

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Curriculum in Religion

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 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 3:14-17

Scriptural Rationale:

We believe that God's Word is the only absolute and inerrant truth. Only through faith in Jesus as our Savior are we washed of our sins and granted entrance to heaven. And we believe that God's Word is the tool he uses to create and maintain that faith in our hearts. God's Word gives us instruction for our daily lives as we strive to serve him in Christian living. We believe that an ongoing and progressively deepening study of Bible history, Bible passages, hymns, and catechism will result in a stronger faith in our Savior and a greater willingness and ability to serve him with our lives. It is our great joy to grow in our knowledge of God's Word and to share it with others.

General Objectives:

Through a study of the Word of God, it is our prayer that students will:

- ✦ Come to faith and/or grow in that faith in Jesus as their Savior.
- ✦ Receive guidance in Christian living
- ✦ Unite with other believers to praise God and grow in his Word.
- ✦ Be equipped to share the message of salvation with others.

Grade-Specific Measurable Objectives:

Grades K3-K4 students will learn the following scriptural truths, spiritual attitudes, and spiritual habits:

Lesson

P-Intro: What is God like?

Objectives

Truth: I can't see God, but I know he loves me and cares for me.

Spiritual Attitude: Being happy to know about God and his love and care.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for his love and care.

P-1: God Creates Our Beautiful World

Truth: God made the world and everything in it with his almighty power and Word.

Spiritual Attitude: Being thankful to God for giving us such a beautiful world.

Spiritual Habit: Showing thanks to God by taking care of his beautiful world.

P-2: God Creates Man and Woman

Truth: God made the first man and woman, and God gives us life.

Spiritual Attitude: Cherishing and respecting the life God has given us.

Spiritual Habit: Praising and thanking God for our lives.

P-3: Adam and Eve Disobey God

Truth: God promised to send a Savior to pay for the sins of Adam, Eve, and all people.

Spiritual Attitude: Being sorry for our sins and trusting God to forgive them.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for sending his Son to be our Savior.

P-4: Cain and Abel Give Offerings to God

Truth: God knows what is in our hearts and sees everything we do.

Spiritual Attitude: Believing that God loves us and wants us to obey him in love.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God for forgiveness for our sins and for help to obey his laws.

P-5: God Saves Noah and His Family

Truth: God saved Noah and his family from the flood.

Spiritual Attitude: Believing that God alone saves us from sin and its punishment.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for sending Jesus to save us.

P-6: God Answers Abraham's Prayer for a Son

Truth: God hears and answers our prayers.

Spiritual Attitude: Being thankful that God wants us to pray to him.

Spiritual Habit: Setting aside times to pray each day.

Lesson

P-7: Jacob Sees a Beautiful Dream

Objectives

Truth: God has forgiven us and is always with us.

Spiritual Attitude: Being sure that our sins are forgiven and God is always with us.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for forgiving us and always being with us.

P-8: God Has a Plan for Joseph

Truth: Sad things happen to us, but God is always with us.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting that God is in charge, even during sad times.

Spiritual Habit: Taking our sadness to God and trusting that he will do what is best.

P-9: Joseph Becomes a Ruler in a Faraway Land

Truth: God is able to make bad things work for our good.

Spiritual Attitude: Being glad to know that God is in control of all things.

Spiritual Habit: Trusting God to take care of everything in our lives.

P-10: Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Truth: God forgives our sins and wants us to forgive others.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to forgive those who sin against us.

Spiritual Habit: Forgiving and showing love to those who sin against us.

P-11: God Takes Care of Baby Moses

Truth: God watches over us.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting in God to watch over us.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for watching over us.

P-12: God Chooses Moses

Truth: God tells believers to share the good news of Jesus with others.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to share Jesus with others.

Spiritual Habit: Praying that God would help Jesus with others.

P-13: God Leads His People Through the Red Sea

Truth: God has the power to help us with any kind of trouble.

Spiritual Attitude: Feeling safe, knowing that God has the power to deliver us.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for his gracious deliverance from trouble.

P-14: God Gives Food to His People

Truth: God promises to provide for our daily needs.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting in God to provide for our daily needs.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for our blessings and sharing them with others.

Lesson

P-15: God Gives the Ten Commandments

Objectives

Truth: God wants us to obey the Ten Commandments.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to show love for God by obeying his commandments.

Spiritual Habit: Using the commandments to guide us as we serve God.

P-16: God Makes the Walls of Jericho Fall Down

Truth: Nothing is too difficult for God.

Spiritual Attitude: Believing that God can help us at all times.

Spiritual Habit: Going to God for help for all things - great and small.

P-17: God Speaks to Samuel

Truth: God tells children to obey their parents.

Spiritual Attitude: Being happy to obey parents.

Spiritual Habit: Obeying parents.

P-18: God Helps David Kill Goliath

Truth: God helps us during times of trouble.

Spiritual Attitude: Being confident that God can help us.

Spiritual Habit: Trusting in God to help us.

P-19: God Rescues Three Men

Truth: God wants us to worship him only.

Spiritual Attitude: Believing that the God of the Bible is the one true God.

Spiritual Habit: Worshiping and serving only the one true God.

P-20: God Has a Special Message for Mary

Truth: God chose Mary to be the mother of the Savior.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God and his Word even when we don't understand.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to help us trust in him.

P-21: Jesus the Savior Is Born

Truth: Jesus loves us and came to earth to save us from sin.

Spiritual Attitude: Believing that Jesus is our Savior from sin.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking Jesus for coming to be our Savior.

P-22: God Leads the Wise Men to Jesus

Truth: God led the wise men to the Savior.

Spiritual Attitude: Being thankful that we have God's Word to lead us to the Savior.

Spiritual Habit: Hearing God's Word often.

Lesson

P-23: God Keeps Jesus Safe

Objectives

Truth: God controls all things - even powerful kings.

Spiritual Attitude: Believing that God loves and protects us.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for protecting Jesus and us.

P-24: Young Jesus Visits the Temple

Truth: Jesus gladly obeyed his heavenly Father and earthly parents.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to show love for God by obeying his commands.

Spiritual Habit: Showing love for God by obeying his commands.

P-25: Jesus Is Baptized by John

Truth: Jesus is God's Son.

Spiritual Attitude: Being glad that Jesus did everything necessary to save us.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking Jesus for doing everything necessary to save us.

P-26: Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

Truth: Jesus has almighty power because he is the Son of God.

Spiritual Attitude: Knowing that Jesus can help us in time of need.

Spiritual Habit: Going to Jesus in prayer when we need help.

P-27: Jesus Helps His Friends Catch Fish

Truth: Jesus wants his followers to tell others about him.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to share Jesus with others.

Spiritual Habit: Telling others about Jesus.

P-28: Jesus Calms the Storm

Truth: Jesus is God and has power over storms.

Spiritual Attitude: Being sure the Lord can help us in times of trouble.

Spiritual Habit: Praying to the Lord in times of trouble.

P-29: Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

Truth: Jesus is God's Son and has the power to heal and to forgive sins.

Spiritual Attitude: Believing that Jesus can heal and forgive.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking Jesus for his help and forgiveness.

P-30: Jesus Brings a Dead Girl Back to Life

Truth: Jesus has power over death.

Spiritual Attitude: Being sure that Jesus will give us and all other believers life in heaven.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking Jesus for our lives on earth and in heaven.

Lesson

P-31: Jesus Feeds More Than Five Thousand People

Objectives

Truth: Jesus fed more than five thousand people with one lunch.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting that God provides for everyday needs.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for providing for everyday needs.

P-32: Jesus Teaches Peter to Trust

Truth: We can trust in Jesus in times of trouble.

Spiritual Attitude: Being confident Jesus has the power to help us in times of trouble.

Spiritual Habit: Praying to Jesus for help in times of trouble.

P-33: The Good Samaritan Helps a Hurt Man

Truth: Jesus taught people to serve others in love.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to love and help others.

Spiritual Habit: Helping others in time of need.

P-34: Jesus Heals Ten Sick Men

Truth: Jesus has power over sickness and death.

Spiritual Attitude: Being confident that Jesus has the power to help us when we are sick.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking Jesus for good health and for helping us when we're sick.

P-35: Jesus Teaches Mary and Martha

Truth: Jesus wants us to put hearing his Word first in our lives.

Spiritual Attitude: Knowing that it is important to hear God's Word.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to keep us from being distracted from hearing his Word.

P-36: Jesus Blesses Children

Truth: Jesus loves people of all ages.

Spiritual Attitude: Being sure of Jesus' love.

Spiritual Habit: Showing love to people of all ages.

P-37: Jesus Changes Zacchaeus' Life

Truth: Jesus loves and forgives sinners.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting that Jesus forgives sinners.

Spiritual Habit: Showing love and kindness to others in thanks to Jesus.

P-38: Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

Truth: Jesus loves us, lived a perfect life for us, and gave his life to save us.

Spiritual Attitude: Being thankful for Jesus' love and care.

Spiritual Habit: Asking Jesus for help to follow him and listen to his voice.

Lesson

P-39: Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem

Objectives

Truth: Jesus is the Savior and the King.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to praise Jesus as Savior and King.

Spiritual Habit: Using our songs, words, and actions to praise Jesus.

P-40: Jesus Prays in the Garden

Truth: Jesus prayed that his Father's will would be done.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God always answers our prayers in ways he knows are best.

Spiritual Habit: Praying often and with confidence that God's will be done.

P-41: Pilate Says that Jesus Should Die

Truth: Jesus never sinned, but he suffered and died to save sinners.

Spiritual Attitude: Believing the salvation Jesus won for us is the most important thing.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking Jesus for suffering and dying to save sinners.

P-42: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Truth: God's Son, Jesus, lived a perfect life and died on the cross to take away our sins.

Spiritual Attitude: Being happy that Jesus died to forgive all people.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking Jesus for being the Savior.

P-43: Jesus Comes Back to Life

Truth: Jesus did not stay dead.

Spiritual Attitude: Rejoicing Jesus rose from the dead and will raise us to life in heaven.

Spiritual Habit: Telling others the good news about Jesus.

P-44: Jesus Helps Thomas Believe

Truth: Jesus wants everyone to believe in him as the risen Savior.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting others to hear about the Savior.

Spiritual Habit: Sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

P-45: Jesus Goes Back to Heaven

Truth: Jesus went back to heaven, but he also is with us every day.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to tell others about Jesus.

Spiritual Habit: Asking Jesus to be with us as we tell others about him.

P-46: The Holy Spirit Comes to Jesus' Friends

Truth: God the Holy Spirit makes faith grow.

Spiritual Attitude: Being glad to hear God's Word.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God the Holy Spirit for giving and preserving our faith.

Lesson

P-47: Stephen Bravely Tells Others about Jesus

Objectives

Truth: Stephen bravely told his enemies about Jesus.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to tell others about Jesus.

Spiritual Habit: Asking the Holy Spirit to make us brave to tell others about Jesus.

P-48: Philip Tells a Man about Jesus

Truth: Philip shared the good news of Jesus with a man from another country.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting people from all over the world to hear God's saving Word.

Spiritual Habit: Helping others learn about Jesus by witnessing, praying, and giving offerings.

K5 students will learn the following scriptural truths and internalize the following objectives:

Lesson

K-1: God Created People
(Genesis 1:26-31)

Objectives

Truths: God made people to live in his wonderful world; God makes each of us a very special and unique person.

Objectives: Recognize that sometimes we don't take care of our bodies (physically, socially, emotionally); begin to understand that God created us perfectly, but forgives us when we don't live that way.

K-2: God Created People
(Genesis 2:4-24)

Truths: God made people to live in his wonderful world because God is love; God loves us and created people to know Him and worship Him.

Objectives: Admit that sometimes we put what we want first rather than what God wants for us, like spending time with him; rejoice that God always forgives us and wants to be with us now and also in heaven someday; enjoy worshiping, praying, and studying God's Word, beginning to understand that we can know God personally.

K-3: The Garden Is Closed
(Genesis 3)

Truths: Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they had to leave the Garden; we sin daily too, but God continues to love people so much that He gave us a Savior to take away our sins.

Lesson

K-3: The Garden Is Closed
(Genesis 3) (cont.)

K-4: Noah and the Flood
(Genesis 6:9-9:17)

K-5: God Blesses Abraham
(Genesis 12:1-9)

K-6: Isaac Is Born
(Genesis 21:1-17)

K-7: Jacob Lies and Runs Away
(Genesis 27, 28:10-22)

Objectives

Objectives: Realize that because of our sins we deserve to be separated from God forever; rejoice that God sent a Savior, Jesus, so that we can be with him again; realize that heaven is our home, and look forward to living there.

Truths: Because of people's disobedience, God destroyed the world with a great flood; in his mercy, God saved Noah's family and an ark full of animals. God gave humankind a second chance; God is merciful and forgiving to His faithful children.

Objectives: Confess that we sin often and deserve God's punishment; know God has rescued us from sin by sending his son, Jesus, to pay for our sins on the cross; rejoice in God's faithful promises to protect us, provide for us, and bring us to heaven.

Truths: God promised Abraham that all people would be blessed through his family because the Savior would come from his descendants; God gives all of His children the blessing of the Savior.

Objectives: Acknowledge that without God's mercy, we wouldn't have the hope of salvation; give thanks that God kept his promise to send the promised Savior, Jesus; begin to understand that the Holy Spirit gives us faith to trust God's promises.

Truths: God had a plan. God blessed Abraham with a son with the time was right; God gives all His children blessings now and eternally.

Objectives: Admit that sometimes we lose patience waiting for God to answer our prayers; rejoice that God is faithful to His promise to give eternal life to all who believe in Jesus; begin to understand that God speaks to us through His Word and ask Him to help us patiently trust in His Word.

Truths: Even though Jacob sinned by stealing his brother's blessing, God had a plan for things to work out for the best; God comes to us with forgiveness and grace, assuring us that everything will happen as God wants.

Lesson

K-7: Jacob Lies and Runs Away
(Genesis 27, 28:10-22) (cont.)

Objectives

Objectives: Admit that sometimes we lose patience waiting for God to answer our prayers; rejoice that God is faithful to His promise to give eternal life to all who believe in Jesus; begin to understand that God speaks to us through His Word and ask Him to help us patiently trust in His Word.

K-8: Joseph's Brothers Get Food in
Egypt (Genesis 41:37-45:15)

Truths: Joseph went through difficult times, but God used him to save many people from famine; sometimes we do not understand why things happen to us, but we know that God never stops loving and caring for us.

Objectives: Begin to understand that because we live in a sinful world, we will experience pain and hurt; know that God never stops loving us; He has a plan for us and promises to be with us in His Word and Sacraments; remember to pray to God, trusting Him when we face troubled times.

K-9: God Speaks to Moses
(Exodus 3)

Truths: God gave Moses a special job to do: be the leader of his people; God calls each of his children to work for Him, sharing His message and love.

Objectives: Recognize times we don't feel equipped to serve Him; know that we have hope and salvation because there is no one like Him and His powerful Word; willingly listen to God speak through His Word and serve Him.

K-10: God's Laws and the Golden Calf
(Exodus 19-20, 32, 34)

Truths: God gave His people the Ten Commandments, telling them to have no other gods besides Him, but they worshipped another God; God loves us and knows what is best for us. God wants His children to obey Him, but since we're not perfect, He sent Jesus to be perfect in our place.

Objectives: Confess times we do what we want instead of what is pleasing to our Heavenly Father; thank God for sending His Son, Jesus, to forgive us of our sins when we don't live as God's children; relying on Jesus help, strive to live as happy, obedient children of God.

Lesson

K-11: God's People Cross the Jordan
(Joshua 1; 3-4; 5:10-12)

Objectives

Truths: God miraculously led His people into their Promised Land, Canaan; Jesus miraculously defeated our enemies and leads us to our promised land, heaven.

Objectives: Realize that although God gives us blessings here on earth, earth is not our home; give thanks that God gives us freedom from sin, death, and the devil and gives us new life; trust in God to lead us through life until he safely brings us to heaven.

K-12: The Battle of Jericho
(Joshua 6:1-20)

Truths: God rescued His people from the Canaanites. God gave His people a new land; God saves His people from their enemies and blesses them.

Objectives: Know that God is with us when we are scared; rejoice and give thanks that Jesus is our Savior from sin, death and the devil; trust in our almighty God to help in times of trouble.

K-13: The Birth of John the Baptist
(Luke 1:5-25, 57-80)

Truths: God kept his promise to send a Savior and sent John to prepare God's people for Jesus; we can point others to Jesus as their Savior, too.

Objectives: Confess that when we prepare for Christmas, we don't always think of Jesus; know and rejoice that God has kept His promise to save us; share the Good News that Jesus is our Savior.

K-14: The First Christmas
(Luke 2:1-20)

Truths: God sent His Son, Jesus, to be born on earth so that he could save us from our sins. God sent the angels to tell the news of Jesus' birth to the shepherds; we, too, can spread the Good News to others.

Objectives: Realize we need a Savior; rejoice that Jesus came to forgive us and grant us eternal life; celebrate God's love for us in Christ and share the Good News with others.

K-15: Simeon and Anna See Jesus
(Luke 2:22-38)

Truths: Simeon and Anna waited for God to keep His promise and give His people a Savior; God sent Jesus to save all the people of the world, giving us peace.

Lesson

K-15: Simeon and Anna See Jesus
(Luke 2:22-38) (cont.)

Objectives

Objectives: Realize we need a Savior; rejoice that Jesus came to forgive us and grant us eternal life; celebrate God's love for us in Christ and share the Good News with others.

K-16: The Wise Men Visit Jesus
(Matthew 2:1-12)

Truths: Led by a star, the Wise Men worshipped the little King; God leads us to worship our Savior, Jesus; the good news of our Savior's birth is for all people; the Holy Spirit will help us lead others to Jesus.

Objectives: Realize that God is the one who leads us to Jesus; give thanks that the Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts through the Gospel; worship Jesus with gifts of love.

K-17: The Boy Jesus Studies God's
Word (Luke 2:41-52)

Truths: During the feast of the Passover, Jesus was in the temple talking with the teachers; God gives us teachers to help us grow in the knowledge and understanding of His Word.

Objectives: Realize that sometimes we don't have a good attitude about studying God's Word; understand that the Bible is God's Word and that it gives us knowledge of salvation; grow in our appreciation for the Bible and Bible study.

K-18: Jesus Chooses His Disciples
(Matthew 4:18-22; 10:2-4)

Truths: Jesus told Peter, Andrew, James and John to catch men instead of fish; in total, Jesus called twelve men to follow after and learn from Him; God calls His people to be his helpers, to share His love, and to tell others about Jesus.

Objectives: Admit that sometimes we don't want to be God's helpers; rejoice that God has called us His children through His Word and that Jesus gives us the power and courage to follow Him; knowing that Jesus gives us the power and courage to follow Him, strive eagerly and cheerfully to be Jesus' helpers.

K-19: Jesus Calms the Storm
(Mark 4:35-41)

Truths: While on a boat in the Sea of Galilee, Jesus told the wind and the waves to be calm; Jesus protects His people and helps us trust Him.

Lesson

K-19: Jesus Calms the Storm
(Mark 4:35-41) (cont.)

Objectives

Objectives: Recognize times when we are afraid and doubt or forget that God will save us; confidently trust in God to bring peace and comfort when we are facing troubles, even death; give our fears to God in prayer.

K-20: Jesus Changes Water into Wine
(John 2:1-12)

Truths: At a wedding in Cana, Jesus turned water into wine; Jesus is powerful and compassionate enough to care for our every need.

Objectives: Recognize that there are times when we don't first go to God when we have a problem; thank God for strengthening our faith by meeting our needs, especially our need for a Savior; give our concerns to God in prayer.

K-21: Jesus Blesses the Children
(Mark 10:13-16)

Truths: Although the disciples told the children not to bother Jesus, Jesus felt strongly that the children were welcome; Jesus welcomes all children to Himself, offering them forgiveness, love, and blessing.

Objectives: Identify times we feel unimportant; celebrate that we are so important to Jesus that He died to save us from our sins and to give us new life; treat other people as important and accepted children of God, too.

K-22: The Widow's Mite
(Luke 21:1-4)

Truths: Jesus was pleased with the trust of a poor woman who gave all that she had as an offering to the Lord; we can trust that God will take care of all our needs.

Objectives: Confess that sometimes we don't want to give Jesus what He has given us—our time, talents, or treasures; give thanks that Jesus gives us the riches of heaven; willingly give our time, talents, and treasures to Jesus, trusting that He gives us all we need.

K-23: Jesus Heals Ten Men
(Luke 17:11-19)

Truths: God healed ten men with a skin disease; only one told Jesus thank you; Jesus blesses us in many ways, such as healing our diseases and taking away our sins. God's children respond in thankfulness to his mercy.

Lesson

K-23: Jesus Heals Ten Men
(Luke 17:11-19) (cont.)

Objectives

Objectives: Recognize times when we are ungrateful for our blessings or insincere in our thanks; give thanks that God blesses us each day, including washing away our sins; become more aware of God's daily goodness to us, especially health and healing.

K-24: Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man
(Mark 2:1-12)

Truths: Jesus healed a paralyzed man whose friends lowered him down into a crowded room through an opening in a roof; God send Jesus, who can heal sickness in our bodies and the sin-sickness in our hearts.

Objectives: Realize when we have forgotten to bring our cares to Jesus; realize that through faith in the Gospel, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the promise of life everlasting; through faith, come confidently to Jesus with our problems and concerns for ourselves and others.

K-25: Jesus Feeds Five Thousand People
(John 6:1-15)

Truths: Using five loaves of bread and two fish from a boy, Jesus miraculously fed and entire crowd; God send Jesus to care for all our needs, including eternal life.

Objectives: Admit that sometimes we forget that Jesus is capable of amazing things; rejoice that Jesus gives us what we need for life here on earth and for eternal life in heaven; turn to Jesus for help when situations seem impossible, trusting in Jesus to handle even the biggest of problems.

K-26: Mary Listens to Jesus
(Luke 10:38-42)

Truths: Martha was upset that Mary wasn't helping her. Jesus gently explained to Martha that it is more important to listen to His Word; God's Word brings life and rest.

Objectives: Admit that sometimes we don't want to study God's Word and be close to Jesus, and that we get distracted; realize that God wants to be with His children, giving us life and rest. God is happy when we want to spend time with Him; gladly listen to God's Word and learn from Jesus.

Lesson

K-27: Jesus Rides into Jerusalem
(Matthew 21:1-11)

Objectives

Truths: Jesus, our King, humbly rode on a donkey into Jerusalem while crowds shouted, “Hosanna!” Jesus saves us from our sins! We respond to His goodness and grace in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

Objectives: Confess that sometimes we do not appreciate who Jesus is or what He has done for us and that sometimes we have a bad attitude about singing and worshipping; rejoice that Jesus is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King; joyfully sing songs of praise to Jesus, our Savior and King.

K-28: Jesus Prays in the Garden
(Luke 22:39-46)

Truths: When Jesus was in anguish, He prayed. Jesus was strengthened to do God’s will; when we are tempted not to do God’s will, we can pray, confidently trusting God’s promise to strengthen us.

Objectives: Recognize times when we are tempted to do something against God’s will; give thanks that Jesus did His Father’s will, following God’s plan of salvation; remember to pray when tempted to not follow God’s will.

K-29: Jesus Is Crucified
(Luke 23:-26-49)

Truths: Jesus willingly suffered and died on the cross for us so that our sins would be taken away; Jesus told the criminal who believed that he would be with Jesus in Paradise; Jesus’ death is the punishment for our sins; He takes our sins away so we don’t have to be punished.

Objectives: Begin to understand why Jesus had to die on the cross; thank God for loving us enough to give His only Son for us so that we would be saved from sin and its punishment; share with others the peace we have, knowing that our sins are forgiven and our guilt removed.

K-30: Jesus Rises from the Dead
(Matthew 28:1-10)

Truths: Jesus came alive on Easter; we can be sure that we will live again, too.

Objectives: Realize that we deserve the punishment of death; rejoice that because Jesus rose, we will not die forever but will rise again, too; go and tell others the Good News.

Lesson

K-31: Thomas Sees Jesus
(John 20:24-29)

Objectives

Truths: Thomas didn't believe Jesus was alive until he saw Jesus with his own eyes and heard Jesus' words; through faith, we see Jesus in God's Word and believe that He is the living God.

Objectives: Admit that sometimes we don't believe things unless we see them; trust that Jesus truly has risen from the dead and gives us life, too; begin to understand that we see Jesus in God's Word and Sacraments.

K-32: Jesus Ascends to Heaven
(Acts 1:6-11)

Truths: Jesus went up into heaven, above the cloud; before leaving He gave his disciples a job to do: tell everyone about Him; Jesus wants us to show and tell people about His great love for them; he promises to stay with us always and to take us to heaven to live with Him forever.

Objectives: Confess that sometimes we are not sure Jesus is with us because we can't see Him; feel encouraged that Jesus helps us to share His love and the promise that we will be with Him in heaven; tell others about the new life in heaven that Jesus gives.

K-33: Pentecost
(Acts 2)

Truths: Tongues of fire rested on Jesus' disciples; They were filled with the Holy Spirit and could speak different languages; God wants all people to hear of Jesus and to come to faith in Him as their Savior. The Holy Spirit makes us brave and glad to share the news of what Jesus has done.

Objectives: Confess that there are times we could share the love of Jesus, but don't; rejoice that God wants all people to be saved and that He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us share that Good News; tell others about Jesus so they, too, will love Jesus as their Savior.

K-34: Paul is Shipwrecked
(Acts 27)

Truths: While Paul was a prisoner on a ship, he reassured everyone that although the storm would destroy their ship, God's plan was that they would all survive; God, our deliverer, promises to be with us during difficult times.

Lesson

K-34: Paul is Shipwrecked
(Acts 27) (cont.)

K-35: Philip and the Ethiopian
(Acts 28:26-40)

K-36: Lydia
(Acts 16:11-15)

Objectives

Objectives: Begin to understand that because we live in a sinful world, we will experience pain and hurt; thank God for delivering us from our troubles, especially sin, death and the devil; look for ways to share Jesus' love and hope, even in, and especially in, troublesome circumstances.

Truths: In a chariot, Philip explained the Scriptures to a man from Africa who wanted to learn more; God wants all people to come to faith in Jesus and to receive his salvation. He makes us His children as the Holy Spirit works faith in us through His Word in Baptism.

Objectives: Confess that sometimes we do not appreciate hearing God's Word; rejoice that God's Word gives us knowledge of salvation and that the Holy Spirit grows faith in our hearts; joyfully share God's Word with others.

Truths: Lydia, who sold purple goods, heard Paul share God's Word about Jesus, was baptized, and welcomed Paul to her home; God wants all people to come to faith in Jesus and to receive his salvation. He makes us His children as the Holy Spirit works faith in us through His Word in Baptism.

Objectives: Admit that sometimes we do not pay attention to those who share God's Word; rejoice that through the work of the Holy Spirit, God opens hearts to believe in Jesus, our Savior; share God's Word with others and enjoy the fellowship of other believers.

Grade 1 students will learn the following scriptural truths, spiritual attitudes, and spiritual habits:

Lesson

1-1: The Creation of the World

Objectives

Truth: God used the power of his word to make the world and all that is in it.

Spiritual Attitude: Be thankful for all the blessings God had given.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for providing for all of our needs.

Lesson

1-2: The Creation of Man and Woman

Objectives

Truth: God shows his love for us in many ways.

Spiritual Attitude: Recognize God's love for us.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for his love with songs and prayers.

1-3: The First Sin

Truth: All people are born sinners and need a Savior.

Spiritual Attitude: Hate sin and want to do only those things that are pleasing to God.

Spiritual Habit: Make everything we do a thank you to God for his gift of a Savior.

1-4: Cain and Abel

Truth: All people are sinners and need the Savior.

Spiritual Attitude: Hate sin and want to do only those things that are pleasing to God.

Spiritual Habit: Listen to God's warnings about sin and live in the way God desires.

1-5: The Flood

Truth: God almighty had power over the whole world.

Spiritual Attitude: Be thankful that instead punishing us, God sent Jesus to save us.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for giving us the free gift of salvation.

1-6: The Tower of Babel

Truth: God, the almighty ruler over all, in control of all that happens in our lives.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God is always with us, caring for us.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for his love and care by gladly obeying him.

1-7: Abraham Trusts God

Truth: God gives us his commands and promises in his word.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to show our faith in Jesus.

Spiritual Habit: Show faith in God through our actions.

1-8: Abraham and Lot

Truth: God has promised to take care of us and help us.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God will always take care of us.

Spiritual Habit: Remember God's promises and pray to him whenever worried.

1-9: God Promises Abraham a Son

Truth: God gives us many promises in his Word, the Bible.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God always keeps his promises.

Spiritual Habit: Eagerly learn God's Word to be reminded of his many promises.

Lesson

1-10: God Answers Abraham's Prayer

Objectives

Truth: God hears and answers prayers.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God will answer prayers in the way he knows best.

Spiritual Habit: Pray for others.

1-11: God Tests Abraham's Faith

Truth: God commands us to love him more than anyone or anything else.

Spiritual Attitude: Love God most of all.

Spiritual Habit: Show love for God by obeying his commands.

1-12: Abraham's Servant Finds a Wife
for Isaac

Truth: Faith leads us to trust God hears and answers our prayers.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God hears and answers prayers.

Spiritual Habit: Compose our own prayers.

1-13: Jacob Tricks Isaac

Truth: God doesn't want us to use trickery to reach our goals but rather to trust in him.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust God will keep all his promises and do all that is best for us.

Spiritual Habit: Confidently pray rather than deal with problems in sinful ways.

1-14: Jacob's Dream

Truth: Though we are sinners, God loves us and has forgiven our sins for Jesus' sake.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God has forgiven our sins.

Spiritual Habit: Confess our sins and ask God for forgiveness.

1-15: Jacob and Laban

Truth: God wants us to depend on him for all we need.

Spiritual Attitude: Depend on God to care for us.

Spiritual Habit: Recognize God's loving hand in each blessing we receive.

1-16: Jacob Returns to Canaan

Truth: God hears and answers our prayers.

Spiritual Attitude: Depend on God to hear and answer our prayers.

Spiritual Habit: Persistently pray to God for help in times of trouble.

1-17: Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers

Truth: God allows sadness to enter our lives.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that even in sad times, God is always there.

Spiritual Habit: Turn to God for help in times of trouble or sadness.

Lesson

1-18: Joseph in Potiphar's House and in Prison

Objectives

Truth: God gives us the strength to remain faithful to him in times of trouble.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust in God and remain faithful to him even during times of trouble.

Spiritual Habit: Show love for God by working faithfully and saying no to temptations.

1-19: Joseph Becomes Ruler of Egypt

Truth: God uses all things, even troubles, for our good.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust in God's wisdom and love during times of trouble.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for his love, even in times of trouble.

1-20: Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt

Truth: God may use troubles to remind us of our sins and to bring us closer to him.

Spiritual Attitude: Being confident God will make our troubles work for good.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for his love in times of trouble as well as in happy times.

1-21: Joseph Tests His Brothers

Truth: We thank God for loving and forgiving us by showing love to others.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to show love to others as God has shown love to us.

Spiritual Habit: Joyfully show love and kindness to others.

1-22: Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Truth: God want us to show love for him by forgiving others when they sin against us.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to show love for others as God had shown love for us.

Spiritual Habit: Willingly forgive those who sin against us.

1-23: Jacob Brings His Family to Egypt

Truth: God's plan for our lives may be different than what we expect.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God has a plan to bless us.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for his blessings; even when things don't go as planned.

1-24: Baby Moses

Truth: God works in many different ways to carry out his plans for us.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God can and will carry out his plan for us.

Spiritual Habit: Thanks God for all his loving care.

1-25: Moses Leaves Egypt

Truth: We do things God's way when we obey his commands.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to show love for God by obeying his commands.

Spiritual Habit: Handle problems in God-pleasing ways rather than sinful ways.

Lesson

1-26: God Calls Moses

Objectives

Truth: God has called each of us to share his saving Word with others.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to obey God's call.

Spiritual Habit: Obey God's call by sharing his Word with others.

1-27: Pharaoh Does Not Obey God

Truth: We show love for God by gladly hearing and obeying his Word.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to hear and obey God's Word out of love for him.

Spiritual Habit: Eagerly hear and obey God's Word.

1-28: The Plagues

Truth: Like Pharaoh, we sin against God when we disobey him.

Spiritual Attitude: Hate sin and want to obey God.

Spiritual Habit: Show love for God by obeying him.

1-29: The Passover

Truth: The blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, saves us from eternal death in hell.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God has forgiven our sins for Jesus' sake.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for his love by obeying him.

1-30: Crossing the Red Sea

Truth: God has power over all things, including our enemy, the devil.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God will watch over and help us.

Spiritual Habit: Singing songs of praise to God.

1-31: God Sends Manna and Quail

Truth: God graciously provides us with food and everything else we need.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciate food and all we have as gifts from God.

Spiritual Habit: Pray a prayer of thanks at each meal.

1-32: God Helps His People in the Desert

Truth: God gives us everything we need for our bodies and souls.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciate the many gifts God gives us each day.

Spiritual Habit: Remember to thank God in prayer for bodily and spiritual blessings.

1-33: God Gives the Ten Commandments

Truth: God expects us to obey his Ten Commandments.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciate the love God has shown us in sending Jesus for our sins.

Spiritual Habit: Showing thankfulness to God by striving to obey his commandments.

Lesson

1-34: The Golden Calf

Objectives

Truth: God shows mercy to us by forgiving our sins for Jesus' sake.

Spiritual Attitude: Hate sin and desire to obey God's commandments.

Spiritual Habit: Confess our sins and ask God for forgiveness.

1-35: The Tabernacle

Truth: Church is a special place where we worship God.

Spiritual Attitude: Be eager to worship God out of thankfulness for Jesus' saving work.

Spiritual Habit: Worship gladly and regularly in church.

1-36: The Day of Atonement

Truth: We can ask God to forgive our sins since Jesus earned that forgiveness for us.

Spiritual Attitude: Be thankful for the gift of forgiveness Jesus earned for us.

Spiritual Habit: Confidently ask God to forgive our sins for Jesus' sake.

1-37: The Twelve Spies

Truth: Jesus has taken the punishment we deserve for failing to trust in God.

Spiritual Attitude: Be thankful our sins of failing to trust in God have been forgiven.

Spiritual Habit: Trust in God for help in all things.

1-38: Korah Turns Against God's
Leaders

Truth: God wants us to honor and respect the spiritual leaders he has placed over us.

Spiritual Attitude: Respect God's chosen spiritual leaders as his representatives.

Spiritual Habit: Gladly honor and obey the spiritual leaders God has given to us.

1-39: Moses' Sin and the Bronze Snake

Truth: God may discipline us when we sin so we see our sin and seek forgiveness.

Spiritual Attitude: Be thankful for God's loving discipline.

Spiritual Habit: Respond to discipline by repenting of sins and trusting in forgiveness.

1-40: Balaam Blesses the Israelites

Truth: God deserves all glory.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to give God glory for all he does.

Spiritual Habit: Give God glory with our thoughts, words, and actions.

1-41: The Israelites Enter Canaan

Truth: God will bless all believers by taking them home to heaven.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust in God's promise of a heavenly home for all who believe.

Spiritual Habit: Praise God for the gift of heaven he has promised all believers.

Lesson

1-42: Rahab and the Spies

Objectives

Truth: God promises to help us fight the devil and one day bring us home to heaven.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that one day God will bring us safely home to heaven.

Spiritual Habit: Hear and/or read God's Word daily.

1-43: The Fall of Jericho

Truth: God gives us faith and blesses those who have faith.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to obey God out of love for him.

Spiritual Habit: Show love for God by obeying his commands.

1-44: Achan's Sin

Truth: God may warn us about our disobedience by allowing trouble to enter our lives.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to obey God in response to all the love God has shown us.

Spiritual Habit: Repent of our sins and strive to obey God each day.

1-45: The Sun Stands Still

Truth: God blesses us with many earthly and spiritual gifts.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to thank God for his many blessings.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God with prayers and songs for blessings received.

1-46: The Israelites Turn Away from God

Truth: We can show our love for God and thank him for his blessings by serving him.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to serve God out of love and thanks for all he has done for us.

Spiritual Habit: Live a life of service to God out of thanksgiving to and love for God.

1-47: God Chooses Gideon to Lead Israel

Truth: God promises to help us with the work he has given us, even when it is difficult.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to serve God by using our talents and abilities as best we can.

Spiritual Habit: Complete all the work we have been given to the best of our ability.

1-48: God Gives Gideon Victory

Truth: God will bless our efforts as we complete our tasks the best that we can.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust God will help us with the work we have been given to do.

Spiritual Habit: Work to the best of our ability in all tasks.

1-49: Samson

Truth: God gives each of us many talents and abilities, but his best gift is forgiveness.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to thank God for his blessings by serving him and others.

Spiritual Habit: Use our abilities to serve God and others.

Lesson

1-50: Samson's Sin and Death

Objectives

Truth: We sin when we fail to serve God faithfully, but for Jesus' sake God forgives us.

Spiritual Attitude: Respond when God points out sins with genuine sorrow over them.

Spiritual Habit: Faithfully serve God out of thankfulness for his gift of forgiveness.

1-51: Ruth's Faith

Truth: We thank God for the gift of faith by putting him first in our lives.

Spiritual Attitude: Value Jesus and the salvation he gives more than anything else.

Spiritual Habit: Give up friends, activities, and whatever could lead away from God.

1-52: Ruth and Boaz

Truth: God blesses us with all we need on earth and with the gift of forgiveness.

Spiritual Attitude: Value the salvation earned by Jesus as our most precious blessing.

Spiritual Habit: Put God first in our lives.

1-53: God Answers Hannah's Prayer

Truth: Christian parents pray for their children and teach them to serve God.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciate Christian parents as a gift from God.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for the gift of Christian parents.

1-54: Eli and His Wicked Sons

Truth: God expects parents to discipline children, and children to honor and obey.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciate discipline as something done for one's good.

Spiritual Habit: As children, obey our parents every day.

1-55: Saul Becomes King

Truth: We show love God by humbly serving others.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to serve others out of love for God.

Spiritual Habit: Humbly serve others at every opportunity.

1-56: Saul Disobeys God

Truth: Sin is serious, and God expects us to obey him.

Spiritual Attitude: Recognize the seriousness of sin and want to obey God.

Spiritual Habit: Show love for God by gladly obeying him.

1-57: David and Goliath

Truth: Our faith leads us to trust in God for help in times of trouble.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust in God for help in times of trouble.

Spiritual Habit: Pray to God for a strong faith and for help in times of trouble.

Lesson

1-58: David and Jonathan

Objectives

Truth: God wants us to show friendship by helping others and saying only kind things.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to be a good friend to others.

Spiritual Habit: Look for and carry out ways to show kindness to our friends.

1-59: David Shows Kindness to Saul

Truth: We show love to God by being loving and kind to all people, including enemies.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to show love to others, even to those who are unkind to us.

Spiritual Habit: Be kind to those who have been unkind to us.

1-60: The Deaths of Saul and Jonathan

Truth: When bad befalls our enemies, we are to feel sad for them and be kind to them.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to show kindness to others out of love for God.

Spiritual Habit: Be compassionate, kind, and helpful to our enemies.

1-61: David Sins

Truth: Our sins often hurt others, and we deserve God's punishment because of them.

Spiritual Attitude: Hate sin and be sorry for the sinful things we have done.

Spiritual Habit: Turn to God for forgiveness when others point out our sins.

1-62: Absalom Sins Against David

Truth: Failing to honor our parents and leaders is sinful and brings them sadness.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to honor those in authority because this is pleasing to God.

Spiritual Habit: Honor those in authority with our words and actions.

1-63: Solomon's Wisdom

Truth: True wisdom comes to us through God's Word, the Bible.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire God would give true wisdom to the leaders he has given us.

Spiritual Habit: Pray that God would give government and church leaders true wisdom.

1-64: Israel's Kings Turn Away from God

Truth: The sinful actions of leaders may lead others into sin.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to remain faithful to God, even when leaders tell us to sin.

Spiritual Habit: Pray for strength to remain faithful to God.

1-65: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

Truth: God wants us to share our faith with unbelievers, so that they may know Jesus.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to share our faith with unbelievers, even when it is difficult.

Spiritual Habit: Ask God for help when it is difficult to share our faith with unbelievers.

Lesson

1-66: Naboth's Vineyard

Objectives

Truth: The sin of coveting can lead to many other sins.

Spiritual Attitude: Be happy with the blessings God has given us.

Spiritual Habit: Say no to temptations to covet.

1-67: Elijah Goes to Heaven

Truth: God will bless all believers by bringing them to heaven when he knows is best.

Spiritual Attitude: Look forward to living in our heavenly home.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for the gift of heaven won by our Savior Jesus.

1-68: A Boy Comes Back to Life

Truth: God has given us life on earth and will give us eternal life in heaven.

Spiritual Attitude: Eagerly anticipate the joy of heaven rather than fearing death.

Spiritual Habit: Thank God for the gift of heaven.

1-69: Naaman Is Brought to Faith

Truth: God wants us to share his Word with people who don't know him.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to share God's Word with others so they don't die in unbelief.

Spiritual Habit: Share God's Word with unbelievers at every opportunity.

1-70: God Sends Jonah to Nineveh

Truth: God wants us to share his Word with all people, no matter who they are.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to share God's word with others so they do not die in unbelief.

Spiritual Habit: Make use of every opportunity to share God's Word with others.

1-71: God Answers Hezekiah's Prayers

Truth: When troubles enter our lives or others', God wants us to turn to him for help.

Spiritual Attitude: Instead of worrying, trust that God will hear and answer prayers.

Spiritual Habit: Pray to God in times of trouble.

1-72: God Heals Hezekiah

Truth: God wants us to bring our troubles to him in prayer.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God will hear and answer our prayers.

Spiritual Habit: Bring all of our troubles to God in prayer.

1-73: The Three Men in the Fiery
Furnace

Truth: When others ask us to sin, God wants us to show our faith and obey his Word.

Spiritual Attitude: Desire to share our faith with others out of love for God.

Spiritual Habit: Show our faith to others through words and actions.

Lesson

1-74: Daniel and Belshazzar

Objectives

Truth: God wants us to share his Word with others, which may include exposing sin.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to share God's Word with others so they do not die in unbelief.

Spiritual Habit: Make use of every opportunity God gives us to boldly share his Word.

1-75: Daniel in the Lion's Den

Truth: God wants us to obey him, even when those around us don't.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that as we obey God, God will take care of us.

Spiritual Habit: Obey God when others tempt us to sin.

1-76: Queen Esther

Truth: God wants us to speak up for others bravely, trusting in him for help.

Spiritual Attitude: Want to speak up for others out of thanks to God for sending Jesus.

Spiritual Habit: Speak up for others at every opportunity.

1-77: God's People Return Home

Truth: God carries out his plans for us at the right time and in the right way.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that God knows what is best for each of us.

Spiritual Habit: Turn to God's Word for help and be patient as we await God's plans.

1-78: Job

Truth: In times of trouble, God will do what is best for us.

Spiritual Attitude: Trust that even though we may have troubles, God still loves us.

Spiritual Habit: Find comfort in God's promises during times of trouble.

Grade 2 students will learn the following scriptural truths, applications, and responses:

Lesson

2-1: Gabriel Visits Zechariah and Mary

Objectives

Truth: Gabriel told Zechariah and Mary that the Savior was coming soon.

Application: Today God uses his Word to tell us about our Savior.

Response: We are happy to hear and read Bible lessons about Jesus.

2-2: John Is Born

Truth: God gave Zechariah a son who would get people ready for the Savior.

Application: God keeps all his promises to us.

Response: We thank and praise God for keeping all his promises.

Lesson

2-3: Jesus Is Born

Objectives

Truth: God sent his Son to earth to be the Savior.

Application: God gives us joy through Jesus the Savior.

Response: We believe in the Savior and joyfully tell others about him.

2-4: Simeon and Anna See Jesus

Truth: Simeon and Anna were filled with joy because they saw the promised Savior.

Application: Believing in the Savior fills our hearts with joy.

Response: We joyfully thank God through our words and actions.

2-5: Wise Men Worship the Savior

Truth: The wise men showed their love for Jesus by seeking and worshiping him.

Application: Today God uses his Word to lead us to our Savior.

Response: We show our love for Jesus by learning his Word and worshiping him.

2-6: Herod's Wicked Plan

Truth: King Herod tried to kill Jesus.

Application: God wants everyone to believe in him, but many refuse.

Response: We pray that the Holy Spirit will keep our faith in Jesus strong.

2-7: The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Truth: Jesus gladly learned God's Word and obeyed his parents.

Application: Jesus obeyed all of God's commandments perfectly for us.

Response: We show thanks to our Savior by gladly doing what God commands.

2-8: John the Baptist

Truth: John showed people their sins and their Savior.

Application: God provided his Word to show us our sins and our Savior.

Response: We study God's Word regularly to learn more about our Savior.

2-9: The Baptism of Jesus

Truth: Jesus was carrying out God's plan to save us.

Application: God sent Jesus to be our substitute.

Response: We praise Jesus for carrying out God's plan of salvation.

2-10: Jesus Is Tempted

Truth: Jesus did not sin.

Application: Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life as part of his work to save us.

Response: We pray that Jesus will give us the strength to say no when Satan tempts us.

Lesson

2-11: Jesus' First Miracle

Objectives

Truth: Jesus turned water into wine.

Application: Jesus uses his almighty power to give us everything we need.

Response: We pray that Jesus will provide us with all we need.

2-12: Jesus Heals the Official's Son

Truth: Jesus healed the official's son.

Application: Jesus can use his almighty power to help us in times of sickness.

Response: We pray to Jesus and trust him when we are sick.

2-13: Jesus and Nicodemus

Truth: Jesus taught Nicodemus that through faith people receive eternal life.

Application: The Holy Spirit works faith through Baptism and God's Word.

Response: We treasure our faith and study God's Word regularly to strengthen it.

2-14: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

Truth: Jesus showed his love for a Samaritan woman by teaching her who he is.

Application: Every sinner is important to God and to us.

Response: We eagerly tell others about God's gracious gift of salvation.

2-15: Jesus Preaches in Nazareth

Truth: The people of Nazareth wouldn't believe that Jesus was the promised Savior.

Application: The Holy Spirit strengthens our faith so we keep believing in our Savior.

Response: We study God's Word to strengthen our faith and keep us close to him.

2-16: Jesus in the Synagogue at Capernaum

Truth: The people were amazed by Jesus when he showed his authority as God's Son.

Application: We hear Jesus' amazing message of salvation in God's Word.

Response: We gladly participate regularly in church services.

2-17: The Huge Catch of Fish

Truth: Jesus showed the disciples his power by giving them a huge catch of fish.

Application: Jesus has power over everything.

Response: As we share the Word of God, we trust in his power to bring people to faith.

2-18: Jesus Calls Matthew

Truth: Matthew followed Jesus and invited his friends to meet Jesus.

Application: Jesus has called us to follow him.

Response: Because Jesus chose us as his followers, we invite others to learn about him.

Lesson

2-19: The Parable of the Farmer and the Seed

Objectives

Truth: Some people turn away from God's Word; others believe it and show their faith.

Application: As we hear God's Word, the Holy Spirit gives us faith to believe it.

Response: We show our faith by serving God.

2-20: The Parable of the Weeds and Wheat

Truth: Jesus gives believers an eternal home in heaven but will send unbelievers to hell.

Application: Heaven is a gift of God to believers.

Response: We appreciate learning that we have the gift of heaven through Jesus.

2-21: Jesus Calms the Storm

Truth: Jesus helped his disciples by calming the storm.

Application: Jesus has power to help us in times of trouble.

Response: We are confident that Jesus will help us in times of trouble.

2-22: Jesus Heals a Man Who Couldn't Walk

Truth: Jesus helped the man by forgiving his sins and healing him.

Application: Jesus knows our bodies and souls and uses his almighty power to help us.

Response: We pray to Jesus for help with our needs.

2-23: Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter

Truth: Jesus showed his power over death by raising Jairus' daughter from the dead.

Application: We trust that Jesus will raise us and all other people from the dead.

Response: We thank Jesus for his promise of our resurrection.

2-24: The Young Man from Nain

Truth: Jesus helped a sad mother by raising her son from the dead.

Application: Jesus promises to raise our bodies from the dead on judgment day.

Response: We turn to Jesus for comfort when a Christian loved one dies.

2-25: Jesus Teaches about Love

Truth: Jesus taught his disciples to love all people.

Application: Jesus wants us to love all people.

Response: We show our love for others by God-pleasing thoughts, words, and actions.

2-26: Jesus Teaches about God's Care

Truth: Jesus taught his disciples to trust in God to take care of all their earthly needs.

Application: God wants us to seek heavenly treasures above earthly treasures.

Response: We trust that God will provide for all our earthly needs.

Lesson

2-27: The Faith of the Captain

Objectives

Truth: The captain showed his faith by trusting in Jesus to help his servant.

Application: Jesus has power to help us in times of trouble.

Response: We ask Jesus for help when trouble comes into our lives.

2-28: The Gentile Woman's Faith

Truth: The woman kept praying to Jesus and trusted that he would answer her prayer.

Application: Jesus does not want us to give up praying to him for help.

Response: We persistently pray to Jesus and are confident he will do what is best.

2-29: The Death of John the Baptist

Truth: Instead of listening to John, Herod and Herodias had him killed.

Application: The Holy Spirit helps us see our sin and our need for the Savior.

Response: We desire to hear and learn God's Word often at home, school, and church.

2-30: The Woman in Simon's House

Truth: The woman showed love for Jesus because she was thankful he was her Savior.

Application: Jesus is our Savior from sin.

Response: We show thanks to Jesus by acting in loving ways toward God and others.

2-31: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Truth: Jesus taught the disciples to trust in him to take care of all their needs.

Application: Jesus will use his power to give us all that we need.

Response: We turn to Jesus for help with our needs.

2-32: Jesus Walks on the Water

Truth: Jesus taught his disciples that they could trust in him to help and protect them.

Application: Jesus helps and protects us each and every day.

Response: Instead of worrying, we confidently put all our cares in God's hands.

2-33: Jesus Appears in Glory

Truth: Jesus let Peter, James, and John see his glory to remind them he is true God.

Application: God's Word teaches that Jesus is the Son of God.

Response: We cannot see Jesus, but through faith we are sure that he is our Savior.

2-34: Jesus Comforts His Disciples

Truth: Jesus reminded his disciples that he must suffer, die, and rise for their salvation.

Application: Jesus comforts us that his suffering and death mean we can go to heaven.

Response: We are grateful for the wonderful gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Lesson

2-35: The Good Samaritan

Objectives

Truth: The Samaritan showed love by helping a man who was hurt.

Application: God wants us to be good neighbors who love and help others.

Response: We help others out of love for God.

2-36: The Unforgiving Servant

Truth: The king expected the servant to forgive as he had been forgiven.

Application: God has forgiven our sins, and he expects us to forgive others.

Response: We forgive others when they sin against us.

2-37: Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

Truth: Jesus healed the blind man and led him to faith in his Savior.

Application: Jesus shows us love by giving us bodily and spiritual gifts.

Response: We value spiritual gifts more than other blessings.

2-38: The Ten Lepers

Truth: One man showed his faith by thanking Jesus.

Application: Jesus is pleased when we thank him.

Response: We thank God for his blessings with songs and prayers.

2-39: Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

Truth: Mary chose to listen to God's Word.

Application: God doesn't want us to let anything keep us from hearing his Word.

Response: We desire to hear and learn God's Word because nothing is more important.

2-40: The Big Dinner

Truth: The people who thought other things were more important missed the dinner.

Application: God invites all people to receive the gift of heaven, but many refuse.

Response: Through faith we gladly put other things aside to make time for God's Word.

2-41: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Truth: The tax collector knew he was a sinner who needed God's forgiveness.

Application: God wants us to see our sins, apologize, and trust him for forgiveness.

Response: We see our sins are serious, tell God we're sorry, and trust in his forgiveness.

2-42: The Lost Son

Truth: The father showed love for his son by forgiving him.

Application: God loves us and forgives all our sins.

Response: We daily confess our sins and ask for God's forgiveness.

Lesson

2-43: The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus

Objectives

Truth: The rich man suffered in hell because he had loved his riches instead of God.

Application: God wants us to remember his Word, not riches, is our greatest treasure.

Response: With our lives, we show we value the Word of God more than earthly riches.

2-44: The Rich Young Man

Truth: The rich young man loved his riches more than Jesus.

Application: Our earthly riches are blessings but following our Savior is worth far more.

Response: We are willing to give up anything that gets in the way of loving Jesus most.

2-45: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Truth: Jesus showed love for Mary and Martha by raising their brother from the dead.

Application: Jesus loves us and promises to help us in times of trouble and sadness.

Response: We trust that Jesus has power over death.

2-46: Zacchaeus

Truth: Jesus showed his love for Zacchaeus by bringing him to faith.

Application: Jesus knows the sinful things we do, yet he loves and saves us.

Response: We thank Jesus for saving us by turning from sin and correcting our sins.

2-47: Mary Shows Her Love for Jesus

Truth: Mary honored Jesus as her Savior.

Application: Jesus is our Savior and deserves our love and honor.

Response: Out of love for Jesus, we use our time, talents, and treasures to honor him.

2-48: Jesus Rides into Jerusalem

Truth: Jesus willingly rode into Jerusalem and was honored by the people as their King.

Application: Jesus is our Savior and King.

Response: We honor Jesus as our Savior and King by singing songs of praise to him.

2-49: The Parable of the Bags of Money

Truth: The master was pleased with the servants who faithfully used their talents.

Application: God gives each of us different talents.

Response: With love for God, we faithfully use the talents he has given us to serve him.

2-50: The Parable of the Vineyard Workers

Truth: The vineyard owner showed love by giving all his workers work and a day's pay.

Application: God loves us and gives us salvation that we don't deserve and can't earn.

Response: We thank God for the free gift of salvation.

Lesson

2-51: Taxes to Caesar

Objectives

Truth: Jesus told his enemies that they should obey their government and God.

Application: God wants us to obey him and the government with which he blesses us.

Response: We willingly obey both God and our government.

2-52: The Widow's Offering

Truth: Jesus was pleased because the widow loved God and him all that she could.

Application: God loves us and blesses us with all that we have.

Response: We thank God for his love by giving him the best offerings we have.

2-53: The Parable of the Wicked Farmers

Truth: Jesus warned his enemies that those who rejected him would suffer in hell. ll.

Application: God wants us to hear his Word often and never reject its saving message.

Response: We study God's Word so our faith grows.

2-54: The Parable of the Wedding Feast

Truth: The king punished guests for rejecting his invitation and not dressing properly.

Application: We are not to reject God's gift of heaven by turning away from our Savior.

Response: We gladly accept the forgiveness Jesus earned for us so we can go to heaven.

2-55: The Lord's Supper

Truth: The Lord's Supper reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice and gives forgiveness of sins.

Application: Believers who take the Lord's Supper receive forgiveness of sins.

Response: Children can remember that Jesus gave his body and blood to forgive sins.

2-56: Jesus in Gethsemane

Truth: Jesus suffered great sadness, was betrayed, and was left alone by his friends.

Application: Jesus suffered and died to forgive all who turn against him.

Response: We thank Jesus for forgiving the times we have turned against him.

2-57: Peter's Sin

Truth: Peter sinned by saying that he did not know Jesus.

Application: God can help us with any danger or temptation.

Response: We ask Jesus to help us never act as though we do not know him.

2-58: Jesus' Trial Before Pilate

Truth: Jesus' enemies lied to Pilate and threatened him to get Jesus put to death.

Application: God allowed his Son to be sentenced to death to win salvation for us.

Response: We thank and praise God for keeping his promise to save us.

Lesson

2-59: Jesus Is Crucified

Objectives

Truth: Jesus let himself suffer on a cross to take away the sins of all people.

Application: Jesus earned our salvation by suffering and dying for us.

Response: We value the gift of salvation as our most precious possession.

2-60: Our Savior Dies

Truth: Jesus lived a perfect life, suffered, and died to take away the sins of all people.

Application: The salvation Jesus earned for us on Calvary was complete.

Response: We realize there is nothing we can do, or need to do, to earn our salvation.

2-61: Jesus' Burial and Resurrection

Truth: Jesus showed that he is God's Son by rising from the dead.

Application: Jesus has power over death.

Response: We worship Jesus as God's Son and our risen Savior.

2-62: Jesus' Grave Is Opened

Truth: Jesus' enemies lied because they didn't want people to believe that he had risen.

Application: Lies cannot change the fact that Jesus rose from the dead.

Response: We gladly tell others the joyful news that Jesus rose from the dead.

2-63: Jesus' Friends Learn That He Is Risen

Truth: Jesus' friends saw the empty grave and their risen Savior.

Application: Jesus had many people see that his grave was empty and that he was alive.

Response: We believe that Jesus came back to life and will raise us to life someday.

2-64: Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Truth: Mary's sadness changed to joy when she learned that Jesus rose from the dead.

Application: Jesus alone changes the sadness of death into the joy of the resurrection.

Response: We are happy Jesus will raise us and all believers from the dead to eternal life.

2-65: Two Disciples See Jesus

Truth: The disciples learned that Jesus' death and resurrection fulfilled God's promises.

Application: Jesus did everything that God's Word said the Savior would do.

Response: We trust God's Word and are sure that Jesus is the Savior of the world.

2-66: Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Truth: The disciples believed that Jesus is the risen Savior promised in God's Word.

Application: Jesus comforted his disciples and us with the news of a risen Lord.

Response: We gladly learn God's Word that comforts us with the news of a risen Savior.

Lesson

2-67: Thomas Believes

Objectives

Truth: Thomas believed that Jesus had risen when he saw Jesus with his own eyes.

Application: Through his Word, Jesus provides the help we need to believe in him.

Response: We ask God to use his Word to strengthen our faith and remove all doubts.

2-68: Jesus Meets His Disciples in Galilee

Truth: Jesus reminded the disciples of his power and promised to be with them always.

Application: Jesus is always with us.

Response: We tell others about Jesus and invite them to learn more about him.

2-69: Jesus Ascends Into Heaven

Truth: Jesus taught his disciples and promised to send the Holy Spirit.

Application: Jesus left this earth only after teaching the disciples who began his church.

Response: We trust our risen, ascended Savior will always guide us through his Word.

2-70: A Replacement for Judas Is Chosen

Truth: God guided the disciples by choosing Matthias to replace Judas.

Application: God provides workers for his kingdom.

Response: We trust God to provide leaders for our churches and schools.

2-71: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Truth: The Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to do what Jesus wanted them to do.

Application: Faith and the ability to share that faith are gifts from the Holy Spirit.

Response: We ask God to strengthen our faith and give us power to witness for Jesus.

2-72: Peter's Sermon

Truth: The Holy Spirit used Peter's words to bring three thousand people to faith.

Application: God the Holy Spirit brings people to faith.

Response: We share the Gospel and then trust the Holy Spirit to bring people to faith.

2-73: The Man Who Could Not Walk

Truth: Peter shared God's love by preaching and healing a man who could not walk.

Application: God cares for all people and wants them to believe in him.

Response: We care for all people and gladly tell them about the Savior.

2-74: Peter and John Are Arrested

Truth: Peter and John talked about Jesus even though Jewish leaders threatened them.

Application: God the Holy Spirit makes us brave to share God's Word.

Response: With God's help, we won't let anything stop us from sharing God's Word.

Lesson

2-75: The Disciples Are Arrested

Objectives

Truth: No matter what the leaders did, the disciples wouldn't stop talking about Jesus.

Application: Jesus is helping and protecting us as we do his work on earth.

Response: We trust Jesus to give us courage and help us as we share his Word.

2-76: Stephen

Truth: Satan could not destroy God's church because God gave the believers courage.

Application: The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to boldly tell others about Jesus.

Response: We tell others about Jesus even when our efforts are threatened.

2-77: Philip and the Man from Ethiopia

Truth: The Holy Spirit led Philip to share God's Word with the man from Ethiopia.

Application: God uses believers to share his Word in many unique ways and situations.

Response: We ask God to give us many opportunities to share his Word.

2-78: Saul Becomes a Believer

Truth: God brought Saul to faith and chose him to tell many people about Jesus.

Application: God can change unbelieving hearts into hearts that love and serve him.

Response: We thank God for bringing us to faith by sharing our faith with others.

Grade 3 students will learn the following scriptural truths, applications, and responses:

Lesson

3-1: The Creation of All Things

Objectives

Truth: God used his wisdom and power to create the world, and still provides for us.

Application: We trust that God knows our needs.

Response: We praise God for taking care of our needs.

3-2: The Creation of Man and Woman

Truth: God has created and blessed us.

Application: We show appreciation that we are a special creation of God.

Response: We thank God for the gifts of life, a home, and a family.

3-3: Man's Sin and God's Promise

Truth: Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, we have all needed a Savior from sin.

Application: To hate sin and wanting to act in ways pleasing to God.

Response: We thank God for sending Jesus to be our Savior from sin.

Lesson

3-4: Cain and Abel

Objectives

Truth: Like Cain, we sin when we hate others, but God loves us and forgives our sins.

Application: We want to show love for God by being loving toward others.

Response: We show love for God by being loving to others.

3-5: The Flood

Truth: Our almighty God rules over all things.

Application: We trust that God will always watch over us and take care of us.

Response: We thank God for his loving care.

3-6: The Tower of Babel

Truth: God rules over all things.

Application: We acknowledge that God is in control of all things.

Response: We give God glory and honor in everything he does for us.

3-7: Abraham Trusts God

Truth: We can trust in God for help in every situation.

Application: We trust in God's promises.

Response: We regularly study God's Word so that our trust in God will grow.

3-8: Abraham and Lot

Truth: We can show our faith in God by the way we act.

Application: We desire to show our faith through actions.

Response: We show faith by the way we act toward others.

3-9: God Promises Abraham a Son

Truth: God remains faithful to all the promises he made.

Application: We trust that God will keep his promises.

Response: We ask God for the strength to trust his promises.

3-10: God Answers Abraham's Prayer

Truth: God wants us to pray to him.

Application: We trust that God will hear and answer our prayers.

Response: We pray at regular times and more often on our own.

3-11: God Tests Abraham's Faith

Truth: Faith leads to love and trust in God above all things.

Application: We desire to keep growing in faith and in love for God.

Response: We show love for God by gladly obeying him.

Lesson

3-12: A Wife for Isaac

Objectives

Truth: God guided the lives of his people in the Old Testament times, and still does.

Application: We trust in God's guidance.

Response: We look to God's Word for guidance in our lives.

3-13: Jacob Deceives Isaac

Truth: We sin when we trust in ourselves rather than God.

Application: We are to trust in God rather than ourselves.

Response: We ask God to forgive our lack of trust.

3-14: Jacob's Flight and Vision

Truth: The Savior who came from Jacob's descendants is also our Savior.

Application: We trust that God loves us in spite of our sins.

Response: We thank God for sending Jesus and for promising to always be with us.

3-15: Jacob and Laban

Truth: God wants us to depend on him for all things.

Application: We trust that God will take care of us in the way he knows is best.

Response: We depend on God for all things.

3-16: Jacob's Return Home

Truth: God watches over his children.

Application: We depend on God in times of trouble.

Response: We pray to God for help in times of trouble.

3-17: Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers

Truth: God permits sadness to enter a Christian's life.

Application: We believe that God is in control even in times of sadness.

Response: We pray to God in times of sadness.

3-18: Joseph in Potiphar's House and in Prison

Truth: God is with his children in times of trouble and sadness.

Application: We trust that God is with us even in times of sadness.

Response: We thank God for his continual care.

3-19: Joseph Is Made Ruler

Truth: God uses troubles to bring about good.

Application: We trust that God makes all things work for our good.

Response: We thank God for his love and care, even in times of trouble.

Lesson

3-20: The First Journey of Joseph's Brothers

Objectives

Truth: God sometimes uses trouble to lead his children to repentance.

Application: We trust that God always works for our good.

Response: We respond to God's loving discipline by repenting.

3-21: The Second Journey of Joseph's Brothers

Truth: God loves us and wants us to show love to others.

Application: We desire to act in a loving way toward others.

Response: We show love to others out of love for God.

3-22: Joseph Makes Himself Known

Truth: God forgives our sins and wants us to forgive each other.

Application: We desire to forgive others as God forgives us.

Response: We willingly forgive others when they sin against us.

3-23: Jacob in Egypt

Truth: God cares for his children, often in unexpected ways.

Application: We are not to worry, but trusting that God take care of his children.

Response: We thank God for his care and promises.

3-24: The Birth of Moses

Truth: God protects his children from danger.

Application: We trust that God will protect us from dangers to body and soul.

Response: We thank God for his love and protection.

3-25: Moses Escapes to Midian

Truth: God wants his children to depend on him.

Application: We depend on God's ways rather than on our own ways.

Response: We pray for God's help to do things his way.

3-26: God Calls Moses to Lead Israel

Truth: God gives his children the ability to do the work he calls them to do.

Application: We trust God gives us the help and strength to do his work here on earth.

Response: We willingly do whatever work God wants us to do.

3-27: Pharaoh Disobeys God

Truth: The Holy Spirit gives us faith so we do not reject God's Word but believe it.

Application: We are to hate sin and desire to obey God.

Response: We eagerly strive to obey the commands God has given in his Word.

Lesson

3-28: The Plagues

Objectives

Truth: God uses his almighty power to protect his people.

Application: We trust that God uses his power to protect us.

Response: We obey God out of thankfulness for all he has done.

3-29: The First Passover

Truth: God saved us from eternal death through the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Application: We trust that God has saved us through Jesus blood.

Response: We thank God for sending Jesus to be our Savior.

3-30: God Delivers His People at the Red Sea

Truth: God has delivered us from our enemy the devil through our Savior Jesus.

Application: We are not to fear the devil, but trusting in God's almighty power.

Response: We sing songs of praise to God for delivering us from the devil.

3-31: God Feeds His People in the Desert

Truth: God provides for the daily needs of his people.

Application: We are grateful for all the gifts God has given us.

Response: We thank God for all the blessings he gives.

3-32: Water from a Rock and Victory in Battle

Truth: God provides for the spiritual needs as well as the physical needs of his people.

Application: We trust that God cares for our souls.

Response: We use memory treasures and Bible study to daily feed our souls.

3-33: God Gives His Law to His People

Truth: God tells us to obey his commandments.

Application: We want to obey God's commandments.

Response: We strive to obey God's commandments out of love for him.

3-34: The Golden Calf

Truth: God forgives his people when they sin against him.

Application: We trust that God forgives us for Jesus' sake.

Response: We confess our sins and ask God for forgiveness.

3-35: God's Rules for Worship

Truth: God wants us to gather together with other believers to worship him.

Application: We want to worship with other believers.

Response: We gladly attend worship services and give offerings of praise and thanks.

Lesson

3-36: The Day of Atonement

Objectives

Truth: Jesus shed his blood to take away our sins.

Application: We rejoice that Jesus came to be our Savior.

Response: We thank and praise God for sending Jesus to be our Savior.

3-37: The Twelve Spies

Truth: God disciplines us when we sin against him, so he may lead us to repentance.

Application: We respect God's servants who discipline us.

Response: We respond to the discipline God sends by repenting of our sins.

3-38: Korah's Rebellion

Truth: We deserve eternal death in hell because of our sins, but Jesus died in our place.

Application: We are thankful for all Jesus did to save us.

Response: We obey God out of thankfulness for his gift of salvation.

3-39: The Bronze Snake

Truth: God lovingly disciplines us in order to lead us to repent, then forgives our sins.

Application: We are thankful for discipline that leads us to repentance.

Response: We respond to God's loving discipline by repenting of our sins.

3-40: Balaam

Truth: We sin when we don't obey God's will.

Application: We desire to obey God by honoring his will.

Response: We respond to God's warnings about sin by repenting and obeying.

3-41: God's People Entered the Promised Land

Truth: God assures us that one day he will take us to the promised land of heaven.

Application: We trust in God's promise of heaven.

Response: We use Bible study for encouragement until the day God takes us to heaven.

3-42: Rahab and the Spies

Truth: God uses other Christians to assure us of victory over sin, death, and the devil.

Application: We trust that God gives us this victory.

Response: We use God's Word to encourage others.

3-43: The Fall of Jericho

Truth: God blesses those who have faith in him.

Application: We desire to show faith God by obeying his commands.

Response: We show faith in God by willingly obeying his commands.

Lesson

3-44: Achan's Sin

Objectives

Truth: God wants us to obey his commands.

Application: We the sin and want to obey God's commands.

Response: We listen to God's warnings about sin and strive to obey his commands.

3-45: God Gives the Israelites the Promised Land

Truth: God gives us many blessings.

Application: We appreciate God's many blessings.

Response: We thank God in prayer and song for his many blessings.

3-46: The Israelites Turn Away from God

Truth: When we sin, we are breaking God's laws and are being unfaithful to him.

Application: We desire to remain faithful to the Lord.

Response: We ask God to keep us faithful.

3-47: Gideon's Call

Truth: God wants us to use the abilities he has given us to serve him.

Application: We desire to develop our abilities to serve God now and in the future.

Response: We faithfully use our abilities to serve God.

3-48: Gideon's Victory

Truth: Our almighty God is always with us.

Application: We trust that God helps us overcome our troubles.

Response: We thank God for his continual care.

3-49: Samson's Strength

Truth: God wants us to use the abilities he has given us to help others.

Application: We desire to show love for God by helping other people.

Response: We use our abilities to help others.

3-50: Samson's Capture and Death

Truth: God shows us his mercy by forgiving our sins through Jesus our Savior.

Application: We value the forgiveness of sins earned by Jesus.

Response: We strive to faithfully obey God's commands out of thankfulness to him.

3-51: Ruth's Faith

Truth: Our faith in Jesus as our Savior is a precious gift from God.

Application: We treasure our faith.

Response: We avoid a close friendship with other people who might harm our faith.

Lesson

3-52: God Blesses Ruth

Objectives

Truth: God blesses us with our daily needs, believing families, and forgiveness of sins.

Application: We appreciate the many blessings God has given us.

Response: We thank God for his many blessings.

3-53: Hannah and Samuel

Truth: God expects Christian parents to teach their children to know and serve him.

Application: We are eager to learn God's Word from our parents.

Response: We eagerly listen to parents as they teach God's Word.

3-54: Eli and His Wicked Sons

Truth: God expects parents to discipline their children.

Application: We appreciate the blessing of loving discipline from parents.

Response: We obey parents willingly.

3-55: Saul Serves God as King

Truth: God wants his children to serve him humbly.

Application: We desire to serve God by helping others.

Response: We serve God by helping others at home, at school, and in our community.

3-56: Saul Turns Away from God

Truth: We cannot serve God when we proudly disobey his commands.

Application: We desire to obey God's commands.

Response: We show love for God by obeying his commands.

3-57: David and Goliath

Truth: God will help us in every trouble.

Application: We trust in God's help in time of trouble.

Response: We thank God for his ever-present help.

3-58: Jonathan's Friendship

Truth: We show true Christian friendship by helping other and by speaking for them.

Application: We desire to befriend others out of love for God.

Response: We joyfully help others and speak up for them.

3-59: David's Kindness Toward Saul

Truth: God wants us to be kind to others, even to those who try and hurt us.

Application: We desire to be kind to all people.

Response: We do not seek revenge, but being kind even to those who try and hurt us.

Lesson

3-60: The Deaths of Saul and Jonathan

Objectives

Truth: God wants us to love for all people, even our enemies.

Application: We desire to show love for all people.

Response: We do not rejoice when troubles come to others but showing love for them.

3-61: David Sins

Truth: We deserve God's punishment for sin, but God forgives us for Jesus' sake.

Application: We trust that God forgives our sins for Jesus' sake.

Response: We repent of our sins and ask God for forgiveness.

3-62: Absalom Sins Against His Father

Truth: God wants us to respect and obey our parents.

Application: We do not want to cause our parents sadness by sinning against them.

Response: We respect and obey our parents.

3-63: Solomon Becomes King

Truth: True wisdom comes from God and his Word.

Application: We desire to have leaders in the church and state who lead as God desires.

Response: We pray that God give our leaders wisdom to lead us in a God-pleasing way.

3-64: The Idolatry of Solomon and Jeroboam

Truth: God wants us to love him with our whole hearts and to worship him alone.

Application: We desire to worship the true God alone and to follow his ways.

Response: We pray that our leaders do not lead us against God.

3-65: Ahab and Elijah

Truth: God uses his Word to show unbelievers that he is the true God.

Application: We trust that God will help us share his Word with unbelievers.

Response: We pray for God's help to share the law and the gospel with unbelievers.

3-66: Naboth's Vineyard

Truth: God does not want us to covet other people's belongings.

Application: We desire to avoid the sin of coveting and other sins to which it leads.

Response: We are satisfied with the blessing God has given us.

3-67: Elijah and Elisha

Truth: God is in control of how long we live and when we will die.

Application: We trust that God will take us to heaven when the time is best.

Response: We thank God for his promise to take us to heaven.

Lesson

3-68: The Shunamite Woman

Objectives

Truth: God gives us our lives, and he has the power over death.

Application: We treasure God's gift of life.

Response: We thank God for his gift of life.

3-69: Naaman Is Brought to Faith

Truth: God uses us to teach others about him.

Application: We desire to teach others about God.

Response: We share our faith with others.

3-70: Jonah and the People of Nineveh

Truth: God wants all people of the world to be saved.

Application: We want people from all over the world to hear to hear God's Word.

Response: We share God's Word with everyone we can.

3-71: Hezekiah and the Assyrian Attack

Truth: God promises to protect us from the enemies of our faith.

Application: We trust in God's promises of help.

Response: We pray to God for help when our faith is under attack.

3-72: Hezekiah's Sickness

Truth: God promises to answer our prayers for help.

Application: We trust in God's promise to answer our prayers for help.

Response: We pray to god for help when sick.

3-73: Three Men in the Fiery Furnace

Truth: God wants us to show our faith by all we do and say.

Application: We desire to boldly show our faith.

Response: We show our faith through actions and words.

3-74: Daniel and Belshazzar

Truth: All people need to hear about their sins and their need for a Savior.

Application: We desire to tell others about their need for a Savior.

Response: Even in difficulty, we tell others about their need for a Savior.

3-75: Daniel in the Lion's Den

Truth: God wants us to obey him even when it becomes difficult to do so.

Application: We desire to obey God always.

Response: We obey God even when it is difficult to do so.

Lesson

3-76: Esther

3-77: The Jews Return to Judah

3-78: Job

Grade 4

Lesson

4-1: Gabriel Announces the Births of John and Jesus

4-2: Birth of John the Baptist

4-3: Birth of Jesus

4-4: Jesus Is Brought to the Temple

Objectives

Truth: God wants us to speak up for other people.

Application: We trust in God for help to speak up for others even in difficult situations.

Response: We speak up for others even if it is difficult to do so.

Truth: God carries out his plan for us just at the right time.

Application: We trust that God's plans are the best.

Response: We turn to God's Word for reassurance of God's care.

Truth: Our almighty God lovingly watches over us and carries out his plans for us.

Application: We value God's loving care.

Response: We patiently trust in God even in times of trouble.

Objectives

Truth: God reminded Zechariah and Mary that his promises always come true.

Application: God also reminds us that his promises always come true.

Response: We trust God's promises and encourage others to do the same.

Truth: Zechariah obeyed God, praised him, and proclaimed his Word.

Application: We show our faith by obeying God, praising him, and sharing his Word.

Response: With the Holy Spirit's help we show our faith through our words and actions.

Truth: The shepherds searched for the Savior, told others about him, and praised God.

Application: The birth of our Savior is the most important reason for Christmas joy.

Response: We show our joy in the same way that the shepherds did.

Truth: Simeon and Anna praised God and proclaimed Jesus to be the Savior.

Application: We celebrate Christmas by praising Jesus, proclaiming him as the Savior.

Response: We praise God and proclaim Jesus as the Savior at Christmas and all times.

Lesson

4-5: The Wise Men Worship the Savior

Objectives

Truth: The wise men worshiped Jesus as their King and brought him precious gifts.

Application: God leads us to know our Savior Jesus and worship him as our King.

Response: We honor Jesus as our Savior King by worshiping him and bringing him gifts.

4-6: The Escape to Egypt

Truth: God led Joseph to keep Jesus our Savior safe in Egypt and Nazareth.

Application: God uses our parents to keep us safe.

Response: We thank God for our parents and pray for them.

4-7: The Twelve-Year-Old Jesus

Truth: Jesus obeyed his earthly parents and his heavenly Father.

Application: Jesus obeyed the Third and Fourth Commandments for us.

Response: We thank Jesus by following his example of obedience.

4-8: John the Baptist

Truth: John showed the people that they were sinners who needed Jesus the Savior.

Application: We too need to be told that we are sinners who need Jesus the Savior.

Response: We are thankful for spiritual leaders who remind us of our sins and Savior.

4-9: The Baptism of Jesus

Truth: Jesus' baptism showed he was the Savior who took the place of all sinners.

Application: Jesus took our place so that he could save us.

Response: We thank Jesus for the gift of salvation, which is made ours through baptism.

4-10: The Temptation of Jesus

Truth: Jesus used God's Word to overcome the temptations of the devil.

Application: Jesus defeated the devil in order to save us.

Response: We use God's Word as our weapon when the devil tempts us.

4-11: The Wedding at Cana

Truth: Jesus provided wine for the wedding guests and strengthened his disciples' faith.

Application: Jesus still uses his power today to care for our bodily and spiritual needs.

Response: We ask Jesus to provide for all our bodily and spiritual needs.

4-12: Jesus Heals the Official's Son

Truth: Jesus taught the official to trust in him as the true God.

Application: Jesus is the true God, who cares for our needs.

Response: We pray God would strengthen our faith and the faith of people around us.

Lesson

4-13: Jesus and Nicodemus

Objectives

Truth: Jesus told Nicodemus that the Holy Spirit brings people to faith and eternal life.

Application: The Holy Spirit works faith in us so we trust in Jesus and have eternal life.

Response: We treasure the gifts of faith and eternal life.

4-14: Jesus and the Woman from Samaria

Truth: Many Samaritans believed in Jesus as their Savior when they heard his Word.

Application: God wants us to share his Word with many others so they come to faith.

Response: We eagerly share God's Word with others and invite them to learn about him.

4-15: Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth

Truth: The people of Nazareth rejected Jesus' message of salvation.

Application: God uses his Word to strengthen our faith so we do not reject Jesus.

Response: We hear God's Word often and pray the Holy Spirit will strengthen our faith.

4-16: Healing in the Synagogue at Capernaum

Truth: The people were amazed at Jesus' message of salvation and his power over evil.

Application: We, too, respond to Jesus' saving work and power by worshiping him.

Response: We worship Jesus joyfully out of thankfulness for all he has done.

4-17: Peter the Fisherman

Truth: Jesus showed Peter his power to prepare Peter to gather souls for his kingdom.

Application: Jesus shows us his power to prepare us to spread the good news of grace.

Response: We trust Jesus is with us, using his power to help us tell others about him.

4-18: The Calling of Matthew

Truth: Matthew followed Jesus and invited his friends to hear the message of salvation.

Application: God wants his followers to invite friends and neighbors to hear about him.

Response: We eagerly invite our friends and neighbors to learn about Jesus.

4-19: The Parable of the Farmer and the Seed

Truth: Some people reject God's Word, but the Holy Spirit leads others to believe.

Application: The Holy Spirit uses God's Word to give us faith do good works.

Response: We hear God's Word often and do good works out of thanks to God.

4-20: The Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat

Truth: Believers and unbelievers live together now, but someday will be separated.

Application: God wants us to share our faith with the unbelievers around us now.

Response: We pray God will help us be witnesses to unbelievers until we go to heaven.

Lesson

4-21: Jesus Calms the Storm

Objectives

Truth: The disciples went to Jesus for help in a time of trouble.

Application: Jesus will use his power to help us, too, in times of trouble.

Response: We will pray to Jesus for help in troubling times.

4-22: Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Truth: Jesus healed the paralyzed man's body and soul.

Application: Jesus helps us by healing our bodies from sickness and our souls from sin.

Response: We appreciate Jesus healing our bodies and, most important, our souls.

4-23: The Daughter of Jairus

Truth: Jesus showed his power over death.

Application: Jesus will raise us from the dead to live eternally in heaven.

Response: We confidently trust Jesus will raise us from death and give us life in heaven.

4-24: The Young Man from Nain

Truth: Jesus raised the widow's son from the dead.

Application: Jesus comforts us in times of sadness and promises to give us eternal joy.

Response: We pray to Jesus for comfort in times of sadness and death.

4-25: Jesus Teaches His Disciples about Love

Truth: Jesus taught his disciples to show their love for God and for others.

Application: Jesus wants us to treat all people around us with love and kindness.

Response: We gladly show our love for God by being loving and kind to others.

4-26: Jesus Teaches His Disciples about Earthly Needs

Truth: Jesus taught his disciples to trust in God to provide for their earthly needs.

Application: God wants us to seek heavenly treasures first and trust that he will provide.

Response: We value heavenly treasures more than earthly possessions, and trust in God.

4-27: Jesus and the Centurion

Truth: The centurion trusted in Jesus' power to help.

Application: As we study God's Word, God increases our trust in him.

Response: We study God's Word regularly.

4-28: Jesus and the Canaanite Woman

Truth: The Canaanite woman showed great faith by continuing to pray to Jesus.

Application: God tests our faith to strengthen it.

Response: Even when our faith is being tested, we continue to trust in and pray to God.

Lesson

4-29: The Death of John the Baptist

Objectives

Truth: Herod refused to listen to God's messenger.

Application: God wants us to listen to his messengers when they tell us his Word.

Response: We eagerly listen to God's messengers when they tell us his Word.

4-30: The Sinful Woman in Simon's House

Truth: The sinful woman was sorry for her sins and thankful for Jesus' forgiveness.

Application: We are sinners whom Jesus has forgiven.

Response: We show our thankfulness to Jesus in all we think, say, and do.

4-31: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Truth: Jesus taught his disciples to trust in him for all their needs.

Application: Jesus will provide for all our daily needs.

Response: We trust in Jesus to provide for our daily needs.

4-32: Jesus Walks on Water

Truth: Jesus' disciples learned to trust his almighty power.

Application: Jesus has promised to use his power to take care of us.

Response: Rather than being afraid, we trust that Jesus will take care of us.

4-33: Jesus' Transfiguration

Truth: The disciples learned that Jesus is God's Son and the Savior of the world.

Application: Jesus is God's Son and our Savior.

Response: We treasure the salvation Jesus won for us by his suffering and death.

4-34: Jesus Encourages His Disciples

Truth: Jesus told his disciples that he is the promised Savior of the world.

Application: Jesus is our promised Savior, who will take us to heaven.

Response: We thank God for the gift of salvation by living lives that are pleasing to him.

4-35: The Parable of the Loving Samaritan

Truth: The Samaritan showed love to his wounded neighbor by helping him.

Application: God tells us in his Word to love him and to love others.

Response: We show our love for God by gladly helping others whenever we can.

4-36: The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Truth: The king expected the servant to forgive as he had been forgiven.

Application: God expects us to forgive others as he has forgiven us.

Response: We forgive others as God has forgiven us.

Lesson

4-37: Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

Objectives

Truth: Jesus healed the blind man and led him to faith in his Savior.

Application: Each of us is important to Jesus.

Response: We thank Jesus for the gift of faith and for his loving care.

4-38: Ten Healed of Leprosy

Truth: Only the Samaritan showed his faith by thanking Jesus.

Application: God wants us to thank him for his loving care.

Response: We show our faith by thanking God for his care.

4-39: Mary and Martha

Truth: Jesus taught Martha that hearing God's Word is most important.

Application: Hearing God's Word is the most important thing for us to do.

Response: We ask God to help us hear, learn, and use his Word regularly.

4-40: The Parable of the Great Banquet

Truth: The invited guests rejected the master's invitation.

Application: God invites us into his kingdom through his Word.

Response: We want to read and study the Bible to hear God's message of salvation.

4-41: The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Truth: The tax collector confessed his sins, depended on God, and was forgiven.

Application: God wants us to confess our sins and depend on him for mercy.

Response: We confess we are sinners and depend on God to forgive us for Jesus' sake.

4-42: The Parable of the Father's Great Love

Truth: The father forgave his younger son and joyfully celebrated his return.

Application: God rejoices when we repent to him, and gladly forgives us for Jesus' sake.

Response: We repent of our sins and confidently ask God to forgive us for Jesus' sake.

4-43: The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus

Truth: The rich man had loved his possessions instead of loving God.

Application: God wants us to love him more than we love all our earthly blessings.

Response: We love God more than our earthly blessings and share them with others.

4-44: The Rich Young Ruler

Truth: The young ruler loved his riches more than he loved Jesus.

Application: We should not let our earthly treasures become more important than Jesus.

Response: We show our love for God by serving him with the earthly treasures he gives.

Lesson

4-45: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Objectives

Truth: Jesus comforted Mary and Martha and raised their brother from the dead.

Application: Jesus comforts and helps us in times of trouble.

Response: We turn to Jesus for comfort and help in times of trouble.

4-46: Zacchaeus

Truth: Jesus went to his home and told Zacchaeus that he would be saved.

Application: Jesus is concerned about us and tells us that we will be saved.

Response: Out of love for Jesus, we change our sinful ways.

4-47: Mary Honors Jesus

Truth: Mary humbly served Jesus and worshiped him with her gift.

Application: Jesus wants us to honor him as our Savior and King.

Response: We honor Jesus by humbly serving him and by giving him gifts.

4-48: Jesus Rides into Jerusalem

Truth: The people honored Jesus as their King and Savior.

Application: Jesus is also our King and Savior.

Response: We honor Jesus as our King and Savior by singing songs of praise to him.

4-49: The Parable of the Bags of Money

Truth: The master expected his servants to faithfully use the talents he had given them.

Application: Jesus expects us to use the talents he has given us to serve him.

Response: We use our talents and abilities to serve Jesus.

4-50: The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Truth: The landowner was loving and generous to all his workers.

Application: God gives us eternal life because of his grace—his undeserved love for us.

Response: We are thankful for the gift of eternal life and rejoice when others believe.

4-51: Paying Taxes to Caesar

Truth: Jesus told his enemies to do their duties to the government and to God.

Application: God wants us to do our duties to our God and our government.

Response: We respect our government leaders and do our duties to them and to God.

4-52: The Widow's Offering

Truth: The widow gave God the best offering she could.

Application: God is pleased when we give him the best offerings we are able to give.

Response: We show our love for God by bringing him the best offerings we can.

Lesson

4-53: The Parable of the Wicked Renters

Objectives

Truth: The wicked renters refused to listen to the owner's servants or his son.

Application: When we refuse to listen to God's messengers, we reject his Son, Jesus.

Response: We respect and listen to the people God sends to teach us his Word.

4-54: The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Truth: The guests who rejected the king's invitation and gifts missed the banquet.

Application: Jesus warns us not to reject God's Word or his messengers who teach it.

Response: We listen to the Bible, which says Jesus gave us his robe of righteousness.

4-55: In the Upper Room

Truth: Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave them the Lord's Supper.

Application: Jesus gave his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Response: Just as Jesus served us, we show our love for him by serving others.

4-56: Jesus in Gethsemane

Truth: Jesus willingly submitted to his Father's will to save all people.

Application: Jesus submitted to his Father's will in order to save us.

Response: We thank Jesus for saving us and pray that God's will always will be done.

4-57: Peter's Denial

Truth: Peter fell into sin because he trusted in himself rather than in God.

Application: We need God's strength to remain faithful to Jesus our Savior.

Response: We trust in God to keep us faithful and to help us show our faith.

4-58: Jesus Before Pilate

Truth: Jesus was wrongly accused, mocked, beaten, and sentenced to death.

Application: Jesus willingly suffered to pay for our sins.

Response: We thank and praise Jesus for being our Savior

4-59: Jesus Is Crucified

Truth: Jesus willingly let himself be crucified to pay for the sins of the world.

Application: Jesus was crucified to pay for our sins also.

Response: We are very thankful that each of us can say, "Jesus died for me!"

4-60: Our Savior Dies

Truth: Jesus suffered and died on the cross.

Application: Jesus suffered the punishment we deserve for our sins.

Response: We thank Jesus for suffering so that we have forgiveness and eternal life.

Lesson

4-61: Jesus' Burial and Resurrection

Objectives

Truth: Jesus' death and resurrection fulfill Scripture and show that Jesus is our Savior.

Application: Jesus is our God and Savior.

Response: By God's grace, we believe that Jesus is God's Son, our risen Savior.

4-62: The Enemies Guard the Tomb

Truth: Jesus raised himself from the dead and left his sealed grave.

Application: We can be confident that Jesus has power over death.

Response: We praise Jesus for being God's Son and our risen Savior.

4-63: Easter Morning at the Tomb

Truth: Jesus' friends were comforted because he had risen.

Application: Jesus' resurrection makes us sure that he will raise us from the dead.

Response: We are comforted because Jesus is alive and will also raise us from the dead.

4-64: Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Truth: Jesus showed Mary that he was alive and told her to share the good news.

Application: Jesus wants us to share the good news of his resurrection with all we know.

Response: We joyfully share the good news that Jesus has risen and that we will rise too.

4-65: On the Road to Emmaus

Truth: The Emmaus disciples learned that Jesus is the prophesied and promised Savior.

Application: By reading God's Word, we too learn that Jesus is the Savior long foretold.

Response: We read God's Word to grow in our faith and love for our risen Savior.

4-66: Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Truth: Jesus appeared to his disciples and used the Scriptures to reveal his identity.

Application: The Scriptures also show us that Jesus is the Savior.

Response: We study God's Word diligently to learn more about our Savior.

4-67: Doubting Thomas

Truth: Jesus showed himself to Thomas and strengthened his faith.

Application: Even though we can't see Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives us faith to believe.

Response: We study God's Word so our faith grows and we are prepared to tell others.

4-68: Jesus Appears in Galilee

Truth: Jesus told his disciples to preach and baptize, promising to be with them always.

Application: Jesus promises to be with us also as we witness to people of all nations.

Response: We trust in Jesus to be with us as we witness about him to everyone we can.

Lesson

4-69: Jesus Ascends Into Heaven

Objectives

Truth: Jesus told his disciples to continue his work and promised them the Holy Spirit.
Application: Our ascended Lord still guides us and gives us power to continue his work.
Response: We look to God's Word for guidance and strength to witness for Jesus.

4-70: Matthias Is Chosen

Truth: God guided the disciples through Scripture and by answering their prayer.
Application: God guides us through his Word and by answering our prayers.
Response: We trust that God will always guide us, his followers.

4-71: Pentecost

Truth: The Holy Spirit used the wind, flames, and languages to show that he had come.
Application: Through God's Word, the Holy Spirit comes to us and gives us faith.
Response: We value the gift of faith that the Holy Spirit has given us.

4-72: Many Come to Faith

Truth: The Holy Spirit used the gospel and baptism to bring many people to faith.
Application: The Holy Spirit still uses God's Word and baptism to bring us to faith.
Response: We treasure God's gifts of his Word and Baptism.

4-73: A Beggar Is Healed

Truth: Peter healed a man who couldn't walk and preached the Word in Jesus' name.
Application: God wants us to spread his Word in Jesus' name.
Response: We spread God's Word in Jesus' name.

4-74: Peter and John Are Arrested

Truth: Peter and John confessed Jesus boldly and courageously.
Application: God wants us also to confess Jesus to others.
Response: We trust that the Holy Spirit will help us confess Jesus boldly.

4-75: The Apostles Are Persecuted

Truth: The apostles kept teaching God's Word, even when they were persecuted.
Application: God gives us strength to tell others about Jesus, even if we are persecuted.
Response: We tell others about Jesus, even if we are persecuted.

4-76: The Persecuted Church

Truth: God turned the persecution of the church into a chance to spread his Word.
Application: Even today, God's Word will be spread in spite of persecution.
Response: We trust that God's Word will be spread in spite of persecution.

Lesson

4-77: Philip and the Ethiopian Man

Objectives

Truth: God gave the Ethiopian man the gift of faith in his Savior.

Application: God wants all people of the world to hear the gospel.

Response: We support missionaries who are spreading God's Word in other countries.

4-78: Saul Becomes a Believer

Truth: Jesus called Saul to come to faith and to become his witness.

Application: Jesus has also called us to faith and to be his witnesses.

Response: We thank God for the gift of faith by witnessing for Jesus.

Grade 5 students will learn the following biblical truths:

Lesson

5-1: The Births of John and Jesus Announced

Objectives

God prepared Zechariah and Mary by sending the angel Gabriel to announce the miraculous births of John and Jesus. We joyfully prepare for the advent or coming of Jesus.

5-2: The Birth of John the Baptist

God taught Zechariah to trust all his promises above all, his promise to send a Savior. God wants us to trust that he keeps all his promises, but above all, his promise of salvation through Jesus our Savior.

5-3: The Birth of Jesus

Angels and shepherds praised God for sending the Savior and told others about his births. We also praise God for sending the Savior and tell others about his birth.

5-4: Simeon and Anna

Simeon and Anna believed that Jesus was the promised Messiah, who would save all people from their sins. At Christmas we think of Jesus not only as a little baby but as our Savior from sin.

5-5: The Wise Men

The Magi worshiped Jesus as King, but Herod wanted to destroy him. We worship Jesus as our King.

5-6: The Flight to Egypt

God worked through Joseph to keep Jesus safe while he was growing up. God works through our parents to keep us safe and give us many blessings.

Lesson

5-7: The Twelve-Year-Old Jesus

Objectives

Jesus perfectly obeyed his parents, his heavenly Father, and every point of the law-for us. To thank Jesus for obeying the law perfectly for us, we obey our parents as he asks us to.

5-8: John Preaches Repentance

John the Baptist told people to prepare for the coming Messiah by repenting of the sins. We repent of our sins and believe that God forgives them for Jesus' sake.

5-9: The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus was baptized to begin publicly his work of saving sinners. We thank Jesus for publicly beginning his work to save us, and we treasure baptism as a washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

5-10: The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus defeated Satan by using God's Word to resist his temptations. We thank Jesus for resisting temptation and remaining our perfect Savior, and we trust in his power and promise to protect us from Satan.

5-11: Jesus Changes Water into Wine

Jesus showed himself to be the Son of God, who has power over nature and power to answer prayer. We trust the Son of God to answer all our prayers.

5-12: Jesus Heals the Official's Son

Jesus showed his power over disease by healing a royal official's dying son. We trust Jesus to heal us physically and spiritually.

5-13: Jesus and Nicodemus

Jesus taught Nicodemus that he is the world's Messiah and that Baptism is the means to enter the kingdom of God. Jesus teaches us that he is our Savior and that through baptism we receive the forgiveness and salvation he won for us.

5-14: Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

Jesus taught the Samaritan woman that he was the Savior of the world, and she then told many others to "Come See!" We eagerly say, "Come see!" so that many others may learn that Jesus is the savior of the World.

5-15: Rejected in Nazareth

The Nazarenes reject Jesus as their Savior. We study the Word and attend church regularly so that our faith grows and we do not reject Jesus as our Savior.

Lesson

5-16: Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit

Objectives

Jesus' divine authority and gospel message are amazing. We feel amazement at Jesus; divine authority and gospel as revealed in the Word. We read the Bible and attend church to learn more about Jesus' amazing divine authority and gospel message.

5-17: Jesus Calls Fishers of Men

God wants his disciples to share his powerful Word with all people. We trust that God's Word has the power to bring people to faith, search for ways to tell others about Jesus, and actively do so.

5-18: The Call of Matthew

Jesus calls sinners to be his disciples. We desire to follow Jesus and be his disciple. We tell others that Jesus wants them to be his disciples, too.

5-19: The Parable of the Four Soils

While many people refuse to believe the Word, God causes others to believe it and produce good works. We trust that the Word has power to create, sustain, and strengthen faith, and to produce good works. We ought to read a portion of Scripture every day.

5-20: The Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat

Unbelievers and believers will live together in the world until God judges them on the Last Day. We understand how important it is to tell unbelievers about Jesus so that they may become believers. We ask God to keep us faithful and to help us spread the gospel so that more may be brought to faith.

5-21: Jesus Calms the Storm

Jesus is the powerful Son of God, who calms the storms of life. We believe that Jesus has power to calm the storms of life, and we pray that Jesus will use his power to calm the storms in our lives.

5-22: Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Jesus has power to heal people spiritually by forgiving their sins. We trust that Jesus has power to heal people spiritually by forgiving their sins, and we invite others to learn more about Jesus' power to heal them spiritually by forgiving their sins.

Lesson

5-23: The Daughter of Jairus

5-24: The Young Man of Nain

5-25: Jesus Teaches about Love

5-26: Jesus Teaches about Worrying

5-27: Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant

5-28: Jesus Heals the Canaanite Woman's Daughter

5-29: The Death of John the Baptist

5-30: The Woman in Simon's House

Objectives

Jesus has power over death. We anticipate the Last Day when believers' bodies will be raised from the dead and joined with their souls to live eternally with Jesus. We tell others that Jesus will raise believers to live with him eternally.

Jesus has power to raise us from the dead. We appreciate Jesus' compassion which leads him to meet all our needs, to forgive our sins, and to raise us from the dead. We thank Jesus for the assurance that he will raise us from the dead and telling others that Jesus can raise them from the dead.

God wants people to show love to others in every situation. We love others because Jesus loved us first. We ask God to help us show love to others and to forgive us when we fail to love.

God does not want his people to worry, because he provides for all needs. We put God, not material possessions, first in life, and we ask God to provide for all needs.

Through the gift of faith, believers are able to trust Jesus' Word completely. We trust Jesus' Word, especially his promises to answer prayer, and we tell Jesus about needs and desires, knowing that he can help.

Jesus may test us because he wants us to trust him completely. We trust Jesus to answer our prayers as he sees fit, and we continue to pray, even as Jesus tests us.

God sends messengers to preach his Word of repentance. We appreciate those who call us to repentance as messengers of loving God. And we repent of sins, especially as God's messengers point them out.

Those who fail to see their sin reject the Savior, and those who believe in Jesus as their Savior love and thank him. We realize that all people need the Savior. We make everything in life a thank-you for God's forgiveness.

Lesson

5-31: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

5-32: Jesus Walks on Water

5-33: The Transfiguration

5-34: Peter's Confession

5-35: The Parable of the Good Samaritan

5-36: The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

5-37: Jesus Heals a Blind Man

5-38: Jesus Heals Ten Men of Leprosy

5-39: Mary and Martha

Objectives

Jesus will fulfill every physical need. We trust Jesus to fulfill every physical need and thank him for doing so daily.

Jesus is the Son of God, who has power to help in times of trouble. We pray to Jesus during times of trouble and trust him to help us.

Jesus left the glory of heaven to die for all people. We look forward to heaven, where believers will see Jesus in his glory face-to-face. We thank and praise Jesus for leaving the glory of heaven to die for all people.

The foundation of the is the truth that Jesus is God's Son, who came to die for all people. We are grateful to the Father for revealing the truth that Jesus came to die for all people. We confess the truth that Jesus came to die for all people.

Love for God shows itself in loving actions toward neighbors in need. We desire to help others in need in response to Jesus' love.

Jesus taught that appreciation for God's forgiveness leads the sinner to forgive others. We appreciate God's forgiveness and desire to forgive others.

Each believer is important to God. We appreciate God's love for each of his believers, especially as it shows itself in leading them to faith. We trust God to care for each of his believers.

The believers lives a life a thanks to God for his care. We recognize God's care for each believer, and we thank God for his care, through words and actions.

God's Word is the most important thing in life. We cherish the Word as the most important thing in life, attend church, and study the Word regularly.

Lesson

5-40: The Parable of the Great Banquet

Objectives

Those who despise God's Word will not enjoy his blessing of salvation. We cherish God's Word as the most important thing in life, study God's Word, and attend church regularly.

5-41: The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Believers humbly confess their sins and trust in God's mercy. We feel the weight of sin and the desperate need for God's mercy and forgiveness. We humbly confess our sins and trust in God's forgiveness.

5-42: The Parable of the Lost Son

The father loves his children and is eager to forgive them when they repent. We cherish the Father's love and forgiveness. We repent with complete trust in the Father's full forgiveness.

5-43: The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus

The one true wealth is God's Word, which alone has power to create saving faith. We appreciate earthly wealth and especially the wealth of God's Word as God's gifts to us. We share earthly wealth with others in order to thank God.

5-44: The Rich Young Ruler

God does not want anyone to love money or possessions more than him. We want to show love for God by giving some money back to him.

5-45: Jesus Raises Lazarus

Jesus loves his believers, strengthens, and comforts them when they face death, and will raise them from the dead on the last day. We rest in Jesus' love and comforting promises, especially his promise to raise believers from death to eternal life. We seek comfort and strength in the Word when facing death.

5-46: Zacchaeus

Jesus has found, forgiven, and saved lost sinners. We cherish Jesus' love and grace, which found, forgave, and saved lost sinners. We reassure others that Jesus has found, forgiven, and saved lost sinners.

5-47: Mary Anoints Jesus

Jesus' death evokes a response of love and thanks in believers. We cherish Jesus' death as the precious sacrifice he made to save the world. We make everything in life a thank-you to Jesus for his death.

Lesson

5-48: Palm Sunday

5-49: The Parable of the Talents

5-50: The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

5-51: Paying Taxes to Caesar

5-52: The Widow's Offering

5-53: The Parable of the Tenants

5-54: The Parable of the Wedding Clothes

5-55: Jesus and His Disciples In the Upper Room

Objectives

With lives and voices, believers praise and honor Jesus as their King.

God has given everyone different talents, and he wants each person to use those talents to serve him. We want to use our talents to serve God.

Salvation is not based on works; it is a gift of God's grace. We cherish salvation as God's gracious gift. We thank God for his gracious gift of salvation and rejoice when others receive it also.

God wants his children to respect and obey him and the government. We respect and honor the government established by God by obeying the government's laws and paying taxes.

Jesus doesn't determine the value of an offering by its amount. We are comforted by the fact that Jesus doesn't determine the value of an offering by its amount. We give offerings to God in proportion to how he has blessed us.

God will punish those who reject Jesus as the Savior. We desire to learn God's Word and to grow in faith in Jesus as the Savior. We use God's Word daily to learn more about God's gift of salvation.

Those who reject God's grace are eternally lost, and those who are saved are saved by grace alone. We appreciate God's gracious gift of eternal life as our greatest treasure, and we thank God that his gift of eternal life is free.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus showed his disciples his love. We desire to reflect the love of Jesus by faithfully serving, encouraging, and praying for fellow Christians.

Lesson

5-56: Betrayal in Gethsemane

5-57: Peter's Denial

5-58: Jesus Before Pilate

5-59: Jesus' Crucifixion

5-60: Jesus' Dying Words

5-61: Jesus' Burial and Resurrection

5-62: Jesus' Enemies Deny the Resurrection

Objectives

Jesus willingly gave himself up to be arrested as part of God's plan of redemption. We grow in appreciation of the love Jesus showed in redeeming us. We thank Jesus every day for humbling himself to redeem us, and we look for opportunities to tell others what Jesus did for them, too.

Peter denied his Savior three times and then repented of his sin. We desire that God guard and keep us from temptation. We read God's Word daily so that the Holy Spirit can strengthen our faith and our resistance to the devil.

Jesus willingly suffered many things for us under Pontius Pilate. We grow in appreciation of the great suffering Jesus went through to redeem us. We thank and praise our Savior who suffered many things to redeem us.

Jesus suffered great shame as he was crucified for the sins of the world. We further grow in love for the Savior and in appreciation of all he suffered to redeem us. We thank Jesus for showing his love by suffering shame for us on the cross.

Jesus, our perfect Savior, finished his work of redemption on the cross. We grow once more in appreciation of Jesus' loving sacrifice for us, and increase praise and worship of our perfect Savior.

The miracles at Jesus' death and his resurrection proved that he is God's Son and our Savior. We grow in faith and trust in the Savior whose resurrection confirmed our redemption. We praise and worship the risen Savior for confirming our redemption.

The Jewish leaders at Jesus' time blindly denied his resurrection. We sorrow over those who blindly reject Jesus. We confess the truth and pray for those who blindly reject Jesus.

Lesson

5-63: The Empty Tomb

Objectives

Jesus' resurrection assures us that we, too, will rise to eternal life. We grow in joyful trust in the risen Redeemer, who will raise us from the dead on the Last Day. We worship the risen Redeemer, who died and rose so that we could rise from the dead.

5-64: Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Jesus' resurrection assures us that Jesus has power over death. We place joyful trust and confidence in the fact that Jesus has power over death. We worship the risen Redeemer in the assurance and comfort that he has power over death.

5-65: On the Road to Emmaus

Jesus died and rose to save sinners, just as Moses and all the prophets had foretold. We also desire to study the Old Testament to learn more about Jesus and what he's done for us. We read and think about the Old Testament so that faith continues to grow.

5-66: Easter Evening

Jesus changes weak believers into strong believers by the Word. We desire to learn more about Jesus through the Scriptures, and we study the Bible every day to grow in faith.

5-67: Doubting Thomas

Jesus showed himself to Thomas to remove any doubt that he was alive. We want to see Jesus in his Word to remove doubts and to keep faith strong. We increase our study of God's Word to remove doubts and grow in faith.

5-68: Jesus Appears in Galilee

Jesus commanded his followers to spread the good news to all nations and promised to be with them. We eagerly desire to obey Jesus' command to tell others the good news. We tell others about Jesus at every opportunity.

5-69: Jesus' Ascension

Jesus ascended to rule all things for the good of his church. We trust that our ascended Lord rules all things for the good of the church. We thank God that he always guides and blesses his church.

Lesson

5-70: Matthias Replaces Judas

5-71: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

5-72: Peter's Pentecost Sermon

5-73: Healing the Lame Man

5-74: The Apostles Before the Council

5-75: The Apostles in Prison

5-76: Persecutions Help to Spread the Gospel

5-77: Saul's Conversion

Objectives

God guides and blesses his church on earth so that the gospel may be spread. We trust God to guide and bless the church's work. We thank God for called workers in the church and school, and consider the full-time ministry as one way to serve.

The promised Holy Spirit came to the disciples to mark the beginning of the New Testament church. We increase gratitude to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We study God's Word so that the Holy Spirit may dwell in our hearts by faith.

The Holy Spirit uses law and gospel to do his work. We grow in appreciation that the Spirit uses law and gospel to do his work. We regularly study law and gospel.

The Holy Spirit brings people to faith through the gospel. We have a growing desire to share the gospel with others, and we boldly telling others about Jesus.

The apostles boldly witnessed the truth to the Jewish Council. We grow in confidence to tell others the truth about Jesus. We ask God for strength to proclaim the truth of his Word boldly.

Persecution cannot stop the spread of God's Word or destroy God's church. We know that God is always with us, even when we are being persecuted for being Christians. We thank God for the freedom of worship we enjoy in our country, and we pray for those who do not have this freedom.

God used the persecution of early Christians to spread the gospel and bring many more to faith. We trust that God will never allow persecution to destroy his church., and we spread the good news of Jesus even in the face of persecution.

God's power changes people into believers. We treasure the power of God's Word. We tell others about Christ and trust the power of God's Word to change people.

Lesson

5-78: Philip and the Ethiopian

Objectives

God led Philip to tell the good news of Jesus to an African from Ethiopia. We treasure the power of the gospel, which brings us and many others to faith. We look for opportunities to tell people of all races and nation about Jesus.

Grade 6 students will learn the following scriptural truths, spiritual attitudes, and spiritual habits:

Lesson

6-1: The Creation

Objectives

Truth: God showed his wisdom, power and love by creating a perfect world in six days.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating the beautiful, complex world God made.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for his creation and taking care of it.

6-2: Adam and Eve

Truth: God instituted marriage when he brought Eve to Adam in the garden of Eden.

Spiritual Attitude: Respecting God's institution of marriage as his way to bless families.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for the blessings he gives through marriage.

6-3: The Fall and the Promise

Truth: God showed his great love for sinners by promising to send a Savior.

Spiritual Attitude: Humbly appreciating God's grace in promising and sending a Savior.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for sending a Savior from sin.

6-4: Cain and Abel

Truth: God uses the law to show sinners their sin and their need of God's forgiveness.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating the law's ability to show sinners their need for a Savior.

Spiritual Habit: Repenting when confronted by God's law.

6-5: The Flood

Truth: God destroys those who reject him, but saves those he has brought to faith.

Spiritual Attitude: Anticipating the final judgment, when God will judge the world.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God for a strong faith and by urging others to repent.

6-6: The Tower of Babel

Truth: God wants people to fear, love, and trust in him above all things.

Spiritual Attitude: Fearing, loving, and trusting in God above all things.

Spiritual Habit: Showing fear, love, and trust in God through words and actions.

Lesson

6-7: God Calls Abram

Objectives

Truth: God gives us faith, which trusts his promises completely.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God's promises.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to strengthen our faith through his promises in his Word.

6-8: Abram and Lot

Truth: God provides for us with his goodness and protects us with his power.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God to provide and protect.

Spiritual Habit: Behaving boldly and selflessly in faith in God's care and protection.

6-9: God Again Promises Abraham a Son

Truth: God strengthens believers through the promises he gives in his Word.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting the promises God gives in his Word.

Spiritual Habit: Reassuring others they may trust the promises God gives in his Word.

6-10: God Answers Abraham's Prayer

Truth: When God answers prayer, he often gives his children more than they ask.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God to answer prayer.

Spiritual Habit: Praying continually for personal needs and for the needs of others.

6-11: The Test of Abraham's Faith

Truth: God wants only what is best for his children.

Spiritual Attitude: Surrendering to God's will by accepting what he sends in our lives.

Spiritual Habit: Surrendering to God's will by obeying him.

6-12: Isaac and Rebekah

Truth: God-fearing husbands and wives are wonderful blessings of God.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to have a God-fearing spouse as a blessing from God.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God for guidance in finding a God-fearing husband or wife.

6-13: Jacob Deceives Isaac

Truth: God doesn't want us to use trickery to reach our goals but rather to trust in him.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God to provide for all needs.

Spiritual Habit: Confessing sins and asking for God's forgiveness.

6-14: Jacob's Flight and Vision

Truth: God is always present with his believers.

Spiritual Attitude: Being comforted by God's presence.

Spiritual Habit: Assuring others of God's presence.

Lesson

6-15: Jacob and Laban

Objectives

Truth: God invites us to rely on his promises.

Spiritual Attitude: Relying on God's promises.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to provide for us and to keep us safe, as he has promised.

6-16 Jacob's Return

Truth: God invites his children to pray persistently.

Spiritual Attitude: Relying on God's promises and blessings.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for his promises and blessings by living an obedient life.

6-17: Joseph Sold by His Brothers

Truth: Hatred is a terrible sin that leads to other sins and great sadness.

Spiritual Attitude: Understanding that hatred leaves great pain and sadness in its wake.

Spiritual Habit: Showing love instead of hate to others.

6-18: Joseph in Egypt

Truth: God asks his children to trust him to make everything work for good.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God to make all work for good, even when facing trouble.

Spiritual Habit: Obeying God's commandments faithfully, even when facing trouble.

6-19: Joseph Becomes Ruler of Egypt

Truth: God makes evil and suffering work for good.

Spiritual Attitude: Relying on God to make evil and suffering work for good.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for making evil and suffering work for good.

6-20: Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt

Truth: God may discipline believers in order to lead them to contrition and repentance.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating God's discipline as a sign of his love.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for his discipline.

6-21: Joseph Tests His Brothers

Truth: Believers show love to fellow members of God's family.

Spiritual Attitude: Loving fellow members of God's family.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God for help in loving fellow members of his family.

6-22: Joseph Makes Himself Known

Truth: To thank God for forgiving us, we forgive and show kindness to others.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to forgive and show kindness to others.

Spiritual Habit: Forgiving and showing kindness to others.

Lesson

6-23: The Deaths of Jacob and Joseph

Objectives

Truth: God will preserve us on earth and take us to the promised land of heaven.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God to preserve us now and eternally for Jesus' sake.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for preserving us now and eternally for Jesus' sake.

6-24: Moses' Birth

Truth: God gives children many blessings through their parents.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating that God blesses his children through their parents.

Spiritual Habit: Showing gratitude for parents with honor, obedience, love, and respect.

6-25: Moses' Sin

Truth: God guides believers through his Word.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to follow God's guidance as he gives it in his Word.

Spiritual Habit: Following God's guidance as he gives it in his Word.

6-26: God Calls Moses

Truth: God in his Word guides and promises to help his people.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God's guidance and help.

Spiritual Habit: Reading the Bible to find God's guidance and promises of help.

6-27: Moses and Pharaoh

Truth: Disobeying God or his representatives is a rejection of God's authority.

Spiritual Attitude: Fearing, loving, and desiring to obey God as the ultimate authority.

Spiritual Habit: Obeying God and his representatives.

6-28: The Plagues

Truth: Those who reject God in spite of the evidence will be condemned to hell.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to tell others about God, evidenced in nature and his Word.

Spiritual Habit: Showing others the evidence of God's power and love.

6-29: The Passover

Truth: Jesus is the Passover Lamb; his blood delivered us from the slavery of sin.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting Jesus the Passover Lamb for deliverance from sin and death.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking Jesus for delivering the world from sin and death.

6-30: Crossing the Red Sea

Truth: God has promised to fight for us against our enemies, especially Satan.

Spiritual Attitude: Relying on God to fight for us against our enemies.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to fight for us against our enemies.

Lesson

6-31: Quail and Manna

Objectives

Truth: God provides all that his children need.

Spiritual Attitude: Being content with and appreciating God's gracious providence.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to forgive our grumbling and lack of trust in his care.

6-32: God's Staff

Truth: God protects and provides for his children.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating God's providence and protection.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for his protection and providence.

6-33: The Giving of the Law

Truth: God gave his holy law to his chosen people as a way to respond to his love.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to obey the commandments out of fear and love for God.

Spiritual Habit: Obeying the commandments.

6-34: The Golden Calf

Truth: God is gracious and compassionate, forgiving all sins for the sake of his Son.

Spiritual Attitude: Feeling sorrow over sins.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to forgive all sins for the sake of his Son, Jesus.

6-35: The Tabernacle

Truth: Jesus' sacrificial death is the focus of worship in the Old and New Testaments.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to worship the Savior, who sacrificed himself for all sin.

Spiritual Habit: Worshipping the Savior with gladness.

6-36: The Day of Atonement

Truth: Jesus, our Great High Priest, sacrificed himself to atone for the world's sins.

Spiritual Attitude: Gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice.

Spiritual Habit: Worshipping regularly to praise and thank Jesus for his sacrifice.

6-37: The Twelve Spies

Truth: Those who do not believe God's promises will not receive his blessings.

Spiritual Attitude: Believing God's promises.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to forgive our sins of unbelief.

6-38: Korah's Rebellion

Truth: Rebellion against God's appointed leaders is rebellion against God himself.

Spiritual Attitude: Respecting God's appointed leaders.

Spiritual Habit: Asking forgiveness for rebellion against God's appointed leaders.

Lesson

6-39: The Bronze Snake

Objectives

Truth: God disciplines us to bring us to repentance, then forgives us for Jesus' sake.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating God's discipline and his forgiveness.

Spiritual Habit: Asking for forgiveness when disciplined.

6-40: Balaam

Truth: God disciplines those who oppose his will.

Spiritual Attitude: Accepting God's discipline as an act of his love.

Spiritual Habit: Repenting and asking for forgiveness when disciplined.

6-41: Crossing the Jordan

Truth: God will bring his children to the promised land of heaven for Jesus' sake.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating that God has given the promised land of heaven to us.

Spiritual Habit: Reading the Word, which holds God's promises to bring us to heaven.

6-42: Rahab and the Spies

Truth: The Holy Spirit gives the gift of faith.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to demonstrate faith through words and actions.

Spiritual Habit: Demonstrating faith through words and action.

6-43: The Fall of Jericho

Truth: God graciously blesses his children when they obey him.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to obey God's commandments in order to thank him.

Spiritual Habit: Obeying God to thank him for the victory he has given through Christ.

6-44: Achan's Sin

Truth: God punishes disobedience.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to obey, not disobey, God.

Spiritual Habit: Obeying God and asking forgiveness for disobedience.

6-45: Peace and Prosperity in the Promised Land

Truth: God give the blessings of peace and prosperity to individuals and nations.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating God's gifts of peace and prosperity.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for his gifts of peace and prosperity.

6-46: Israel Loses God's Blessings

Truth: Those who commit idolatry forfeit God's temporal and eternal blessings.

Spiritual Attitude: Recognizing sins of idolatry in the heart.

Spiritual Habit: Confessing sins of idolatry and asking for strength in remaining faithful.

Lesson

6-47: God Calls Gideon

Objectives

Truth: God promises to help and be with those whom he calls to serve.

Spiritual Attitude: Knowing God is present to help those he calls to spread the gospel.

Spiritual Habit: Spreading the gospel.

6-48: God Gives Gideon the Victory

Truth: Through his Word, God reassures his children of their eternal victory in Jesus.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God's promises of eternal victory.

Spiritual Habit: Reading God's Word to be assured of his promises of eternal victory.

6-49: Samson the Champion

Truth: God gives his children special gifts to be used in his service.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to use God's gifts to serve him.

Spiritual Habit: Using God's gifts to serve him.

6-50: Samson's Fall and Death

Truth: Sinners deserve God's judgment, but God forgives us for the sake of his Son.

Spiritual Attitude: Being sorry for sin.

Spiritual Habit: Confessing sin.

6-51: Ruth's Faith

Truth: Believers support each other in the faith.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to choose friends who love God and encourage our faith.

Spiritual Habit: Choosing friends who love God and encourage us in our faith.

6-52: Ruth and Boaz

Truth: God gives his people spiritual and physical blessings.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating God's spiritual and physical blessings.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for his spiritual and physical blessings.

6-53: Hannah and Samuel

Truth: God directs parents to raise children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating parents who provide godly training and instruction.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God for parents who provide godly training and instruction.

6-54: Eli and His Wicked Sons

Truth: God directs parents to show love to their children by disciplining them.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating parental discipline as a sign of love.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God and parents for parental discipline.

Lesson

6-55: Saul Is Chosen

Objectives

Truth: Jesus served us by giving his life, so we serve him by humbly serving others.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to serve God by humbly serving others.

Spiritual Habit: Serving God by humbly serving others.

6-56: Saul Is Rejected

Truth: Sinners deserve God's eternal wrath and punishment.

Spiritual Attitude: Being sorry for sin.

Spiritual Habit: Repenting of sin and trusting in Jesus for forgiveness.

6-57: David and Goliath

Truth: God invites his children to trust him to defeat their enemies.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God to defeat enemies.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to defeat enemies and thanking him for doing so.

6-58: Saul's Jealousy and Jonathan's Friendship

Truth: God directs his children to love their friends as Jesus loved them.

Spiritual Attitude: Loving friends.

Spiritual Habit: Showing love to friends through words and actions.

6-59: David's Kindness to Saul

Truth: God directs us not to get revenge but to love and forgive as he does for us.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating God's love and forgiveness.

Spiritual Habit: Showing love and forgiveness to those who sin against us.

6-60: David Mourns Saul's Death

Truth: God does not want his children to find joy in the trouble of others.

Spiritual Attitude: Grieving over the troubles of others.

Spiritual Habit: Helping others cope with trouble.

6-61: David Sins and Repents

Truth: Sins harm others and anger God, but he forgives them for Jesus' sake.

Spiritual Attitude: Being sorry for sins, which harm others and anger God.

Spiritual Habit: Confessing sins and asking God for forgiveness.

6-62: Absalom's Rebellion

Truth: When children sin against their parents, they bring their parents much grief.

Spiritual Attitude: Loving and respecting parents.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to forgive sins of lovelessness and disrespect to parents.

Lesson

6-63: Solomon's Wisdom

Objectives

Truth: God gives his church pastors and teachers who preach and teach his Word.

Spiritual Attitude: Appreciating and respecting pastors and teachers who faithfully serve.

Spiritual Habit: Thanking God and those he sends for faithful preaching and teaching.

6-64: The King's Idolatry

Truth: God warns his church to beware of false teachers, who may lead us astray.

Spiritual Attitude: Cherishing church leaders who faithfully nurture faith with the Word.

Spiritual Habit: Asking God to continue sending faithful church leaders.

6-65: Ahab and Jezebel

Truth: God directs his children to share the law and gospel with unbelievers.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to share the law and gospel with unbelievers.

Spiritual Habit: Sharing the law and gospel with unbelievers.

6-66: Naboth's Vineyard

Truth: God directs believers to share the law and gospel with unbelievers.

Spiritual Attitude: Desiring to share the law and gospel with unbelievers.

Spiritual Habit: Sharing the law and gospel with unbelievers.

6-67: Elijah and Elisha

Truth: God is the Lord of life and death.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God to take his children to heaven when he sees fit.

Spiritual Habit: Telling others about God's promise to take his children to heaven.

6-68: Elisha and the Shunamite Woman

Truth: God gives life, and he gives eternal life to all who believe in Jesus.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God as the Lord of life and death.

Spiritual Habit: Telling others that God is the Lord of life and death.

6-69: Naaman's Servant

Truth: God can use even children to tell others about him.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to tell others about God.

Spiritual Habit: Telling others about God.

6-70: Jonah

Truth: God calls his children to spread the gospel to unbelievers in all the world.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to share the gospel with unbelievers all over the world.

Spiritual Habit: Supporting world missions with prayers and offerings.

Lesson

6-71: Hezekiah and the Assyrian Invasion

6-72: Hezekiah's Illness

6-73: The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace

6-74: Daniel and Belshazzar

6-75: Daniel in the Lion's Den

6-76: Esther

6-77: Return from Exile

6-78: Job

Objectives

Truth: God promises to deliver his children from danger.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God to deliver his children from danger.

Spiritual Habit: Praying that God deliver his children from danger.

Truth: God listens to the prayers of his people and takes care of them as he sees fit.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God to answer prayers as he sees fit.

Spiritual Habit: Praying to God in times of sickness.

Truth: God gives us strength to resist temptation and to confess their faith boldly.

Spiritual Attitude: Being unashamed and unafraid to confess faith in God.

Spiritual Habit: Resisting temptation and boldly confessing faith in God.

Truth: God will condemn unrepentant sinners to hell.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting others to repent of their sins and receive forgiveness.

Spiritual Habit: Pointing out others' sins and warning them of God's judgment.

Truth: The Holy Spirit gives believers strength to obey God even when persecuted.

Spiritual Attitude: Wanting to obey God.

Spiritual Habit: Obeying God even when persecuted or threatened.

Truth: God works through people to accomplish his own good purposes.

Spiritual Attitude: Being unafraid to confess faith.

Spiritual Habit: Confessing faith even to those in authority.

Truth: God delivers and blesses his people in his own time.

Spiritual Attitude: Trusting God to deliver from trouble and bring blessing.

Spiritual Habit: Studying God's Word for reassurance of God's promises to deliver.

Truth: God allows troubles into our lives, but promises to use them for our good.

Spiritual Attitude: Submitting to God's will, whether it brings joy or suffering.

Spiritual Habit: Studying God's Word in our troubles for reassurance of his promises.

Grade 7 students will learn the following biblical truths and achieve the following objectives:

Lesson

7-1: Creation and Fall

Truths and Objectives

Truth: God, the giver of life and all things, shows He wants only what is best for us by re-creating us in Jesus.

Objectives: Acknowledge our triune God as the maker and preserver of the universe and all it contains. Explain the history of human sin from Adam and Eve to the world of today and, confessing our sins, expressing confident trust in Jesus and rejoice in the forgiveness He came to provide. Express a desire to resist temptation by the power of the Spirit and to honor God in wise management of all He has given us.

7-2: The Great Flood

Truth: Because God is holy, He cannot tolerate sin; because He is loving and faithful, He saves His people.

Objectives: Recount the events leading up to, during, and following the flood. Repent of their sins and express gratitude for the salvation that is theirs in Jesus. Relate the flood to baptism.

7-3: The Tower of Babel

Truth: God has scattered the proud, but He remembers His people with grace and mercy.

Objectives: Describe the motives of those who built the tower of Babel. Ask Jesus to forgive them for the times in their own lives when they have been guilty of self-glorification. Desire to take pride in God and in the new life we have in Christ Jesus.

7-4: God's Promise to Abram

Truth: As God credits us with righteousness through the merit of Christ, He gives direction and meaning to the new life that is ours in Him.

Objectives: List and explain each part of God's promises to Abram. Recognize righteousness as God's gift to us through Christ Jesus, our Savior. Identify themselves as children of Abram by God's grace through the working of the Holy Spirit.

Lesson

7-5: Abraham Prayers for Sodom and Gomorrah

Truths and Objectives

Truth: As children of God through faith in Jesus, God's people talk with Him as children speak with their loving father.

Objectives: Explain how God heard and answered Abraham's prayer for others. Describe the blessings and privilege of prayer. Pray in the name of Jesus for their own welfare and that of others.

7-6: The Offering of Isaac

Truth: God gives His people faith to follow Him and receive His blessings in their lives.

Objectives: Desire to obey God's Word, even in challenging circumstances. Ask God for strong, unwavering faith in times of testing. Rejoice in the family heritage of the Promised One, Jesus, the Savior.

7-7: Isaac and Rebekah

Truth: God provides marriage as an institution through which a man and a woman can sacrifice and care for one another, which mirrors – though imperfectly – the love of Christ for His Church.

Objectives: Tell how God brought Isaac and Rebekah together in marriage as two young people faithful to Him. Explain and affirm God's plan for marriage. Ask God in Christ to bless all of their relationships, and if it is God's will that they marry, to provide them with a spouse who is faithful to Him.

7-8: Isaac Blesses His Sons

Truth: The will of our loving God and Savior cannot be altered or hindered.

Objectives: Compare the events of the account with times when we sin by taking matters into our own hands instead of trusting in God. Demonstrate a desire to wait on the Lord during times of impatience or uncertainty. Thank God for the blessings that are ours in Jesus.

Lesson

7-9: Joseph and His Brothers

Truths and Objectives

Truth: God does not allow problems or difficulties to get in the way of His plans to bless and save His people.

Objectives: Summarize the key events in the life of Joseph and his brothers. Explain that God always works for the good, even in the darkest and most disheartening circumstances, of those who by faith belong to Him. Rely on the power and blessings of Jesus for encouragement and support even in our most discouraging of times.

7-10: The Call of Moses

Truth: Just as God sent Moses to rescue His Old Testament people from slavery in Egypt, He sent Jesus to save all people from their sins.

Objectives: Tell how God prepared Moses to lead and save God's people. Look for God at work around you and for His possible call to join Him. Praise God for the rescuing, leading power and presence of Jesus.

7-11: The Plagues and the Passover

Truth: The blood of the Passover lamb provides a picture of the blood of Jesus, the lamb of God, who shed His blood to provide salvation for us and for all people.

Objectives: Explain how the events of the Passover illustrate God's desire to save His people. Describe how the Passover meal reminds us of the Lord's Supper. Express with confidence that the blood of the Lamb of God frees us from the bondage of sin.

7-12: The Exodus

Truth: Just as God saved His people from Pharaoh and his army, God in Christ has saved us from sin, death and Satan's power.

Objectives: Recall the facts of how God rescued His people at the exodus. Explain that like Pharaoh and his army, sin, death and Satan's power constantly seek to bring those Christ had freed back under their control. Compare the exodus deliverance with the rescue Jesus has provided for us and for all people through His life, death and resurrection.

Lesson

7-13: God Gives His People Food and Water

Truths and Objectives

Truth: God cares for those who belong to Him; in Christ, He provides for our needs of body and soul.

Objectives: Explain the miraculous way in which God provided for His people in the wilderness. Tell how God in Christ provides for the physical and spiritual needs of His people today. Thank God for giving us Jesus – the bread of life.

7-14: The Ten Commandments

Truth: Through Moses, God provided His people with the Law; through Jesus, God provided the one who achieved total and complete obedience to the Law in our place.

Objectives: Explain God's purpose in giving the Ten Commandments. Identify the Ten Commandments and the various ways we sin against God. Acknowledge that through Jesus we receive the forgiveness of sins and are declared holy and righteous before God.

7-15: The Golden Calf

Truth: God in Christ forgives our sins and gives us the power of His Holy Spirit so that we may resist sins of idolatry and all other sins.

Objectives: Tell how God's people sinned against God in their worship of the golden calf. Confess the sins of idolatry in their own lives, expressing confident trust in the forgiveness Jesus freely offers. Thank God for His grace and mercy and for the power of the Holy Spirit to live lives of obedience to Him.

7-16 The Ark and the Tabernacle

Truth: God in Christ bids His people to worship Him.

Objectives: Explain how God's Old Testament people followed His design in the building and use of the tabernacle. Recognize that through Jesus' sacrificial work on our behalf, we can approach the throne of God with grateful hearts to offer Him our worship and praise. Demonstrate an increased understanding and appreciation for the role of worship in the life of a believer.

Lesson

7-17: The Twelve Spies

Truths and Objectives

Truth: God's power in Christ enables us to trust and obey Him.

Objectives: Describe Israel's sin in failing to trust God. Acknowledge that by only God's power are we able to trust and obey Him. Rely on the power of the Spirit to remain faithful and obedient.

7-18: Aaron's Rod

Truth: God continues to gift us with His grace through His Church on earth.

Objectives: Recognize in the history of Israel their own inability to trust in God and faithfully honor the leaders He has provided. Repent of their sins, trusting in Jesus for forgiveness and strength for new life. Demonstrate the desire to serve God and to honor and support the leaders He provides.

7-19: The Serpent on the Pole

Truth: Though we often grumble and complain, God continues to forgive, restore, and provide for us as His people through Jesus, our Lord.

Objectives: Recognize that in the hardship that befell His people, God was calling them to repentance. Draw parallels between the serpent on the pole and Jesus on the cross. Express the intent to "look to the cross" always.

7-20: Moses' Last Words and Death

Truth: Though we continue in our unworthiness, Jesus continues to forgive and empower us for the work He has given us to do.

Objectives: Give examples of God's judgment and grace on Moses and God's people. Recognize the effects of sin and the blessings of Jesus' forgiveness and grace in their own lives. Demonstrate a desire to live for Him who died for them and rose again.

7-21: Rahab and the Spies; Israel Crosses the Jordan

Truth: Like the Israelites, we are sinners, yet God in mercy, for Jesus' sake, leads us to His eternal promised land.

Lesson

7-21: Rahab and the Spies; Israel Crosses the Jordan (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Recognize that God uses all kinds of people to accomplish His will. Perceive the changes that took place upon entering the Promised Land. Acknowledge God in Christ as the Christian's source of strength and courage.

7-22: The Battle of Jericho

Truth: As God led His people victoriously to claim their home in the Promised Land, God in Christ leads His faithful New Testament people in victory to a new and eternal life in Him.

Objectives: Give evidence of God's continuous mercy toward Israel. Express confidence in God's victory over sins, death and the power of the devil. Identify signs of God's love and care in their own life.

7-23: The Conquest of Canaan; Cities of Refuge

Truth: God, in Christ, strengthens His people to face and fight challenges and opposition.

Objectives: Describe God at work to bless and give victory to His Old Testament people. Recognize the victory God offers to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. Compare the Promised Land of the people of Israel to our eternal home in heaven.

7-24: Deborah

Truth: Through Deborah and Barak, God gave Israel victory over their earthly enemies. Through Jesus, God has given all believers of every time and place victory over sin, death and the devil's power.

Objectives: Describe the victory God gave Israel through Deborah and Barak. Acknowledge God as the giver of all good things, especially the gifts of forgiveness, life, and eternal salvation, which are ours in Christ. Thank and praise God for the victories Jesus has won for us.

7-25: Gideon Leads God's People

Truth: God, in Christ, forgives the sinful doubts of His people, strengthens their faith, and enables them to do His will.

Lesson

7-25: Gideon Leads God's People (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Tell how God changed Gideon by strengthening his faith. Recognize God's power at work in Gideon's weakness, leading the Israelites to defeat the people of Midian. Show appreciation for God's forgiveness, restoration and the new and eternal life He provides through faith in Christ Jesus.

7-26: Samson

Truth: God, in Christ, forgives our sins, strengthening us in our weakness and enabling us through the Holy Spirit to serve Him in faithfulness and obedience.

Objectives: Acknowledge that, like us, Old Testament believers were saints and sinners. Praise God that Jesus Christ delivers us from the power of sin through His death and resurrection. Express gratitude for the Holy Spirit, sent by God to strength and encourage His people in the new life God has given us to live for Him.

7-27: Ruth

Truth: Though at times we may doubt and even question God's love and care, God continues to work good in all things for those who, by faith, belong to Him.

Objectives: Describe the troubles and difficulties Elimelech, Naomi, Mashlon, Chilion, Ruth, Orpah, and Boaz faced. Confess the doubts we have at times about God's care for us. Express confident trust that the God who sent Jesus to save us will continue to bless and care for us.

7-28: God Calls Samuel

Truth: God calls us, His forgiven people through His Word, directing us to the things He would have us do for Him.

Objectives: Provide the details of the call of Samuel. Identify Samuel's willing and faithful service as the result of the working of the Holy Spirit. Read, study and apply Scripture to our everyday lives so that we realize the worth we have in Jesus Christ and live for Him.

Lesson

7-29: Saul, Israel's First King

Truths and Objectives

Truth: God commands us to trust Him, but He doesn't force us; instead, He grants forgiveness and salvation to all who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, repent of our sins and rely on His mercy extended to us for Jesus' sake.

Objectives: Recognize Saul's rejection of God's love and lordship even as God continues to love and care for all people. Repent of the sins of pride and rebellion. Demonstrate joy in knowing that God forgives all sins through the atoning sacrifice of His son.

7-30: Saul Anoints David

Truth: Under the judgment of God's law, we all stand condemned; when God looks at us through His son, He sees us forgiven, righteous and holy.

Objectives: Explain that God does not base His view on us on outward appearance or on our works, but rather on Jesus' life and death for us. Recognize God's continued care for His people in choosing David as Saul's successor. Demonstrate a desire to show God's unconditional love to others.

7-31: David Becomes King

Truth: Through Jesus our King, God our Father and ruler of the universe offers forgiveness, strength as well as purpose for daily living, and eternal salvation to the citizens of His kingdom.

Objectives: Acknowledge that although earthly kingdoms rise and fall, our God reigns forever. Identify the rights and privileges God gives citizens of His kingdom of peace. Seek God's help in understanding and pursuing His goals for our life as we daily walk with Him and wait on Him.

7-32: David and Bathsheba

Truth: God hates sin, but he loves us and wants to forgive and save us. Thus, He confronts us with our sin in order that He might move us to repentance and grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Lesson

7-32: David and Bathsheba (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Recognize that David needed a Savior and that we do too. Confess our sins and trust in God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Thank and praise God for His Word (both Law and Gospel), for the forgiveness of sins, and for eternal life.

7-33: Solomon's Wisdom

Truth: God in Christ commands us to pray and promises to hear us so that He might bless us with His gifts, including wisdom for salvation and opportunities and strength for lives of service.

Objectives: See prayer as a privilege God's people enjoy. Recognize everything we are and possess, including wisdom, as blessings from God. Gratefully acknowledge the gifts of forgiveness and salvation in Christ Jesus.

7-34: Solomon Builds a Temple

Truth: Even as God commands that we worship Him, by grace through Jesus our Savior, He provides us with the resources and motivation to live lives of worship.

Objectives: Recognize that in worship God gives the Means of Grace to us, and through that means, He directs and empowers our response. Acknowledge Christ Jesus our Savior as the central focus of true worship. Demonstrate an eagerness to participate in acts of worship.

7-35: Rehoboam and Jeroboam

Truth: God in Christ always preserves a remnant of His faithful people.

Objectives: Recognize that unfaithfulness can lead to final rejection of God's grace and salvation. Describe Solomon's apostasy as a primary cause of the division of Israel. Demonstrate the intent to rely on God for power to abide in His grace and to honor Him in our lives as citizens of an earthly nation.

7-36: Elijah and the Ravens

Truth: God is always at work – both calling sinners to repentance and sustaining His faithful people as they confront sin and evil in the world.

Lesson

7-36: Elijah and the Ravens (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Recognize the role of the prophet – to call sinners to repentance and to proclaim the Good News of God’s gift of forgiveness and comfort. Express trust in God to work through the results of sin and to bring sinners to repentance and to demonstrate His faithfulness to those who love and trust in Him. Demonstrate reliance on God’s promises in Christ to forgive, empower and give eternal life to His people.

7-37: God Speaks to Elijah

Truth: Though surrounded, infected and discouraged by sin, believers have been redeemed in Christ and receive God’s grace to live out their callings in lives of service to Him.

Objectives: Realize that Satan, the world and our sinful flesh sometimes tempt us to become discouraged. Describe God’s grace and strength evidenced in this period of the life of Elijah. Share God’s unfailing promise of protection and hope with others who are discouraged

7-38: The Fall of Israel

Truth: God is patient with sinners, giving them the opportunity to repent and be saved for Jesus’ sake; God also is righteous and holy and ultimately delivers judgment on those who deliberately continue in their sin.

Objectives: Recognize God’s judgment as righteous. Describe God’s judgment on Samaria. Thank and praise God for His patient love and mercy, demonstrated through Jesus, the Savior.

7-39: Ahaz

Truth: Despite our natural inclination to live apart from God, He sent Jesus to save us so that we might live eternally with Him in heaven.

Objectives: Describe the devastating effect on Judah caused by the disobedience of Ahaz. Identify God’s rescue of the captives from Israel as a demonstration of His love for and intent to preserve His people. Demonstrate a desire to apply in their own lives what they have learned about God’s mercy for them through Jesus.

Lesson

7-40: Hezekiah's Prayer

Truths and Objectives

Truth: God hears and answers prayer; He has a plan for each life.

Objectives: Describe God's grace demonstrated in the life of Hezekiah. Explain God's plan for every person to receive forgiveness, new life, and salvation in Jesus. Demonstrate a desire to talk with God regularly and often in prayer.

7-41: Manasseh

Truth: God accepts the prayers of repentant sinners and graciously forgives them for Jesus' sake.

Objectives: Recognize the depth of God's love for His people in the way He forgave Manasseh. Demonstrate assurance of God's love for us in spite of anything we have done. Acknowledge God's desire for us to repent and return to Him.

7-42: Josiah, the Boy Who Was King

Truth: God's Word is a blessing that shows us our sins and our need for a Savior and tells us the Good News of salvation through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Objectives: Tell how Josiah served God by leading people to renew their covenant with the Lord. Give examples of the ways God blesses us through His Word. Evidence trust in Jesus to forgive us and to strengthen us in the work we do for Him.

7-43: Isaiah

Truth: As God redeems us in Christ Jesus, He empowers us to live our lives for Him.

Objectives: Review the details of the call of Isaiah. Identify Isaiah's prophecies about the coming Savior. Recognizing that God has also called us into His service, explore the possibility God maybe calling some to church work vocations.

7-44: Jonah

Truth: Jesus died to save all people, His mercy excludes no one, regardless of nationality, race, age or gender.

Lesson

7-44: Jonah (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Acknowledge that the Gospel is for all people. Explain that Jesus has earned forgiveness for all sins, including the sin of being a poor witness for Him. Ask God to help us to share His love with others.

7-45: God's People in Captivity

Truth: Even as God allows the consequences of sin to take their course, He remains faithful to His people, through Jesus, He rescues and protects captive sinners from the devil and restores them to His eternal kingdom.

Objectives: Verbalize that our freedom from the captivity of sin is only by the grace of God through Jesus. Spread the Good News of freedom from captivity, won for all through the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Describe the consequences of sin as illustrated by the fate of Judah's wicked kings and people prior to the exile.

7-46: Ezekiel

Truth: God reveals Himself to us as the King of kings and Lord of lords in all that He does.

Objectives: Identify Ezekiel's place in God's unfolding plan of salvation through Christ Jesus. Tell how God revealed Himself to Ezekiel and, through him, to the exiles. Explain how the conditions of Ezekiel's call still apply to God's people today.

7-47: Good Queen Esther

Truth: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to accomplish great things as our Savior's love is reflected in their lives.

Objectives: Differentiate between internal and external beauty. Describe how God saved His people through Queen Esther. Respond to Jesus' love by letting the beauty of His love shine through us.

7-48: God's People Return from Captivity

Truth: God assures His people that His promises are true by reminding them of His faithfulness in the past.

Lesson

7-48: God's People Return from Captivity (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Recognize the return of God's people to Judah as the fulfillment of His promise. Describe Ezra's role in stabilizing the resettlement of Judah. Explain that peace, joy and happiness await all who trust in Jesus for salvation when God takes us to live with Him in heaven.

7-49: Prophets Foretell the Savior

Truth: The birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus fulfill Old Testament prophecies and demonstrate God's faithfulness to His people at all times.

Objectives: Acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ who came in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Express trust in Jesus as our Savior. Profess reliance on God to continue to fulfill all His promises.

7-50: Jesus Is Born

Truth: In love and mercy, God sent His Son to be born into the world, to live a sinless life, to suffer and die, and to be raised again so that, through faith, all might have life in him.

Objectives: Acknowledge that Jesus, the Savior, is both true God and true man. Profess faith in God's desire to save all people. Praise God for sending Jesus to be our Savior.

Grade 8 students will learn the following biblical truths and achieve the following objectives:

Lesson

8-1: John Prepares the Way

Truths and Objectives

Truth: The Holy Spirit works through God's Word to lead us to repent, to assure us that in Jesus, our sins are forgiven, and to enable us to prepare the way for others to receive saving faith as we share God's Word.

Objectives: Identify how God has called us to faith and equipped us to share His Good News. Repent of our misuse of God's gifts and seek His aid in using them more faithfully. Express a desire that God use us to prepare the way for others to hear the Gospel.

Lesson

8-2: The Baptism of Jesus

Truths and Objectives

Truth: God in His love provides us with the power of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to repent of our sins, to remember our Baptism, and to serve God faithfully and joyfully.

Objectives: Demonstrate understanding that Jesus came to earth to win salvation for all. Remember daily the covenant God made with us in Baptism. Rely on the Holy Spirit's power to serve God in our daily lives.

8-3: The Temptation of Jesus

Truth: Jesus resisted temptation and gained victory over Satan for us.

Objectives: Realize that Jesus kept God's law sinlessly in our place. Acknowledge that Jesus overcame Satan and the powers of evil by His suffering, death and resurrection for us. Express trust in God's promises at work through the Means of Grace to help us resist and overcome temptation.

8-4: Jesus' First Disciples

Truth: Through Jesus death on the cross, God forgives us our failure to acknowledge His call to discipleship. The Holy Spirit empowers us to use the gifts God has given to serve Him as obedient, faithful witnesses.

Objectives: Acknowledge that Christ calls His disciples to follow him and serve Him. Identify factors that keep people from following Jesus. Express the intent to seek Christ's forgiveness and pray for the power to follow Him faithfully.

8-5: Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Truth: God sent His only Son, Jesus, into the world to save sinners. The Holy Spirit gives us faith to believe in Jesus as our Savior.

Objectives: Explain the meaning of "born of water and the Spirit." Acknowledge with joy the saving faith that the Holy Spirit works in human hearts. Thank God for calling us to faith and preserving us in that faith.

8-6: Jesus and the Woman at the Well

Truth: Although we often find ourselves distracted by earthly things, God directs our attention to what we need most – salvation through Jesus Christ.

Lesson

8-6: Jesus and the Woman at the Well
(cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Acknowledge that Jesus came to give the living water of salvation to all people. Rejoice in God's gift of salvation through faith in Jesus. Share the Good News of Jesus with others.

8-7: Jesus Heals at Bethesda

Truth: Jesus came to bring all people healing.

Objectives: Acknowledge that Jesus loves and cares for all people. Explain that physical and spiritual healing come only from Jesus. Recognize that all believers will have perfect wholeness of the body and soul in heaven.

8-8: Jesus Heals the Man with the
Withered Hand

Truth: Jesus Christ is Lord of the Sabbath; He kept God's Law in our place and dies to save us by taking the punishment for our disobedience.

Objectives: Explain that Jesus kept God's law in our place. Recognize that God gives us all things, including the law, to help us. Acknowledge that Jesus forgives, helps and heals us.

8-9: Jesus Returns the Widow's Son to
Life

Truth: Jesus, our compassionate God and Savior, has power over sin and its consequences, including death.

Objectives: Recognize Jesus love and compassion in the story of raising of the widow's son. Acknowledge Jesus' power over all sins and their consequences. Express confident trust in the forgiveness and restoring power of our compassionate Savior.

8-10: The Parable of the Sower

Truth: God's Spirit enables people to be fertile soil for receiving the Gospel and producing a harvest.

Objectives: Recognize that the Holy Spirit produces and sustains faith through God's Word. Demonstrate reliance upon God's Spirit to enable us to share the Word with others. Evidence God's grace and works in a life of faith lived for Jesus.

Lesson

8-11: Parables of the Kingdom

Truths and Objectives

Truth: God gives His kingdom to all who believe in Jesus and enables us to share His kingdom with others.

Objectives: Explain God's kingdom as Jesus explains it in the parable. Apply Jesus' teachings to our life of faith. Demonstrate a desire to share God's Word with others.

8-12: The Disciples Discuss Who Is the Greatest

Truth: Jesus shows true greatness in His service to us and to all people.

Objectives: Realize that even though we are sinners, God loves and values all people through Christ. Affirm Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation. Demonstrate a desire to love and serve God and others.

8-13: Jesus and the Adulterous Woman

Truth: Jesus forgives sin so that sinners may leave sin behind.

Objectives: Recall the facts of Jesus encounter with the woman caught in adultery. Affirm that except for Jesus, all humanity is guilty of sin. Express gratitude for Jesus' victory over sin and demonstrate a desire to leave sin behind.

8-14: Jesus Responds to the Pharisees

Truth: Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of the world.

Objectives: Explain who Jesus is and the purpose for which He came into the world. Recognize that those without Jesus will die in their sins. Express faith in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the world, and express a desire to remain in God's Word.

8-15: Jesus Answers Questions

Truth: Those who believe God's Word will never die.

Objectives: Acknowledge Jesus as true God, the Messiah Abraham saw through the eyes of faith. Identify the grave consequences of failing to believe in Jesus. Praise God and give Him glory for sending Jesus as our Savior.

Lesson

8-16: Jesus Heals a Blind Man

Truths and Objectives

Truth: Jesus came to bring light to all held captive in the darkness of sin.

Objectives: Explain what Jesus meant when He called himself the light of the world. Identify those things that are seen only through the eyes of faith. Give examples of ways we “let our lights shine.”

8-17: Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

Truth: Although we in no way deserve God’s love and grace, for Jesus’ sake, He calls us to repentance and to be His disciples.

Objectives: Tell how Jesus called His disciples and how they responded to His call. Identify themselves with Peter and his confession. Rejoice that in Jesus they, too, are called to confess their faith to others.

8-18: The Sending of the Seventy-Two

Truth: Jesus empowers us to serve Him with active lives of faithful witness.

Objectives: Explain the mission on which Jesus sent His followers as recorded in Luke 10. Relate the sending of the seventy-two to our life and mission as Jesus twenty-first-century disciples. Call upon Jesus for strength and help as they fulfill their mission as Jesus disciples.

8-19: Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother-in-Law

Truth: Jesus demonstrates His power and love by providing physical healing.

Objectives: Recognize and appreciate Jesus’ love and concern for people in need. Thank God for the help and healing He continues to provide through Christ Jesus. Celebrate the help and healing Jesus offers to us and to all people.

8-20: The Good Samaritan

Truth: Because of sin we do not deserve eternal life, but like the Good Samaritan, Jesus gives us underserved abundant care and blessings.

Lesson

8-20: The Good Samaritan (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Explain that because of sin we cannot please God or earn eternal life. Demonstrate a desire to receive from God forgiveness and salvation, just as the injured man received care from the Good Samaritan. Evidence the desire to serve God and others as empowered by the Holy Spirit.

8-21: Jesus Teaches About Prayer

Truth: Our loving Father invites us to pray to Him and empowers us to come humbly to Him with thoughts and words that are pleasing to Him.

Objectives: Recognize God's desire that His people come to Him in prayer. Examine our own thoughts and words when we pray. Respond eagerly to God's love for us through prayer and praise.

8-22: Jesus Teaches Not to Worry

Truth: When we worry, we fail to trust that God, who graciously brings us into His kingdom, will certainly provide for all our earthly needs as well.

Objectives: Repent for their useless worry. Rejoice in the forgiveness and freedom from worry that is available to all in Christ Jesus. Demonstrate a desire to seek God's kingdom and His righteousness.

8-23: The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin

Truth: Jesus seeks and saves the lost.

Objectives: Recognize and repent of all that is symptomatic of our lost and hopeless condition. Express conviction that Jesus Christ has earned forgiveness, life and salvation for us and for all people. Celebrate God's love and forgiveness.

8-24: The Lost Son

Truth: God forgives repentant sinners because of the atoning work of Jesus.

Objectives: Acknowledge and believe that God's grace in Christ is unconditional. Recognize that we are now children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Express joy that Christ has made us children of God.

Lesson

8-25: A Woman Anoints Jesus

Truths and Objectives

Truth: Jesus gave up everything – even His life – to redeem us. His love enables us to respond with thankful hearts and acts of cheerful stewardship.

Objectives: Explain the significance of Jesus' sacrificial work on our behalf. Acknowledge offerings made to God as responses of love and thankfulness. Cheerfully give to Jesus according to His gifts to us.

8-26: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Truth: God hears and answers our prayers for Jesus' sake, moving us to repent of our sinful pride.

Objectives: Recognize that God invites us to prayer because of His great mercy, not because of any merit on our part. Demonstrate a desire to trust God for help, strength and forgiveness. Pray to the Lord with boldness and confidence, knowing that He graciously answers our prayers as He knows best.

8-27: The Parable of the Talents

Truth: God forgives our failure to follow Him faithfully and empowers us for a life of service to Him.

Objectives: Confess our sins and need for Jesus, our Savior. Celebrate God's love as revealed to us through His earthly blessings and His salvation.

8-28: Jesus Clears the Temple

Truth: God's Spirit moves us to worship our God and Savior, holding His Word sacred and gladly hearing and learning from it.

Objectives: Explain the blessings God offers through the Church. Recognize Jesus' clearing of the temple as a call to repentance and true worship. Eagerly receive the gifts God offers through His Church.

8-29: The Parable of the Two Sons and the Parable of the Tenants

Truth: On our own, we would reject God and His salvation in Christ Jesus, but the Holy Spirit brings us to faith and enables us to receive God's salvation and to work as faithful servants in His kingdom.

Lesson

8-29: The Parable of the Two Sons and the Parable of the Tenants (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Acknowledge that God desires everyone to be saved through His Son. Repent of rejection and unfaithfulness toward God. Demonstrate a desire to live as followers of Jesus.

8-30: The Parable of the Wedding Feast

Truth: Our Triune is patient, desiring all to come to salvation by grace through faith in Jesus.

Objectives: Recognize that God's gift of salvation through Jesus extends to all people everywhere. Humbly repent and receive Jesus' forgiveness. Rejoice in the forgiveness, life, and salvation that are ours in Christ Jesus.

8-31: The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Truth: One day, Jesus, our Savior, will return to judge the world.

Objectives: Evidence readiness for the second coming of our Savior and King. Anticipate His coming with joy. Daily prepare for Christ's return.

8-32: The Last Supper

Truth: Jesus gave His body and shed His blood to earn forgiveness and salvation.

Objectives: Explain that in the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives the gift of Himself. Anticipate receiving the Lord's Supper in faith. Thank and praise God for the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation that God offers to all through the Means of Grace.

8-33: Jesus Before Pilate

Truth: Jesus willingly took upon Himself the punishment we deserve because of our sins.

Objectives: Identify the events of the hours before Jesus' crucifixion. Describe Jesus' willing suffering of humiliation, pain and death in order to save us. Rely on the Spirit for strength when we suffer for the sake of the Gospel.

8-34: Jesus Dies and Is Buried

Truth: Our sinless Savior willingly suffered and died in our place in order to redeem us.

Lesson

8-34: Jesus Dies and Is Buried (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Describe Jesus' last words on the cross. Recognize that through His suffering and death Jesus earned the forgiveness of sins and eternal life for all people. Respond to God's love in joyful service of their Redeemer.

8-35: Jesus Rises from the Dead

Truth: Jesus demonstrated His power over death, freeing us from eternal death and giving us hope of everlasting life with Him in heaven.

Objectives: Recognize that by His resurrection Jesus showed His victory over sin, death and the power of the devil. Explain the comfort received in knowing that those who die in the faith will live forever in heaven. Demonstrate a desire to share the Good News of eternal life with others.

8-36: Jesus Appears to Mary

Truth: Jesus dies and rose again on Easter so that we might live for Him forever in heaven.

Objectives: Recognize that Christ's birth, death and resurrection are all part of God's plan for our salvation. Describe the events of Easter and the significance of Jesus Resurrection victory. Celebrate knowing that Jesus' victory is also ours!

8-37: Jesus Reassures Doubting Thomas

Truth: In faith, God blesses all who believe that Jesus is the Son of God, our risen Lord and Savior.

Objectives: Explain that the wounds of Christ's suffering and death are evidenced even today on the body of Christ. Repent of their own times of personal doubt and lack of conviction. Respond in gratitude for the ability to believe and see the risen Christ through the eyes of faith.

8-38: The Ascension

Truth: Only by the Holy Spirit's power can we carry out the Lord's command to proclaim the Gospel to all people.

Lesson

8-38: The Ascension (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Describe the events associated with Christ's visible ascension into heaven. Confront and confess our reluctance to witness and our need for the power of the Spirit. Rejoice in the presence of the Holy Spirit in our life, empowering and guiding us to share the Good News.

8-39: Pentecost

Truth: The Holy Spirit calls, restores and empowers us to dedicate our lives to Him in response to all God in Christ has done for us.

Objectives: Describe the events of Pentecost and the reactions of the people who witnessed and experienced them. Identify the Means of Grace, through which the Holy Spirit continues to work today to create and strengthen faith. Thank God for gathering and equipping us as His people in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

8-40: The Early Christians Share with One Another

Truth: As God in Christ forgives our failure to serve Him faithfully, He empowers us by the Holy Spirit to live a new life together in His name.

Objectives: Explain how God used Peter, John and the other apostles to build His Church. Tell how the Holy Spirit can use us and other believers to continue to build His Church. Demonstrate a desire to live as God's people, boldly witnessing our faith in Jesus.

8-41: Stephen

Truth: God equips His people to boldly witness their faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of the world.

Objectives: Express appreciation for Stephen's Spirit-led courage and his faithful witness of Christ. Explain that faith in Jesus makes it possible to endure suffering and persecution. Demonstrate a desire to witness faithfully for Jesus, regardless of the risks involved.

8-42: Philip and the Ethiopian

Truth: God strengthens and guides us in our understanding of His Word and works faith in us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lesson

8-42: Philip and the Ethiopian (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Acknowledge that the Holy Spirit works saving faith in human hearts.

Express appreciation for the need to witness to all people, regardless of race, color, or nationality. Demonstrate a desire to share the Good News with others through words and actions as we have opportunity.

8-43: Saul Comes to Faith

Truth: As God calls us to repentance, He turns our lives around to a new life in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Objectives: Recognize that God gives us faith and a change of heart so that we may live as His children. Express the intent to live as faithful disciples and messengers of the Good News. Encourage others in their new life in Christ.

8-44: The Jerusalem Council

Truth: God in Christ forgives our sinful thoughts, words and deeds and enables us by the power of the Holy Spirit to accept other believers unconditionally.

Objectives: Explain the issues involved in the Jewish-Gentile controversy, and state how it was resolved. Demonstrate acceptance of all others as persons whom Christ died. Express reliance on God's Word to find His answers to our questions and concerns regarding the new life that is ours through faith.

8-45: Paul's Missionary Journeys

Truth: As God forgives our failure to share His love with others, Jesus enables us to overcome our fears and doubts and to witness the Good News boldly in our words and actions.

Objectives: Provide examples of how Paul spoke acted with confidence in spite of the hazards and circumstances of his journeys. Recognize how God strengthened and preserved Paul, enabling him to share the saving Gospel. Demonstrate trust that the Holy Spirit will work through our witness to bring people to Jesus.

8-46: Paul in Macedonia

Truth: The Holy Spirit brings people to faith in Jesus and sustains them in the saving faith.

Lesson

8-46: Paul in Macedonia (cont.)

Truths and Objectives

Objectives: Describe how the Gospel came to Europe. Demonstrate a desire to participate in the church's mission outreach. Express the intent to use our abilities to tell others about Jesus.

8-47: Paul Preaches in Corinth

Truth: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God enables us to speak the truth with boldness.

Objectives: Explain the events associated with the establishment of the church at Corinth. Recognize that Christians will always face opposition as we share Christ and live for Him. Thank God for the strength and power He provides through His Word.

8-48: The Riot in Ephesus

Truth: The Holy Spirit can penetrate even the hardest of hearts and lead people to faith in Jesus.

Objectives: Explain that God's power can overcome opposition to the Gospel. Express trust in God for protection against adversity. Demonstrate reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit as we witness boldly for Jesus.

8-49: Paul Goes to Rome

Truth: God in Christ gives us courage to trust in Him for forgiveness and protection.

Objectives: Recall the events associated with Paul's journey and arrival at Rome. Confess Jesus as our Savior from sin, death and eternal separation from God. Rely on Christ's power and presence as we carry out our commitment to be His witnesses.

8-50: Paul's Letters

Truth: We are not lost and condemned sinners whom Christ died to pardon so that we may glorify Him with our lives.

Objectives: Recognize examples of Law and Gospel in the Pauline Epistles. Describe the power of the Gospel, through which the Holy Spirit works to create and sustain faith. Apply the messages of the Epistles to our life.