

Growing up into Christ

EPHESIANS 4:15

Genesis to Revelation

G2R BIBLE SURVEY

YOUNGER **MIDDLE**

GRADES 1 2 3	2 3 4 5	4 5 6 7
<p>Classroom Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible story taught by teacher 	<p>Classroom Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A balance of Bible story teaching and interactive discovery 	<p>Classroom Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discovery through direct examination of God's Word, Q&A, discussion
<p>In-Class Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>At Home</i> done in class to apply and reinforce Bible story 	<p>In-Class Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>In Class</i> paper directs teachers and students to discover and apply Bible truths 	<p>In-Class Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Inquire</i> paper guides students to explore God's Word, discover and apply biblical truths
<p>Take-Home Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>At Home</i> a family link to the lesson; includes <i>Family Focus</i> section with lesson highlights 	<p>Take-Home Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>At Home</i> includes interesting and fun activities to reinforce Bible truths Sized to fit in Bible 	<p>Take-Home Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>G2R</i> is designed for use at home to reinforce Bible truths
<p>Bible Devotions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Bible readings in <i>At Home</i> paper 	<p>Bible Devotions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Daily Soul Food</i> in <i>At Home</i> paper promotes personal Bible study and prayer Incentives to complete and return to class 	<p>Bible Devotions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Devo</i> is a Bible-sized insert for regular Scripture reading and prayer time Incentives to complete and return to class
<p>Memory Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6–8 verses per quarter <i>First Catechism</i> Q&A when relevant to lesson 	<p>Memory Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>MVP cards (Memory Verse Partners)</i>: students to keep one for review and give the other away to a friend or family member 	<p>Memory Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meditating section develops memorization and application skills Memorize whole passage relating to study theme
<p>Visual Aids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larger teaching visual aids for each lesson Quarterly posters 	<p>Visual Aids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larger teaching visual aids Quarterly posters 	<p>Visual Aids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual aids connect stories and emphasize biblical, chronological order
<p>Student Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional hands-on student activities and coloring sheets 	<p>Student Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A variety of activities and group projects to apply Bible truths 	<p>Student Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible study skills emphasized on deeper level

Master Plan • Middle Elementary • Fall Year 1 • *Worshipping God*

UNIT 1: Why Do We Worship?

UNIT 2: We Worship through Prayer

UNIT 3: We Worship God Together

Lesson Number and Title		Bible Truth	Lesson Focus	Memory Work
1	We Worship a Holy God	God told the Israelites to build a tabernacle for worshipping him and to sacrifice animals over and over to cover their sins. Christ was the perfect and final sacrifice for sin, so after he came there was no longer a need to sacrifice animals. (Hebrews 9; Exodus 25, 35-40)	To understand that we can worship God only if we belong to him, trusting in his Son, Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins.	“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” John 4:24
2	We Worship the God of Glory	At the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem, God revealed himself in a cloud of glory. (2 Chronicles 3, 5, 7)	To learn that God has shown us how wonderful he is and that he gives his children faith to respond to him with love and praise.	Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. Psalm 29:2
3	We Pray to God Our Father	God tells us how to worship him, and one of the ways we worship him is through prayer. In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus gives us the pattern for prayer. (Matthew 14; 6; Luke 11)	To know that God wants us to worship him in prayer and to learn to pray like Jesus did.	REVIEW: John 4:24 Psalm 29:2
4	We Honor God’s Name	Daniel was faithful in prayer, and God preserved Daniel’s life and the honor of God’s holy name. (Daniel 6; Matthew 6)	To learn from Daniel’s example and to worship God faithfully in our prayers.	Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:1-2
5	We Bring Our Needs to God	With a heart of trust and worship, Hannah brought her deepest needs to the Lord, and he answered her prayers according to his will. (1 Samuel 1, 2; Matthew 6)	To worship God by bringing our needs to him, trusting him to provide.	REVIEW: Psalm 100:1-2
6	We Pray for Forgiveness	Stephen was able to pray for his enemies’ forgiveness because he had experienced God’s forgiveness and mercy, and because he was full of God’s grace and power. (Acts 6, 7)	To worship God by thanking him for forgiving us and to pray for his help to forgive others.	Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:3
7	We Sing God’s Praises	The Psalms or Psalter is a book of praise and prayer to guide us in our worship and provide help and comfort. (Psalms 95, 142, 150)	To sing songs of praise and worship to God and go to him for help and comfort.	REVIEW: John 4:24 Psalm 29:2 Psalm 100:1-3
8	We Listen to God’s Word	God communicates to his people through his Word. Thus, the reading and preaching of God’s Word is central to true worship. (2 Chronicles 34, 35)	To be attentive to the reading and teaching of God’s Word, learning to love it and do what it says.	Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4
9	We Worship by Giving	God’s people honored and worshiped him by giving their gifts, time and abilities to build the tabernacle exactly as he commanded. (Exodus 35, 36, 40)	To know that we worship God when we willingly bring our gifts to him.	REVIEW: Psalm 100:4
10	We Confess Our Faith	Jesus taught his disciples that their faith in him was a gift of God. (Matthew 16)	To know that we worship God when we confess our faith in Jesus, and that our faith in him is a gift of God.	For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:5
11	We Thank God for Baptism	When the jailer and his family believed in the Lord Jesus, they were baptized. (Acts 16)	To know that Jesus commands us to be baptized, and to thank God for making our hearts clean from sin through believing in Jesus.	REVIEW: Psalm 100
12	We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper	The Lord’s Supper is a sacrament given by the Lord Jesus to help us remember his sacrifice and death on the cross for the sins of his people. It is a sign and seal of God’s covenant with his own, and a means of grace. (Mark 14; 1 Corinthians 11)	To understand why the Lord Jesus gave his people the Lord’s Supper.	REVIEW: John 4:24 Psalm 29:2 Psalm 100
13	We Receive God’s Blessing	The benediction is the Lord’s blessing on his people as they go out from the worship service to serve him in the world. (Numbers 6)	To understand the meaning of the benediction and thank God for his words of blessing to us.	“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

Master Plan • Middle Elementary • Winter Year 1 • *Listening to Jesus*

UNIT 1: Jesus Is My Teacher

UNIT 2: Jesus Teaches Me about Himself

UNIT 3: Jesus Teaches Me about My Heavenly Father

UNIT 4: Jesus Teaches Me about Myself

Lesson Number and Title		Bible Truth	Lesson Focus	Memory Work
1	Jesus Is God's Son	Jesus, the eternal Son of God who was born to Mary, came to earth as the revealer of the Father and the promised Savior of his people. (Matthew 1; John 1; Isaiah 7)	To discover who Jesus is and why he came to earth.	Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12
2	God's Son Is Our Savior	The angels, shepherds, and Simeon and Anna all rejoiced at the birth of Jesus and testified that he was the promised Savior, Christ the Lord. (Luke 2)	To celebrate the coming of the Savior; to discover why we need Jesus as our Savior.	And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 1 John 4:14
3	Jesus Is the Promised King	God guided the wise men to find Jesus and worship him as the promised King of Israel. (Matthew 2; Micah 5)	To grow in trusting Jesus as our Savior and obeying him as our King; to discover what it means to worship Jesus as King.	"He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers." Revelation 17:14b
4	Jesus Has Power to Heal	Jesus restored blind Bartimaeus's sight. By faith Bartimaeus submitted to the authority and power of Jesus. (Mark 10; Luke 18)	To understand that Jesus did this miracle to prove that he is God; to learn to put our faith in Jesus to save us; to praise God for his power and goodness.	REVIEW: John 1:12 1 John 4:14 Revelation 17:14b
5	Jesus Has the Words of Life	The crowds followed Jesus mainly for the miracles. But they were not ready to believe in him or believe what he said, that he came to give eternal life. (John 6)	To know that faith is a gift of God; to believe that Jesus is the truth and all his words are true; to trust him for eternal life.	Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
6	Jesus Is the Lord of Everything	Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath, and by his example and instruction we learn that it is a day for acts of love and mercy. (Matthew 12)	To understand what it means that Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath; to learn that Jesus tells us how to worship him on the Lord's Day.	REVIEW: John 14:6
7	Jesus Came to Serve	Jesus, although he is God, humbled himself as a servant and washed his disciples' feet to show them how much he loved them, and to teach them to love and serve one another. (John 13)	To ask God to make us more and more like Jesus in loving and serving him and others.	"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34
8	Jesus Helps Us Follow Him	After Peter denied Jesus three times, Jesus forgave and restored him. (John 13, 18, 21)	To discover that when we sin, Jesus brings us to repentance, forgives our sin, and enables us to keep on loving and following him.	REVIEW: John 1:12 John 14:6 1 John 4:14 John 13:34 Revelation 17:14b
9	God Forgives Us	The Parable of the Lost Son shows that our loving heavenly Father forgives those who turn to him in repentance and celebrates when they are restored. (Luke 15)	To discover that our heavenly Father loves his covenant people and forgives our sins completely when we confess them.	If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9
10	God Gives Us What We Need	The Parable of the Wedding Banquet teaches that God invites us into his kingdom and provides, through his Son, Jesus Christ, the righteousness we need to be in it. (Matthew 22)	To understand that our heavenly Father calls us to come to him and provides what we must have to enter his presence; to learn that it is a privilege to receive his wonderful provision for us.	REVIEW: 1 John 1:9
11	God Cares for His People	God controls and cares for all his creation. His people are to seek him first and not be filled with anxious worry because God completely provides for them. (Matthew 6)	To understand that God wants us to seek him first and to give him our whole heart and life; to believe that we do not need to worry because God will take care of us; to ask God to change our worry into trust.	"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32
12	Everyone Is a Sinner	Jesus taught that God rejects those who are righteous in their own eyes, while those who ask God for mercy are accepted. (Luke 18)	To discover that we must confess our sins to God and thank him that only Jesus can save us.	"God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Luke 18:13b
13	The Kingdom of Heaven	Jesus teaches us that the kingdom of heaven is more valuable than any of the things we have on earth. (Matthew 13)	To discover the value of the kingdom of heaven; to put Jesus and his kingdom first in our lives.	REVIEW: John 1:12 John 13:34 1 John 4:14 1 John 1:9 Revelation 17:14b Luke 12:32 John 14:6 Luke 18:13b

Master Plan • Middle Elementary • Spring Year 1 • *Telling Others*

UNIT 1: We Thank Jesus for His Love

UNIT 2: We Trust in the Power of God's Spirit

UNIT 3: We Tell Everyone about Jesus

Lesson Number and Title	Bible Truth	Lesson Focus	Memory Work
1 Jesus Died for Us	The Lord Jesus Christ showed us God's great love when he suffered and died on the cross to atone for our sins. (Matthew 26–27; John 19)	To discover what Jesus has done in my place; to trust in Jesus as my Savior; to thank God for his great forgiveness and love for me.	But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8
2 Jesus Rose from the Dead	As foretold in the Scriptures, the Lord Jesus rose from the dead, breaking the power of sin and death. His followers were overjoyed when Jesus revealed himself as their risen Lord. (John 20; Luke 24)	To acknowledge that Jesus rose from the dead, just as he said he would; to believe that Jesus is our risen Lord and Savior; to thank God for his great love in sending Jesus to save us from sin and death.	"It is true! The Lord has risen." Luke 24:34b
3 Jesus Sent His Disciples Out	As Jesus was about to ascend to heaven, he told his disciples to take the gospel to the whole world, and he promised to send the Holy Spirit to enable them to fulfill the task. (Matthew 28; Luke 24; Acts 1)	To describe the wonderful task Jesus gave his followers to do; to know that we must take part in bringing the gospel to the whole world; to learn to rely on the Holy Spirit to help us obey Jesus' command.	"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8
4 Jesus Gave the Promised Spirit	The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost to empower the disciples to spread the gospel. The Lord added many to the community of believers and built up his church. (Acts 2)	To learn that the Holy Spirit lives in believers; to ask the Holy Spirit to help us tell others about Jesus; to grow in understanding what it means to be part of God's church.	REVIEW: Romans 5:8 Luke 24:34b Acts 1:8
5 The Spirit Empowered the Disciples	The Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to spread the good news of the risen Savior with love, power and courage. (Acts 3–4)	To ask the Holy Spirit to give us the opportunities and the courage to tell others about the Savior.	I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)
6 God Freed Peter from Prison	God heard the prayers of believers and delivered Peter from prison so that he could continue to serve the Lord in preaching the gospel. (Acts 12)	To know it is important to pray; to pray for ourselves and those who preach the gospel; to trust the Lord to answer our prayers; to thank the Lord for answering our prayers.	REVIEW: Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)
7 Stephen Was Filled with the Holy Spirit	God's grace and power were evident in Stephen as he served as a deacon, performed miracles, preached the gospel and died courageously as a martyr. (Acts 6–7)	To pray for and support our deacons and missionaries; to trust in God's grace and power to live for him.	I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Romans 1:16a
8 Philip Spread the Good News	The Holy Spirit sent Philip first to the Samaritans, then to an Ethiopian and others with the message of the gospel. (Acts 8)	To know that the Holy Spirit brings people from all nations together in God's covenant family; to ask the Holy Spirit to help us to share the gospel with others who are different from us.	REVIEW: Romans 1:16a
9 God Chose Saul	God chose Saul and called him to be his special servant to take the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles. (Acts 9)	To recall that every child of God has been called to help spread the gospel; to ask God to make us willing to trust him and obey when he gives us a special task to do.	Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8
10 God Sent Paul Out	Directed by God's Spirit and Word, the church set apart Paul and Barnabas to preach the gospel, and God expanded his church to faraway places. (Acts 13–14)	To take part in supporting the missions task of our church; to ask God to help us stand firm in trusting and obeying the Lord Jesus.	REVIEW: Isaiah 6:8
11 Paul Followed God's Leading	Responding to the Holy Spirit's direction, Paul and his coworkers faithfully took the gospel to a variety of people in different places. (Acts 15–16)	To discover why the gospel is powerful; to be faithful in encouraging those who persevere in preaching the gospel.	"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19–20
12 Paul Was Persecuted for the Gospel	Paul and his coworkers were persecuted for the sake of the gospel, but the Holy Spirit enabled them to be faithful in following Christ. (Acts 17)	To ask the Holy Spirit to help us follow Christ in good and hard times.	REVIEW: Matthew 28:19–20
13 Jesus Is Always with Us	The Lord was with Paul in every circumstance, guiding him and providing everything he needed to take the gospel to Rome. (Acts 27–28)	To grow in trusting and obeying the Lord Jesus, relying on his presence and power in our lives.	REVIEW: Romans 5:8 Luke 24:34b Acts 1:8 Philippians 4:13 (NKJV) Romans 1:16a Isaiah 6:8 Matthew 28:19–20

Master Plan • Middle Elementary • Fall Year 2 • *God's Grace in the Law*

Lesson Number and Title		Bible Truth	Lesson Focus	Memory Work Ten Commandments New King James Version
UNIT 1: Learning to Love and Worship God	1 God Is Our Redeemer and Law-Giver	Preface: Exodus 20:1-2 God reminded Israel that he redeemed them from slavery with mighty acts of power and gave them his law to show them how to live as his people. (Exod. 19; Deut. 5)	To understand why God reminded his people that he redeemed them from slavery before giving them the Ten Commandments; to learn that God has redeemed us from sin through Christ and calls us to trust him and obey his law; to discover why we owe God our trust, thankfulness, love and obedience.	And God spoke all these words, saying: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Exodus 20:1-2
	2 Worshiping God Alone	First Commandment: Exodus 20:3 God requires his redeemed people to worship him alone. (Exod. 14-15)	To understand that the God of the Bible is the only true God; to discover what it means to know and worship the Lord our God.	"You shall have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3
	3 Worshiping God His Way	Second Commandment: Exodus 20:4-6 The one true God commands us to worship him in the way he tells us, and not to use idols or any created image in our worship of him. (Exod. 32; John 4; Deut. 4)	To understand and learn: what it means to worship the true God; God commands us to worship in the way he tells us; we must not invent our own ways to worship God.	"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." Exodus 20:4-6
	4 Honoring God's Name	Third Commandment: Exodus 20:7 God commands us to respect and reverence him and his name, promising to bless those who honor his name and punish those who dishonor his name. (Lev. 24; Rom. 10)	To learn that God's name tells us who God is; to learn that God also makes himself known to us by his Word and his mighty works; to find out what it means to treat God's name, Word and works with reverence.	"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." Exodus 20:7
	5 Enjoying God's Special Day	Fourth Commandment: Exodus 20:8-11 God requires his people to keep one day holy to rest from work and worship him. (Exod. 31; Deut. 5)	To understand why God made the Sabbath day; to understand why God says to "remember" the Sabbath; to learn how we are to keep the Sabbath.	"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work; you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11
	6 Respecting Authority	Fifth Commandment: Exodus 20:12 God commands us to honor our parents and all other lawful authorities he places over us. (Deut. 6; Eph. 6; Col. 3)	To discover how we honor our parents; to understand that we must show respect to all who are in authority over us; to learn that we honor God when we honor those in authority.	"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12 Review: Exodus 20:8-11
	7 Respecting Human Life	Sixth Commandment: Exodus 20:13 God created people in his own image and therefore says that human life is sacred and must be protected. (Gen. 1, 4, 9; Num. 35; Exod. 22; Matt. 5; Eph. 4)	To understand that the sixth commandment forbids murder or hate; to understand that we are to love, respect and protect other people because we are all made in God's image.	"You shall not murder." Exodus 20:13 Review: Exodus 20:1-12
	8 Being Faithful in Marriage	Seventh Commandment: Exodus 20:14 God, who ordained marriage, commands purity before marriage and faithfulness in marriage. (Gen. 2; Eph. 4-5; 1 Cor. 6)	To understand that God made marriage to be between one man and one woman for all their lives.	"You shall not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14 Review: Exodus 20:1-13
	9 Trusting God's Provision	Eighth Commandment: Exodus 20:15 God commands us not to take what belongs to others, but to depend on him to provide our needs. (Ps. 24; Phil. 4; Eph. 4; 2 Thess. 3; 1 Thess. 4; Gal. 6)	To understand that we must not take what belongs to others; to learn that we must trust God to provide; to discover that we must work to pay for our needs and to help others.	"You shall not steal." Exodus 20:15 Review: Exodus 20:1-14
	10 Speaking Only What Is True	Ninth Commandment: Exodus 20:16 Because God loves truth and hates lies, he commands his people to speak the truth at all times. (Deut. 19; Prov. 12, 18, 22; Gen. 3; John 8, 14; Lev. 19; Ps. 25; Eph. 4)	To discover what it means to be honest and truthful with others; to know that God's people are called to be truthful at all times; to understand why telling the truth is important.	"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16 Review: Exodus 20:1-15
UNIT 2: Learning to Love and Value Others	11 Learning to Be Content	Tenth Commandment: Exodus 20:17 God requires us to be content with what he gives us and not to envy others for what he gives them. (1 Kings 21; 1 Tim. 6; Luke 12; Phil. 4)	To learn that, as children of God, we are to be satisfied with what we have and thank God for what he gives us and others; to ask the Lord Jesus to help us learn to be content as we grow in trusting and obeying him.	"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's." Exodus 20:17
	12 Responding to God's Commandments	The rich young man thought he had kept all the commandments and therefore earned eternal life; but when Jesus told him to sell all he had and follow him, the young man walked away, showing that he loved his money and possessions more than he loved God. (Matt. 19; 1 John 1)	To understand how the law points out our sin; to discover that the law points the sinner to Christ the Savior, who kept the law and suffered its penalty for the sinner; to trust in Christ as the Savior who kept the law for us and suffered death to pay for our sin, and thank God for providing such a wonderful Savior.	Review: Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17
	13 Depending on Jesus	The Ten Commandments remind Christians that they must depend on Jesus to obey his commands, confess their sin and show their gratitude for such a great salvation by the way they live. (Exod. 19, 20; Rom. 8; Heb. 10; Col. 3; Phil. 1)	To remember that the law points sinners to Christ the Savior; to understand that Christians need to confess when they sin and ask Jesus for forgiveness; to recognize that the Ten Commandments show forgiven Christians how God wants them to live.	Review: Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17

UNIT 3: Learning to Depend on Jesus

Master Plan • Middle Elementary • Winter Year 2 • *God's Design for Worship*

UNIT 1: The Tabernacle

UNIT 2: The Priests

UNIT 3: Sacrifices, Feasts and Sacred Assemblies

UNIT 4: Christ, Our High Priest

Lesson Number and Title		Bible Truth	Lesson Focus	Memory Work
1	Worshiping God	After giving the Ten Commandments, God told the Israelites to build a tabernacle where he would dwell among them and they would worship him. (Exodus 7, 20, 24, 25)	To understand that worship is very important to God; to learn that we must worship God <i>only</i> in the way he commands in his Word; to ask God for a willing heart to worship him as he deserves.	When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." Exodus 24:3
2	Living in God's Presence	God instructed Moses to build the tabernacle and place it in the center of the camp so that he would be the center of his people's lives. (Exodus 35, 40; Numbers 2; John 1)	To learn that God designed the position of the tabernacle to teach Israel what it meant to live in his presence; to understand that the tabernacle pointed to God the Son, Jesus Christ, who would come and live among his people; to believe that God's presence with us is the most important thing in worship and in our lives.	The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14
3	Building the Tabernacle	God gave exact instructions for the work on the tabernacle and its furnishings. Each part taught the Israelites something about God, his people and how to worship him. (Exodus 35–37)	To discover that God gave the people the abilities they needed to construct the tabernacle according to his plan; to learn about God's plan for the parts of the tabernacle, which would be his dwelling place; to understand that all of the tabernacle pointed to Christ, the promised Savior, who would come to pay for the sins of his people once for all.	"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you." Exodus 25:8–9
4	Faithfully Following God's Commands	The Israelites faithfully completed the work on the tabernacle, setting it up just as God commanded, so that Israel could live in the presence of God. (Exodus 30, 38–40)	To learn that God's Spirit enabled the people to do the work according to the pattern God gave Moses; to discover that when the tabernacle was completed and set up, God blessed his people and his guiding presence came to dwell with them; to praise God that he is with those who trust in Jesus Christ, the promised Savior, and that he blesses and guides them always.	Review: Exodus 24:3 John 1:14 Exodus 25:8–9
5	Setting Apart the Priests	God chose and set apart priests from the tribe of Levi to serve him in the tabernacle. (Exodus 28, 39; Numbers 3)	To find out who priests were and what God commanded them to wear; to discover what priests did and why they were needed; to learn that we do not need priests today because Jesus is our High Priest.	"Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. They will know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God." Exodus 29:45–46
6	Serving as Representatives	God gave detailed instructions for the consecration and service of the priests and required obedience. God judged Nadab and Abihu because they disobeyed his holy commands. (Exodus 29; Leviticus 8–10)	To find out how and why the priests were to be consecrated; to learn that sinful priests could not atone for sin; to thank God for sending Jesus, our perfect High Priest and Mediator, to atone for sin.	Review: Exodus 29:45–46
7	Offering Sacrifices for Sin	God provided atonement for sins by the death of animals that stood in the place of the sinner until the promised Savior came. (Leviticus 4–6, 17; Exodus 29; Romans 6; Hebrews 10)	To learn that in the Old Testament, God required animal sacrifices to atone for sins; to recognize that all people are guilty before God and need a Savior to pay for their sins; to trust in Jesus as Savior, thanking God for forgiving us and making us right with him.	"I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy , because I am holy ." Leviticus 11:44a
8	Offering Sacrifices of Worship	God called the Israelites to give themselves wholeheartedly to him by bringing consecration and fellowship offerings. (Leviticus 1–3; Romans 12)	To thank God for his grace and mercy in providing the means to forgive sinners; to understand that because of God's great mercy, we are to offer ourselves to Christ in thanksgiving and service; to learn that true worship involves both confessing sin and expressing faith in Christ, the perfect Lamb of God.	Review: Leviticus 11:44a
9	Making Atonement for the People	On the annual Day of Atonement, the high priest made sacrifices for all the sins of the Israelites. (Leviticus 16, 23)	To know what happened on the Day of Atonement; to understand that Jesus Christ's final sacrifice paid for his people's sins once for all, unlike the covering of sins on the Day of Atonement each year; to thank God for cleansing us from all our sins through Jesus Christ.	We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10b
10	Celebrating Festivals and Holy Days	God gave his people special days and seasons as festivals of remembrance, joy and thanksgiving. (Leviticus 23, 25; Exodus 12)	To discover the festivals and holy days God set aside for his covenant community; to recognize that each Lord's Day is a special day for remembrance, joy and thanksgiving for what Christ has done for us; to thank the Lord for giving us rest and for giving us hearts that desire to gather with his people to worship and remember him.	Review: Exodus 24:3; John 1:14; Exodus 25:8–9; Exodus 29:45–46; Leviticus 11:44a; Hebrews 10:10b
11	Drawing Near to God through Christ	Christ, our High Priest, is the only One whose sacrifice can provide forgiveness of our sins and make us acceptable to God. (Hebrews 9, 10, 13)	To understand why we no longer worship with a tabernacle, priests and sacrifices; to praise God for Christ's once-for-all sacrifice for us; to draw near to God through faith in Christ, our High Priest.	Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Hebrews 7:24–25
12	Worshiping as a Church	God calls his people together as a church to worship him. (Leviticus 23; 2 Chronicles 7; Psalm 84; Luke 4; Acts 2; Colossians 3; Hebrews 10)	To understand that God's people regularly come together to worship him as he commands in his Word; to learn that through gathering in God's presence to worship him, Christians receive God's grace; to acknowledge that worship is at the heart of life in the church.	Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25
13	Worshiping and Serving God	The God we worship in acts of worship is the God we serve in all of life. (Nehemiah 8; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 10; Romans 12)	To recall God's design for worship; to recognize that God deserves to be worshiped and honored in everything we do; to respond to God's mercy to us by giving ourselves to him in thanksgiving and service.	Review: Hebrews 7:24–25 Hebrews 10:25

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	Lesson Number and Title	Bible Truth	Lesson Focus	Memory Work
UNIT 1: God's Promise and Plan for His Kingdom	1	God's promise and plan to build his kingdom are revealed in the Old and New Testaments. (Genesis 3, 12; Exodus 19; Isaiah 49; Matthew 28; Revelation 5; Hebrews 11)	To trace God's plan to build his kingdom through his people; to recognize that God has included people from every tribe, language and nation in his kingdom; to learn that God is faithful in keeping all his promises to his people; to identify ways to trust in God's faithfulness, especially when facing hard times.	"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Jeremiah 31:33b
	2	People who belong to Jesus are to remain in him the way branches are connected to a vine. They spread God's kingdom on earth. (John 14-15; Acts 2; Galatians 5)	To match the ways Jesus compared himself and his followers to the vine and the branches, to understand that Christ abides in us through the Holy Spirit; to discover what it means to abide in Christ and be a fruitful member of God's church.	"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5
UNIT 2: Christ's Spirit Gives Power	3	Through persecution in Jerusalem, God scattered the believers so they would go into Judea and Samaria and spread the gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 8; Acts 8; Matthew 28)	To recognize that God has prepared the hearts of a wide variety of people in different places to hear and believe the gospel; to trust God's Spirit to direct us to the people he wants us to share the good news with; to ask God to enable us to share the gospel with people who are different from us.	Review: Jeremiah 31:33b John 15:5
	4	God saved and transformed Saul, who was an enemy of the gospel, and used him to spread the gospel around the world. (Acts 9)	To find out what <i>transform</i> means; to discover what Saul was like before and after God saved him; to recognize that God's transforming power saves sinners and changes them; to ask God to transform us day by day to become more like Christ.	Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17
	5	God saved Cornelius and showed Peter that his plan all along had been to include Gentiles as well as Jews in his kingdom. (Acts 10)	To recognize that God has chosen to save people from every tribe, language, people and nation; to know that only faith in Christ makes us right with God; to ask God to help us love people who are different from us.	"With your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation." Revelation 5:9b
UNIT 3: Spreading the Good News	6	God was in control when James was killed and Peter was freed from prison. (Acts 12; Philippians 4)	To know that God is in control when we face trouble in our lives; to believe that God is always good, wise and trustworthy; to learn to bring all our needs to God and to trust him to answer in the way he chooses.	Review: 2 Corinthians 5:17 Revelation 5:9b
	7	God directed the church at Antioch to send out Paul and Barnabas as the first missionaries to share the good news of Jesus Christ. (Acts 13-14)	To discover that all of God's Word is part of the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ; to learn that God uses different ways to guide us to those we need to tell about Jesus; to understand that prayer and studying God's Word prepare us to share the gospel with others.	"Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you." Acts 13:38
	8	Paul and others were ready to witness for Jesus in planned and unplanned situations. (Acts 16)	To discover that God is in control of all that we face each day and wants us to trust and obey him in how we respond; to ask God to help us be prepared and willing to witness for Jesus, especially when faced with unexpected opportunities.	He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Acts 16:30-31
UNIT 4: Trusting God to Save His People	9	Paul knew that his job was to be a faithful witness, and he trusted God to bring his own people to faith. (Matthew 9; Acts 17-20)	To discover that God is the One who saves his people; to learn that our job is to be faithful witnesses; to understand the basic message of the gospel.	"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." Acts 20:24
	10	The people of Asia heard the gospel through Paul's witness. Some believed, but zealous enemies of the gospel refused to believe. (Acts 19; Philippians 4)	To understand that people respond in different ways when they hear the message of the gospel; to ask God to help us live in a way that shows we love, trust and obey him.	Review: Acts 13:38 Acts 16:30-31 Acts 20:24
	11	Paul was brought to trial and had to defend his faith in Christ before three important rulers: Felix, Festus and Agrippa. (Acts 24-26; Romans 1)	To learn what it means to defend our faith in Christ; to pray for courage to stand up for Christ when it is hard to do so; to pray for Christians who are being persecuted for their faith.	But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15
UNIT 5: Depending on Christ to Build His Church	12	God sent Paul to Rome to spread the gospel and help God's church grow. Paul wrote letters, known as epistles, to churches encouraging them to live for Christ. (Acts 1, 27-28; Galatians 3; Philippians 1; Romans 15; 2 Corinthians 3)	To discover why Rome was important to the spread of the gospel and the growth of God's church; to find out what letters Paul wrote, where and to whom they were sent, and why; to understand that Paul's letters are for us as well, helping us to live for Christ and his kingdom.	Review: 1 Peter 3:15
	13	Through the power of the gospel, God has been building his church throughout the centuries, and will continue to do so until the day of Christ's return. (Acts 28; Colossians 2)	To recall the way God spreads the gospel in the book of Acts; to learn that God continues to use the same means to spread the gospel and build his church from Acts up to the present day; to thank God for building his church through our witness, his Word and his Spirit.	Review: All memory work

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1	God Uses All Kinds of People	God values his children and gives each one gifts to be used in serving him. (Luke 12; 1 Corinthians 12)	To believe that we are valuable to God; to learn that God has given each of us gifts, abilities and talents to enable us to serve him; to understand that God made us just the way he wanted us to be.	But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 1 Corinthians 12:18
2	Deborah: Tough Lady Judge	God raised up Deborah, a female judge, to defeat the Canaanites and deliver his people from slavery and idol worship. (Judges 2, 4-5; 1 John 1)	To discover how Deborah showed that she believed and obeyed God; to understand that God hates sin; to believe that only God can deliver us from sin.	Review: 1 Corinthians 12:18
3	Abigail: Smart and Bold	God used Abigail to keep David from the sin of revenge against Nabal. (1 Samuel 25; Romans 12)	To discover how God used Abigail to keep David from the sin of revenge; to know that we should not try to get even with people who hurt us, but we should trust God to take care of the problem; to ask God to make us wise so that we will see what is the right thing to do in every situation.	Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. Romans 12:17
4	Barzillai: Loyal Senior Citizen	God used Barzillai to provide for David and his men when they were running from Absalom. (2 Samuel 15, 17, 19; 1 Kings 2)	To learn why Barzillai provided for David and his men; to discover ways God can use us to build his church at any age; to understand that doing the right thing pleases God.	Review: 1 Corinthians 12:18 Romans 12:17
5	Asaph: Skillful Musician	Asaph wrote psalms and was a music director in the tabernacle for David. (1 Chronicles 6, 13, 15, 16, 25; Psalms 81, 136, 150; Revelation 5)	To discover that God considers music to be an important part of worship; to learn that God gives musical ability to some people to help the whole church worship him; to understand that the book of Psalms helps us worship God.	Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob! Psalm 81:1
6	Hezekiah: Godly King	Hezekiah destroyed idols, restored worship in the temple and defeated God's enemies. But his pride caused him and his people to suffer. (2 Kings 18-20; 2 Chronicles 29)	To discover how Hezekiah led the nation of Judah to worship and obey God; to understand that even people who trust God and walk in his ways sometimes fail; to trust God's promises and power and to pray for his help.	Review: Psalm 81:1
7	Mordecai: Man of Courage	When the Persian king's law required that all Jews be killed, God used Mordecai to preserve his chosen people. (Book of Esther)	To understand that God's enemies may cause his people to suffer; to believe God's promises and trust him during hard times; to trust that God is always in control of the lives of his people and everything that happens.	"I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted." Job 42:2
8	John and James: Sons of Thunder	Jesus chose James and John as two of his 12 disciples. Jesus taught these brothers, who were with him throughout his ministry, about being servants. (Matthew 4; Mark 3, 9, 10; John 20)	To discover that James and John walked with Jesus for three years during his ministry on earth. Jesus often singled them out to be with him; to understand that we learn to trust and obey Jesus from God's Word; to ask Jesus to teach us to be servants.	Review: 1 Corinthians 12:18 Romans 12:17; Psalm 81:1 Job 42:2
9	James: Wise Brother	James, the brother of Jesus, talked to Jesus after the Resurrection, became a leader of the Jerusalem church and wrote the book of James. (Matthew 13; James 1-3; 1 Corinthians 15)	To discover that James, the brother of Jesus, became a leader in the Jerusalem church and wrote the Epistle of James; to understand that God wants us to become wise through knowing and obeying his Word; to discuss how we can show our faith in Christ.	If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5
10	Priscilla and Aquila: Tent-makers for God	Priscilla and Aquila were tentmakers who worked with the apostle Paul in building up the churches in Corinth and Ephesus. (Acts 18; 1 Corinthians 16; Romans 16; 2 Timothy 4)	To discover how God used Priscilla and Aquila to tell others about Jesus and help build churches in several places; to understand that God uses each Christian in ordinary ways to do his will; to know that God gives us different backgrounds, abilities and jobs so that we can be useful to him.	Review: James 1:5
11	Titus: Servant and Leader	Titus was a Gentile Christian who worked with Paul and pastored the church on the island of Crete. The book of Titus is a letter from Paul to Titus. (Titus; Galatians 2; 2 Corinthians 7, 8, 12; 2 Timothy 4; 1 Peter 2)	To learn how Titus was a servant and leader; to depend on Christ and his power to live in a way that is pleasing to God.	Review: 1 Corinthians 12:18 Romans 12:17; Psalm 81:1 Job 42:2; James 1:5
12	Onesimus: Slave and Brother	Onesimus, a runaway slave, became a Christian. Paul wrote to his owner, Philemon, asking him to forgive Onesimus and take him back as a brother in Christ. (Philemon; Colossians 3, 4; Ephesians 6)	To learn what reconciliation is and how it applies to our lives; to accept all God's people as brothers and sisters in Christ; to ask God to help us forgive those who wrong us.	Review: 1 Corinthians 12:18 Romans 12:17; Psalm 81:1 Job 42:2; James 1:5
13	We Are God's Servants	God prepared us to serve him with good works that please him. (Romans 12; 1 Peter 4; Ephesians 2)	To learn that just as God used many different people in Bible times, he uses each of us today to serve him; to thank God that we are his workmanship and that he will guide us into the good works he wants us to do.	For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

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UNIT 1: Trusting God Who Provides for Me

UNIT 2: Trusting God Who Cares for Me

UNIT 3: Trusting God Who Saves Me

Lesson Number and Title		Bible Truth	Lesson Focus	Memory Work
1	God Provides for All His Creation	God made and rules over everything. All creation is dependent on God for life and everything else. (Genesis 1–2)	To know that God made and rules over everything; to learn that God created man and woman in his own image; to discover that everything God made is completely dependent on him; to praise God for providing for us and all his creation.	The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. Psalm 145:9
2	God Makes a Promise	When holy God sent the flood to destroy sinful humanity, in his mercy he saved Noah and his family, and Noah worshiped God in response. God made a promise never again to destroy all life on earth by a flood. (Genesis 6–9)	To explain why God sent the flood; to explain why God saved Noah and his family; to recognize that God always keeps his promises and is always faithful to his people.	The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. Psalm 145:13b
3	God Gives Deliverance	God delivered his servant Elisha, providing food for his people, and he judged the officer who made fun of Elisha’s prophesy. (2 Kings 6–7)	To ask God to help us grow in trusting him to provide for our needs.	REVIEW: Psalm 145:9 Psalm 145:13b
4	God Is Always Good	In the face of terrible hardship, Job learned to trust only in God’s goodness and provision. (Job 1–3; 27; 38–42)	To know that God is always good; to ask God for faith to trust in his goodness and power when we suffer.	The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. Psalm 145:14
5	Trusting God When Bad Things Happen	God gave Elijah food and rest when he was afraid and tired. Elijah learned to trust God’s care and control, and continued to obey him. (1 Kings 19)	To recognize that God is in control of everything; to believe that God does not leave us alone when we are discouraged; to learn to trust the Lord to provide for us and lead us in all circumstances.	REVIEW: Psalm 145:14
6	Trusting God When I Am in Need	Elisha showed the widow that God cares for his people and meets their deepest needs. (2 Kings 4; Philippians 4)	To believe God’s promise that he will supply the needs of all those who trust in the Lord Jesus.	The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Psalm 145:18
7	Trusting God When I Am Sad	The Lord gave the Shunammite woman a son, and when he died, she put her hope in the Lord to bring him back to life. (2 Kings 4)	To thank God for the blessings he gives us; to name things that make us sad and ask God to comfort us; to thank God that we have new life in Christ Jesus.	REVIEW: Psalm 145:18
8	Trusting God When I Am Afraid	God graciously protected his people when they were in fearful circumstances and conquered their enemies. (2 Kings 6)	To thank God for showing us grace and mercy; to thank the Lord for his protection; to ask God for strength and courage when we are afraid.	He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. Psalm 145:19
9	Trusting God to Protect Me	God used Jonathan and others to help David escape from Saul, thus preserving David to become Jesus’ ancestor. (1 Samuel 18–20; 2 Samuel 5; John 7)	To learn that God’s covenant people are always in his care; to remember that when there is a crisis, God is still in control; to ask the Lord to help me when I do not feel safe.	REVIEW: Psalm 145:19
10	Trusting God to Keep His Word	God used his servants to protect the infant Joash, thus keeping his promise to preserve David’s kingly line, through which Jesus would be born. (2 Kings 11; 2 Samuel 7; Matthew 1; Luke 1; Revelation 11; Psalm 119)	To trust God to keep his promises in the Bible; to thank him for sending the promised Savior; to thank God for those who help care for us.	REVIEW: Psalm 145:9, 13b, 14, 18, 19
11	I Need the Lord to Save Me	Jesus fed the multitude, saved Peter from drowning and healed the sick. His disciples worshiped him as the Son of God, the promised Messiah. (Matthew 14; compare Mark 6; John 16)	To recognize that the Lord Jesus is God’s Son, the promised Savior; to confess that we are helpless sinners; to trust in Christ alone for our salvation.	The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. Psalm 145:20
12	Only Jesus Can Forgive My Sins	Throughout his life, Peter needed forgiveness from Jesus in order to be able to serve him. (Luke 22; John 21; Galatians 2)	To ask Jesus to forgive me for my sins; to trust Jesus for the power to serve him each day.	My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever. Psalm 145:21
13	God Gives Eternal Life	In heaven, God’s people will live with him forever, and he will provide everlasting care for them. (John 14; 16; Revelation 1; 21–22; 1 Corinthians 2)	To trust and praise God for the gift of eternal life in Jesus; to look forward to being with Jesus forever; to thank God for his care and provision for us now and forever.	“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9