41: A Unified Church: Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Biblical Passage: Philippians 2:1–11

Biblical Truth: The church must be a unified body that imitates the character of Christ and seeks to bring glory to Christ.

Lesson 42: Prayer: Paul's First Letter to Timothy, Part 1

Biblical Passage: 1 Timothy 2:1–8

Biblical Truth: The church must diligently pray for those who can influence society for the advancement of the kingdom.

Lesson 43: Qualified Leaders: Paul's First Letter to Timothy, Part 2

Biblical Passage: 1 Timothy 3:1–16

Biblical Truth: Leaders in the church must meet certain biblical criteria in order to be accepted.

Lesson 44: The Bible: Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, Part 1

Biblical Passage: 2 Timothy 3:14–17

Biblical Truth: The Bible is God's inspired Word and the church's authority for faith and practice.

Lesson 45: Preaching and Teaching: Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, Part 2

Biblical Passage: 2 Timothy 4:1–4

Biblical Truth: Teaching and preaching the Bible are God's primary means of growing Christians in Christ- likeness and protecting them from spiritual pitfalls.

Lesson 46: Your Role: Peter and the Priesthood of Believers

Biblical Passage: 1 Peter 2:4–10

Biblical Truth: God's people have the privilege of communing with God, and ministering for and to God through Jesus Christ.

Lesson 47: The Church Prepared: John's Vision

Biblical Passage: Revelation 1:9–20

Biblical Truth: Jesus is in the process of purifying His church in preparation for His return.

Lesson 48: The Church Eternal: The New Jerusalem

Biblical Passage: Revelation 21:1–8

Biblical Truth: The church ultimately will dwell with God in eternity.

REVERB

Our Lives Echo in the World

DRIVE: The Mission of God in the World

Lesson 1: God's Global Mission

Biblical Passage: Psalm 67:1-7

Biblical Truth: God's purpose is to bless His people so that His salvation and glory will be known in all nations

Lesson 2: Christ's Commission

Biblical Passage: Matthew 28:16-20

Biblical Truth: Obedience to God's commission results in our blessing and His glory.

Lesson 3: The Mission's Cost

Biblical Passage: Matthew 3:11-17

Biblical Truth: God's mission requires a willingness to sacrifice self-interests, even at great cost.

Lesson 4: Called and Sent

Biblical Passages: Luke 9:1-6, 10:1-2

Biblical Truth: The call to be a disciple of Jesus includes being sent out to declare the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Lesson 5: The Great Commission

Biblical Passage: John 12:23-33

Biblical Truth: Jesus commissioned all believers to become disciple-makers among the nations.

Lesson 6: Sharing His Glory

Biblical Passage: Psalm 96:1-13

Biblical Truth: Declaring God's glory to all people in all nations should be the goal of our lives.

Step out: Responding to God's Call

Lesson 1: What is The Call?

Biblical Passages: Matthew 16:24-26, Acts 1:8

Biblical Truth: Responding to God's call means that we understand fully what's at stake, realizing what it will cost.

Lesson 2: As You Go

Biblical Passages: John 4:7-14, 29, 39-42

Biblical Truth: Jesus was a living example of what He commissioned His disciples to do—"As you go, make disciples."

Lesson 3: Without Delay

Biblical Passage: Matthew 4:18-22

Biblical Truth: When it is apparent that God is calling us, it doesn't require us to take weeks to fast and pray in order to respond in obedience.

Lesson 4: Not a Timid Response

Biblical Passage: Acts 25:23-26:32

Biblical Truth: When we know the certainty of God's call on our lives, our responses to God become automatic, allowing us to move with Him, acting and speaking as He leads.

Lesson 5: Jonah's Response

Biblical Passages: Jonah 1:1-4, 3:1-6, 4:1-3

Biblical Truth: God desires that our response to His call would be one of faith and trust, knowing that His very best is offered.

Lesson 6: Isaiah's Response

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 6:1-8

Biblical Truth: God does what is needed in our lives in order that we are set free to respond to His call.

THE ANSWER: The Motivating Love of God

Lesson 1: The Source

Biblical Passage: 1 John 4:7-8

Biblical Truth: God is the source of love.

Lesson 2: Love's Great Sacrifice

Biblical Passage: 1 John 4:9-12

Biblical Truth: Out of His great love for His children, God sent His Son, Jesus, as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Lesson 3: Answering Love

Biblical Passage: Matthew 22:34-40

Biblical Truth: We are called to respond to God's love by loving Him, and loving others in His name.

Lesson 4: Vertical Worship

Biblical Passage: Psalm 103:1-12

Biblical Truth: Our hearts are to overflow with praise to God in response to His great love for us.

Lesson 5: Vertical Obedience

Biblical Passage: John 14:15-24

Biblical Truth: If we love the Lord, we will live a lifestyle of obedience.

Lesson 6: Horizontal Living

Biblical Passage: Romans 13:8-11

Biblical Truth: Because we love Christ, we must actively and practically express love to others.

TRANSFER: Disciple Making 101

Lesson 1: Teach By Example

Biblical Passage: 1 Timothy 4:11-16

Biblical Truth: Teaching, through the Word and example, is an essential aspect of our commission.

Lesson 2: Testify to the Gospel

Biblical Passage: 2 Timothy 1:8-12

Biblical Truth: We must not be ashamed to tell others about the gospel of Christ.

Lesson 3: Teaching What is Right

Biblical Passage: Titus 2:11-3:2

Biblical Truth: Our teaching should lead people to live godly lives as evidence of the grace of God.

Lesson 4: Serve the World/Love Others

Biblical Passage: Philemon 1:4-6

Biblical Truth: Faith in the Lord is inseparable from love for others.

Lesson 5: Do Good to Others

Biblical Passage: 1 Peter 3:8-16

Biblical Truth: As humility and service permeate our relationships, the way we interact will reflect Christ's love.

Lesson 6: Show Mercy

Biblical Passage: Jude 17-23

Biblical Truth: Our ability to show mercy to those who doubt provides a witness to God's love.

EMPOWERED: A Look at the Holy Spirit

Lesson 1: We Have the Power

Biblical Passage: Acts 1:4-9

Biblical Truth: The Holy Spirit empowers Christians to fulfill their mission in life.

Lesson 2: Another Helper

Biblical Passage: John 14:15-17

Biblical Truth: The Holy Spirit is our helper and indwells all believers.

Lesson 3: How Can We Know?

Biblical Passage: John 14:23-27

Biblical Truth: The Spirit continues to teach us about Jesus and helps us recall all that he said and did.

Lesson 4: The Big Show

Biblical Passage: John 15:26-16:4

Biblical Truth: The Holy Spirit equips us to bear witness about Jesus in the world.

Lesson 5: The Confidence of Certainty Biblical Passage: John 16:5-11

Biblical Truth: The Holy Spirit convicts the world.

Lesson 6: Guide to Life

Biblical Passage: John 16:12-15

Biblical Truth: The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth to the glory of God.

CRUX: Romans and the Gospel Message

Lesson 1: Something for Everyone

Biblical Passage: Romans 1:14-17

Biblical Truth: God's salvation is available to anyone and everyone.

Lesson 2: Everyone Blows It

Biblical Passage: Romans 3:21-24

Biblical Truth: All people have sinned and broken their relationship with God but may be saved through faith in Jesus.

Lesson 3: In the Nick of Time

Biblical Passages: Romans 5:6-11, 5:15

Biblical Truth: God took the initiative to provide the way to salvation so everyone can be made right with Him.

Lesson 4: Getting the Word Out

Biblical Passage: Romans 10:8-15

Biblical Truth: Because everyone can be saved through faith, the message of salvation must be shared with all people.

Lesson 5: The Good Life

Biblical Passage: Romans 12:9-21

Biblical Truth: Since we have been entrusted with the message of salvation, we must prove to be faithful in all our actions, overcoming evil with good.

Lesson 6: Cause and Effect

Biblical Passage: Romans 15:1-7

Biblical Truth: Living the Gospel message by the endurance and encouragement granted to us by God brings glory to God.

LIVING LOUD: People Whose Lives Were Heard

Lesson 1: Moses: Surrender to the Mission

Biblical Passage: Exodus 3:1-10, 4:10-18

Biblical Truth: Though he felt inadequate, Moses surrendered to God's call to mission.

Lesson 2: Elijah: On Mission in a Hostile World

Biblical Passage: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Biblical Truth: God encouraged Elijah to stay committed to His mission even though the world around Elijah was hostile.

Lesson 3: John the Baptist: On Mission Regardless of Cost

Biblical Passage: Mark 6:17-29

Biblical Truth: John the Baptist paid the ultimate price for living his life on mission.

Lesson 4: Nehemiah: Rising to the Challenge

Biblical Passages: Nehemiah 4:1-3, 6:5-9, 6:15-16

Biblical Truth: In the face of great odds and much ridicule, Nehemiah and the Jews rebuilt Jerusalem's wall.

Lesson 5: Philip: Anytime, Anywhere

Biblical Passage: Acts 8:26-40

Biblical Truth: Philip was willing for God to use him anywhere and anytime.

Lesson 6: Barnabas: Supporting as we go

Biblical Passages: Acts 4:32-36, 11:19-24, 15:36-41

Biblical Truth: Barnabas constantly uplifted and supported those around him as he lived his life on mission for God.

Squeeze: Getting Through the Tough Times

Lesson 1: The Real Enemy

Biblical Passage: John 15:18-25, 16:33

Biblical Truth: True followers of Christ will encounter opposition in a world that doesn't want to understand the nature of God and His ways.

Lesson 2: The Enemy Within

Biblical Passage: Romans 7:14-8:2

Biblical Truth: There is conflict within us between our spirit and our flesh that can only be overcome by the grace of Jesus Christ.

Lesson 3: Going on the Defense

Biblical Passage: Ephesians 6:10-18

Biblical Truth: There are forces of spiritual evil at work around us, but God has equipped us to withstand that evil.

Lesson 4: Loving the Unlovable

Biblical Passage: Luke 6:27-36

Biblical Truth: Our response to those with whom we have conflict should be to love them.

Lesson 5: Push Through It

Biblical Passage: Philippians 3:12-4:1

Biblical Truth: Though it can be so difficult at times that others falter, we must stand firm and strive for the goal that is in Christ Jesus.

Lesson 6: More Than Own Our Own

Biblical Passage: Joshua 1:1-9

Biblical Truth: Because we do not have the option to not engage the world, God has promised to be with us every step of the way.

Linked

Connections Between God, Each Other and Us

Justice: The Rightness and Fairness of God

Lesson 1: Just God

Biblical Passages: Psalm 9:7-20
Biblical Truth: God is just.

Lesson 2: God Cares

Biblical Passages: Psalm 116:1-11

Biblical Truth: God has compassion for those who suffer.

Lesson 3: God Judges

Biblical Passages: Psalm 82:1-8

Biblical Truth: God judges and condemns those who perpetrate injustice.

Lesson 4: God Delivers

Biblical Passages: Psalm 146:5-9

Biblical Truth: God seeks active rescue for the victims of injustice.

Lesson 5: The Injustice Problem

Biblical Passage: Jeremiah 12:1-17 (or Jeremiah 12:1-4, 14-17)

Biblical Truth: God displays His justice by seeking the redemption and reconciliation of those who perpetrate injustice.

Lesson 6: Do Justice

Biblical Passage: Micah 6:1-8

Biblical Truth: In response to His faithfulness, God calls His people to live lives with Him distinguished by justice, mercy and humility.

Nexus: God's Covenant With Us

Lesson 1: Created for a Relationship

Biblical Passage: Genesis 1:26-31

Biblical Truth: God's desire to be in relationship with people is unique in all of creation.

Lesson 2: Different From The Rest

Biblical Passage: Genesis 15:1-21

Biblical Truth: God has entered into a covenantal relationship with His children.

Lesson 3: What's Love Got To Do With It?

Biblical Passage: Deuteronomy 7:6-13

Biblical Truth: God established a covenant with His people because of His love.

Lesson 4: Jesus Enters the Picture

Biblical Passage: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 9:15

Biblical Truth: Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus provided a way for us to be in perfect relationship with God.

Lesson 5: All Things New

Biblical Passage: Colossians 3:1-14

Biblical Truth: A relationship with Christ changes us; our character becomes a reflection of Him.

Lesson 6: Relationship With A Purpose

Biblical Passage: Exodus 19:1-6; Matthew 28:16-20

Biblical Truth: God's design for people was to be in relationship with us, and that through this relationship we might testify to the world about the truth of God and His love for all humankind.

Bridging the gap: A Look at Isaiah

Lesson 1: Reason Together

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 1:4-20

Biblical Truth: The sin of God's people repeatedly stood in the way of their relationship with Him.

Lesson 2: Righteous Wrath

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 24:1-23

Biblical Truth: God does not take sin lightly and will bring judgment upon those who break their covenant with Him.

Lesson 3: Quick Grace

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 30:18-26

Biblical Truth: Though God hates sin, He is ready, willing and quick to offer grace and forgiveness to sinners.

Lesson 4: Safe and Secure

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 43:1-13

Biblical Truth: When in relationship with God we have nothing to fear and can confidently trust in His salvation.

Lesson 5: Suffering Servant

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 53:1-12

Biblical Truth: God's salvation requires His own pain and suffering on our behalf.

Lesson 6: Free Future

Biblical Passage: Isaiah 65:17-25

Biblical Truth: God's saving work includes a future plan for a world free from sin.

the Means: The Grace of God

Lesson 1: Why Grace

Biblical Passage: Romans 3:21-28

Biblical Truth: Sin separates us from God and deserves punishment. But God's grace, made available through Christ's sacrifice, covers our sin and makes us right with God.

Lesson 2: Grace On Display

Biblical Passage: Ephesians 2:1-7

Biblical Truth: The ultimate expression of God's grace was through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Lesson 3: Grace We Need

Biblical Passage: Ephesians 1:11-14

Biblical Truth: Hearing the truth of Christ, and believing in Him, unlocks for us the limitless richness of God's grace.

Lesson 4: Life-Giving Grace

Biblical Passage: Romans 5:12-21

Biblical Truth: God's unmerited grace overcomes even the most ingrained sin in the life of those who turn to Him.

Lesson 5: Life-Changing Grace

Biblical Passage: 1 Peter 1:22—2:3

Biblical Truth: Our characters should reflect the profound change God's grace has made in our lives.

Lesson 6: How Does God's Grace Change How We See Others?

Biblical Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Biblical Truth: The grace God has demonstrated to us compels us to tell the world of the amazing reality that His grace is available to all who might believe.

TOGETHER: How We Relate to Others

Lesson 1: Made for Each Other

Biblical Passages: Genesis 2:18–25

Biblical Truth: God created human relationships because He knew it was not good for people to be alone.

Lesson 2: Love One Another

Biblical Passage: John 15:9–17

Biblical Truth: Jesus calls His followers to love others with the same sacrificial love He showed the world on the cross.

Lesson 3: Established Relationships

Biblical Passages: 1 Samuel 20:1–17, 42

Biblical Truth: David and Jonathan swore a covenant with each other and each other's descendants.

Lesson 4: Lasting Relationships

Biblical Passages: 2 Samuel 9:1–13

Biblical Truth: David honored his covenant with Jonathan by showing kindness to Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth.

Lesson 5: Unified Together

Biblical Passages: Ephesians 2:11–22

Biblical Truth: Through the new covenant, Jesus broke down the barrier between Jews and Gentiles and unified all believers.

Lesson 6: Mutual Respect

Biblical Passage: Ephesians 5:21–6:9

Biblical Truth: Family relationships are to be marked by a mutual submission to one another out of reverence for Christ.

CHOSEN: A Study on the Peoples of God

Lesson 1: What If?

Biblical Passage: Jonah 1:1; 3:1-10

Biblical Truth: Because they believed in God, the Ninevites repented of their sin, allowing God to demonstrate His compassion for them.

Lesson 2: The Need to be Needy

Biblical Passage: Revelation 3:14-22

Biblical Truth: Spiritual comfort and complacency is a serious obstacle to Christian community.

Lesson 3: True Community

Biblical Passage: Acts 2:42-47

Biblical Truth: A community of believers united in Christ should be identified by their fellowship, their worship, and their sacrifice.

Lesson 4: Give Yourself Away

Biblical Passage: Philippians 4:14-23

Biblical Truth: As Christ-followers, we have an obligation to support those who are in need.

Lesson 5: Swimming Upstream

Biblical Passage: Daniel 1:2-21

Biblical Truth: Living out your faith in the midst of a hostile culture serves as a powerful witness to the power of being in relationship with God.

Lesson 6: Carry Each Other's Burdens

Biblical Passage: Galatians 6:1-5

Biblical Truth: Authentic, intimate community is the foundation for compassion and accountability.

ALL ABOUT YOU: Living a Life of Worship

Lesson 1: Knowing the One We Worship

Biblical Passage: Psalm 104:1-4; 24-35

Biblical Truth: To the extent that we know God, we will worship Him.

Lesson 2: Worship: It's His Call to Make

Biblical Passage: Deuteronomy 5:6-22; 6:4-9

Biblical Truth: If God is the author of worship, He is the only one who knows how we are to worship Him.

Lesson 3: An Audience of One

Biblical Passage: Psalm 100

Biblical Truth: As His worshipers, we are those who offer Him praise and thanksgiving with our lives and He is the audience.

Lesson 4: Not Confined to a Place

Biblical Passage: John 4:19-26

Biblical Truth: Worship in the Spirit is not confined to a time or a place, but takes place wherever the Spirit is.

Lesson 5: Sacrifice: A Primary Ingredient

Biblical Passage: Romans 11:30—12:2

Biblical Truth: Our response to God because of His mercy upon our lives should be to live our lives in worship.

Lesson 6: Worship is a Forever Thing

Biblical Passage: Revelation 4:6-11

Biblical Truth: Because God, the creator of all things is eternal, we will worship Him throughout all eternity.

NEXT: God's Promise for the Future

Lesson 1: The God of the Future

Biblical Passage: Psalm 90:1-6

Biblical Truth: God is the God of the past, present, and, especially, the future.

Lesson 2: His vs. Mine

Biblical Passage: James 4:13-15

Biblical Truth: Our plans for the future should be solely motivated by God's will.

Lesson 3: Living In Today

Biblical Passage: Matthew 6:25-34

Biblical Truth: Because God is in control of the future, there is need for any of His children to be anxious about tomorrow.

Lesson 4: What Is To Come?

Biblical Passage: Revelation 21:1-8

Biblical Truth: God will ultimately restore the order He established in Eden, where He will dwell among His people, and they will live with Him.

Lesson 5: What Is God Waiting For?

Biblical Passage: 2 Peter 3:8-15

Biblical Truth: God's timing provides opportunity for those who are lost to come to know God and experience salvation.

Lesson 6: Be Ready

Biblical Passage: Matthew 24:30-44

Biblical Truth: Because God will fulfill His plan at an hour unknown to anyone but Him, we must live as people expecting God to come any day.

Prime

Ready to Live for God First

THE OTHER LIFE: Set Apart in Holiness

Lesson 1: Holy, Holy, Holy

Biblical Passage: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Biblical Truth: God calls His followers to live a life of holiness apart from the world and their former sinful lives.

Lesson 2: Why Does It Matter to Anyone Besides Me?

Biblical Passage: 1 Peter 2:9-12

Biblical Truth: The call to holiness is rooted in proclaiming God to the nations.

Lesson 3: Abandoned Love

Biblical Passages: 1 John 2:15-17, 5:3-5

Biblical Truth: A life of holiness loves Christ above all things, obeys Him fully, and abandons love of the world.

Lesson 4: Tunnel Vision

Biblical Passage: Romans 8:1-8

Biblical Truth: Living a holy life requires a mind focused clearly and deliberately on the things of the Spirit.

Lesson 5: A Fruitful Crop

Biblical Passage: Galatians 5:16-26

Biblical Truth: Allowing the Spirit to control one's life results in an overflow of spiritual character that reflects a new life with Christ.

Lesson 6: Unselfish Significance

Biblical Passage: Philippians 2:1-5

Biblical Truth: Godly relationships are to be based on unselfish love for others.

CADENCE: The Enduring Rhythm of Holy Disciplines

Lesson 1: Pray – The Discipline of Prayer
Biblical Passage: Luke 11:1-13
Biblical Truth: God is faithful to answer our prayers.

Lesson 2: Study – The Discipline of Scripture Study
Biblical Passage: Psalm 119:9-16
Biblical Truth: Studying and adhering to God’s Word keeps us from sinning.

Lesson 3: Fast – The Discipline of Fasting
Biblical Passage: Matthew 4:1-4
Biblical Truth: Fasting from things in this world frees us to have a greater focus on God.

Lesson 4: Give – The Discipline of Giving
Biblical Passage: Mark 12:41-44
Biblical Truth: Giving sacrificially is better than giving out of abundance.

Lesson 5: Think – The Discipline of Meditation
Biblical Passage: Philippians 4:4-9
Biblical Truth: Thinking about the things of God leads to experiencing the peace of God.

Lesson 6: Rest – The Discipline of Sabbath
Biblical Passage: Exodus 20:8-11
Biblical Truth: Christians are called to have one day a week set aside for God in whom they can rest.

INSIDE OUT: Turning Faith into Action

Lesson 1: Growing Faith
Biblical Passages: James 1:2-4, 12-17
Biblical Truth: Mature faith develops from overcoming circumstances that challenge dependence and trust in God.

Lesson 2: More than a Glance
Biblical Passage: James 1:21-25
Biblical Truth: The Word of God changes lives when it is not only heard but becomes integrated into one’s life.

Lesson 3: Pure and undefiled

Biblical Passage: James 1:26-27

Biblical Truth: God desires a faith that spurs believers to minister to the oppressed and needy and separate themselves from the world.

Lesson 4: Even the Demons

Biblical Passage: James 2:14-26

Biblical Truth: True faith in Christ is characterized by an outpouring of obedience to God.

Lesson 5: A Single Spark

Biblical Passage: James 3:2-12

Biblical Truth: Words reflect the heart of a person and has the potential to affect people in great ways.

Lesson 6: Ambitious Imitation

Biblical Passage: James 4:1-10

Biblical Truth: Selfish ambition is an imitation of the world and the source of much conflict and godless behavior.

MISFITS: People Who Walked by Faith

Lesson 1: Things Not Seen

Biblical Passage: Hebrews 11:1-16

Biblical Truth: Faith is the defining characteristic of a life pleasing to God.

Lesson 2: Put On Your Big Boy Pants

Biblical Passages: Job 38:1-41, 40:1-8

Biblical Truth: God is in control, even when His people don't understand what is happening.

Lesson 3: Whatever You Say (Is Possible) Biblical Passage: Luke 1:26-38

Biblical Truth: Nothing that God says is impossible.

Lesson 4: Do Something

Biblical Passages: Hebrews 11:23-29; Exodus 14:10-31

Biblical Truth: True faith means trusting God enough to take action.

Lesson 5: For His Sake, Not Our Own

Biblical Passage: 1 Kings 18:17-39

Biblical Truth: The goal of faith is to make God's glory known.

Lesson 6: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Biblical Passage: Revelation 22:6-21

Biblical Truth: Faith will ultimately be rewarded by eternal life with Christ.

BRAINSWEAT: The Anatomy of Wisdom

Lesson 1: Wise Fear

Biblical Passages: Proverbs 1:1-7; 8:13; 9:10

Biblical Truth: The fear of God results in a godly life that knows God and hates sin.

Lesson 2: Just Ask

Biblical Passage: 2 Chronicles 1:7-12

Biblical Truth: God offers wisdom to those who seek it.

Lesson 3: Pay Attention

Biblical Passage: 1 Kings 11:1-13

Biblical Truth: A Christian's relationship with God and with others must be guarded.

Lesson 4: Quite the Character

Biblical Passage: James 3:13-18

Biblical Truth: Wisdom from God directly affects both one's personal character and daily life.

Lesson 5: All is Vanity

Biblical Passages: Ecclesiastes 2:12-17, 12:13-14

Biblical Truth: Ultimately, a life of meaning is only found in obedience to God.

Lesson 6: Wisdom Personified

Biblical Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:20-2:5

Biblical Truth: Within Jesus is the personification of God's wisdom.

ENTRUSTED: Wisely Using God's Gifts

Lesson 1: Every Minute Counts

Biblical Passage: Ephesians 5:8-17

Biblical Truth: Because the world is full of sin, Christ's followers must be careful to live each moment of in a way that exposes evil and fulfills God's revealed mission in the world.

Lesson 2: Anointed Skills

Biblical Passage: Exodus 31:1-11

Biblical Truth: God blesses His people with skills and talents to achieve His purposes.

Lesson 3: All for Him

Biblical Passage: Matthew 25:14-30

Biblical Truth: God expects His followers to be faithful stewards of their resources.

Lesson 4: Sufficiently Content

Biblical Passage: 1 Timothy 6:6-11

Biblical Truth: A greedy desire for money, above being content in sufficiency, can be the root of many sins.

Lesson 5: Gifted

Biblical Passage: Romans 12:3-8

Biblical Truth: God has given each believer at least one gift to use to help the body of Christ accomplish His mission.

Lesson 6: Love Makes the Difference

Biblical Passage: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Biblical Truth: Spiritual gifts are to be used for others through love and the power of God and for the glory of God.

RESET: What Happens When We Mess Up

Lesson 1: Recognize – Confess that Sin is a Big Deal

Biblical Passage: Psalm 51:1-10

Biblical Truth: The seriousness of sin requires confession before God.

Lesson 2: Receive – Accept the Consequences for Actions

Biblical Passage: Jonah 1:1-2:10

Biblical Truth: People must accept the consequences for their sin.

Lesson 3: Repent – Leave the Past Behind and Move Forward

Biblical Passages: Romans 6:1-14, John 8:1-11

Biblical Truth: Christ calls sinners to turn away from lives of sin to new lives of freedom.

Lesson 4: Refine – Have a Conscience Cleansed from Guilt

Biblical Passages: Hebrews 9:1-14, 10:14-18

Biblical Truth: Followers of Christ no longer carry the burden of guilt for past sin.

Lesson 5: Reconcile – Make Things Right with Other People

Biblical Passage: Luke 19:1-10

Biblical Truth: Those who experience the love of Christ show evidence of their life-change in their earthly relationships.

Lesson 6: Represent – Share the Life-changing Power of God

Biblical Passage: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Biblical Truth: Those who are redeemed will spend their lives testifying to the grace of God.

FAQS: Big Questions from Our Hearts and Minds

Lesson 1: Is Jesus really the only way to heaven? Biblical Passage: John 14:1-7

Biblical Truth: Jesus is the only way to God the Father.

Lesson 2: What's the big deal about sex?

Biblical Passage: Song of Solomon 1:15-2:17

Biblical Truth: God's design for the sexual relationship between a husband and wife is so good that it should be guarded and protected.

Lesson 3: Is homosexuality wrong?

Biblical Passage: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Biblical Truth: Christians that have been washed, sanctified and justified by God leave their sin in the past.

Lesson 4: Is there anything that can make God love me more or less? Biblical

Passage: Romans 8:28-39

Biblical Truth: Nothing affects the perfect love God has for His chosen people.

Lesson 5: Why is life so hard sometimes?

Biblical Passages: Hebrews 12:4-15

Biblical Truth: Hardships in life are a means through which God disciplines and matures His people.

Lesson 6: What is God's will for my life?

Biblical Passage: Romans 11:33-12:2

Biblical Truth: Discerning God's will requires living solely for Him while being transformed by Him.