



SGSA Kids Bible Study Program

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CREATION

Overview

God creates the world and creates man (Adam), then Adam sins and destroys God's original plan for man. Later, and through Noah, the creation is re-blessed.

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 the Creation

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





LESSON 1
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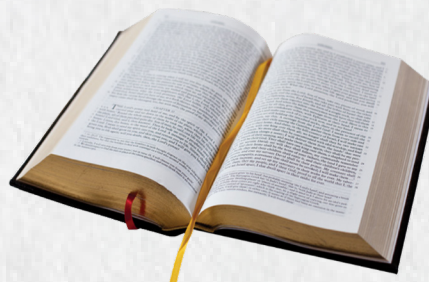
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CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 2:18-24



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God sanctifies marriage.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Adam lives in the garden of Eden.
- Adam is alone.
- Adam needs a helper comparable to him.
- God creates Eve, and Adam is happy.
- God establishes this principle of marriage: “A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh”
- Adam and Eve were naked but not ashamed. Our body is not the cause of shame; the sin is!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Males and females: do we notice it in other living beings? (Dogs, Horses, Birds..)
- What is the Sacrament of Matrimony?
- Marriage was established between man and woman, do other relationships qualify to be called “Marriage”?
- Do we hate gays and lesbians? (God is Love, and we love everyone)
- Can I love / accept someone and in the same time reject / disagree with some of their actions?





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CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 2:18-24

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Is it easy to accept others? The same gender or different gender?
- Why does it have to be a male and a female that are married?
- Does God hate gays and lesbians?
- How should we interact with them?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- God created male and female. Marriage is more than a civil contract; it is a lifelong covenant of love between a man and a woman.
- A man should leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife.
- Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church. (Ephesians)

Bible Verse

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."
(Genesis 2:18)

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ACCEPTED OFFERING

Passage Reading Genesis 4:2-7



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Obeying the commandment proves my love to God.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Cain gave his offering without love, and he wasn't humble.
- Instead of being ashamed of himself, Cain was angry and jealous that God accepted Abel's offering and not his.
- (Ver. 6 & 7): God did not leave Cain but rather talked to him to bring him to a good temper and gave him another chance to repent.
- The difference between the 2 offerings:
- Abel offered his sacrifice obeying God's commandment, he offered his best lamb; not a lame lamb.
- Cain offered his sacrifice as a tradition, not because of his faith; he just copied those around him making a sacrifice.
- Abel made God his priority, so he did not keep the best to himself and offered it to God.
- The sacrifice of blood was for the remission of sins in the O.T.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- If your parents gifted your sibling and not you, would you be jealous?
- When we pray, fast, read the Bible or give alms, do we do it out of love or because we must?
- Keeping God as the priority in our day/life, by giving some time of my day to pray & read the Bible quietly (quiet time).
- God is tender., even when we sin, we always have another chance through repentance.



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ACCEPTED OFFERING

Passage Reading Genesis 4:2-7

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What should I donate: old or new clothing?
- If I don't have money, can I give God time only?
- Does God forgive me if I'm jealous of someone?
- What should I do when I fall (sin)?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Whatever we give to the poor and the needy we give to God "He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord".
- We should give cheerfully "God loves a cheerful giver".
- God accepts our offerings if we give with love.
- God always gives us a chance to repent and confess if we sin.
- God gives us warnings as He did with Cain.
- love and trust. He/She can also spiritually guide me.

Bible Verse

If you love Me, keep My commandments (John 14:15)

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END OF FLOOD

Passage Reading Genesis 8



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Because I am the son of the heavenly Father, I trust that He will deliver me of any problem.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God remembers Noah. Does God forget us?
- The ark rests on Mount Ararat.
- Noah sent birds to test the condition of the earth.
- Noah, his family, and all the animals leave the ark.
- God's covenant with Noah.
- God's promise to Noah and to all mankind.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Are there any similarities between what happened with Noah and our life during the Pandemic (COVID)?
- Does the ark represent the church? What are the similarities?
- Can I have a church in my house? What is my role in the church of my house?
- Do I have peace and trust in God like Noah?
- Do we thank God after He delivers us from any problem like what Noah did?





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END OF FLOOD

Passage Reading Genesis 8

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we need to go to the church to pray? Or can we pray at home?
- How can we obey God if He asks me to be different?
- Why can't I go with the flow?
- I need to pray when I find myself in a problem. I trust that God will respond.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Don't miss the boat (the church).
- Remember we are all at the same boat. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah started to build the ark.
- There is no salvation out of the church.
- We need the church to be saved, as Noah and his family needed the ark to be saved.

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Bible Verse

They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you," says the Lord, "to deliver you." (Jeremiah 1:19)





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RE-BLESSING THE CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 9:1-17



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God is blessing mankind, and declares His love and mercy as there will be no more flood.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God blesses Noah. Does God forget us?
- God gives Noah power over all creatures.
- God allows humans to eat animals.
- God establishes a covenant with mankind.
- The rainbow is the sign of the covenant.
- God warns us against shedding blood.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Were humans allowed to eat animals before the flood?
- What was the sign of the covenant between God and mankind?
- Did God keep His covenant with mankind?
- Do I have peace and trust in God like Noah?
- Why did God warn us against shedding blood?





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RE-BLESSING THE CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 9:1-17

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we have to keep our promises?
- Why shouldn't we fear anything?
- Why did God bless Noah and his sons?
- I will make sure this week to show my care and love to my family and my friends.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- God gave Noah dominion over everything on earth.
- So, we should fear nothing, but we ought to give thanks to Him always.
- The church taught us to pray the thanksgiving prayer on all occasions (it is You who gave us the authority to tread on serpents and scorpions.....)

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Bible Verse

Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."
(Genesis 9:11)



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PATRIARCH

Overview

A time of godly men presiding over the growing family of God. 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 blessing to Abraham
(Genesis 22:13-18)

LESSON 2 **Isaac**

Isaac the man of peace
(Genesis 26:24-33)

LESSON 3 **Jacob**

Jacob the deceitful (Genesis 27)

LESSON 4 **Joseph**

Joseph meets with Pharaoh
(Genesis 41:33-57)



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ABRAHAM

Passage Reading Genesis 22:13-18



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God bestows blessings on us when we obey His commandments.

LESSON SUMMARY:

** Please don't focus on the request itself "killing his son" (this will be misunderstood by the kids), rather please focus on Abraham's thoughts, "Shall I trust God or not? Shall I trust His promises or not?" **

- God wanted to test Father Abraham (testing him means that God wanted to reveal Father Abraham's full obedience to all generations and set him as a perfect example to everyone).
- Abraham does not postpone his obedience or even slow down, because it is a heavenly commandment, and he must fulfill it in the best way.
- The trip to the mountain.
- "By faith Abraham when he was tested offered up Isaac,... concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead" (Hebrews 11:17-19)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do you think this was the first time that Fr. Abraham obeys whole heartedly God's commandment?
- What helped Fr. Abraham obey God in such a tough commandment? (Love, Trust, Faith)
- How can we obey God in this age?

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ABRAHAM

Passage Reading Genesis 22:13-18

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we have to obey?
- How can we trust God from all our hearts?
- When we obey God, what blessings can we receive from Him, as He had blessed Abraham earlier?
- If I find myself in a difficult situation, I will pray to ask for God's support so that I remain obedient to His commandment.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church always teaches us to obey.
- The church sets up rites and we need to follow them.
- The church teaches us how to obey our fathers of confession, and our spiritual guides.
- I receive unlimited blessings when I am devoted to fast, pray, read my Bible and obey the church directions.

Bible Verse

In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice (Genesis 22:18)

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ISAAC

Passage Reading Genesis 26:12-33



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God blesses His children, the peacemakers.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God provides for Isaac during the time of famine.
- Isaac faces some tribulation with the Palestinians.
- Isaac's encounter with God (Blessing promise), and building an altar.
- Isaac's enemies make peace with him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Is God manifested in our relationships with one another in schools, sports, etc. ?
- Do I have a prayer corner to meet with Christ daily and have an altar for Him in my house with my family?
- The intercession of Holy Saints in our lives, like Abraham (for the sake of my servant Abraham. Verse 24)





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ISAAC

Passage Reading Genesis 26:12-33

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can we involve God into our relationships with others?
- How can we establish peace with others (enemies)?
- How can I overcome my fear from others?
- Why did God bless Isaac? And what can we get from God if we love our enemies?
- Love and pray for your friends who are not nice to you.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Church always teaches us to pray for our enemies “Love your enemies” (it is one of the New Testament commandments).
- St Pachomius’ life changed because of Christians who brought him food during war.

Bible Verse

You are now the blessed of the Lord (Genesis 26:29)

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Passage Reading Genesis 27



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God does not grant blessing and peace to the deceitful.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Isaac asked Esau his elder son to go for a hunt, prepare a meal and bring it to him to take his blessing.
- Rebekah heard Isaac's request and made Jacob smell and feel like Esau and prepared a meal for Isaac to get the blessing for Jacob instead of Esau.
- Jacob agreed to deceive his father Isaac to take his blessing.
- Esau returned and discovered what happened and was very angry.
- Rebekah asked Jacob to flee to her brother Laban.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- God promised Rebekah to bless Jacob (Genesis 25:23). How could this happen without the deceitful plan that took place?
- Does the end justify the mean? Is it OK to achieve good goals in any possible way? (by deception, lying, ...)
- How can I help to restore peace if 2 of my relatives or friends are angry with each other?





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JACOB

Passage Reading Genesis 27

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do I find some of God's commandments difficult to follow?
- If yes, what should I do?
- If I fall in a sin and feel I have lost my peace, what should I do?
- Should I accept some consequences for a mistake I made? Or should I try to get around it by any means?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.
- The saints in our Coptic Church were very faithful, they confessed Jesus' name, and didn't fear anything.
- God rewarded them with the crown of life (the heavenly kingdom)
- We read and learn from their life, honesty and faithfulness.

Bible Verse

For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You (Psalm 5:4)

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Passage Reading Genesis 41:33-57



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LESSON CONCEPT:

I trust God who manages everything to the good.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God gives grace to Joseph in the sight of Pharaoh.
- Joseph is a man filled with the fear and love of God.
- The Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, gives us discernment and wisdom during the time of tribulation.
- God transforms everything for good for those who love and are faithful to Him (Remember, Joseph was only brought out of prison to interpret Pharaoh's dreams).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Joseph spent years in the prison! Can you imagine what were his thoughts and feelings? (anger, fear, grief..)
- Do you remember a time when God transformed something bad into something good and fruitful in your life?
- Was it a good idea to save (food) in the first 7 years? Do you apply it sometimes in your life/day?
- What would have happened if Joseph didn't go to prison?
- How important is the gift of wisdom in our life?





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Passage Reading Genesis 41:33-57

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can we accept the bad things that happen in our life?
- How can we trust that the Lord can transform the bad things into good things?
- How can I get wisdom like Joseph?
- Let's pray every morning to be filled by the Holy Spirit, to have the wisdom and faith to trust in God's plans for our life "O Holy Spirit the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Come and dwell in us and purify us" (the litanies of the 3rd hour)

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church always teaches us to do the right action even if we look different from others.
- Walk in a straight path even if there are obstacles.
- Pray and trust that the Lord will transform the obstacles for your good.
- Joseph was rejected by his brothers but found grace and favor in the sight of the Lord.

Bible Verse

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God (Romans 8:28)

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EXODUS

Overview

The Exodus was the mass movement of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt back to the Promised Land of Canaan.

LESSON 1

Deliverance

The burning bush (Exodus 3)

LESSON 2

The Law

Affirming the covenant with God (Exodus 24)

LESSON 3

The Rebellion

The Israelites complain to eat meat (Numbers 11)

LESSON 4

Forty Years of Wandering

The tribes dwelling to the east of the Jordan river and the end of wandering (Numbers 32)





LESSON 1
Deliverance

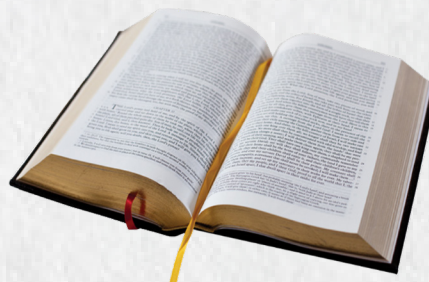
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DELIVERANCE

Passage Reading Exodus 3



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God feels our troubles and promises to intervene in the correct timing.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Moses served as a shepherd to his father-in-law's sheep.
- Moses was curious about this fire, so he turned to see it. The Lord spoke to Moses from the bush and told Moses to remove his sandals because he is standing on holy ground.
- God also expressed to Moses that He had seen the affliction of the Israelites in Egypt and He will deliver them from Egypt and bring them to what later became known as the Promised Land.
- God sent a message to the elders of Israel, including instructions of how to stand before pharaoh and free His people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- God reached out to his people in His right time,
 - » Even if the people of Israel had waited for 400 years and thought God had forgotten about them.
 - » Even if Moses is an old man by then (80 years old).
- 40 years earlier, Moses had the desire to free his people, but he thought he could do it with his hand!
 - » God allowed Moses to have enough time by himself to reflect and grow spiritually before calling him to serve.
 - » God asked Moses to come forward barefoot (i.e. "Don't rely on your power"... "Put your trust in me, and I'll guide you in the way").

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DELIVERANCE

Passage Reading Exodus 3

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we need to spend some time alone with God every morning before starting our day?
- Can I go to any place where I'll not have Jesus with me leading me?
- Can I help others to be free and stay in the way of the Lord?
- Whenever you put on your shoes to go out, ask the Lord to lead your life and your day (in school, sports, and everything you do).

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- God reached out to His people in His right time.
- St Moses the Strong spent several years leading a sinful life away from God.
- God reached out to him at the right time, and his life changed completely.
- Trust that the Lord is watching over each one of us and He can change our lives.

Bible Verse

I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians
(Exodus 3:7, 8)

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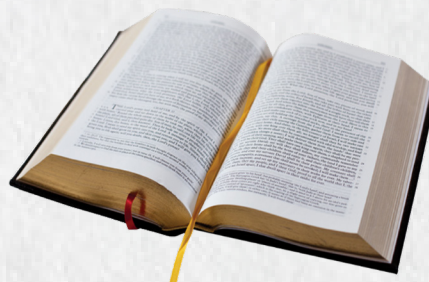
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40 Years of Wandering

THE LAW

Passage Reading Exodus 24



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God reveals Himself to those who obey His commandment.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Moses and the Elders of Israel must come up, rise, worship, and submit sacrifices before they enter an eternal relationship with God on behalf of the people of Israel.
- The blood is essential in our relationship with God (a symbol for the Holy Communion).
- After the people of Israel showed their acceptance of God's word, He revealed Himself to them and they saw the Glory of God on the mountain of Sinai.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What job/task were the youth (young men) assigned (Exodus 24:5)? What do we offer these days?
- "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28)
- How do I prepare myself for the Holy Communion?
- What is the sign of my commitment to this covenant with God? (Obedience to His commandment)
- Do I remember my covenant with God every day?
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LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do I need to follow God's commandments?
- What will happen if I didn't follow?
- How can I train myself to be obedient?
- Practice: every morning, I'll include today's verse in my prayer.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- St John the Short was a good example of obedience.
- We work hard to train ourselves to obey God's word, and commandments.
- Obey the church fathers.
- Obedience is a virtue: we should work hard to live it.

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Bible Verse

"All that the Lord has said we will do and be obedient."
(Exodus 24:7)





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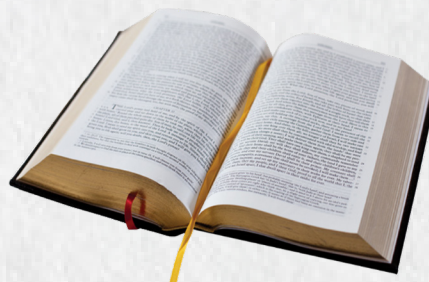
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LESSON CONCEPT:

God loves to hear our prayers and supplications, but without murmuring.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Israelites complain about their situation in the wilderness, and they compare it to their life of slavery in Egypt.
- Their complaining displeases God because He blessed them and whatever they needed He provided.
- They crave the meat and food they used to eat in Egypt and forget that God can provide them with anything they want (who will give us meat to eat?).
- Moses the servant, representing the people of Israel, feels desperate that he couldn't control them.
- God solves the problem and provided the people of Israel with enough meat for everybody.
- Still the people of Israel were greedy and ungrateful, so many of them die from a plague.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do you complain during fasting?
- Why does it displease God if His people complain, grumble and rebel?
- Reflect on the covenant with God in the previous lesson and how they should understand that God will provide them with whatever they need only if they follow His ways.
- Is it a sin to crave a special type of food? Why do the church arrange the fasting time for us?

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THE REBELLION

Passage Reading Numbers 11

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What should I do when I fast?
- Do I need to care about what I eat every day?
- Do I need to attend liturgies more often and read more in the Bible?
- How can I grow spiritually during the fast?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God".
- Jesus' reply to Satan during the temptation teaches us to lift our eyes and hearts to heaven.
- Jesus teaches us that we should not depend on material things to be satisfied and happy.

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Bible Verse

Now when the people complained, it displeased the Lord; for the Lord heard it (Numbers 11:1)





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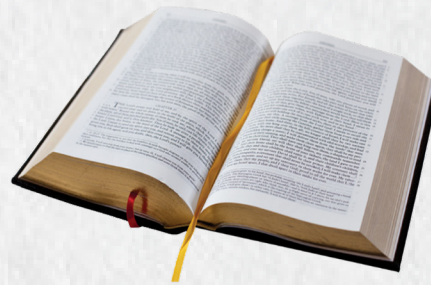
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LESSON CONCEPT:

There are NO sinners in Heaven, only repentants.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Israelites didn't follow the Lord from all their hearts.
- The Lord's anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness for forty years.
- None of those who were 20 years old or above will see the promised land.
- Only Caleb, son of Jephunneh, and Joshua, son of Nun, will enter the promised land.
- They would continue wandering until the whole generation who had done evil in the sight of the Lord has gone.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do you complain and disobey the Lord all the time?
- Why isn't God pleased when His children don't follow his commandment?
- Is it a sin to disobey God?
- Is it a sin to disobey your leaders?
- Why did God only allow Caleb and Joshua to see the promised land?





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LIFE APPLICATION:

- What should I do when I sin?
- What should I do before having communion?
- Do I need to confess?
- Do I need to have a good relationship with God and with everyone that I know?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- We are devoted to God through the sacraments, Baptism / Confession / Eucharist.
- Be prepared before participating the sacraments.
- Obedience to God, and reconciliation with one another before partaking from Communion.
- Remember that in heaven there are no sinners.

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Bible Verse

"So the Lord's anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years"
(Numbers 32:13)



ERA 4

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CONQUEST

Overview

After the Israelites had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, they were at Jericho and needed to resolve to forge ahead and not shrink from their circumstances the way their fathers had done.

LESSON 1

Getting Ready

Joshua orders the people to cross the Jordan after 3 days (Joshua 1:10-18)

LESSON 2

Jericho

Jericho versus Ai (Joshua 6 & 7:1-13)

LESSON 3

Conquest

7 negligent tribes (Joshua 18:1-10)

LESSON 4

Reward

The covenant between the Israelites and God at Shechem (Joshua 24:1-28)



GETTING READY

Passage Reading Joshua 1:10-18



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LESSON CONCEPT:

To be ready for Heaven, I must be baptized (cross the Jordan) and live through the power of Christ's resurrection strength (after 3 days).

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Divine provision: Joshua gives orders to the officers to command the people to gather and collect food before crossing the Jordan River within three days (and for us, we must ensure to stock Divine provision by reading and memorizing the Word of God).
- Joshua reminds the Reubenites, the Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh of their agreement with Moses to cross the Jordan river as well and assist their brothers inherit their lands.
- The men of the two and a half tribes agreed to follow and obeyed Joshua just as they did with Moses.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How can I get myself prepared for heaven? (we can refer to the parable of the 10 virgins and the oil for the lamps (Matthew 25:1-13))
- The two and a half tribes promised to help their fellow brothers until they inherit their land. What are my obligations toward my family and friends?



GETTING READY

Passage Reading Joshua 1:10-18

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What should I do to be prepared for eternal life?
- What happens if someone is not baptized?
- How can I live Christianity?
- I will live rejoicing because I know that I am supported by the resurrected Lord, and I know I have a place in heaven

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The first step to live Christian life and be ready is to get baptized.
- Baptism is one of the 7 sacraments in our church.
- Through Baptism we are born again, by being immersed in water 3 times.
- Baptism is the door by which the believers enter the church and partake in the rest of the sacraments.

Bible Verse

All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go (Joshua 1:16)

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JERICHO

Passage Reading Joshua 6 & 7:1-13



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LESSON CONCEPT:

To inherit Jericho (Heaven), the (Ego) wall must fall. Also, I should not underestimate Ai (the sins that appear to be minimal).

LESSON SUMMARY:

- One member's sin was considered a sin of the whole body.
- The spies underestimated Ai, "they are few".
- The children of Israel fled before the men of Ai.
- Joshua interceded and prayed for the people.
- God revealed that due to Israel's sin, they lost "God's blessings and protection" (verse 12: Neither will I be with you anymore)
- The solution: stop the Sin + Sanctification (verse 12,13: unless you destroy the accursed from among you, get up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow')

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Can one sin (or something wrong) that someone committed affect others? (their family, friends, club... e.g. losing World Cup)
- What do you do when a friend boasts about something wrong they did? (Do you laugh together about it? Do you reasonably highlight the correct Christian action?)
- Do we sometimes underestimate "small sins"? What could happen if we keep repeating them? (may convert to be a habit and bring other sins)
- What do we do if we sin? (repentance + getting sanctified by the Holy Communion)





JERICHO

Passage Reading Joshua 6 & 7:1-13

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Is stealing a sin?
- What are different examples of stealing?
- Do I need to confess if I steal a small thing?
- What will happen if I didn't confess?
- What should I do if I see my friend stealing?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church teaches us that to live a Christian life, we need to be honest, faithful and to keep ourselves from sinning.
- Ananias and Sapphira were not honest and lied to God.
- Be honest when you confess to Abouna.
- Be honest when you pray and read the Bible.
- Be honest when you serve God.

Bible Verse

You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you (Joshua 7:13)

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Passage Reading Joshua 18:1-10



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God is very pleased with His active children.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled at Shiloh.
- Joshua rebuked the people because they had become slack and loose regarding the overtake of the land that was given to them.
- They set a strategy to claim the rest of the land.
- The plan was for the tribes to send three men out of each of the seven tribes (who had not possessed their lands as of yet) to go through the land, survey it, according to their inheritance, and come back to Joshua.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do we have to meet in the church to pray? Why do we need to go to the church? How about if we pray at home?
- Shiloh represents the church, where we can gather and meet in the presence of God.
- What should I do if I'm slacking or lazy to go to church? Should I push myself and go even if I feel I'm not focused and I'm too tired to listen to any lesson or mass?



CONQUEST

Passage Reading Joshua 18:1-10

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Is laziness a sin?
- What should I do if I'm too lazy to pray?
- What should I do if I don't want to go to church?
- I'll make sure to help at least 1 person every day this week.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Jesus allowed us to pray and meet at the church.
- "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor 2:9)
- We should try hard to go to the church early.
- It is good if we are attending a liturgy or any service to go to church early.
- This will show that I'm not lazy in my relationship with God.

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Bible Verse

In all your works be prompt, and then no infirmity will befall you (Sirach 31:27)





REWARD

Passage Reading Joshua 24:1-28



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LESSON CONCEPT:

I am in a spiritual covenant with God. I must remain steadfast.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God is renewing the covenant with His people through Joshua His servant.
- Joshua reminds them what God had done with them since He first made the covenant with Abraham and his descendants and how He delivered them from Egypt with great miracles.
- You may notice that every leader or prophet recalls the whole history of God with His people before his departure, so it's like the final sermon.
- God gives us the free will to choose or not to choose Him.
- Joshua, as a good leader and a servant to God, gives his final sermon and he gives the choice to his people. At the same time, he is confident that he and his house will continue to serve the Lord.
- God is Holy and jealous (explain how God can be jealous).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do we serve the Lord God only or do we serve other gods?
- How do you serve the Lord through your daily routine?
- Do you think you love God and serve Him by your free will or is it your parents who are pushing you to pray, read the Bible or come to Sunday school and Bible study?
- How does God renew His covenant with us in the New Testament?



REWARD

Passage Reading Joshua 24:1-28

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What other gods do we worship in our life?
- What should I do to be focused on worshipping God only?
- When can TV and Games be considered as other gods?
- What should I do to get rid of any distraction around me? And how can I remain focused on worshipping and serving God?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- God gave us His holy body and precious blood to renew us.
- Through confession, we get prepared to have communion.
- Through communion, we can renew the covenant with God.
- Through communion, we will reunite with God.

Bible Verse

But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
(Joshua 24:15)

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Overview

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 period of almost 400 years”.

LESSON 1

Cycles

SSSS – Sin, Suffer, Supplicate, Salvation – Othniel (Judges 3:1-12)

LESSON 2

Judges

The promise to Manoah and his wife to receive Samson (Judges 13)

LESSON 3

Rebellion

The Israelites rebellion in asking for a king (1 Samuel 8)

LESSON 4

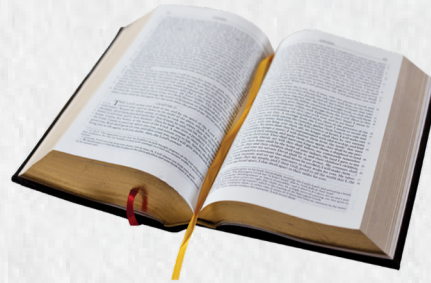
Samuel

Samuel urges the congregation to remain faithful to God (1 Samuel 12)



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Beware of getting bound to earthly issues, as this will occupy you and will lead you away of God.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Since the days of Joshua, God commanded His people not to live with the gentiles, who were the original inhabitants of Canaan, but rather drive them out. However, the Israelites did not listen to God's commandment and lived with those nations.
- SIN: As a result of living with the Gentiles, the Israelites started mingling with them, marrying their daughters and sons, and even serving their gods, the idols.
- Because of their sin, they started suffering from Cushan for 8 years.
- The children of Israel cried out to the Lord.
- God sent Othniel (his name means God's strength and response) to save the people of God.
- The land rested for 40 years until Othniel's death.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did God refuse those nations while accepting Rahab to join the people of God? (Rahab believed in God and followed His commandments and became one of the Israelites leaving behind her old life. On the other hand, those nations remained worshipping the idols and living in their sins).
- Can you think of an example of suffering due to sin? How do you see them - Punishment or consequence?
- Where can you see God's love in these verses?
- What happens upon their repentance? What does God's protection mean?



CYCLES

Passage Reading Judges 3:1-12

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Is it a sin to leave God and get busy with study/work/etc.?
- Will God accept my repentance if I come back to Him?
- What things in the world could disturb my relationship with God?
- How can I balance my life with God and my life in the world?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- A commitment to love God will always be the number one priority of life.
- To make God your priority, start your day with God through prayer and reading the Bible.
- The time we spend in the presence of God, His angels and the saints, attending liturgy at church, is transforming our thoughts and ties from earth to heaven.

Bible Verse

What fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?
And what communion has light with darkness? (2
Corinthians 6:14)

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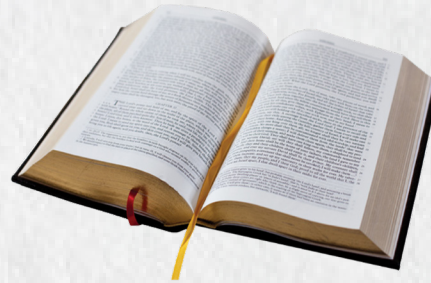
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Passage Reading Judges 13



LESSON CONCEPT:

Self-control is the idea behind fasting, and this is the way to be sanctified.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The appearance for Manoah and his wife, and the promise to have a son.
 - » Barren women were shamed in the old testament.
 - » God listens to the prayers of His children.
- The Angel of the Lord.
 - » Manoah thought that this is an angel of the Lord, but this was one of the appearances of the Son of God in the Old Testament (judges 13:22)
 - » God didn't reveal himself to Manoah, but He introduced Himself gradually to His people (Gen 32:29, Judges 13:22, Isaiah 9:6 and Matthew 1:21)
- The signs for being a Nazarite to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is the meaning of a Nazarite? Name some examples from the Old and New Testaments.
- What about us today? Are we considered Nazarites of the Lord? How should we be living in the world?
- Do you allow the Holy Spirit to move you, or do you move according to your own will?
- Do you believe that God listens to your prayers? How come that sometimes they appear not to be happening?



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Passage Reading Judges 13

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Am I a Nazarite to God?
- How can I be consecrated to God?
- How should I act if I am consecrated to the Lord?
- Does God always listen to our prayers?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

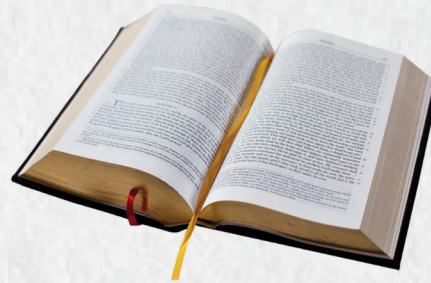
- We are all Nazarites to our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Through baptism and the Holy Spirit that we received, we are all devoted to God .
- To keep this consecration and our relationship active with God, we need to be united with Him through communion and always talk to Him through prayers.

Bible Verse

And the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. And the Spirit of the Lord began to move upon him (Judges 13:24-25)

REBELLION

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 8



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Beware of refusing God's reign over your heart and your life.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The people of Israel demand a king. Until this point in their time in Canaan, they've all lived in separate territories, and have never been united.
- Samuel is disappointed by the people's choice and thinks it's a reflection on him as a judge.
- God tells Samuel that Israel is thinking about replacing God with a king rather than Samuel.
- Samuel attempts to tell the Israelites that a king will only turn them into slaves instead of making them united. They want a king to govern them and fight their battles, and God tells Samuel to give the people what they want and to find a king.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do I have kings in my life?
- Who is my chosen king?
- Do I need a leader in my life? Or God can lead my life and help me to make decisions?



REBELLION

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 8

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Who can stand and fight for me?
- What if everybody is against me and my decisions?
- How could I involve God in my life and decisions?
- Talk always to God in your prayers asking Him to support and guide you in everything you do.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our church teaches us to submit to God and accept Him as our King.
- For this reason, there are some instances where we bow down or kneel and worship our Lord in the church.
- During different fasts especially the great lent, our church also teaches us to do prostrations (metanias)
- By this, we declare our submission and acceptance that God reigns over us.

Bible Verse

And the Lord said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them” (1 Samuel 8:7)



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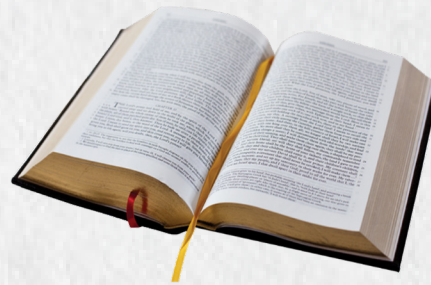
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SAMUEL

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 12



LESSON CONCEPT:

Everywhere and at always, there are selected persons who love God and people from all their hearts. Am I among them?

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Samuel was faithful in his service.
- He reminded the people that God was always their savior, whenever they turn back to Him with all their hearts.
- The congregation asked Samuel to pray for them.
- Do not fear. Serve the Lord with all your heart.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Any relationship gets stronger when the 2 parties spend more time together and talk together. What can I do to grow my relationship with God?
- How can I serve the Lord in truth with all my heart?
- Samuel promised to always pray for the people, do we pray for our family, friends, church, and country?

SAMUEL

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 12

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Am I faithful in my relationship with the Lord?
- How can I be faithful?
- Do I need to pray for others?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The saints in our church were faithful to death in their relationship with the Lord.
- They scarified their lives to inherit the kingdom of heaven.
- They became worthy to be our intercessors in heaven.
- We always ask them to pray for us.
- We also pray for one another as the Bible says: “pray for one another” (James 5:16)

Bible Verse

Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you (1 Samuel 12:24)



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KINGDOM

Overview

Israel wanted “total freedom” to ignore the directives of God. As a result, the Kingdom Era was a very stormy time with many ups and downs. A righteous king would prosper, and an unrighteous king would falter. In the down times the nation collapsed and suffered at the hands of warring neighbors.

LESSON 1

United Kingdom

David & Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1-4, 1 Samuel 19:1-7 & 1 Samuel 20)

LESSON 2

King David

David lamenting Saul and Jonathan (2 Samuel 1)

LESSON 3

Northern Kingdom

Ahab rejects God’s messages and believes lies instead (1 Kings 22)

LESSON 4

Southern Kingdom

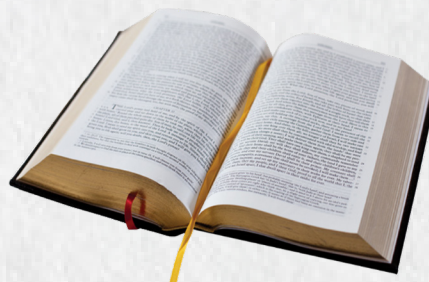
Success of Asa after he had restored the altar and removed the idols (2 Chronicles 15)





UNITED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Sam 18: 1-4, 1 Sam 19: 1-7, 1 Sam 20



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ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

True friends are seeking the best for each other.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jonathan's friendship with David, and his gifts to him.
- Saul persecuted David.
- Jonathan spoke well about David to Saul.
- A second time, Saul sought to kill David, and Jonathan informed his friend so that he could flee.
- David and Jonathan declared a peace and love covenant not only between themselves but also between their descendants.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do you love to spend quality time with your friends and siblings? Is God always present in between you?
- Do you speak well about your friends with others?
- How do you show your love for your friends and siblings?
- If your friend is mistaken, how can you help him/her? Do you advise them to cover it up or encourage them to admit it and fix it?
- How can you be a peace-maker?



UNITED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Sam 18: 1-4, 1 Sam 19: 1-7, 1 Sam 20

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How will you act if your friend needs help at school?
- What will you do if two of your friends are fighting?
- What best friends do to each other?
- Do they seek the best for each other?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as his soul.
- God loved us and was crucified for us. By this, He established a love covenant with us. His love is beyond measure.
- We must remain faithful to our covenant with the Lord who loved us first.
- That's why we see the cross all around the church. Every time we see the cross, it reminds us how much God loves us, and that He is seeking the best (eternal life) for us.

Bible Verse

Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the name of the Lord, saying, 'May the Lord be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever.'" (1 Samuel 20:42)

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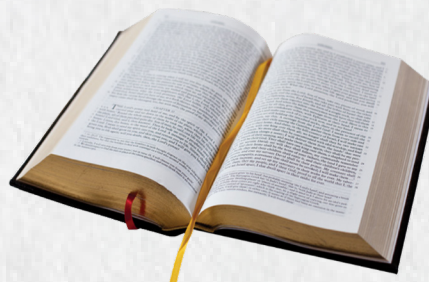
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KING DAVID

Passage Reading 2 Samuel 1



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ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

If you have a pure heart, you will be able to love all people, including those who may harm you.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Brief reminder for the context of this week's lesson:
 - » War between Israelite led by Saul – the King – and Philistines.
 - » Saul already did many bad things, including killing the priests who helped David.
 - » He tried to kill David many times before.
 - » Due to all Saul's sins and ignorance of God's commandments, he lost God's support and protection.
- The report of Saul's death (1-18)
 - » The man was aiming to get a big reward by claiming that he was the one who killed Saul.
- David didn't rejoice when he knew Saul had died, and lamented Saul & Jonathan (read verses 23-25 with the kids).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Shouldn't David be happy for the death of Saul, his enemy? Why in your opinion wasn't it?
- What about us? How do we react when we hear bad news about someone who harmed us before?
- Did you once get a chance to do something good or help someone, even if they are not considered your "friends"? Can you share with us any examples?





LESSON 1
United Kingdom

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KING DAVID

Passage Reading 2 Samuel 1

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How would you act if someone insulted you?
- Would you be happy if something bad happens to someone who always annoys you?
- Will you be happy if that person got hurt?
- Best practice, according to our Lord: “pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you”.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our church uses many ways to teach us about Jesus and our spiritual life in Him.
- One of the tools the church uses is the icon.
- The icon is a silent lesson about many spiritual concepts. For example, Jesus Christ taught us to love our enemies.
- This is depicted in the icon of St Stephen who loved the Jews that stoned him. We see him in his icon kneeling and praying “Lord do not charge them with this sin”.

Bible Verse

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles (Proverbs 24:17)

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NORTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Kings 22



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ERA 7: EXILE

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ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

He who depends on lies can never succeed.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The king of Israel gathered 400 false prophets who all consented that he should go and war in Ramoth-Gilead.
- The king of Israel also asked a prophet of the Lord named Micaiah. Micaiah was a true prophet for the Lord.
- Micaiah told the king about a vision he saw, where Israel was defeated in the war that was about to start, and the king is being killed!
- Ahab decided to disguise himself as a normal soldier, he didn't listen to Micaiah.
- The king of Syria has commanded his thirty-two chariot captains not to waste their time with regular soldiers, and to only go against the king of Israel himself.
- Ahab gets hit by an arrow while he was in his chariot during the battle.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Where to get God's message?
- How do we receive God's messages to us? Do we always obey? Do we argue? Sometimes? Every time?
- Will you listen and agree to do what God told you? Even if it is against what you want?
- Did king Ahab act rightly? Wasn't he supposed to go to the war?



NORTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Kings 22

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can I identify a message that God is sending to me? Note that God is “the Truth”, He never tells lies.
- What should I do when I receive His message?
- Before making any decision, I need to pray and ask God to guide my steps because I don’t want to go in any wrong way.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- God uses different ways to send us messages .
- The Bible is one of theses methods.
- St Anthony listened to a verse from the Bible when he was at the church, and he just obeyed the word of God.
- This verse not only changed his life but was also the spark that started the monastic life in our church.

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Bible Verse

And Micaiah said, “As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak.” (1 Kings 22:14)





LESSON 1
United Kingdom

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King David

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Northern Kingdom

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Southern Kingdom

SOUTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 2 Chronicles 15



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God rejoices with a repentant heart.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The essential causes of King Asa's success were his attentive listening to the message of the Lord through the prophet Azariah and his prompt reaction to the warning.
- Azariah told Asa "For a long time Israel didn't follow the true God, nor did they listen to the teaching of a priest or abide by God's law. But when they were in trouble and decided to seek God, God let Himself be found by them."
- When Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Azariah the prophet, he took courage and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah.
- King Asa did more than removing the wrong; he also restored the right. He restored the altar of the LORD.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do we get clear messages from God through the people around us from time to time?
- Do we act like king Asa? Note that as soon as he got the message, he started taking corrective actions revealing his true repentance.
- What did king Asa do after he heard from Azariah?
- Did he remove the idols only? Or did he take other steps to satisfy the Lord?





LESSON 1
United Kingdom

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King David

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Southern Kingdom

SOUTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 2 Chronicles 15

LIFE APPLICATION:

- When I get a message from God to correct something wrong, I say or I do, I must appreciate His love for me as a loving Father who wants me to be blameless.
- I must repent and promise God not to repeat it.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- God always gives us success if we are seeking and abiding in Him.
- This means that we follow His commandments and refuse any evil.
- Our Church provided us with a father of confession who guides us in our spiritual life and help us live a life of repentance.

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Bible Verse

The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you (2 Chronicles 15:2)



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EXILE

Overview

The lesson of the Kingdom Era is that while God forgives whoever comes to Him in repentance, that doesn't change the fact that sin has consequences. These are manifested in the Exile Era.

Daniel gives leadership and encourages faithfulness among the exiles for the next seventy years

LESSON 1 **Prophecy**

Blessings versus Curses
(Selections from 1 Kings 8:22 - 9:9)

LESSON 2 **Prophets**

Ezekiel warnings before exile
(Selections from Ezekiel 5)

LESSON 3 **Exiles**

Daniel explains to
Nebuchadnezzar his first dream
(Daniel 2)

LESSON 4 **Power Changes**

Necho, king of Egypt, defeats
Josiah, king of Judah (Selections
from 2 Chronicles 34 & 35)



PROPHECY

Passage Reading 1 Kings 8:22 - 9:9



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Blessings on obedience versus curses on disobedience.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Solomon's prayer (22 – 53)
 - » Recovery from defeat (33,34)
 - » Recovery from drought (35, 36)
 - » Recovery from famine and plague (37 -39)
- Solomon blesses the assembly (54 – 61)
- God appears to Solomon (9:1 – 9:9)
 - » God heard the prayer
 - » God's promise
 - » The consequences of stepping away from God

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do you relate this reading with the psalm 91? He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, My God, in Him I will trust."
- Are these curses? Or are they prophesies of the consequences of sin? (they became true through the Exile, and finally with the Temple destruction on 70AD)
- We can read this also spiritually, as we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and we have the promises and spiritual blessings, but if we follow other Gods, we may lose our "Promised Land" (the Heavenly Jerusalem).



PROPHECY

Passage Reading 1 Kings 8:22 - 9:9

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Did you experience the blessing of obedience in your life?
- What will happen if I disobey?
- Will God turn against me?
- Are there any consequences for disobedience?
- The best action to take when I realize my disobedience is to repent and come back. God is a loving Father and will surely accept me.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Obedience is the way to receive God's blessings.
- St John the Short was obedient to his spiritual father so he obtained blessing in his life (his staff became a fruitful tree).
- When the Israelites turned their backs on God, they suffered, there were consequences for their disobedience.
- Our church teaches us to obey our fathers, spiritual guides and even the governing authorities.

Bible Verse

Let your heart therefore be loyal to the Lord our God,
to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments,
as at this day (1 Kings 8:61)

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PROPHETS

Passage Reading Ezekiel 5



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God sends us love messages with our parents, servants and Abouna. Do we hear and respond properly?

LESSON SUMMARY:

- This chapter explains the sin consequences through prophecies. The prophet's shaved hair is divided into portions as a symbol (Ezekiel 5:1-4) showing God's judgment upon Jerusalem (verses 5-11), by pestilence, by famine, by the sword, and by dispersion.
- God would accomplish His purpose of teaching the nations through Israel. If they had obeyed the covenant, He would have taught them through the blessings given (as in the days of Solomon). For the covenant breakers, God would teach the nations through His judgment upon His people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How can we listen to God's voice?
- If we hear His voice, will we obey or ignore it?
- What had happened to the Israelites when they ignored God's voice?
- What was God's judgment? Would He punish or forgive?



PROPHETS

Passage Reading Ezekiel 5

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do I need to listen to God's voice in my life?
- Do I need God's guidance before starting anything?
- Will I obey and respond to God's voice properly?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In our church we have spiritual guidance, fathers of confessions and servants. They help to teach us and guide us if we are in need.
- The church taught us to pray and listen to God's voice through our fathers in the church.
- They also teach us to follow God's commandments and walk through His ordinances so we can inherit eternal life as God had promised us.

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Bible Verse

For they have refused My judgments, and they have not walked in My statutes (Ezekiel 5:6)





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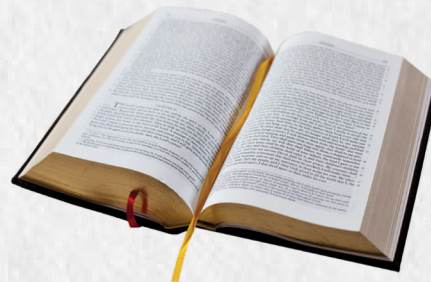
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EXILES

Passage Reading Daniel 2



LESSON CONCEPT:

God has always a solution for my toughest problems.
Do I remember to thank Him and praise Him?

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Nebuchadnezzar has a dream (you may brief them about it and start reading from Daniel 2 : 14).
- Daniel trusts in God and prays with his friends.
- Daniel praises God.
- Daniel explains the dream to the king. He always gives the glory to God, and doesn't seek to get credit (27, 28, 30).
- The king gives the glory to God (47).
- Daniel gets promoted.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What do we do when we face a tough situation / problem?
- What did Daniel do? How did his friends help him?
- What was the first thing Daniel did when God revealed the dream to him? Do we do like him?
 - » Daniel praised the Lord and said, "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His" (Daniel 2:20)
- Daniel was humble and trusted God, not his own wisdom. What was the reward?



EXILES

Passage Reading Daniel 2

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How do you react when you face trouble in school?
- Do you pray before exams?
- Do you trust that the Lord will solve any issue in your life?
- In your daily prayer, give thanks to the Lord for at least 2 good things that happened throughout your day.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Daniel trusted the Lord and the first thing he did when he faced trouble, he prayed.
- Our church teaches us to start our day with prayers (1st hour of Agpeya).
- When we are not able to make a decision, we pray asking for God's guidance.
- When we are happy, we praise God and pray joyful Psalms.
- When something good happens, we pray the Thanksgiving prayer.
- So, our church teaches us to pray all the time.
- Pope Kyrillos was a man of prayer, so God performed many miracles through him.

Bible Verse

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His (Daniel 2:20)

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POWER CHANGES

Passage Reading 2 Chronicles 34, 35



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LESSON CONCEPT:

It is always recommended to refer to God and His commandments before taking an action.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- When Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates.
- Josiah went out against him. But Necho sent messengers to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, king of Judah?"
- Josiah disregarded God's warning and went to war.
- He was shot by archers and died. This was a sad end to one of the great kings of Judah.
- We can admire the bravery of Josiah, but not his stubborn insistence on disregarding the warnings from God and going into battle.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- King Josiah started his spiritual life strongly; did he continue till the end?
- Was Josiah right when he went into the war?
- What did he do wrong? He just went to fight the king of Egypt?
- Did God warn him before he goes into war? Did he listen?
- Did he ignore God's voice?
- How did it end when he ignored God's voice?



POWER CHANGES

Passage Reading 2 Chronicles 34, 35

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How will you choose between two things if you have to choose?
- Will you ask for guidance? Will you listen and follow God's voice?
- Will you be upset if God's choice was against your will?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When we start our journey with God we should continue the same way, follow the commandments and avoid anything that can separate us from the Lord.
- The church provides us with all the means of grace to continue our spiritual journey, such as: prayers, fasts, sacraments, etc.
- Judas Iscariot started as a disciple and was defeated by the devil at the end.
- The church also provided us with the needed spiritual guidance through our parents, our servants and Abouna.

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Bible Verse

Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths
(Psalm 25:4)

ERA 8

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RETURN

Overview

Ezra leads the people back from exile to rebuild Jerusalem.

God allowed his people to return from exile to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple and the city walls.

Repentance is the keyword when one decides to return to God.

LESSON 1

Let's Examine our Ways

The Israelites are terrified from Holofernes's army and Judith speaks with Uzziah and Bethulia's elders (Judith 7 & 8 - Deuterocanonical)

LESSON 2

Obey God the Almighty

Judith's Prayer (Judith 9 - Deuterocanonical)

LESSON 3

Spiritual Lifestyle (1)

Judith encounter with Holofernes, the Assyrian Army Leader (Judith 10, 11 & 12 - Deuterocanonical)

LESSON 4

Spiritual Lifestyle (2)

Victory and Praising (Judith 13, 14, 15 & 16 - Deuterocanonical)





LESSON 1
**Let's Examine
our Ways**

LESSON 2
**Obey God the
Almighty**

LESSON 3
**Spiritual
Lifestyle (1)**

LESSON 4
**Spiritual
Lifestyle (2)**

LET'S EXAMINE OUR WAYS

Passage Reading Judith 7 & 8



ERA 1: CREATION

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LESSON CONCEPT:

God's work cannot be limited by a certain time.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Israelites are terrified from Holofernes' army and Judith speaks with Uzziah and Bethulia's town officials
- The campaign against Bethulia
- The distress of the Israelites
- The character of Judith
- Judith and the Elders

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How long can humans stay alive without water? (around 3 days. We must drink water every day to stay healthy)
- "The Spring of Living Water", did you hear this term before? Refers to whom? (God, Jesus Himself, and His word in the Scriptures)
- Was Judith famous because she was exceedingly elegant, or because of her righteousness (8: 7, 8)?
- When we face a tough situation, do we do like Judith and pray to the Lord seeking His support (8: 16, 17)?
- Do we limit God's work by setting an "Expiry Date"? If not resolved in 5 days, I'll do it my way!





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LET'S EXAMINE OUR WAYS

Passage Reading Judith 7 & 8

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do you trust you will receive what you have asked from God?
- How do you act when you are in a hard situation?
- How will you react if God doesn't listen to your prayers?
- I believe that God responds to my prayers in the correct time. His response may be:
 - » Yes, right now,
 - » Yes, but later on, or;
 - » No, because this may cause you some harm.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When we have a strong relationship with God , we always trust that He does the best for us.
- The Agpeya prayers consist of many psalms that teach us to trust the Lord. In the 3rd hour prayer, we pray Psalm 25: "For I have walked in my innocence, and trusted in the Lord..."
- "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word". This is what Elijah prayed and asked, and he trusted the Lord with all his heart.

Bible Verse

"And who are you to test the Lord?" (Judith 8:11)





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LESSON CONCEPT:

The Lord God is in control, He is the Pantocrator.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Judith prepared to confront the enemy by turning to God, the source of her strength.
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- Her prayer, an individual lament, moved from a remembrance of God's saving deeds of the past to an appeal to God to exercise the same power in the present.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How did Judith humble herself in prayer?
 - » You are the God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forsaken, saviour of those without hope.
- What lessons can we learn from Judith?
 - » Faith in God is unconditional / trust the lord.
 - » Remembrance of God's deeds in the past.
- Who is in control?
- God is in control of everything. He controls what is happening around us.





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Bible Verse

"Whatever you want to be done is as good as done. You know in advance all that you will do and what decisions you will make." (Judith 9:6)

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SPIRITUAL LIFESTYLE (1)

Passage Reading Judith 10, 11, 12



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Being connected to God and acquiring His wisdom allows me to face evil without fear.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Judith leaves Bethulia, making her way to the camp of the Assyrians and to Holofernes himself.
- She asks God to help her use deceitful tactics against the enemy.
- Judith arrives in the camp of Holofernes and bows before him, showing respect.
- She, very cleverly, employs a godly bit of truth to trick Holofernes into believing that she has defected to his side and wants to help him conquer the Jews.
- Holofernes commands his men to take Judith to the table which was set with his silverware and to serve her some of his own special food and wine.
- Judith refuses. "I cannot eat your food," she said, "for I would be breaking the laws of my God. I will eat only what I have brought with me."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How was Judith able to keep God's law?
 - » "I cannot eat your food," she said, "for I would be breaking the laws of my God"
- How did she keep herself connected to God during this hardship?
 - » Judith sent a message to Holofernes requesting permission to go out into the valley to pray.
- Did she ask for wisdom from God to be able to continue?
 - » She prayed to the lord God of Israel to direct her way (Judith 12:8)





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SPIRITUAL LIFESTYLE (1)

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LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can I be brave enough to face any challenges in my life?
- Should I ask God to provide me with wisdom?
- Will I be courageous enough to show God in my actions and deeds at school/work/life? Or will I be hesitant to declare my faith?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church teaches us to face the devil / enemies / persecutions without fear because we depend on God's power.
- The saints of our church were brave enough to offer their lives to Jesus Christ.
- They didn't fear death or torture .
- We always ask the Lord to give us courage and wisdom to face fear and tribulations.

Bible Verse

"Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me." (Psalms 23:4)

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SPIRITUAL LIFESTYLE (2)

Passage Reading Judith 13 to 16



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Lord's Victory deserves continuous praise.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Judith returned to the city bringing with her the head of Holofernes and showing it to the people of Israel.
- Then Judith said to them: "Listen to me, my brothers and sisters. Take this head and hang it on the wall".
- She told the Israelites, "When the sun rises, take up your weapons and go out to attack".
- When the Assyrians hurried to their camp to awaken the generals of the army, they found the dead body of Holofernes without a head.
- The Israelites pursued them and struck them down in their tracks.
- Judith sang a canticle to the Lord praising Him after the victory.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What was the Assyrians' reaction when they saw Holofernes' dead body without head?
 - » They were panicked and terrified.
- How did the Israelites react when they saw his head?
 - » They thanked the Lord!
- How do we react after any victory in our life?
 - » We praise God like Judith!





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SPIRITUAL LIFESTYLE (2)

Passage Reading Judith 13 to 16

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we praise and thank God after we succeed?
- Do we praise God when we are sad or when we are happy only?
- Do we relate every victory in our life to God's support and protection?
- This week, I will praise the Lord in my prayers for all His support and protection for me, my family and my friends.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church teaches us to praise God in all circumstances.
- In Exodus 15, the Israelites praised the Lord after their great victory when God delivered them from the Egyptians.
- The church dedicates the month of Kiahk, before Jesus' birth on the Nativity feast, to praise the Lord out of our joy for His incarnation.
- We always praise to thank God for His great work in our life.

Bible Verse

"The mountains and the seas tremble, and rocks melt like wax when you come near. But there is mercy for all who obey you." (Judith 16:15)

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SILENCE

Overview

God didn't send any prophets to the Israelites for the last 400 years of the Old Testament.

However, He worked silently to prepare the nation for the big news: God will appear in the flesh.

Many righteous characters are here to prepare for His blessed incarnation.

LESSON 1

The Messenger

John the Baptist preaches & prepares the people for God (Luke 3:1-18) & (Matthew 3:1-12)

LESSON 2

The Lord's Servant

The Holy Family flee to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-23)

LESSON 3

The Loving Heart

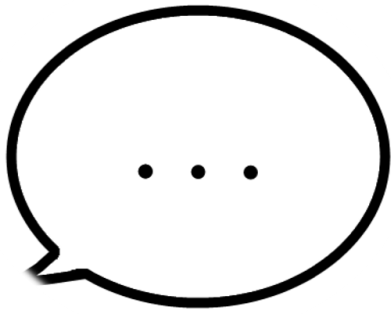
The wise men visit Jesus and offer their gifts (Matthew 2:1-12)

LESSON 4

The Promise

Jesus in the Temple with the elders (Luke 2:40-52)





THE MESSENGER

Passage Reading Luke 3:1-18, Matthew 3:1-12



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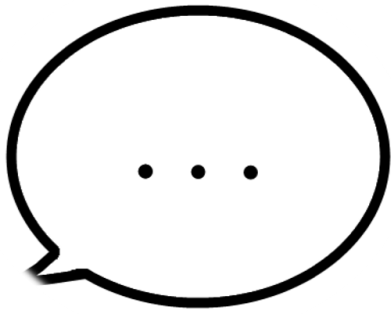
God, in His love, always sends me messages to e prepared for His kingdom.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- John's essential message is a call to repentance, evidenced by baptism.
- John warned the people of God's coming judgment on those who do not truly repent.
- True repentance is the preparation needed for the coming of Christ. The call of the kingdom and of the king is repentance.
- John baptized people with water only.
- He said, "He who is coming after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How did John baptize people?
 - » Water only or water and the Holy Spirit?
- What was the main message St. John wanted to emphasize?
 - » Repentance.
- What does "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.' " mean?



THE MESSENGER

Passage Reading Luke 3:1-18, Matthew 3:1-12

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can God send me a message?
- Can the message be sent through my friends, my parents or my teachers?
- How do I know that this is a message from God?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Lord Jesus Christ instituted the Sacrament of Baptism by being baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River.
- The Sacrament of Baptism has the first rank among the Seven Holy Sacraments, as it is the door by which the believer enters the church and has the right to partake in the rest of the Sacraments.
- Baptism is a Sacrament that is necessary for redemption and entry to eternal life according to what the Lord said: "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of Water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

Bible Verse

I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire
(Luke 3:16)

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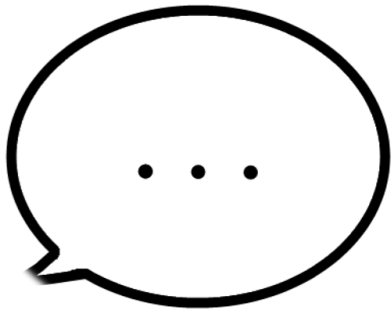
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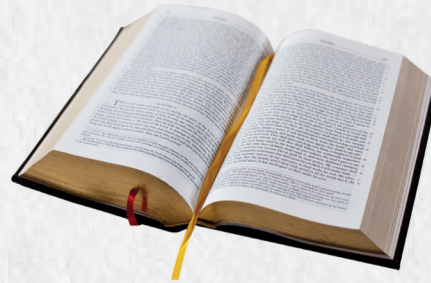
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THE LORD'S SERVANT

Passage Reading Matthew 2:13-23



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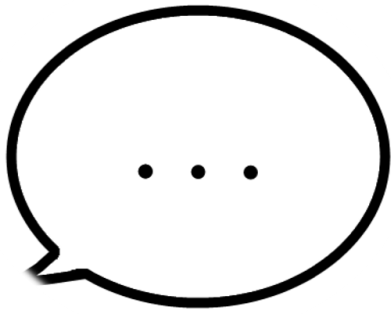
Serving the Lord, I need to humble myself and obey Him always.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Joseph receives direction from God, through an angel, in a dream. He must take Jesus and Mary and go to Egypt to escape Herod's plan to kill the child Jesus.
- They leave that night, settling for a time in Egyptian territory, waiting to be called back by the angel when Herod has died.
- Herod realizes the wise men have left the area without telling him where the Christ child is. He sends men to kill all male babies in Bethlehem, two years old and younger.
- After Herod dies, Joseph has two more dreams. First, the angel tells him it is safe to return to Israel because those who wanted to kill Jesus are dead. When Joseph gets to Israel, he is concerned about the cruel and unpredictable son of Herod who now reigns over Judea. Through another dream, God sends Joseph and Mary to their hometown of Nazareth in the region of Galilee.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How can I serve the Lord?
- By obeying His commandment (St Joseph)
- How did St Joseph humble himself before the Lord? Can Jesus be my friend?
- St Joseph was always obedient; he always heard God's voice and obeyed God's commandments.
- How was the prophecy (He shall be called "Nazarene") fulfilled?



THE LORD'S SERVANT

Passage Reading Matthew 2:13-23

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can I serve the Lord while I'm still young?
- When I obey my parents, is this serving the Lord?
- When I obey my fathers at the church, will this be considered as serving the Lord?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church always teaches us to be humble.
- Obeying our father of confession will teach us to be humble, listen to him and do what I was asked to do with satisfaction and love.
- We have different ways to serve the Lord even if we are still young.
- God asked Abraham to take his family and move to an unknown country and he followed God's instructions (Genesis 12).

Bible Verse

When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." (Matthew 2:14-15)

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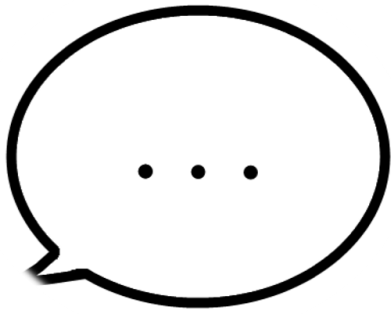
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THE LOVING HEART

Passage Reading Matthew 2:1-12



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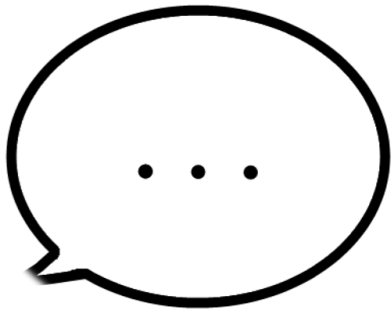
God loves, blesses and protects those who have loving hearts.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The chapter describes the events after the birth of Jesus: the visit of the magi.
- These wise men are looking for a newly born king of the Jews. They expect to find Him because of seeing a specific star rise in the sky, and they believe Him to be an important king. They have come to worship and revere Him.
- King Herod attempts to kill the infant messiah.
- The wise men give their gifts to the child Jesus. They present to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- The Lord warns them not to return to King Herod.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How can I serve the Lord?
 - » Through worshipping Him!
- Did the wise men risk their lives for the sake of Jesus?
 - » They took the risk of travel (unsafe), they offered precious gifts for a new king in a place they don't know about!
- Why didn't they return to Herod, although he previously asked them to do so?
 - » They obeyed God's instructions through the angel who appeared to them.



THE LOVING HEART

Passage Reading Matthew 2:1-12

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can I serve and worship the lord?
- What gift can I offer Jesus?
- Is my heart enough?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church always teaches us to love from our heart.
- When Jesus was asked which is the great commandment? He replied, "You shall love the Lord your God from your heart" (Matthew 22:37).
- We always go to church early, attend meetings, participate in services, sacrifice our time, etc. We do all of that to offer our heart and love to the Lord.

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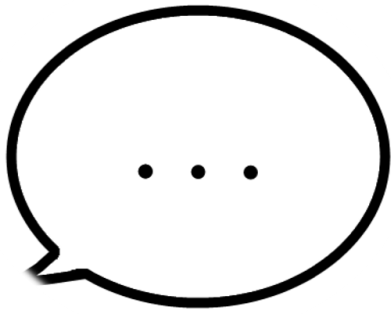
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Bible Verse

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:11)



THE PROMISE

Passage Reading Luke 2:40-52



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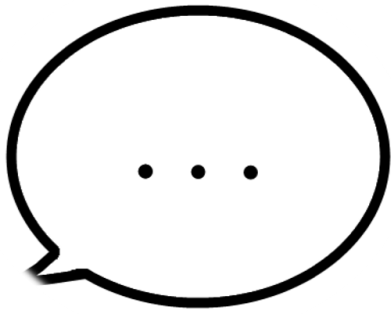
God is always sending us messages. Let us ask Him to give us sensitive spiritual ears as well.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.
- On their return journey, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; Joseph and His mother didn't know.
- They turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him.
- They found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, hearing them, and asking them questions.
- This scene shows Jesus' unique relationship to God the Father: "Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You." "Didn't you know I had to be in My Father's house?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How can we understand Jesus' unique relationship to God the Father ?
 - » "Didn't you know I had to be in My Father's house?"
 - » St Mary and Joseph didn't understand the statement.
- Do we understand and discern the voice of God?
- The message was sent to the teachers in the temple, the message also was sent to St Mary and Joseph (His mother kept all these things in her heart).



THE PROMISE

Passage Reading Luke 2:40-52

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Can I hear God's voice in my daily life?
- Can I hear it at school or only in the church?
- Can I hear God's voice when I read the Bible?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church always provide us with different sources to help us hear God's voice .
- When we listen to St Anthony's story in the synaxarium, throughout his life, God asked him to do things to draw him out of his comfort zone.
- When he heard a verse from the Bible, he left the world. When he heard a word from a lady, he left the place where he was living a life of solitude and went to the inner wilderness.
- Throughout his life, he received many messages, and he had the sensitive ear to discern and follow God's commandments.

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Bible Verse

And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers (Luke 2:47)

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CHRIST

Overview

The Christ era covers the time since our Lord Jesus Christ took flesh, ministered and preached the Kingdom of God, was crucified, resurrected and ascended into the heavens. In this way, the Divine plan for Mankind redemption and salvation was completed.

Jesus Christ is God incarnate.

LESSON 1

True Man and True God

He prayed (Luke 6:12), (Luke 22:41-42) and He answers our prayers (John 14:13-14), (John 16:23-24), answered and saved Peter (Matthew 14:27-33), answered and accepted the right thief (Luke 23:39-43)

LESSON 2

The Teacher

The parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23)

LESSON 3

The Miracles Maker

Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)

LESSON 4

The Life Giver

Jesus raises the daughter of Jairus from the dead (Mark 5:22-24 & 5:35-43)



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The Teacher

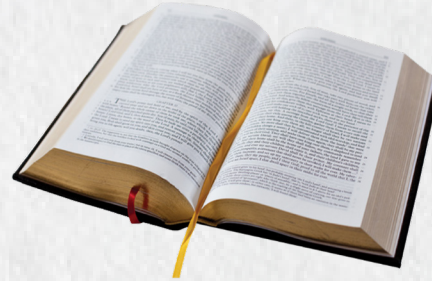
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TRUE MAN & TRUE GOD

Passage Reading Luke 6:12, Luke 22:41-42, John 14:13-14

John 16:23-24, Matthew 14:27-33, Luke 23:39-43



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LESSON CONCEPT:

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

LESSON SUMMARY:

- He prays.
 - » (Luke 6:12)
 - » (Luke 22:41-42)
- He answers our prayers.
 - » (John 14:13-14)
 - » (John 16:23-24)
 - » He answered and saved Peter (Matthew 14:27-33)
 - » He answered and accepted the right thief (Luke 23:39-43)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Did Jesus need to pray? (no, but He was setting for us the example of how to act when we plan to do something or when in trouble)
- How is Jesus a full human? (He prays)
- How is He fully divine? (He answers our prayers)
- Jesus, as the true God, accepted prayers and answered them. Do we constantly pray every morning and night?





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John 16:23-24, Matthew 14:27-33, Luke 23:39-43

LIFE APPLICATION:

- When should we pray?
- Can I pray while I'm at work, school, with friends, etc.?
- Will God listen to my prayer, even if I'm a sinner?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church offers us a very powerful tool to protect our souls from any harm:
 - » The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Communion fully protects us from any harm.

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Bible Verse

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman” (Galatians 4:4)





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Matthew 13:3-9, Matthew 13:18-23



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LESSON CONCEPT:

I thank God everyday because He prepared a place for me in Heaven.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- In the parable of the Sower, Jesus makes different comparisons. First, Jesus describes the different responses a person can have toward knowledge of the kingdom of heaven and their consequences.
- Also, God sows everywhere: whether on the path, on rocky soil, among thorns, or in the good soil.
- He tells the disciples that it has been given to them to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What should I do to inherit the kingdom of heaven?
 - » Hear the word, understand and bear fruit.
- How did Jesus describe he who received the seed on stony places?
- How can we bear fruit?
 - » Good deeds only? (faith and good deeds)





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Matthew 13:3-9, Matthew 13:18-23

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can we use the talent we've been given?
- Can we use it in school to bear fruit?
- How can we use the Savior's teachings in our life?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Bible teaches us what to do to enter the kingdom of heaven!
- Jesus provided us the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
- Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God (John 3:5).
- The seeds were buried and watered in the good soil to bear fruit. Likewise, we get buried in the baptism to be able to bear fruits.

Bible Verse

"But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." (Matthew 13:23)

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Passage Reading Mark 10:46-52



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LESSON CONCEPT:

With God, nothing is impossible.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jesus heals the blind Bartimaeus.
 - » Bartimaeus was originally broken, “sat by the road begging”.
 - » He had faith in Jesus, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me”.
 - » He persisted; many tried to keep him quiet, but he kept calling for Jesus.
 - » “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”
 - » He didn’t care about his belongings, and focused on his goal, to meet Jesus “And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus”.
 - » His goal was clear “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”
 - » He used his sight to follow Jesus “followed Jesus on the road.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do we have persistence like Bartimaeus in our prayers?
- Do we have faith that Jesus loves us, and that He listens to our prayers?
- What did Bartimaeus do after receiving his sight?
- Can God change everything to suit me?





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LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can I trust the Lord even if things don't go according to my will?
- How about if I pray a lot for an exam and I don't get a good score?
- Application: Dedicate this week to pray for one thing and ask Jesus to give me faith to trust His timing and will in my life.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Jesus taught us, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move" (Matthew 17:20).
- For Jesus, nothing is impossible .
- Through faith, Pope Abraham and Simon the Tanner were able to move the Mokattam mountain.

Bible Verse

"Then Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' " (Mark 10:52)

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Mark 5:22-24 & 5:35-43



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LESSON CONCEPT:

... for You are the Life of us all, ... and the Resurrection of us all (from the liturgical prayers).

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jairus went to Jesus asking to heal his girl - "My little daughter lies at the point of death" (Mark 5:23)
- While still on the way, the bad news came... "Your daughter is dead" (Mark 5:35)
- "Do not be afraid; only believe." (Mark 5:36)
- In the house (Mark 5:38-40)
- "Little girl, I say to you, arise. Immediately the girl arose and walked" (Mark 5:41-42)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Before Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, we all were doomed by eternal death. But by His glorious victory on death, He gave us all eternal life.
- "For You are the Life of us all, ... and the Resurrection of us all." (from the liturgical prayers)
- Whenever we commit any sin, we are considered sick and even dead (Sin puts us away from God, the source of life). What should we do when we sin?
- Let's always remember Jesus' words to us "[My Name], I say to you, arise" and "Do not be afraid; only believe." Then, we will be able to conquer any sin and rise.





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Mark 5:22-24 & 5:35-43

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Can Jesus give me new life if I'm a sinner?
- What should I do to live a new life without sin?
- Is repentance enough?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Jesus raised St Moses the Strong from spiritual death.
- St Moses was dead because of the sins he committed through his early life.
- Through repentance, confession and communion, we can rise from death.
- After St Moses confessed his sins, he lived a new life of righteousness.
- Jesus is the life-giver, without Him we cannot rise from our spiritual death.

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Bible Verse

"They saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. But He said to them: It is I; do not be afraid." (John 6:19-20)



ERA 11

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CHURCH

Overview

The Church era covers the formation of the Christian Church by the apostles after Jesus ascension into the heavens. In His unconditional love, God accepts all nations, Jews as well as Gentiles.

LESSON 1 St Paul's Missionary Journeys (1)

Second Trip - Lydia and the Philippian Jailer saved (Acts 16: 6-34)

LESSON 2 St Paul's Missionary Journeys (2)

Second Trip - St Paul in Athens, addressing the Areopagus (Acts 17:16-34)

LESSON 3 St Paul's Missionary Journeys (3)

Second Trip - St Paul's companions and the Lord supporting him in a vision (Acts 18:1-17)

LESSON 4 Catholic Epistles

St Peter's epistle (1 Peter 3:8-22)





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Passage Reading Acts 16:6-34

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LESSON CONCEPT:

As a true Christian and son of God, I believe that God the Almighty is always in control.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- When St Paul and Silas started to preach, a certain woman named Lydia heard them. The Lord opened her heart to believe.
- Her entire household accepted Christ as Savior, and they were baptized. Lydia invited Paul and Silas to stay in her home (Acts 16:15).
- Her house became the meeting place of the first European church.
- When Paul and Silas were thrown into a Philippian prison, Lydia visited them and attended to their needs.
- Paul & Silas in prison:
 - » They prayed and praised God in all situations "at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God" (16:25)
 - » True believers are a light in darkness. Even if you don't preach, others will notice "the prisoners were listening to them".
 - » They didn't run away and had influence on others "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." (16:28)
- The Philippian jailer was saved:
 - » "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (16:30)
 - » Actions aligned with our faith are better than a thousand words.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Can you preach without talking? How can we glow in our community (school, neighborhood, team, etc.)? (Pray for them, always be a good example, put your money where your mouth is...)
- Paul was able to influence tens of prisoners, and they did the right thing and didn't run away. Who are your main influencers? Are you inspired to do good things by following them? Like what?
- Why did Paul insist not to leave the prison without a formal apology? (Seeking justice and my rights doesn't contradict with being humble or accepting tribulations for the name of Christ)





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Passage Reading Acts 16:6-34

LIFE APPLICATION:

- If I find myself in a bad situation, what should I do/say? Do I remember to cry to God in a short and quick prayer?
- If I know someone is in trouble (sick person, someone struggling in his studies, etc.), how can I help this person through my faith in God, the Almighty?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our church teaches us that whenever we gather, we must start our prayers with the Thanksgiving prayer. The main reason we thank God is that we strongly believe that He is God the Almighty, and He is always in control.
- As I always feel safe in His hands, my primary and first prayer is the Thanksgiving prayer.

Bible Verse

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:31)

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ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (2)

Passage Reading Acts 17:16-34



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ERA 5: JUDGES

ERA 6: KINGDOM

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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:

- Paul fled to Athens where the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers did not accept his argument.
- They took him to Areopagus, wondering about the new doctrine that he taught.
- He quoted Greek poets to introduce God as the creator of the world, through the altar with the inscription "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD".
- Then, in wisdom, he started to talk about Jesus Christ and the resurrection.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Was St Paul wise to initiate his preaching using the unknown God for the Athenians?
- What can we do with the people who don't know about God?
- Is it okay to introduce God to unbelievers?





ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (2)

Passage Reading Acts 17:16-34

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Should I talk about God to my friends at school if I know they are unbelievers?
- Or should I pray only for unbelievers?
- How can I reach out to them to talk about God?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church teaches us to pray for everyone even our enemies, trusting that the Lord will listen.
- St Monica, St. Augustine's mom, prayed for her son for 20 years. God changed him completely from a life of sin to a life of purity and righteousness.
- This is the power of prayer in our church.
- Even if we can't talk about God, we have a very strong and powerful tool: PRAYER.

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Bible Verse

"for in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28)





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ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (3)

Passage Reading Acts 18:1-17



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LESSON CONCEPT:

As a true Christian and son of God, I receive God's protection when I serve His holy name.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Paul met a couple, Aquila and Priscilla, that shared his profession of tent making in Corinth.
- Jesus appeared to Paul and told him to stay in Corinth; he and his team would remain safe there. They stayed in Corinth for a year and a half.
- The Jews who did not follow Jesus tried to convince Gallio the proconsul that Paul persuaded men to worship God contrary to the Jewish law.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Was St Paul hesitant to preach before he saw the vision?
- What happened after St Paul saw the vision? Did he continue preaching or did he stop?
- What should we do with unbelievers who think we are following wrong teachings? Should we continue talking to them about God or stop?





ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS (3)

Passage Reading Acts 18:1-17

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What service can I participate in? (help my parents with anything, take care of my younger siblings, help an elder person, etc.)
- Helping and serving others is a sign of love to them.
- I feel satisfied and protected when I serve God.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In the commemoration of saints, Abouna prays, "As this O Lord is the command of your only-begotten Son that we share in the commemoration of your saints, graciously accord, O Lord, to remember all the saints who have pleased you since the beginning: our holy fathers the patriarchs, the prophets, the apostles, the preachers, the evangelists, the martyrs ..."
- What a blessing! The church prays for those who preach the name of the Lord in every single liturgy, all over the world.

Bible Verse

"Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." (Acts 18:9-10)

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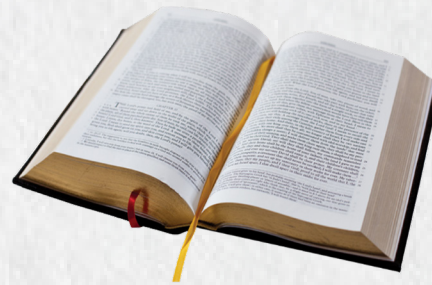
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CATHOLIC EPISTLES

Passage Reading 1 Peter 3:8-22



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LESSON CONCEPT:

We are called to blessing. How can we receive heavenly strength while suffering?

LESSON SUMMARY:

- St. Peter calls the church to the life of submission and Christ-like suffering so that we honor Christ and point to Him as the only way to salvation. But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed.
- St. Peter encourages the saints to be united in righteousness, to be ready always to testify of Jesus Christ, and to live in a way that would dispel false accusations made against them.
- Be holy as God is Holy.
- Live in the fear of God.
- Love one another from a pure heart.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How should we react to those who revile our good conduct in Christ?
- How about when we suffer for doing good?
- Should we stop being righteous, and do evil? Should we defend ourselves?





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Passage Reading 1 Peter 3:8-22

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can I live in peace with friends at school / work / any place I go?
- Should I defend and stand for myself when people accuse me falsely?
- Should I stop doing good things if others judge me for it?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The lives of saints and martyrs show us how God defended them at the time of their persecution or when they were challenged to deny their faith.
- When St Abanoub was tortured, Jesus appeared to him many times to support him.
- He was not defending himself. He was defending and testifying to God's name.
- He didn't quit his righteousness, he continued doing the right thing.

Bible Verse

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15)

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REVELATION

Overview

“Revelation” is the last book in the New Testament, written by John the beloved while in exile at Patmos island.

This book reveals the heavenly rewards for those who conquer.

Jesus also has revealed many things about heaven through the “Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven”.

LESSON 1 Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven (1)

The mustard seed - The leaven
- The hidden treasure - The
pearl of great price - The net
(Matthew 13:31-33 & 13:44-50)

LESSON 2 Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven (2)

The ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)

LESSON 3 Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven (3)

The ten talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

LESSON 4 Heavenly Rewards to Those Who Conquer

Church of Pergamos (Revelation 2:12-17)



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Parables of the
Kingdom of Heaven
(1)

LESSON 2
Parables of the
Kingdom of Heaven
(2)

LESSON 3
Parables of the
Kingdom of Heaven
(3)

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PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (1)

Passage Reading Matthew 13:31-33 & 13:44-50



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LESSON CONCEPT:

If I value my relationship with Christ, I am a true son/daughter of my heavenly Father.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The parable of the mustard seed: it is the least of all seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree.
- Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; when he found one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
- Explain other parables as time permits.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is the primary goal of our life here on earth? (to reach heaven)
- What does heaven look like?
- How can we sacrifice everything in life to win the kingdom of heaven?



LESSON 1
Parables of the
Kingdom of Heaven
(1)

LESSON 2
Parables of the
Kingdom of Heaven
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PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (1)

Passage Reading Matthew 13:31-33 & 13:44-50

LIFE APPLICATION:

- I need to be ready to give up any worldly thing that might affect my relationship with God. Can you think of examples?
- How can I live out a good relationship with God regardless of the challenges around me (in school, at work, etc.)?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Many saints and martyrs sacrificed their lives on earth for heaven.
- They left the world to live the life of monasticism.
- They loved the life of simplicity, celibacy, detachment from worldly pursuits.
- They valued their relationship with Christ as more important than anything else.

Bible Verse

“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” (Matthew 13:45-46)

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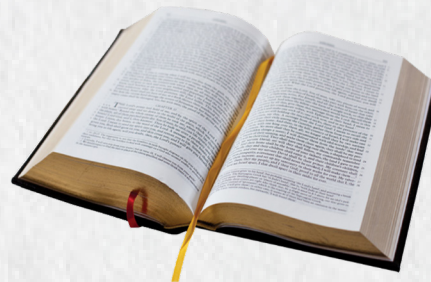
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PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (2)

Passage Reading Matthew 25:1-13



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LESSON CONCEPT:

If I prepare myself diligently for heaven, I am a true son/daughter for my heavenly Father.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jesus Christ taught His disciples the importance of being prepared for the Second Coming through the parable of the ten virgins.
- The ten virgins took their lamps to meet the bridegroom.
- Five were wise, as they took oil with them.
- The other five were foolish and they didn't take oil. They were not well prepared.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is the primary goal of our life here on earth? (to prepare for heaven)
- How can we be prepared? (by living the life of repentance)
- How can I live the life of repentance? (Confession)





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PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (2)

Passage Reading Matthew 25:1-13

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can I live the life of repentance?
- How can I stop making the same mistakes that everyone around me does?
- How can I stop swearing while everyone else swears?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church reminds us constantly to be vigilant and ready to go to heaven.
- This parable is prayed in the agpeya as the gospel of the first watch of the midnight prayer.
- So, on a daily basis, we are reminded to keep our lamps filled with oil, by bearing the fruits of the Spirit in our lives.

Bible Verse

“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.” (Matthew 25:13)

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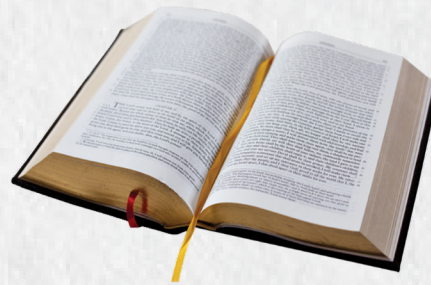
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PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (3)

Passage Reading Matthew 25:14-30



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LESSON CONCEPT:

If I use my talents to win others to Christ, I am a true son/daughter for my heavenly Father.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The kingdom of heaven is like three servants of a wealthy master. Each was given resources—the master's assets—and commanded to do business with them while the master went away. Two of the servants use the supplied funds and double the sum of money that the master leaves with them.
- The third servant merely preserves the treasure given to him.
- Because he was afraid of who he imagined the Master would be, he did not explore what he could do with his talent. He did not even think of his talent.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- What talents do I have? How can I use them properly?
- Do I have to use them? Or should I keep them like the third servant?
- How can I prepare myself for heaven by using my talents? (being faithful)





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PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (3)

Passage Reading Matthew 25:14-30

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can I live a life of faithfulness, even though many people around me are not faithful?
- Why should I be different?
- How can I use my talents in real life?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Serving the Lord and preaching are a few ways in which we can use our talents.
- The church gave us the chance to serve God, by learning and singing hymns if we have the talent. Also, through preparing some crafts for little ones, or looking after younger siblings.
- There are many ways to serve the Lord and be faithful.

Bible Verse

“Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.” (Matthew 25:21)

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Passage Reading Revelation 2:12-17



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Be attentive to the true Christian doctrine. Heretics are not accepted in our Church.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- This passage refers to those who follow Christ. They are obedient to the commandments of God and have (in their possession) the testimony of Jesus Christ. They belong to Jesus Christ and remain faithful to Him in times of crisis and heresy.
- Jesus concludes His letter to the church at Pergamos by extending an invitation and making a promise. He invites anyone with ears to hear the Spirit's messages to the churches.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are the problem(s) of this church?
- What is the treatment?
- What is the heavenly reward for those who conquer (these problems)?





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Passage Reading Revelation 2:12-17

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can I live a true Christian life in the world? Am I ready to stand against heresies?
- What are modern days heresies? How can I defend my faith against these heresies?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Defending the Christian faith started a long time ago in our church. Young kids were able to stand against great kings to defend their faith (St Abanoub).
- St Athanasius stood against the whole world to defend the faith against the heresy of Arius.
- He saw Arius as a heretic, not a brother in Christ. To accept him would be to accept false doctrine.

Bible Verse

“To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it” (Revelation 2:17)

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Thank You!

