



# SGSA MISSING Anogham

**GRADE 3&4**CURRICULUM B

(YEAR 2)



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God showed His great love for us in the things and promises He made. He created man to live in His New World

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LESSON 1

Creation

Adam & Eve creation (Genesis 2:18-24)

LESSON 2

Accepted Offering

Cain & Abel (Genesis 4:2-7)

LESSON 3

**End Of Flood** 

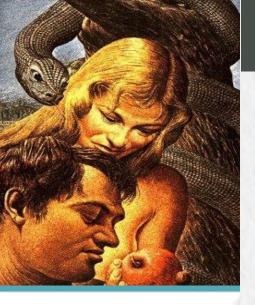
Creation renewal, post-flood (Genesis 8)

LESSON 4 **Re-Blessing**of the Creation

Creation re-blessed, post-flood (Genesis 9:1-17)







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# CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 2:18-24



#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God cares for me and arranges everything to my benefit and well-being.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- God creates this earth and its heaven and all forms of life in six days.
- The creation acts of each day are described—God creates man, both male and female, in His own image and likeness and He institutes the marriage system between man and woman.
- Man is given dominion over all things and is commanded to multiply and fill the earth.

- What did God do in the beginning of the world?
- What did God create in today's story?
- What can we learn from today's Bible reading?
- Which Book did our story come from?
- What does this story mean to me?



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#### LIFE APPLICATION:

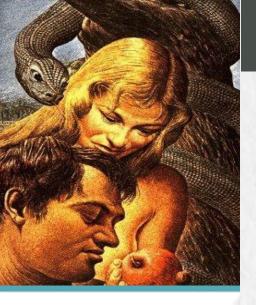
- Acknowledging God as the Creator and how much He cares about me and arranges everything for my benefit and well-being, especially for my family.
- What has been the meaning of the word "family" since the beginning of creation?
- Answer: man & woman & children.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

• Our Church wants us to be happy like God and is always arranging ways for us to live a good life through what it offers us: liturgy, Bible study, etc.

#### **Bible Verse**

"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good " (Genesis 1:31)



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Passage Reading Genesis 4:2-7



#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God looks to my heart.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

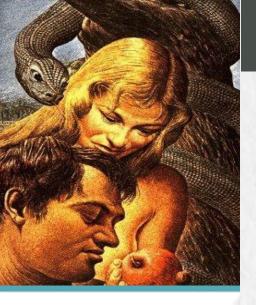
Adam & Eve's sons made offerings to the LORD.
 Only Abel's was acceptable, God warned Cain that being angry may cause him to sin.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

#### True or false:

- 1. Cain and Abel made the same sacrifice.
- 2. Abel provoked Cain to anger.
- 3. If I became angry, I might do or say something wrong.





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# ACCEPTED OFFERING

Passage Reading Genesis 4:2-7

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- We can't blame others for our sins.
- It is essential to carefully consider what we place in our hearts, as each thing holds significance.
   Therefore, we must be mindful of everything we allow into our hearts, one by one.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Our mother the Church is interested in having all her children love and care about each other.
- That's why we find Abouna and our servant(s) reaching out to us and checking on us.
- We must do the same with all our brothers and sisters who form our big church family.

#### **Bible Verse**

"For God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)



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Passage Reading Genesis 8



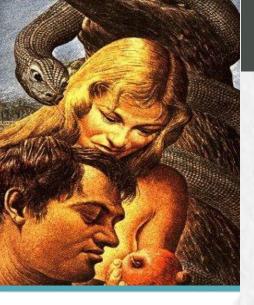
#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

Because I am the son of the heavenly Father, I obey His commandments.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Noah appears in Genesis 5:29 as the son of Lamech and the ninth descendent of Adam.
- In the story of the Deluge (Genesis 6:11–9:19), he is represented as the patriarch, who, because of his blameless piety, was chosen by God to perpetuate the human race after his wicked contemporaries had perished in the Flood.

- How long did the rain last during the time of the flood?
- What mountain did the Ark come to rest on?
- What two birds did Noah send out to see if the land was drying up?
- What was the total amount of time (flood and waiting for the land to dry out) that Noah and his family and the animals were on the ark?
- What was the first thing that Noah did when he got off the ark?
- What was the first thing that Noah did when he got of the ark?
- What was the rainbow a sign of?



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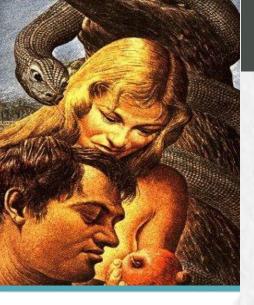
- How would you feel if you had to stay in your house day after day without being able to go out as God told Noah once; will you listen to what God says?
- People laughed at Noah for doing what God asked him to do. Would you listen to God or would you be peer-pressured not to?

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- As Noah was saved through the ark, we are also saved through the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- That's why in Church as well as in our houses we love to have the sign of the cross everywhere around us.
- Every time we look to the cross, we say: "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today" (Exodus 14:13)

#### **Bible Verse**

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3)



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RE-BLESSING THE

CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 9:1-17

#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God is blessing mankind and gives them authority over creation.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- God's covenant with Noah was a commitment to maintain the inherent relationship between Creator and creation.
- His relationship with the natural order implicit in the act of creation – whereby He promised never again to destroy the earth with a flood.

- What is a covenant?
- Who are the people in the Bible whom God makes a covenant with?
- Draw and discuss: Rainbow.







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# RE-BLESSING THE CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 9:1-17

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- We see always in the Bible that God is pleased to have a relationship with us. Do we want in return to have the same feeling?
- As God entrusted me with His creation, do I take care of it? Plants, animals, ...
- Do I keep nature clean and tidy? (when I am at the beach or a picnic, etc.)

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

 There's no consensus on the exact number of covenants between God and humanity. However, there are five foundational covenants that God makes with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, before establishing the new covenant through Jesus.

#### **Bible Verse**

"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth" (Genesis 9:1, 2)

# ERA 2

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# PATRIARCH



A time of godly men presiding over the growing family. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, successive generations of the same family, ruled over the Hebrew people in the earliest days of their existence.

LESSON 1

**Abraham** 

God's promise to Abraham to give him a son (Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-8)

LESSON 2

Isaac

Isaac asks God for children (Genesis 25:19-27)

LESSON 3

**Jacob** 

Jacob at Bethel (Genesis 35:1-15)

Joseph

Joseph receives his big family in Egypt (Genesis 47:1-12)



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# ABRAHAM

Passage Reading Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-8



#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God's promises are fulfilled

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- God comes to visit Abraham with 2 angels.
- Before Abraham realizes that he is visited by God, he invites the 3 visitors to rest and eat.
- After eating, God tells Abraham that in 1 year Sarah will have a son.
- The next year when Isaac is born, Abraham is 100 years old, and Sarah is 90 years old.
- Is anything too hard for the Lord?

- What did Sarah do when the Lord told Abraham that Sarah would have a son even though she was almost 90 years old?
- What was the name of Abraham and Sarah's son?
- What does the name "Isaac" mean? Why did he get this name?



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# ABRAHAM

Passage Reading Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-8

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- Start Moving In Faith When The Way Isn't Clear
- You Can Be Godly and Wealthy
- The Impossible Isn't Always Impossible

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- One day our Lord told Saint Peter "I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).
- Later the Church and the believers faced fierce persecutions, to the point where many Christians were martyred. A few years ago, 21 believers were martyred in Libya.
- However, God's promise was, is, and will always be valid and unchanged.
- We know and believe that Christ's Church is protected by God and by His word (promise).

#### **Bible Verse**

"Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son" (Genesis 18:14)



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Passage Reading Genesis 25:19-27



#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God hears His children

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Isaac is the only son of Abraham and Sarah.
- Isaac is the second of the patriarchs of Israel.
- Rebekah was unable to conceive for twenty years.
- After Isaac prays, she conceives the twins who struggle in her uterus.
- The birth of Esau and Jacob, the twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah.

- Where do we see God at work in this story? How?
   What are the implications for us?
- How has growing up in our own family affected us? How has it helped us grow closer to God?







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# ISAAC

Passage Reading Genesis 25:19-27

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- Pray for others. Try to make it a habit.
- Throughout this week, I will pray for 2 of my friends each day so that by the end of the week, I will have prayed for 14 different friends.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- The Church teaches us how to pray for others through "the litanies" of the liturgy. We find a litany for: Peace / The Fathers / The Clergy / Mercy / The Place / The Waters / The Air / The Plants / The Oblations.
- Also, in other prayers there are more litanies. This is to make us always busy with praying for others.

#### **Bible Verse**

"Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived " (Genesis 25:21)



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# **JACOB**

Passage Reading Genesis 35:1-15



#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God blesses the faithful to Him.

#### LESSON SUMMARY:

- The story of Jacob at Bethel highlights a pivotal moment in Jacob's life, where he is called by God to return to Bethel and fulfill his yow.
- Jacob responds by instructing his household to purify themselves, get rid of foreign gods, and prepare to worship the Lord.
- At Bethel, God reaffirms His covenant with Jacob, renaming him Israel and promising that a great nation will come from his descendants.

- Why do you think God told Jacob to return to Bethel?
- What significance does the renaming of Jacob to Israel have in the broader narrative of the Bible?
- In what ways can we create "Bethels" in our lives places or moments where we reconnect with God?



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# **JACOB**

Passage Reading Genesis 35:1-15

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- This Story teaches us the importance of returning to our spiritual roots and recommitting ourselves to God,
- Just as Jacob purified his household, we are called to remove anything that hinders our relationship with God.
- It reminds us that God is faithful to His promises, and even when we stray, He invites us back to a place of renewal and recommitment.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- The church teaches us that confession is the way to clean our hearts and keep observing our spiritual life with Abouna.
- Spiritual life will always need guidance from a trusted spiritual guide like Abouna.

#### **Bible Verse**

"I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body (Genesis 35:11)



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# JOSEPH

Passage Reading Genesis 47:1-12



#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God blesses the faithful to others.

#### **I FSSON SUMMARY:**

- Joseph receives his big family in Egypt.
- Joseph introduces 5 of his brothers to Pharaoh.
- Pharaoh allows Joseph's family to dwell in the land of Goshen to shepherd their livestock.
- Jacob meets with Pharaoh and blesses him.
- Joseph makes arrangements to provide for his big family.

- Did Joseph forgive his brothers for what they did to him?
- Why did Israel and his entire family move to Egypt?
- How did Pharaoh treat Joseph's family?
- What did Jacob do to Pharaoh?



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# JOSEPH

Passage Reading Genesis 47:1-12

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- What should I do if I know that one of my friends is sick and cannot come to school, and he/she is missing some of his/her lessons? How can I help him/ her?
- What should I do if some of the elder members of my family need some help that I can provide? What if the help needed is something I am not able to provide?

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- As a Church member of the big family consisting of all the sons and daughters of God, I am responsible for helping any other member when needed.
- Abouna and the servants can also intervene to provide a higher level of help.
- This is how we live in Church faithfully towards each other.

#### **Bible Verse**

"And Joseph situated his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded" (Genesis 47:11)

# ERA3

EXODUS

Guerview

When God chooses someone to serve Him, He will work in their lives and help them to accomplish all

that He desires for them to do.

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LESSON 1

**Deliverance** 

God sends Moses & Aaron to talk to Pharaoh (Exodus 7:1-13)

LESSON 2

The Law

Manna (bread from heaven) & related commandment (Exodus 16)

LESSON 3

The Rebellion

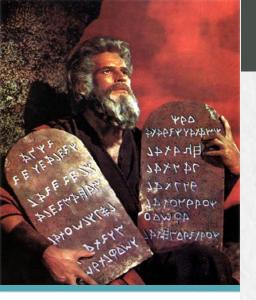
Fiery serpents versus the bronze serpent (Numbers 21:4-9)

LESSON 4
Forty Years
of Wandering

Complaints of the people & the budding of Aaron's rod (Numbers 16:41-50 & Numbers 17)







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### DELIVERANCE

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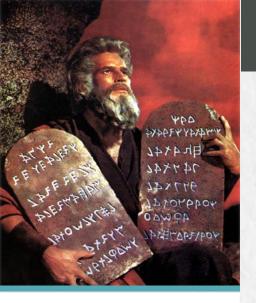
#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

- God strengthens His submitting children.
- He is much stronger than all evil.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- God sends Moses & Aaron to talk to Pharaoh.
- The LORD tells Moses that he has made Moses "like God" to Pharaoh, and Aaron will be Moses's prophet.
- When God speaks to Pharaoh through Moses and Aaron, God will harden Pharaoh's heart and perform signs and wonders in Egypt.
- Aaron casts down his rod before Pharaoh and it becomes a serpent; and so, did the magicians of Egypt. However, Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

- Why is it important that Moses only speaks what God commands him?
- Why is it important that more than 1 servant of the Lord would serve together?
- How would different people receive and react when they hear God's commandments?
- What does it mean that Aaron's rod (God's man) swallowed up the magicians' rods (Satan's men)? What does that prove?



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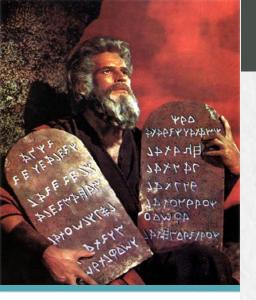
- Ask for God's help when you face a difficult situation.
- Knowing that my heavenly Father is Almighty, I am not worried or feeling left behind. He is always supporting me.
- I will pray for my friends who are sick or have problems, because I believe that God is able to help them as He is always helping me.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Why do we love, respect and obey Abouna at church? Simply, because he is God's man. He was chosen by God, like Moses and Aaron, and he was consecrated to serve the Lord for all his life.
- God speaks to me through Abouna's teachings and sermons so that my life changes and becomes holy.

#### **Bible Verse**

"I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments" (Exodus 7:4)



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Passage Reading Exodus 16



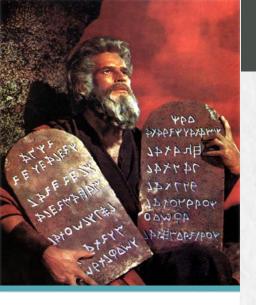
#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

If I love God and trust Him, I must keep His commandment.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Following the Israelites' deliverance from bondage, Moses led the children of Israel to Mount Sinai.
- While on the journey, the Israelites murmured because of a lack of food.
- The Lord blessed the children of Israel with manna and instructed them to gather it every morning except on the Sabbath.

- What did the Israelites complain about in the desert?
- What did God provide them to eat?
- What happened to the manna that was left during the weekdays to the next morning?
- What happened to the manna that was collected on the Sabbath and left to the next day? Why? What is the difference between the 2 cases?



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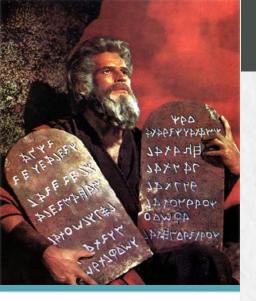
- Do you take your blessings for granted?
- Do you remember to thank God for the great things He has done for you?
- Do you complain if things don't go your way?

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- In the Old Testament, the manna was a symbol for the Eucharist (the holy Body of the Lord that we receive in communion).
- In order to take the blessing of this sacrament, we must obey the Church commandment: I must be fasting from the previous night, pray, and attend the liturgy early on.

#### **Bible Verse**

"I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not" (Exodus 16:4)



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### THE REBELLION

Passage Reading Numbers 21:4-9



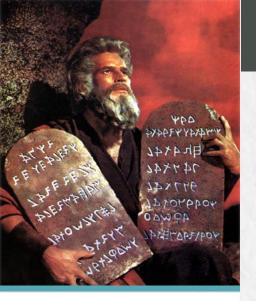
#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

Murmuring is not accepted by God. The Cross saves the believers.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- The Israelites complained against God and Moses during their journey in the wilderness.
- Therefore, the LORD sent venomous snakes among them, which bit the people, causing many to die.
- When the people realized their sin, they asked Moses to pray for them.
- God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. Anyone who was bitten could look at the bronze serpent and live.

- What does it mean to be content?
- What did the Israelites complain about?
- What did God send into the camp?
- How were the people healed from snake bites?
- Who was the only one who could make the people well?



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### THE REBELLION

Passage Reading Numbers 21:4-9

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

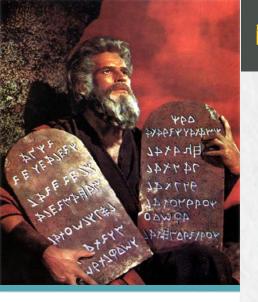
- If you or one of your friends start murmuring about anything, turn the frustrating moment into a quick prayer and ask the Lord to help you remain calm and satisfied.
- If you feel unhappy or if you fear something bad may happen, make the sign of the cross, and make a short prayer asking God's help and the power of His cross.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Did you notice how a procession looks like in our church?
- The procession starts always by the Cross, carried by one of the deacons, then other deacons follow, then icons and or relics then Abouna with the censor offering incense.
- Note that when the Cross leads the procession, the whole congregation is looking to the Cross passing by them to take its blessing. Why?
- Because the Cross is our hope, strength, and victory.

#### **Bible Verse**

"We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us " (Numbers 21:7)



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### FORTY YEARS OF WANDERING

Passage Reading (Numbers 16:41-50) & (Numbers 17)



#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

Accept God's plan to your life with thanks and joy because it is the best.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- There was a dispute among the Israelites about who should serve as priests.
- To resolve this, God instructed Moses to collect a rod from each of the twelve tribes, including one from Aaron representing the tribe of Levi.
- The rods were placed in the Tent of Meeting before the Ark of the Covenant.
- The next day, Aaron's rod had miraculously budded, while the other rods remained unchanged.
- This was a clear sign that showed God had chosen Aaron and his descendants for the priesthood.
- The people accepted this decision, understanding it as God's will.

- Where were the leadership determining staffs to be placed?
- How would God indicate the person he chose to use the staffs?
- Why did God have the leaders of Israel bring their staffs to the Tabernacle?

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### FORTY YEARS OF WANDERING

Passage Reading (Numbers 16:41-50) & (Numbers 17)

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- God, in His love to me, has prepared many people to take care of me.
- My parents, my servants at church and Abouna are all appointed by God to take care of me and help me grow.
- I ought to listen to their guidance with joy and obey them because I am sure of their love for me.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- As Orthodox Christians, we believe that God is the One who calls one of His servants to become a priest.
- The priest is a loving father who takes care of everyone of God's children including me.
- I can always understand and feel God's love to me, as my heavenly Father, through Abouna's love for me.

#### **Bible Verse**

"And it shall be that the rod of the man whom I choose will blossom" (Numbers 17:5)

# ERA4

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# CONQUEST

Guerview

As the Israelites entered the Promised Land, they celebrated Passover in the plains of Jericho, marking their deliverance from Egypt. The manna that had sustained them in the wilderness ceased, and they began to eat from the produce of the land.

LESSON 1

# **Getting Ready**

God chose Joshua for a mission and armed him with all needed instructions (Joshua 1:1-9)

LESSON 2

**Jericho** 

Passover / Manna ceased / God's appearance to Joshua (Joshua 5:9-15)

LESSON 3

Conquest

The promise is fulfilled (Joshua 21:1-3 & 43-45)

LESSON 4
Reward

Joshua's farewell address (Joshua 23)



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Passage Reading Joshua 1:1-9



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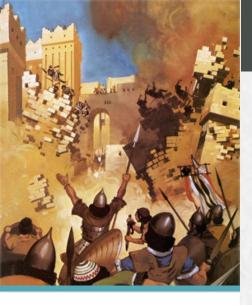
As a chosen son/daughter for God, I have a mission and all the tools that will make me succeed.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Part of being strong and having courage means trusting in the Lord as our true source of strength.
- In Joshua's case, he didn't have all the answers to the challenges before him.
- But he was counseled to go forward anyway, acting in faith.

- Who did God select as the next leader after Moses died?
- What did God command Joshua to do?
- How did the Lord expect Joshua to act
- How could Joshua remain brave when he had such a big job to do?





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### **GETTING READY**

Passage Reading Joshua 1:1-9

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

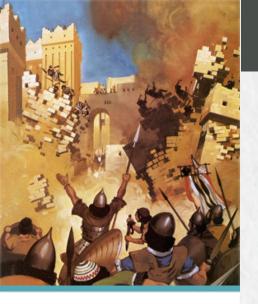
- Success is knowing that Christ will never leave us when we have hardships.
- Courage grows as we trust God.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

• In the liturgy we pray for the peace of our country where we live, and for our country's leaders. This is because we believe that God always guides our lives, and He is in control of all its details.

#### **Bible Verse**

"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go " (Joshua 1:9)



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## **JERICHO**

Passage Reading Joshua 5:9-15



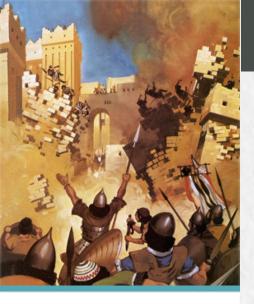
#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God rewards and strengthens the faithful person.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Passover: The Israelites celebrated Passover in the plains of Jericho, commemorating their deliverance from Egypt.
- Manna Ceased: After celebrating Passover and entering the Promised Land, the manna that had sustained the Israelites in the wilderness ceased. They now ate from the produce of the land.
- God's Appearance to Joshua: Joshua encountered a mysterious figure identified as the Commander of the LORD's army. Joshua bowed down in reverence, acknowledging God's presence and leadership.

- What have the children of Israel been eating for 40 years? (manna)
- What is your favorite meal?
- Do you think you could eat that meal everyday for 1 year?
   40 years? (please refer to Wisdom 16:20-21)
- What will the Children of Israel get to eat now? (Joshua 5:12)
- What happens to Joshua that is very similar to Moses' experience? (Joshua 5:13-15)
- What else did Joshua experience the way Moses did?
- Why do you think this happened to Joshua?



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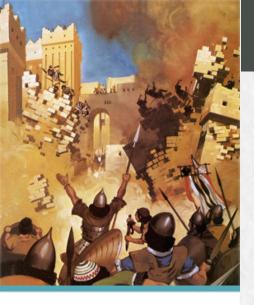
- What should I do when I feel that I am helpless?
- What if I find my friend suffering of the same feeling?
- Pray every day for few minutes before you start your day at school and experience the presence of God in your day.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- The Manna of the Old Testament was a symbol for Eucharist in the New Testament.
- As the Israelites had to eat the Manna on a daily basis to survive, we also ought to partake of the Eucharist as frequently as we can, because we believe that the Body and the Blood of the Lord is a spiritual food that is "given for us for salvation, remission of sins, and eternal life to those who partake of Him".

#### **Bible Verse**

"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you." (Joshua 1:5)



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## CONQUEST

Passage Reading Joshua 21:1-3 & 43-45



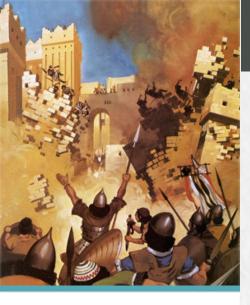
#### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God always fulfills His promises. What about me?

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- The Israelites witness the fulfillment of God's promise as they finally settle in the Promised Land.
- These verses highlight God's faithfulness, showing that He kept every word He spoke to the house of Israel. Not one of His promises failed; everything He had promised came to pass.

- How many parts was the land divided into?
- What does this passage reveal about the character of God?
- How does the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel strengthen your faith in His promises to you?
- In what areas of your life do you need to trust that God will fulfill His promises?



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Passage Reading Joshua 21:1-3 & 43-45

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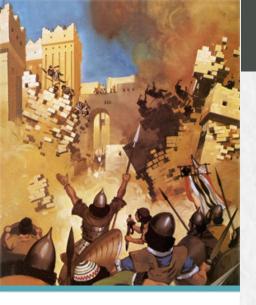
- If God always fulfills His promises, how do we respond to Him? Are we living in a way that reflects trust in His faithfulness?
- Do we trust God's timing? Even when the circumstances seem challenging, knowing that God will bring His promises to fruition?

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- The Church is always Encouraging the congregation to trust in God's promises, and teaches us that whenever we are afraid, worried, or feeling lost, we should always fast, pray, and wait for God.
- Whenever we are happy that God's promises are fulfilled to praise him using the hymns and midnight praises.

#### **Bible Verse**

"Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass" (Joshua 21:45)



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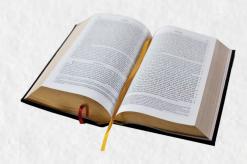
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Passage Reading Joshua 23



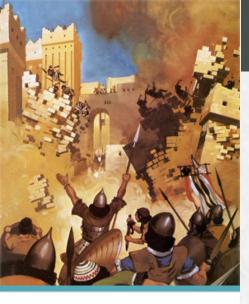
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

You are strong when you stick to God and His commandments.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- The LORD gave Israel all the land He had promised to their fathers.
- Joshua distributed the Promised Land.
- Joshua commands the Israelites to remain faithful to the Lord God and warns them about the consequences if they forsake the Lord and worship idols.

- What promises from God were fulfilled for the Israelites at this point?
- As a loving Father, what do you think will be God's feelings if they decided to disobey His commandments?
- Will there be any consequences in this case?



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### REWARD

Passage Reading Joshua 23

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- What promises from God were fulfilled in your life?
- When you find your friend distressed, think with him/her about all the gifts that God is sending us, for us to realize His love for us.
- When you find yourself thinking of something wrong, make the sign of the cross and pray to ask God to protect you from disobeying His commandments. In this way, you prove that you are a true son/daughter of God.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Why do we love the saints and venerate them on their feast day? Because they are a true model for us as they spent their lives following the commandments of God.
- We know they are enjoying eternal life in heaven with the Lord, and we too are invited to join them by learning from their lives and following their paths.
- eyes on the promised land (the heavenly Jerusalem, the reward he had prepared for us)

### **Bible Verse**

"Therefore, take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God "
(Joshua 23:11)

# ERA5

JUDGES

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This was a dark period for the Jewish people, they lost their spiritual moorings... everyone did what was right in their own eyes. This was a "morally degraded, socially perverted and spiritually bankrupt time of almost 400 years"

LESSON 1

**Cycles** 

SSSS – Sin, Suffer, Supplicate, Salvation - The Israelites get apart from God after Joshua (Judges 2:7-23)

LESSON 2

Judges

Samson Philistine's wife and his riddle (Judges 14)

LESSON 3

Rebellion

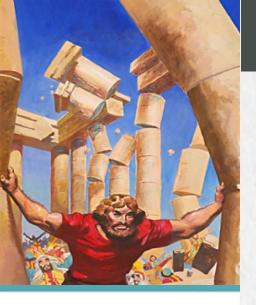
Hannah's praise versus the rebellion of Eli's sons (1 Samuel 2)

LESSON 4
Samuel

Hannah's vow - Samuel's birth and dedication (1 Samuel 1)







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## CYCLES

Passage Reading Judges 2:7-23



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God opposes the ways of the sinners; however, He is merciful towards those who repent.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- The Israelites stray from God: A Destructive Cycle.
- The cycle was: sin (disobedience), suffering (God's judgment), and supplication (crying out to God when Israel repents).
- God raises up a judge to deliver them "Salvation" (God's deliverance).
- This cycle was repeated time after time for about 400 years.



- What is the Judges Era cycle?
- Why was God choosing a weak Judge?
- What was the repeated sin that the Israelites were committing?
- Why was this specific sin very bad in God's eyes?



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## CYCLES

Passage Reading Judges 2:7-23

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- Anything that gets more of our affection than God is a "god," or idol.
- When we focus on possessions, celebrities, or abilities more than we focus on God, then we are essentially worshipping something other than Him.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Our church teaches us that we only worship the Lord God.
- When we pray a veneration to one of the saints, we are not worshiping the saint. We love the saint and ask for his/her prayers and intercessions but again, we only worship the Lord God.

### **Bible Verse**

"Nevertheless, the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them" (Judges 2:16)



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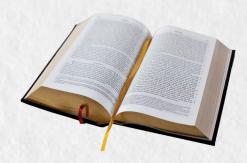
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Passage Reading Judges 14



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

Our mighty and powerful God can intervene to save the person who is calling Him faithfully.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Samson took a Philistine wife.
- He killed a lion, and bees made honey in the carcass.
- He posed a riddle, but his wife Spread the secret.

- Who organized the wedding for Samson and his fiancée?
- Why did Samson throw a party in Timnah?
- Did Samson tell his wife the answer to the riddle?
- Did Samson pay up with the 60 robes, as agreed upon?
- What happened to Samson's marriage?





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## **JUDGES**

Passage Reading Judges 14

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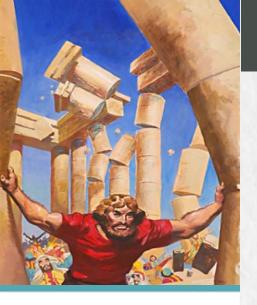
- Be faithful to God.
- Be wise and Keep your secrets even when someone insists on knowing them.
- Be wise while you are choosing your Friends.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- One of our very powerful tools that we can practice when we pray and ask God to intervene in some issue, is to write down our prayer or request on a paper and place it on the altar.
- The altar is sanctified by the Body and the Blood of our Lord, and we believe in the power of the altar.

### **Bible Verse**

"Out of the eater came something to eat, and out of the strong came something sweet." (Judges 14:14)



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REBELLION

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 2

### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God rewards those who love Him and punishes the rebels

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- It recounts the Song of Hannah
- The corruption of the priests descended from Eli
- Samuel's ministry to God 'even as a child'
- The prophecy of a "man of God" against Eli's household.

- Why did Hannah and Elkanah take Samuel to live in Shiloh?
- What gift did Hannah bring to Samuel every year?
- What kind of things did Samuel do to help Eli?
- What were Eli's two sons like?



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## REBELLION

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 2

### LIFE APPLICATION:

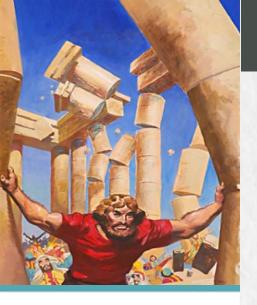
- It is good practice always to pray one of the praises recorded in the Bible (like Hannah's praise) when we are joyful and thankful to the Lord.
- Be always faithful to the Lord and do good to all the people around you so that the Lord may reward and bless you.
- If you are not sure how to respond or act in some situation, ask your parents/servant / Abouna so that you always keep yourself faithful to the Lord.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- On Bright Saturday, the church is still grieving the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross, but at the same time, the church is joyful because of the salvation that the Lord completed on the cross.
- To express her joy, the deacons in the church started reading different prayers and praises recorded in the Bible; both from the Old Testament and the New Testament. Hannah's praise is one of them.

### **Bible Verse**

"He will guard the feet of His saints, but the wicked shall be silent in darkness. For by strength no man shall prevail " (1 Samuel 2:9)



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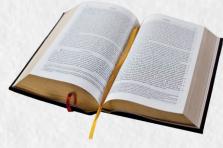
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SAMUEL



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God responds always to our prayers, in due time.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Hannah had no children.
- She cried out to the LORD, "Remember your servant."
- She bore a son, Samuel, and took him to Eli the priest.

- What were the names of Elkanah's two wives?
- Why was Hannah sad?
- When Hannah was crying and praying quietly, what did Eli think?
- What did Hannah promise the Lord?





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# SAMUEL

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 1

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- When I have a request from God, I have to pray with full faith knowing that He is a loving Father who will certainly respond to my prayer.
- His response could be any of the following, according to His wisdom:
- 1. He may respond and grant me my asking right away.
- 2. He may respond and grant me my asking in due time.
- 3. He may respond by denying my asking because it could cause me some harm that I do not foresee.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- What should I do when I want to thank and praise God for something good that happened to me? In addition to praying and praising the Lord by myself, I can also ask Abouna when I attend the liturgy to offer a special thanksgiving prayer to God on my behalf.
- In the Old Testament, there was a sacrifice called "Peace Offering", and it was offered for that same purpose: "thanksgiving".

### **Bible Verse**

"For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him" 1 Samuel 1:27





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Through this Era, we'll discover how God's love and guidance are always with us, even in challenging times.

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LESSON 1

United Kingdom The success of David and the falling down of Saul (1 Samuel 18)

LESSON 2

King David David & Abigail the wife of Nabal (1 Samuel 25)

LESSON 3

Northern Kingdom Elijah Ascends to Heaven (2 kings 2)

LESSON 4

Southern Kingdom Hezekiah asks God for a longer life (2 Kings 20)







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### UNITED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 18



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

The more you get closer to God, the more all people love you

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- David's success challenged Saul's ego and self-esteem.
- The chapter began with Jonathan, the son of Saul, who became very close with young David and truly admired the son of Jesse.
- However, as Saul was not obeying the Lord and got away little by little, he became more isolated and less loved.

- Why did Saul ask David to come to the palace?
- Who became David's best friend?
- What did Jonathan give David when he made a covenant with him?
- How was what Jonathan giving David like what Jesus gives to those who believe in Him?
- Why was Saul angry with David?
- When Saul got very jealous of David, what did he do to him?
- Who is the best friend a person could have?
- Goliath on the forehead with a small stone.
- How was a boy able to kill a giant? He trusted in the Lord.



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### UNITED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 18

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- God wants us to help our friends.
- We should behave wisely & forgive like David even in hard situations.

#### CHURCH CONCEPT:

- How many people love St Mary? St George? Pope Cyril the 6th? Why? The simple answer is that all these saints got so close to God and loved Him so much.
- This is a call from our church to everyone to live a holy life like all the saints who preceded us to heaven.

### **Bible Verse**

"So, David went out wherever Saul sent him and behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people" (1 Samuel 18:5)



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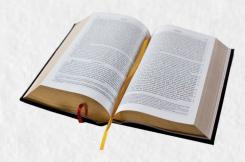
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### KING DAVID

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 25



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

A wise person lives in peace and has a positive influence on others.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- The story of David and Abigail unfolds, demonstrating the power of wisdom and peacemaking.
- David, angered by Nabal's insult and lack of hospitality, plans to take revenge. However, Abigail, Nabal's wife, intervenes with wisdom and humility, bringing provisions to David and urging him to avoid unnecessary bloodshed.
- David recognizes her wisdom and blesses her for preventing him from committing a grave sin.

- What can we learn from Abigail's approach to resolving conflict with David?
- How did Abigail's wisdom and humility influence the outcome of the situation?
- In what ways can we apply Abigail's example of peacemaking in our own lives?
- How can we ensure that our advice and actions are guided by wisdom and a desire for peace?



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### KING DAVID

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 25

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- This story teaches us the value of wisdom in conflict resolution and the importance of having a positive influence on others.
- Abigail's actions remind us that a wise person seeks peace, even in tense situations, and can turn potential disasters into blessings.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

 Our church always encourages us to live in peace and love with one another. That's why the church included 'The Prayer of Reconciliation' in the Holy Liturgy—to remind us that before continuing our prayers and proceeding to communion, we should be at peace with everyone we know.

### **Bible Verse**

"Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! And blessed is your advice and blessed are you" (1 Samuel 25:32, 33)



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### NORTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 2 Kings 2



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God wants every one of us to go to heaven

#### LESSON SUMMARY:

- God has decided to bring Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind.
- He tells his future successor and disciple Elisha, that God is sending him to Bethel, and Elisha insists on coming along.
- They meet a company of prophets in Bethel, who know that Elijah is going to be taken by God.

- Who was the man whom Elijah taught to be a prophet?
- What happened when Elijah hit the Jordan River with his cloak?
- How did Elijah get to heaven?



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### NORTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 2 Kings 2

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- You will have more power to you if your motive is to glorify and serve God first.
- When you ask God for success, fame, power, or ability, you should look closely at your motives.
   When your motive is to glorify and serve God, He often answers in ways beyond your imagination.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Our church wants us to always remember that we belong to heaven. That's why as soon as you step into the church, you are surrounded by the icons of the heavenly angels, the saints, and the Lord Jesus.
- Every time you get into the church, stop for a few seconds at the door, make the sign of the cross, and pray to say, "Hail to the Church, the house of angels".

### **Bible Verse**

If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there my servant will be also (John 12:26)



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### SOUTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 2 Kings 20



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God responds to and forgives His humbled children

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Hezekiah is told he will die and pleads with the Lord; his life is lengthened fifteen year.
- The shadow goes back ten degrees on the sundial of Ahaz
- Isaiah prophesies the Babylonian captivity of Judah.

- When King Hezekiah got sick, what did Isaiah say would happen?
- When Hezekiah prayed for a longer life, what answer did the Lord give him?
- What sign did the Lord give Hezekiah to show that he would get well?



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### SOUTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 2 Kings 20

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- As we are living, we have multiple daily chances to do good.
- Also, when we realize any of our shortcomings, we need to fix them and ask our loving Lord to forgive us.
- At the end of every day, when I pray before going to my bed, I must thank God for all the good I can do and offer, and I must ask the Lord to forgive my shortcomings and help me to fix them.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Praying always has a power.
- Church arranged prayers for all events in sadness and in happiness.

### **Bible Verse**

"Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you." (2 Kings 20:5)

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As we read these stories, think about how faith and obedience can lead to profound outcomes and how God's guidance can transform even the most challenging circumstances.

LESSON 1

**Prophecy** 

King Josiah humbles himself before the Lord (2 Kings 22)

LESSON 2

**Prophets** 

Elijah proclaims a drought because of Ahab sins (1 Kings 16:28-34 & 1 Kings 17)

LESSON 3

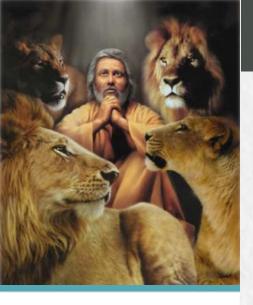
**Exiles** 

Daniel proves that the idol Bel is fake (Daniel 14:1-21)

LESSON 4

Power Changes

The Syrian army flees (2 Kings 7)



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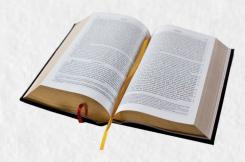
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# PROPHECY

Passage Reading 2 Kings 22



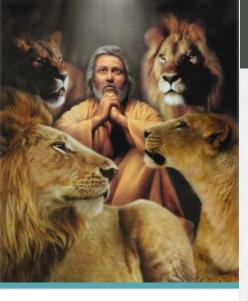
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

Our kind Lord forgives and accepts those who humble themselves before Him.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- King Josiah was a godly ruler, who purged the land of idolatrous activities. When the neglected word of God was discovered in the temple, he responded humbly as he heard it read.
- He thereby escaped the judgment that was deserved by the rebellious people. Also, this appropriate wrath was postponed until after his reign.

- Who was King Josiah, and what made him a godly ruler?
- How did King Josiah react when he heard the words of the Book of the Law?
- What changes did King Josiah make after the Book of the Law was found?
- Why do you think King Josiah was so eager to repair the house of Lord?



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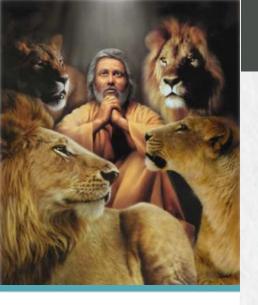
- If I find that one or more of my close friends are doing something wrong, it is my responsibility to bring it to their attention. How can I do this in a wise way?
- If I behave in a bad way towards my parents or siblings, then as a child of God, I must apologize and reconcile with them.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- The church teaches us the importance of the life of humility practically, in different ways:
  - » on Holy Thursday, we find Abouna praying a special prayer for the blessing of the water (lakkan), and by the end of it, he anoints our feet with this water, just like what our Lord Jesus Christ did when He washed His disciples' feet.
  - » at the beginning of any liturgical prayer at church, Abouna starts by praying "Our Father who art in heaven..." Then he looks to the congregation and asks them for forgiveness saying, "I have sinned, forgive me" so we reply, "I have sinned, absolve me". Then, we start praying in full peace.

### **Bible Verse**

"Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. (1 Peter 5:6)



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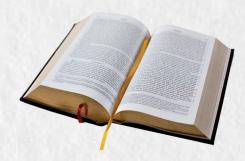
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# PROPHETS

Passage Reading (1 Kings 16:28-34) & (1 Kings 17)



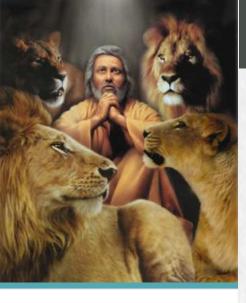
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God will punish the wicked for his evil and will deliver His righteous children even if this appears to be impossible

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Because of the evil deeds of king Ahab, and him pushing the people to worship idols; Elijah the prophet asked the Lord to stop the rain
- The widow of Zarephath plays a small but important role in Elijah's story. She feeds Elijah in her home.
- Soon after, her son dies, and Elijah pleads to God for the power to resurrect him.

- What miracle did God perform with the widow's flour and oil?
- What happened to the widow's son, and how did Elijah help him?
- What did the widow say after her son was brought back to life?
- How did God provide for Elijah? ... first the ravens ... and then the widow



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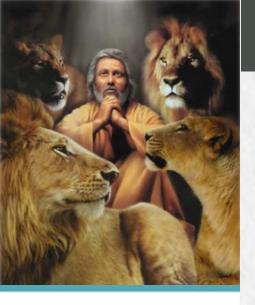
- I trust that being the child of God, He will hear my prayers and plan everything for my benefit and wellbeing.
- When something unusual happens and I find myself scared or unhappy, I must pray to the Lord and ask for His protection and guidance, and God will intervene and help me.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- After Adam and Eve sinned and were expelled from the Garden of Eden, all their descendants were prone to sin. No one could be found righteous enough to redeem others or even himself alone.
- This is when our Lord Jesus was incarnate and redeemed all humanity on the cross. Though the problem seemed huge and without a possible solution, God intervened.
- To remember this great salvation, we find the cross everywhere in the church. Can you name some places where we find the cross in church?

### **Bible Verse**

"For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.'" (1 Kings 17:14)



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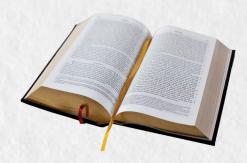
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Passage Reading Daniel 14:1-21



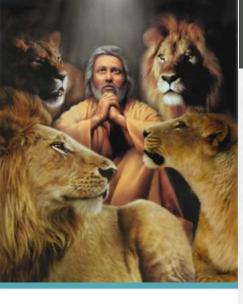
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

I love God and I am proud to talk to all people about Him

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- King Cyrus of Persia worships a god named Bel.
- Daniel, however, does not worship Bel and tells the king that the idol is nothing but clay and bronze, incapable of eating or drinking.
- The king, wanting to prove Daniel wrong, challenges him. Daniel agrees, and they set a trap by spreading ashes on the floor of the temple before sealing it
- The king is furious when he discovers the deception

- How did Daniel demonstrate God's superiority over the pagan gods of Babylon?
- We know that the statues of idols cannot be real gods, because there is only 1 God. However, we name anything a "god" when it can make us very busy and weakens our relationship with God. Can you name some of these modern "idols"?



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## **EXILES**

Passage Reading Daniel 14:1-21

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do I pray consistently every day?
- If I find some friends unhappy or fearing something, do I urge them to pray to God and ask for His help? I can always encourage my friends and tell them "let us all pray together now".
- Talking with my friends about something I heard in the Bible, and I liked it demonstrates that I am proud of my God.

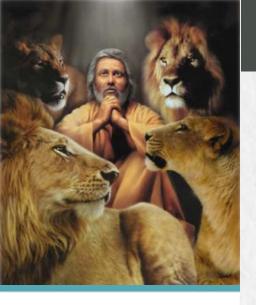
### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- The Church teaches us how to live like Daniel who left a legacy of faithful obedience to God despite grave trials and di?culty.
- Every story of a saint or a martyr that we hear through the book of the synaxarion is a call for us to witness to God.

### **Bible Verse**

"I do not worship idols made with hands, but the living God, who created heaven and earth, and who holds power over all flesh."

(Daniel 14:4)



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### POWER CHANGE

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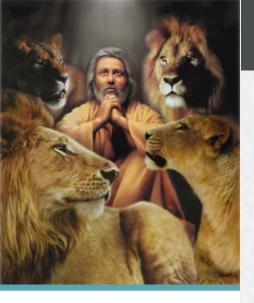
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

Trust in the Lord and listen to Him and He will protect you from any evil

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- The city of Samaria was under siege by the Arameans, causing a severe famine.
- The prophet Elisha made a surprising prophecy. He declared that within 24 hours, the famine would end, and there would be an abundance of food.
- One of the prominent soldiers of the king did not believe Elisha's prophecy, so he lost God's protection for him.

- What was happening in the city of Samaria when the story began?
- What did Elisha tell the people would happen the next day?
- How did Elisha's prophecy help the people of Samaria?
- If you were living in Samaria at that time, how would you have felt when Elisha made his prophecy?



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### POWER CHANGE

Passage Reading 2 Kings 7

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- Let us all learn and practice what we call a "flash prayer": whenever I find myself and/or any friend in trouble, distress, or facing a scary situation; I/we pray a "flash prayer" saying "O my Lord Jesus Christ, help me and protect me".
- A "flash prayer" is a short and quick prayer, and we believe that our heavenly Father accepts every faithful prayer from us.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

 When we come to the church to pray the liturgy, an important part of our prayers is to ask God for forgiveness of our sins. And we declare that we hope in the mercies of the Lord to protect us from every evil when we pray together saying "According to Your mercy, O Lord, and not according to our sins".

### **Bible Verse**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

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In this Era, we will explore the importance of living a life that prioritizes God and aligns with His will.

each lesson focuses on key biblical stories that illustrate vital spiritual principles such as faithfulness, obedience, and seeking God first in all things.

LESSON 1

### Let's Examine Our Ways

Building the inner temple of the Lord (my heart) (Haggai 2:1-19)

LESSON 2

### Obey God the Almighty

Samuel Informs king Saul about his transgression (1 Samuel 15)

LESSON 3

# **Spiritual Lifestyle (1)**

God sends Raphael the Archangel to help Tobit and his family (Tobit 1 to 6)

LESSON 4 **Spiritual Lifestyle (2)** 

God's gifts to Tobit and his family (Tobit 7 to 12)

# LET'S EXAMINE OUR WAYS

Passage Reading Haggai 2:10-19



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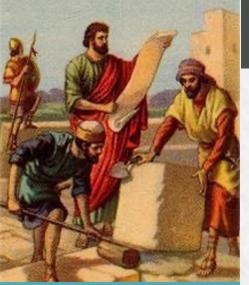
His temple in my heart worth more than the temple made of stone

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- The Israelites were rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem after returning from exile, but they were discouraged because it didn't seem as grand as the original temple.
- God, through the prophet Haggai, reminded them that their hearts and actions were more important than the physical building.
- He encouraged them to examine their ways and understand that their inner temple—where God dwells in their hearts—is far more valuable than any structure made of stone.
- God promised to bless them if they focused on living righteously and building a relationship with Him.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- What did God ask the Israelites to examine in their lives?
- Why do you think the temple in our hearts is more important than a building made of stone?
- How can we build a strong "temple" in our hearts today?
- What does it mean for God to bless us? How do you think God blesses people who live with Him in their hearts?



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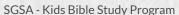
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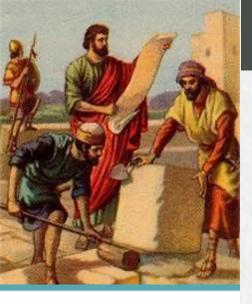
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# LET'S EXAMINE OUR WAYS

Passage Reading Haggai 2:10-19

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- Just like the Israelites, we sometimes focus too much on outward things—like how we look or what we have—rather than what's inside our hearts.
- God wants us to build a strong "temple" in our hearts by being kind, honest, and loving. This means making good choices, praying, and thinking about how we can grow closer to God. When we do this, God's presence is with us, and He blesses us, just like He promised to bless the Israelites.

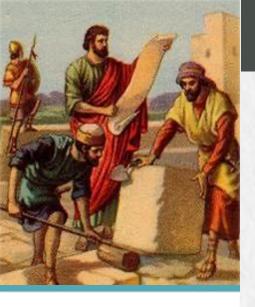
#### CHURCH CONCEPT:

- To always watch our ways, the Church always encourages us to have a spiritual guide; this can be Abouna, a Servant or Spiritual family member.
- When we have someone to guide us, this will always help us not to deviate from our original pathway to heaven.

### **Bible Verse**

""Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

(1 Corinthians 3:16)



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# OBEY GOD THE ALMIGHTY

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 15



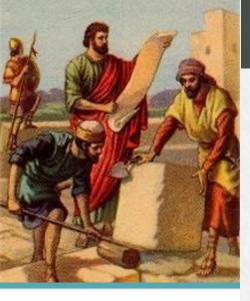
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God rejects those who disobey Him

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- God gave King Saul a clear command through the prophet Samuel: to completely destroy the Amalekites and all that they had.
- However, Saul disobeyed by sparing King Agag and keeping the best animals for himself and his people
- When Samuel confronted Saul about his disobedience, Saul tried to justify his actions by saying he was afraid of the people and obeyed their voices instead of God's.
- Because of his disobedience, God rejected Saul as king, showing that God expects complete obedience.

- What did God ask King Saul to do, and how did Saul disobey?
- Why do you think Saul was more concerned with what the people thought than what God commanded?
- What does this story teach us about the importance of obeying God?



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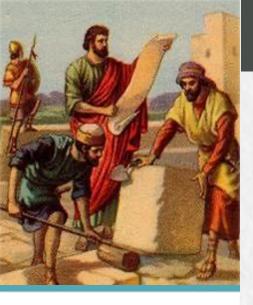
- Sometimes we might be tempted to do what others want us to do, even if we know it's not what God wants.
- Like King Saul, we might try to make excuses for our actions, but God sees our hearts and knows when we are not obeying Him.
- It's important to listen to God's instructions and follow them, even if it's hard or if others are doing something different.
- Obeying God shows that we trust and respect Him, and it helps us to live in a way that pleases Him.

#### CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Church Always teaches us that we should try obeying God's commandments step by step. For example, we grow in our fasting and prayers step by step.
- The Church encourages us not to be overwhelmed with too many things at the same time but to start doing what we can and step by step we will grow and become stronger to do more.
- What we can't do all of it, do not leave it all, but start doing your part and God will bless and give you strength to do the rest.

### **Bible Verse**

"I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice" (1 Samuel 15:24)



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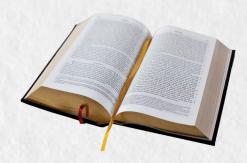
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### SPIRITUAL LIFESTYLE (1)

Passage Reading Tobit 1-6



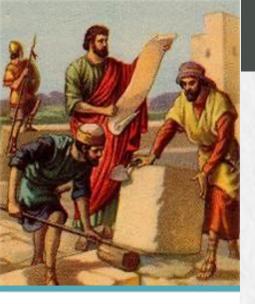
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God has an amazing plan to save me and those whom I love

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Tobit was a righteous man who remained faithful to God even when he was living in captivity. He had always put God first, helping others and staying honest, even when it was difficult.
- In chapters 3 and 4, Tobit prays and gives his son Tobias important advice, reminding him that God should come before money and possessions. God hears Tobit's prayers and sends the Archangel Raphael to help his son Tobias.
- Archangel Raphael saves Tobias from danger and guides him to marry Sarah, showing that God has a wonderful plan to protect and bless us and those we love.

- How did Tobit show his faithfulness to God even when he was in captivity?
- What advice did Tobit give to his son Tobias, and why is it important?
- How did God help Tobias through the angel Raphael?



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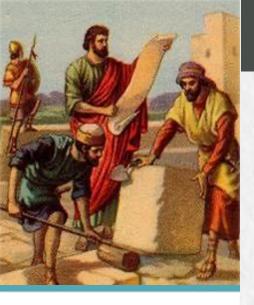
- Just like Tobit, we should always remember to put God first in our lives, no matter what we're going through.
- Being honest and faithful to God will lead to blessings, even if it's not always easy. We can trust that God has a plan for us and that He will take care of us and our loved ones.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- The Church teaches us that whenever we are confused and can't make a decision, we should always pray and sometimes fast for a few days.
- For example, before a new Pope is chosen, we pray and fast for 3 days to ask God to choose the right person for this responsibility.

### **Bible Verse**

""Every day of your life, keep the Lord our God in mind...Be honest, and you will succeed in what ever you do" (Tobit 4:5-6)



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### SPIRITUAL LIFESTYLE (2)

Passage Reading Tobit 7-12



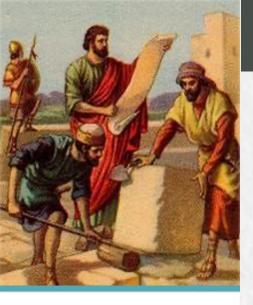
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God makes us rejoice when we seek him first and allows us to see His wonders in our life

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- In these chapters, Tobias continues his journey with the Archangel Raphael, who accompanies him to meet Raguel and Gabael.
- Tobias follows Archangel Raphael's guidance, leading to his marriage to Sarah and the recovery of his family's wealth.
- When Tobias returns home, he restores his father Tobit's sight and brings great joy to his family.
- Finally, Archangel Raphael reveals his true identity as an Archangel sent by God, showing the family that their faithfulness and trust in God led to great blessings and joy.

- What did Raphael do to help Tobias on his journey, and how did Tobias benefit from following Raphael's guidance?
- How did Tobias's actions bring joy and blessings to his family?
- Why is it important to seek God first in our lives, according to this story?



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### SPIRITUAL LIFESTYLE (2)

Passage Reading Tobit 7-12

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- When we put God first in our lives and seek His guidance, just like Tobias did, we can trust that He will lead us to good things.
- God wants us to experience joy and see His amazing works in our lives, but this happens when we prioritize Him above all else.
- By seeking God's kingdom and living righteously, we open the door for His blessings and wonders to unfold in our lives.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Our church teaches us that Spiritual life is a lifestyle not just practice inside the church.
- All our choices in life should be based on God's teaching to us.
- For example, we shouldn't value sleeping and eating than going to the holy liturgy in the morning.

### **Bible Verse**

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33)

## ERA 9

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# SILENCE

Through This Era, we are reminded to trust in God's timing, keep our hearts pure, serve others with love, and have faith that God's promises will always be fulfilled.

LESSON 1

The Messenger St John the Baptist prepares the people for Christ (Luke 1:5-23)

LESSON 2

The Lord's Servant

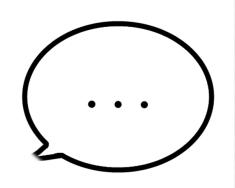
The annunciation to St Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

LESSON 3

The Loving Heart St Mary visits St Elizabeth to serve her (Luke 1:39-45, 56)

LESSON 4 **The Promise** 

Simeon the elder finally meets Jesus born from St Mary the virgin (unmarried) (Luke 2:25-35) & (Isaiah 7:14)



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### THE MESSENGER

Passage Reading Luke 1:5-23



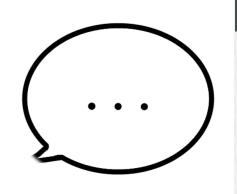
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

I believe that God knows the perfect time for His gifts

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- St. John the Baptist was chosen by God to prepare the way for Jesus Christ.
- His mission was to call people to repent and to be ready for the coming of the Messiah.
- Through his unique role, John fulfilled the prophecy that a messenger would go before Jesus, calling the people to turn back to God and recognize the arrival of the Savior.

- What was St. John the Baptist's role in preparing the people for Christ?
- How can we prepare ourselves to receive God's gifts in our lives?
- What does it mean to trust in God's timing?



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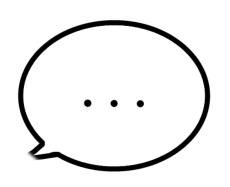
- Just as St. John the Baptist prepared people for the coming of Christ, we must trust that God knows the perfect time for His gifts in our lives.
- We should be patient and stay ready for God's blessings, understanding that He has a plan and a purpose for everything He does.
- Our faith that God's timing is perfect gives us peace in our hearts and minds.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- We believe that the church is heaven on earth. It is the house of God and His dwelling among His people. Consequently, we believe that the church is also full of angels.
- That's why Abouna by the end of the liturgy sprinkles water in the church. This water is not for the congregation, because they have already received communion, the greatest spiritual gift ever. But Abouna sprinkles this water to allow the angels who were attending the liturgy to be dismissed.

### **Bible Verse**

"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You (Mark 1:2)



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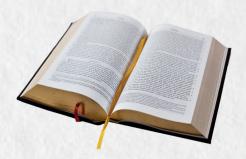
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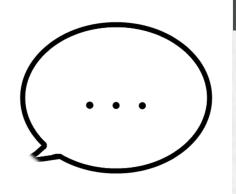
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

I have to keep myself pure for God to reveal Himself to me.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- The annunciation to St. Mary reveals her as a chosen servant of God, pure and humble, worthy to bear the Son of God.
- Despite the extraordinary nature of the message,
   Mary accepted God's will with faith and humility.
- This moment is a powerful example of purity and submission to God's plan.

- What did the angel tell St. Mary during the annunciation?
- How can we keep our hearts pure in the eyes of God?
- Why is it important to follow God's plan even when we don't fully understand it?



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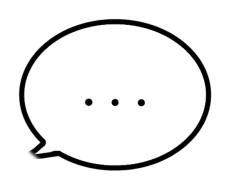
- We must strive to keep ourselves pure in heart, just as Saint Mary did so that we can experience God's presence and guidance in our lives.
- Purity opens the way for God to reveal His plans for us, and through faith, we can respond with obedience and trust.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Attending the holy liturgy every week is a great blessing.
- The church prepares us for this beautiful event by a journey that starts as of the eve of the liturgy day by praying the vespers and then the midnight praises. In the morning, we pray matins and morning doxology (praises) before the holy Liturgy.
- This prepares and purifies my heart and my mind to be united with our Lord Jesus Christ through communion.

### **Bible Verse**

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God (Matthew 5:8)



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### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

Showing love to each one delights God's heart to come and dwell between us

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Saint Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is also expecting a child, to serve her in love.
- Their meeting is filled with joy as they recognize the blessings of God in each other's lives. St. Mary's act of service shows her loving and selfless heart, which delights God.

- Why did St. Mary visit St. Elizabeth? and what happened when they met?
- How can we serve others in love like St. Mary did?
- What does it mean to create a space where God can dwell among us through love?





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### THE LOVING HEART

Passage Reading Luke 1:39-45, 56

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

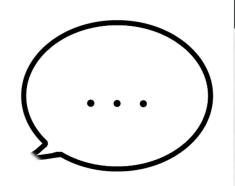
 We are called to show love and serve others just as St. Mary did. When we serve one another with love, we create an environment where God is pleased to be present and to dwell among us. Our acts of kindness and love reflect God's loving heart and bring joy to Him.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Our Church always teaches us to serve one another.
   Any small action of care and kindness counts, as God had said even a cup of water will be rewarded.
- Also, our church has various ways and different services that we can join.
- I can always find a service that is suitable to my gifts and to the needs of my brothers and sisters.

### **Bible Verse**

"Through love serve one another" (Galatians 5:13)



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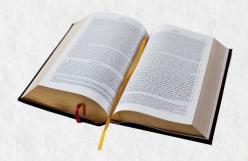
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### THE PROMISE

Passage Reading (Luke 2:25-35) & (Isaiah 7:14)



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

I must have faith that God will fulfill all His promises

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Simeon, an elder who had been promised by God that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah, finally meets the infant Jesus at the temple.
- Simeon's faith in God's promise is fulfilled, and he recognizes Jesus as the Savior of the world.
- This event marks the fulfillment of the long-awaited prophecy of the Messiah.

- What promise did God give to Simeon, and how was it fulfilled?
- How can we have faith in God's promises even when they take time to come true?
- What promises of God can we see fulfilled in our own lives today?



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### THE PROMISE

Passage Reading (Luke 2:25-35) & (Isaiah 7:14)

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- We must have faith that God will fulfill all His promises in our lives, even when it takes time.
- Like Simeon, we can trust that God is faithful to His word and that His salvation and promises will come to pass in their appointed time.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- In the different seasons, our church always nourishes us with multiple readings from the Bible prophecies and stories that prove how God is always honest and fulfills His promises.
- This gives us the certainty that whenever we are waiting for something, to trust that God will fulfill what He promised as was the case with all the previous generations.

### **Bible Verse**

"For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples (Luke 2:30-31)

### ERA 10

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### CHRIST Overview

Through various stories from the Gospels, we will examine how Jesus teaches us, performs miracles, and gives life, offering us a deeper understanding of His divine power and human compassion. Encouraging us to trust in His protection, persist in prayer, believe in His miracles, and embrace the life He offers.

LESSON 1

True Man and True God He said: "I thirst" (John 19:28)

He is the source of the "Living Water" (John 7:37-38), the Samaritan woman (John 4)

LESSON 2

The Teacher

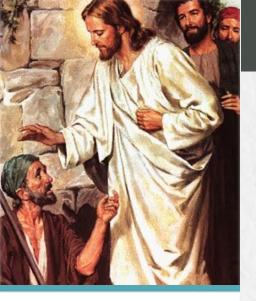
The parable of the friend at midnight (Luke 11:5-13)

LESSON 3

The Miracles Maker Ten lepers cleansed (Luke 17:11-19)

LESSON 4 **The Life Giver** 

Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain from the dead (Luke 7:11-17)



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Passage Reading (John 19:2) & (John 7:37-38) & (John 4)



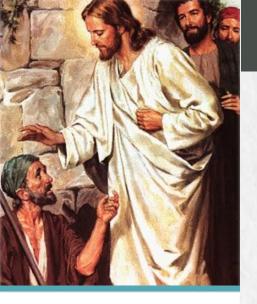
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

I believe that I am fully protected by the divine power of my Lord Jesus Christ

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Jesus Christ, though fully divine, also experienced human suffering. He said, "I thirst" (John 19:28) on the cross, demonstrating His true humanity. Yet, He is also the source of the "Living Water" (John 7:37-38), offering spiritual nourishment and eternal life to all who believe, as shown in His encounter with the Samaritan woman (John 4).
- Jesus is the Almighty God who took flesh and lived among us (John 1:14) and so He understands all our struggles.

- Why did Jesus say, "I thirst" on the cross, and what does this reveal about His nature? (fully human)
- How can Jesus being the source of "Living Water" (as fully divine) help us in our daily lives?
- What does it mean to you that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"?



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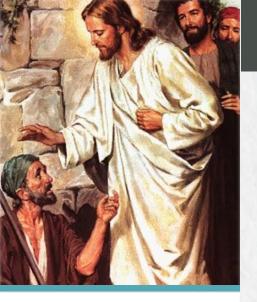
- We can take comfort in knowing that Jesus, who experienced human suffering, understands our pain and needs.
- As the source of "Living Water," He provides us with the spiritual sustenance we need to overcome challenges and find peace.
- By believing in His divine protection, we can trust that we are fully shielded by His power.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Our church arranged the holy week prayers,
- divided into different hours so we can live with Jesus' feelings hour by hour.
- So, whenever we are in pain, we can pray and express our pain to Jesus who experienced pain before us and can understand and appreciate how and what we feel.

### **Bible Verse**

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."
(John 1:14)



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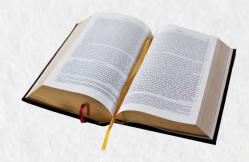
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### THE TEACHER

Passage Reading Luke 11:5-13



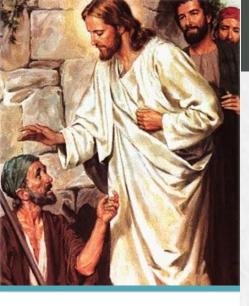
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

Thank God everyday that He has prepared for me a heavenly mansion.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- In the parable of the friend at midnight, Jesus teaches the importance of persistence in prayer.
- The friend persistently asks for bread until his request is granted, showing that we should continually seek God's help and trust in His willingness to provide.
- Jesus encourages us to ask, seek, and knock, with the promise that God will respond to our prayers

- What lesson does Jesus teach us through the parable of the friend at midnight?
- How can we practice persistence in our own prayer lives?
- What does it mean to you to thank God for preparing a heavenly mansion for you?



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### THE TEACHER

Passage Reading Luke 11:5-13

### LIFE APPLICATION:

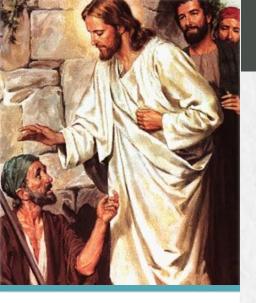
- We should develop a persistent prayer life, trusting that God hears and answers our prayers.
- By praying daily, we acknowledge His promises and express our faith in His provision for our needs both in this life and in eternity.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Our church prepared that each hour of the Agpeya starts with the thanksgiving prayer to thank God for everything.
- Our church teaches us to always thank God in all conditions:
  - » if we are happy, we praise God;
  - » if we are sad or in pain, we thank God as we are quite sure that He is doing everything for our good.

### **Bible Verse**

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)



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### THE MIRACLE MAKER

Passage Reading Luke 17:11-19



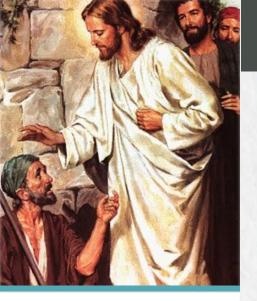
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

God has no "IMPOSSIBLE"

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Jesus heals ten lepers, demonstrating His divine power over illness and His compassion for those in need.
- Although all ten were healed, only one returned to thank Jesus, highlighting the importance of gratitude.
- This miracle shows that with God, nothing is impossible, and He is always ready to respond to our faith.

- What does this story teach us about God's power and compassion?
- Why is it important to express gratitude to God for His blessings?
- How can we remind ourselves that with God, nothing is impossible?



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### THE MIRACLE MAKER

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### LIFE APPLICATION:

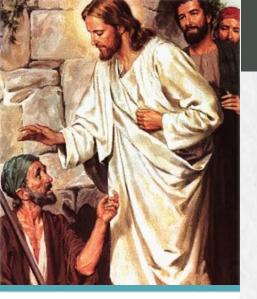
- We should recognize that nothing is impossible for God and always respond with gratitude for His blessings.
- By acknowledging His power in our lives, we can grow in faith and trust in His ability to do miraculous things, even in situations that seem to be hopeless.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- After celebrating the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Week, we celebrate His resurrection and then His ascension to heaven for 50 days.
- Seeing our Lord defeating death and celebrating His victory over it, instills in us that nothing is impossible for God.

### **Bible Verse**

"And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God" (Luke 17:15)



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### THE LIFE GIVER

Passage Reading Luke 7:11-17



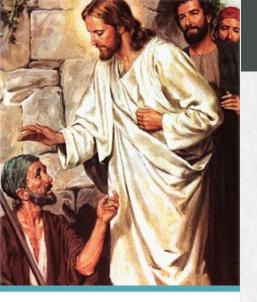
### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

For You are The Life of us all, and The Resurrection of us all. (from the liturgy prayers)

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain from the dead, showing His deep compassion and His power over life and death.
- When He saw the grieving widow, He told her not to weep and restored her son to life, proving that He is the source of life and the resurrection for all.
- This miracle reflects the truth that Jesus is the giver of life and the one who can bring hope even in the darkest moments.

- How does Jesus' miracle of raising the widow's son show His compassion?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the "Life Giver"?
- How can we show compassion to others as Jesus did in this story?



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### THE LIFE GIVER

Passage Reading Luke 7:11-17

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- We should trust in Jesus as the Life-Giver, knowing that He can bring new life and hope into any situation.
- In our prayers, we can ask Him to bring His lifegiving power into our hearts, resurrecting our faith and joy.
- If I have a friend or a relative in distress, I can pray that our Lord Jesus brings back hope in their life.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Our Church arranged the Baptism for the newborns as their first blessing in life. The Baptism gives the baby a new spiritual birth, so the baby's name is recorded in heaven from that day.
- When we attend any Baptism, we should remember the new nature that God gave us on that day. If we fall into a sin, we can be renewed when we go to Abouna to confess and have communion.

### **Bible Verse**

"When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' " (Luke 7:13)

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## CHURCH



St. Paul dedicated his life to spreading the message of Jesus, even when he faced difficulties and rejection. Through his missionary journeys, we see his courage, determination, and faith in God's plan.

St. John teaches us that God is love, and as His children, we must live in that love every day.

St Paul's Missionary Journeys (1)

First Trip - St Paul preaching in Antioch and many Jews and Gentiles believe (Acts 13:13-43)

St Paul's Missionary Journeys (2)

First Trip - St Paul facing hardships while preaching (Acts 13:44 - 14:7)

LESSON 3
St Paul's
Missionary
Journeys (3)

First Trip - St Paul preaches in Lystra and heals a man (Acts 14:8-18)

Catholic Epistles

St John's epistle (1 John 4:7-21)

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### ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (1)

Acts 13:13-43





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### ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (1)

Acts 13:13-43



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

As a true Christian and son of God, I pray for those who don't know our awesome God and I am willing to go and tell them about Him.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- On his first missionary journey, St. Paul traveled to Antioch, where he preached to both Jews and Gentiles.
- His message of salvation through Jesus Christ was well-received by many, leading to a growing number of believers.

- Why was St. Paul's preaching in Antioch important?
- How can we share the message of Jesus with others today?
- What does it mean to continue in the grace of God?



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### ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (1)

Acts 13:13-43

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- As true Christians and children of God, we should pray for those who don't know our awesome God and be willing to share the Good News with them.
- Just as St. Paul spread the message of Christ, we too can help others come to know Him.

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- At all times, our Church is praying for the world, and everyone in this world.
- Our church in the holy Liturgy is praying for old people, young people, students, sick people, etc. however, the church never asks that we only pray for Christian people but for everyone who needs it.

### **Bible Verse**

"many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God" (Acts 13:43)



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### ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (2)

Acts 13:44 - 14:7



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

As a true Christian and son of God, I believe that God will help me to overcome all hardships.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- St. Paul faced significant hardships while preaching the Gospel, including opposition from those who rejected his message.
- Despite these challenges, he remained steadfast in his mission, turning to the Gentiles when the Jews rejected the Word.

- What hardships did St. Paul face while preaching?
- How did St. Paul respond to those who rejected his message?
- How can we trust God to help us overcome our own challenges?



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### ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (2)

Acts 13:44 - 14:7

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- As Christians, we trust that God will help us overcome all hardships.
- Like St. Paul, we should remain faithful and continue to share God's Word, even when we face difficulties. God's strength will guide us through every challenge.

#### CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In our church history, back in the 10th century, Egypt's ruler asked the Patriarch and the Christians to move the Mokattam mountain because there is a verse in the Bible that says, "if you have a faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain 'Move from here to there', and it will move" (Matthew 17:20).
- After praying and fasting for 3 days, the mountain moved.
- We believe that when we pray and fast, and through faith, God will surely intervene.

### **Bible Verse**

"It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles." (Acts 13:46)



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### ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (3)

Acts 14:8-18



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

As a true Christian and son of God, I know how God is good, and I desire that everyone knows Him as well.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- During his first missionary journey, St. Paul arrived in Lystra, where he performed a miraculous healing.
- He healed a man who had been unable to walk since birth, demonstrating the power of God.
- This miracle not only strengthened the faith of those who witnessed it but also spread the message of God's goodness and mercy.

- What miracle did St. Paul perform in Lystra?
- How can miracles strengthen our faith in God?
- How can we share the goodness of God with others?



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### ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (3)

Acts 14:8-18

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- As true Christians, we should recognize how good God is and have a strong desire for everyone to know Him.
- We can be witnesses of His goodness in our lives, showing others the power of faith and the miracles God can perform.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- When Abouna prays the litany of the Gospel, before reading the Gospel in church, the deacon responds to Abouna saying "Pray for the Holy Gospel". What does that mean?
- The deacon is asking the congregation present at church to pray that everyone in the world knows about the Gospel, meaning hear and know about our Lord Jesus. But why?
- Because only through believing in God, we can be saved and have a place in heaven.

### **Bible Verse**

"Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked." (Acts 14:9-10)



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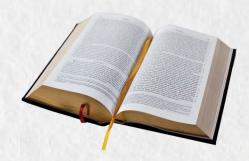
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CATHOLIC EPISTLES

## CATHOLIC

1 John 4:7-21



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

As a son of God, I can only LOVE. I love God and I love all people.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- In his epistle, St. John emphasizes the importance of love, explaining that God is love, and those who live in love live in God.
- We should love one another, as love is the true mark of a Christian. By abiding in love, we abide in God, and His love is perfected in us.

- What does it mean that "God is love"?
- How can we show love to others in our daily lives?
- Why is love so important in our relationship with God and others?



### CATHOLIC **EPISTLES**

1 John 4:7-21

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- As children of God, we are called to love others just as God loves us. This love should be evident in all our actions and relationships.
- By loving God and all people, we reflect His presence in our lives and fulfill His commandment to love one another.
- Praying for anyone in need and helping someone in any way are all ways to show our love.

### CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Do you know why our sign as Christians is the cross? And why do we have 2 feasts in our church for the cross over the year?
- Simply because the cross symbolizes our Lord's unconditional love for us.
- His love for us was unlimited, to the point that he accepted to redeem us on the cross to restore us and allow us to go back to heaven.
- In return, we are all called to love God and all people because they are His sons and daughters.

### **Bible Verse**

"And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:16)



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### ERA 12

REVELATION

Guerview

We will explore the Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven, teachings of Jesus that help us understand how to live as true sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

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LESSON 1

Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven (1)

The unforgiving servant (Matthew 18:23-35)

LESSON 2

Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven (2) The rich man & Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

LESSON 3

Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven (3) The wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14)

LESSON 4 **Heavenly Rewards To Those Who Conquer** 

Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13)



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## PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (1)

Passage Reading Matthew 18:23-35



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

If I forgive others, I am a true son/daughter for my heavenly Father

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Jesus tells the story of a servant who was forgiven a large debt by the king but refused to forgive a much smaller debt owed to him by another servant.
- The king was angry and punished him for not showing the same mercy he had received.
- This parable teaches us that just as God forgives our sins, we must forgive others from our hearts.

- What is a parable?
- Why did the king forgive the servant's large debt?
- How did the servant treat the other person who owed him money?
- What does this parable teach us about how we should treat others?



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## PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (1)

Passage Reading Matthew 18:23-35

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- Forgiveness is essential for me as a Christian. If I forgive others, God will forgive me.
- I should not hold grudges but show mercy, just as God is merciful to me.
- Every time I pray "Our Father...", I am reminded to forgive ... "and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...".

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- After we recite the creed in the holy Liturgy, Abouna starts by praying what we call the "Reconciliation Prayer".
- By the end of this prayer, and as the deacon instructs us, we greet one another with a holy kiss as a sign that we all forgive each other and love each other.

### **Bible Verse**

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14-15)



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## PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (2)

Passage Reading Luke 16:19-31



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

If I am merciful, I am a true son/daughter for my heavenly Father

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

Jesus tells us the story of a rich man who lived in luxury while ignoring a poor man named Lazarus who sat outside his gate.

After they died, Lazarus went to heaven, and the rich man suffered in torment.

The story reminds us that our actions on earth, especially how we treat others, have consequences in the afterlife. God blesses those who show mercy.

- Why was Lazarus in heaven while the rich man was in torment?
- How can we show mercy to others in our daily lives?
- What does this parable teach us about what is most important in life?



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## PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (2)

Passage Reading Luke 16:19-31

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- I must be merciful and kind to those in need. By showing love and care for others, I demonstrate that I am a child of God.
- True wealth comes from living a life of kindness and compassion.
- Showing others love and kindness let me acquire new loving friends.

#### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- In the first ages of Christianity, people used to show care for others and help each other. Believers used to present their belongings to the disciples who would distribute to those who are in need.
- Till now, donations received by churches are distributed to those who are in need.

### **Bible Verse**

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (Matthew 5:7)



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## PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (3)

Passage Reading Matthew 22:1-14



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

If I put on Christ, I am a true son/daughter for my heavenly Father.

### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Jesus tells a parable about a king who invited many people to his son's wedding, but many refused to come.
- The king invited others, but one guest arrived without proper wedding clothes, representing a lack of preparation.
- The parable teaches that we must be ready and dressed spiritually, putting on Christ through baptism and living in righteousness.

- Why did some people refuse to come to the wedding feast?
- What does it mean to be spiritually prepared or "wear the right clothes"?
- How can we "put on Christ" in our lives today?



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## PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (3)

Passage Reading Matthew 22:1-14

### LIFE APPLICATION:

- To be part of God's kingdom, I must put on Christ through my actions, attitudes, and faith.
- This means living according to His teachings and being prepared for His coming by living a life of love and obedience.
- By the end of every day, and before going to bed, I will stand up for prayer and ask myself what did I do today that pleased God's heart?

### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- When a baby is baptized, he/she is clothed in white garments and a red girdle (red ribbon).
- The white garments represent the new nature and the pure status that the baby received by baptism.
- The girdle is speaking about Jesus Christ's blood that was shed on the cross to grant us salvation.
   Without His precious blood, the garment could never be purified.

### **Bible Verse**

"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3:27)



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## HEAVENLY REWARDS TO THOSE WHO CONQUER

Passage Reading Revelation 3:7-13



### **LESSON CONCEPT:**

My true strength originates from the Lord, who works in me continuously.

#### **LESSON SUMMARY:**

- Jesus speaks to the church in Philadelphia, encouraging them to remain faithful despite their challenges.
- He promises heavenly rewards to those who persevere and stay true to Him.
- Even when we face difficulties, our strength comes from the Lord, and He will reward those who are faithful to the end.

- What challenges did the church of Philadelphia face?
- How can we stay strong in our faith when we face problems?
- What does God promise to those who overcome and stay faithful?



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#### LIFE APPLICATION:

- We must hold to our faith, knowing that God will strengthen us through every trial.
- If we persevere and remain loyal to God, He promises us eternal rewards in His kingdom.
- When I wake up in the morning, I'll pray and ask for God's help and protection throughout my day.

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### **CHURCH CONCEPT:**

- Every time we attend a liturgy, we go on a quick trip to heaven.
- We know that the Church is called the "House of Angels". Through the liturgy we chant "Through the intercessions of the Theotokos St Mary...", then "The Cherubim worship You, ...", then after the commemoration of the Saints we chant "May their holy blessing be with us. Amen. ...".
- In short, for the whole time of the liturgy we focus our minds that we are present in heaven with the angels and the saints and in front of the throne of God.

### **Bible Verse**

"Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown." (Revelation 3:11)





Thank You!