

Lessons from Luke

Chris and Karen Jackson, editors



Quarter 1

CABTAL
PO Box 16550,
Yaoundé, Cameroon

2014

Title: Lessons from Luke

English Scripture text, New International Version, © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc. All rights reserved; and and Read-N-Grow Picture Bible, © 1990 by Word Publishing, Inc.

Bible illustrations by Jim Padgett, courtesy of Sweet Publishing, Fr. Worth (Texas) and Gospel Light, Ventura, California.

Illustrations Cover, 9-2, 9-3; 10-2; 15-1 to 15-5; 16-1 to 16-4; 17-1 to 17-5; 18-1 to 18-2; 24-1 to 24-3; 31-1 to 31-3; 33-1 to 33-4; 36-1 to 36-3; and coloring pages by Marx Tawe, Bamenda, North West Region, Cameroon

(for copyright questions concerning illustrations, contact CABTAL, Box 16550, Yaounde – info_cabtal@cabtal.org)



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL)

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

Lessons from Luke
Chris and Karen Jackson, editors

Dedicated to the memory of



Karen Joy Jackson
1962-2013

Preface

During the 18 years Karen and I served together in Cameroon, Bible clubs for children were a constant in our home. Karen was a natural and gifted children's teacher. However, in our efforts to promote the use of translated mother-tongue Scriptures, we came to see that children were never specifically targeted as part of our personal and organizational strategy. Though children could benefit from the various programs used to help see the translated Scriptures used, such as video, audio, listening groups, etc., none of the strategies were children-specific. Yet, children are the most open to new ideas and are abundant, counting upwards of 40%, or more of the Cameroonian population. They typically represent the single largest sociological group in most of the Cameroonian population, particularly in rural contexts. This, too, is often the case throughout sub-Saharan African nations. We came to realize that children have been a very large and underserved segment of the population where we wish to see the translated Scriptures effectively used.

Once we started looking around for curriculum to translate into local languages and adapt to use in rural Cameroonian contexts, we were not able to find anything that was, in our view, culturally appropriate and available for adaptation due to copyright restrictions. Thus was born the vision to develop a curriculum specifically designed for a rural Cameroonian context and available to be freely translated and adapted to any other context. Our goal was to develop an easy-to-follow series of lessons that are culturally appropriate and make use of teaching aids and illustrations found in and around a typical rural milieu.

We were given the opportunity to pilot the idea of a mother-tongue-based children's ministry strategy and the curriculum in the Chrambo language, located in Bambalang, North West Region, Cameroon. We learned a great deal while working with our expatriate and Cameroonian colleagues there. They have had a significant influence on the content, look and feel of the final product. In addition, we were thoroughly encouraged to see the impact this strategy had in all segments of the population. We say “thank you” to our colleagues there for all you did to encourage and help us.

Our hope and desire is for this curriculum to be adapted and used to disciple children to serve and follow Jesus.

Karen Jackson was the primary author/architect of this curriculum. She unexpectedly passed away in March 2013 before she could see it completed. Ann Kutwah contributed significantly in helping with culturally appropriate language, stories and examples. Many others have also contributed to its completion, to whom we are very thankful: Sarah Newman, Annette Beyer, Elsie Lewandowski, Kathleen Cross, Melody Grove, Carolin Huber, Sulee Kindle, Jennifer Wright, Catherine McChristian, Jesse Paulsen and Marx Tawe. Additionally, we want to thank Gospel Light Worldwide for their encouragement and financial assistance in helping to complete and extend the use of this curriculum.

This curriculum is available for non-commercial adaptation with attribution under the Creative Commons Licensure. For more information, see <http://www.creativecommons.org>.

Chris Jackson

Bamenda, Cameroon

August, 2014

chris_jackson@sil.org

Introduction

“Lessons from Luke” is a 52-lesson curriculum based on AND limited to the Gospel of Luke. It does not make use of any other portion of Scripture outside of the Gospel of Luke. It is written with the intent that it be translated and taught in local languages. The goal is to provide a tool with which language communities can start to engage with the mother-tongue Scriptures at the earliest possible point, once the Gospel of Luke is translated and approved for publication. Aside from the review lessons, each lesson contains a teacher's guide, a coloring page with the memory verse and truth of the week, and a big picture book, called a “FlipBook”, in A3 format with the pictures from the Bible story section. The coloring page can be printed in either A4 format, or 2-up on an A4 paper, thus reducing the cost of production.

Instructions

The design of each and every lessons follows the model, “Hook, Look, Took.” As seen in the table below, there are graphic badges included to indicate what function each part of the lesson plays. The lesson in its entirety and each section follows this three-part format. The hope is that those who teach these lessons will learn and see that they, too, can write their own lessons following this simple model.



Gain the children's attention, introduce the topic and connect it to something familiar to them.



Teaching content: Bible story, memory verse, review games, etc.



Application, or “Homework”: This is the “do” activity that will help the children put into practice the truth they have learned.

The first 2-3 pages of each teacher's guide is a lesson outline. This provides an overview of the lesson on the whole for quick reference while teaching the lesson. Following this, the “Detailed Lesson Plan” contains all of the instructions and content for teaching the lesson.

Each lesson containing new teaching content comes with a memory verse coloring page as a take-home for the children. If you have crayons, or colored pencils available, this can be a great activity for the children to color the picture and then take it home to show people and explain what they learned. This page can be printed in either 1-up A4 portrait format, or 2-up A4 landscape, then cut in half, thus reducing the photo copy costs.

In addition, the Bible lessons are illustrated with a large format (A3 landscape) “FlipBook” for each quarter. This is formatted as a saddle-stitch booklet which folds down to A4 size for easy transport. This design came about as a result of feedback from teachers using the books in the village pilot classes. We chose to make a booklet because it helps keep everything together and in order. Another option for producing these FlipBooks is to print them straight onto A3 paper without making a booklet, or, if working with a smaller group of children, print them on A4 paper. They can also be printed in black and white, thus rendering the images in grey scale. They still turn out to be quite clear and would be less expensive to produce.

Table of Contents

No.	Title	Truth	Luke Ref.
1	The Book of Luke and the Birth of John the Baptizer	God hears us when we pray.	1:5-25; 1:57-66; 1:80
2	An Angel Visits Mary	Nothing is impossible with God.	1:26-38
3	The Messiah is Born	God ALWAYS keeps His promises.	2:1-38
4	The Boy Jesus	God's way is the best way to grow.	2:40-52
5	John Prepares the Way	God expects true repentance.	3:1-18
6	Review Lesson	Review Lessons 1-5	
7	Jesus is Baptized and Tempted	God's Word helps us fight temptation.	3:21-38; 4:1-13
8	Jesus Begins His Ministry	Jesus sets us free from sin and the devil.	3:21-38; 4:14-30
9	Jesus Casts Out Evil Spirits	Jesus has power over evil spirits.	4:31-37
10	Jesus Provides a Catch of Fish	A true disciple of Jesus tells others about him.	5:1-11
11	Jesus Heals a Paralytic	Jesus has power over sickness.	5:17-26
12	Jesus Eats with a Tax Collector	Jesus loves sinners.	5:27-32
13	Review Lesson	Review Lessons 7-12	
14	The Twelve Disciples	We are true disciples of Jesus if we follow him and his teachings.	6:12-16
15	True Disciples of Jesus Love Their Enemies	True disciples of Jesus love their enemies.	6:27-38
16	A True Disciple of Jesus is Generous	A true disciple of Jesus is generous.	6:30-31
17	A True Disciple of Jesus Bears Good Fruit	A true disciple of Jesus bears good fruit.	6:43-44
18	A True Disciple of Jesus Does What the Bible Teaches	A true disciple of Jesus does what the Bible teaches.	6:46-49
19	Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant	A true disciple of Jesus has faith in him.	7:1-10
20	Review Lesson	Review Lessons 13-19	
21	Woman Wipes Jesus' Feet	Jesus forgives our sins.	7:36-50
22	The Seed and the Sower	Jesus is worth following no matter the cost.	8:4-15
23	Lamp on a Stand	Jesus shines through us.	8:16-18
24	Jesus Calms the Storm	Jesus has true power over nature.	8:22-25
25	Jesus Casts Out Demons into Pigs	Jesus has power over evil spirits.	8:26-39
26	Review Lesson	Review Lessons 21-25	

27	Jesus Heals a Bleeding Woman and Raises a Girl from the Dead	Jesus cares for women and girls.	8:40-56
28	Feeding of the 5,000	Jesus cares for our physical and spiritual needs.	9:6; 9:10-17
29	Transfiguration	A true disciple listens to Jesus.	9:18-36
30	The Good Samaritan	True disciples love their neighbors.	10:25-37
31	Mary & Martha	A true disciple of Jesus takes time to be with him.	10:38-42
32	Review Lesson	Review Lesson 27-31	
33	The Lord's Prayer	Don't stop praying.	11:1-13
34	The Lost Son	Come back to God.	15:11-32
35	The Ten Lepers	Be thankful.	17:11-19
36	Jesus Loves Children	Come to Jesus.	18:15-17
37	The Rich Young Ruler	Love God more than money.	18:18-30
38	The Blind Man & Zacchaeus	Make your wrongs right.	18:35-19:10
39	Review Lesson	Review Lessons 33-38	
40	Jesus Enters Jerusalem and Clears the Temple	A true disciple makes Jesus their King.	19:28-38
41	The Widow's Gift	A true disciple gives what they have with all their heart.	21:1-38
42	The Passover Approaches	A true disciple of Jesus resists Satan.	22:1-13
43	The Last Supper	A true disciple remembers Jesus' sacrifice.	22:13-40
44	Jesus is Arrested	A true disciple of Jesus submits to God's will.	22:39-55
45	Peter Denies Jesus	A true disciple of Jesus has a sorry heart when they sin.	22:54-62
46	Review Lesson	Review Lessons 40-45	
47	Jesus' Trial	Jesus was wrongly judged, but did not fight.	22:63-23:25
48	The Crucifixion	Jesus suffered and died for us.	23:24-27; 23:32-49
49	Jesus Lives Again!	All of Jesus' words are true.	23:50-24:12
50	On the Road to Emmaus	Jesus helps us know the truth.	24:10-35
51	Jesus Appears to Believers and Returns to Heaven	Jesus is truly alive!	24:35-53
52	Review Lesson	Review Lessons 47-51	

1

The Book of Luke and the Birth of John the Baptizer

Luke 1:5-25

Luke 1:57-66

Luke 1:80

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	God hears our prayers.
Objective	KNOW: The children will know that God hears their prayers. DO: The children will talk with God.
Materials	✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children ✓ Horn, gong, or drum ✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.)
Memory Verse	Luke 1:13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John."
Homework	Talk to God every day this week, and be ready to share all the different places and ways you talked to God.

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

What is something God has given you? (Give children time to share.)

Let's thank God for His gifts to us.

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together. Let children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

Song

Words to Discuss

- ✓ On the blackboard, write the “Words to Discuss” from the list below.

Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.

- **Prayer:** Talking to God. Where are some places we pray? What are some things we can be doing while we pray? Do we have to use a certain language or voice when we pray?
- **Priest:** Someone who makes sacrifices to God on behalf of others.
- **Angels:** Spiritual beings created by God to serve and worship him. Often used by God as His messengers.
- **Prophet:** A man or woman God uses as His messenger.

Song

Bible Story / Lesson



Materials: Horn, gong or drum

- ✓ Show the horn, gong or drum to the children.
- ✓ What do we use this for? (For calling people together for a meeting)
- ✓ When the horn is blown, does everyone always hear it? (No, they may be in the farm or they may be sleeping.)
- ✓ What is prayer? (It is talking to God.)
- ✓ When you pray or talk to God, do you have to ring a gong to get His attention? (No)
- ✓ God is always ready to listen to us. He is never sleeping or too busy to hear us.
- ✓ Today we will be learning about how God hears our prayers.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: God hears our prayers.

This reminds me of a true story from the Bible.



Bible Story (Luke 1:5-25; 1:57-66; 1:80)

Picture

Story

We are going to spend a year learning about one book in the Bible, that book is the Gospel of Luke. The Holy Spirit guided a man named Luke to write the book. Luke was a doctor and a follower of Jesus. The book has many exciting stories about Jesus and His teachings.

During this time in history, the land of Israel was part of the great Roman Empire. The Jews hoped for freedom. They dreamed of the day when the new kingdom promised by the prophets would come. The Jews were waiting for the promised Messiah (Christ) to save and rule over them.

1-1



The first story in the Gospel of Luke is about a priest named Zechariah. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were good people who obeyed the laws of God. Sadly, they were very old, and without any children. They prayed and prayed for a child but they never got one. However, that did not change how much they loved and obeyed God. They knew that God hears our prayers.

Luke 1:5-7

1-2



Zechariah's turn came to serve as a priest in Jerusalem. While he was burning incense in the Temple, he suddenly saw an angel standing by the altar. Zechariah was surprised and frightened.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid. God has heard your prayer. You and Elizabeth will have a baby boy. You will name him John. He will be a great man in God's sight. He will bring many Israelites back to the Lord. He will go ahead of the Lord like the prophet Elijah, and he will get the people ready for the Lord."

Zechariah said, "How can I be sure of this?" The angel said, "It was God who sent me with His good news. Since you have not believed it, you will be unable to speak until it comes true."

Luke 1:8-21

1-3



The people standing outside the Temple wondered why Zechariah stayed inside so long. When he came out he could not speak, so they knew that he must have seen a vision.

Elizabeth became pregnant just as the angel said. God hears our prayers.

Luke 1:22-23

1-4



When Elizabeth's baby was born she said, "We will name him John." "What?" said their friends. "You are not naming him Zechariah, like his father?" They were surprised and asked Zechariah what he wanted to name the child. Zechariah wrote on a tablet, "His name is John." At that very moment Zechariah was able to talk again.

The child named John grew up and became strong in body and spirit. He lived apart from other people in the desert until the day he began to preach to the people of Israel.

Luke 1:24-25; Luke 1:57-64; Luke 1:80



Application

God hears the prayers of His children. You become a child of God by asking Jesus to be your Lord and Saviour.

- ✓ Ask if there is anyone who would like to be a part of God's family. Take time to counsel them after class.

If you are a part of God's family, then God hears your prayers; just like He heard the prayers of Zechariah and Elizabeth. Sometimes God says "yes" to our prayers. Sometimes God says "no" to our prayers. Sometimes God says "wait" to our prayers. But God always answers the prayers of His children.

God hears our prayers.

Homework

This week: Talk to God every day this week. You can talk to God anywhere at any time and He will hear you. You can talk to God when you are washing dishes, or when you are walking to visit your neighbours.

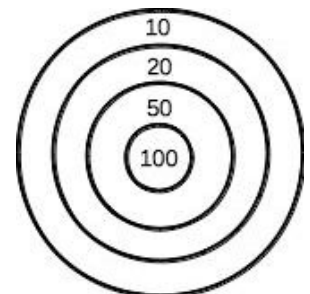
Prayer / Song

Review Game

Throw the Ball at the Target on the Wall

Materials

- ✓ Make a target as shown on the blackboard or wall.
- ✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.)
- ✓ Draw a line on the floor for the children to stand behind.



How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.

- ✓ The child on that team that answers the question correctly comes to the front and stands behind the line. If the child only gets part of the question right, the teacher can fill in the rest. That child can also ask for help from another child on his/her team. Help the child to have success.
- ✓ The child then tries to throw the ball at the target. Wherever the ball hits, shows how many points that team has.
- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Questions for Review Game

1. What was the name of the priest in the first story of Luke? (Zechariah)
2. What was the name of his wife? (Elizabeth)
3. What problem did Zechariah and Elizabeth have? (They had no children.)
4. How did they handle their problem? (They prayed to God.)
5. Who visited Zechariah in the temple? (An angel)
6. What was his message to Zechariah? (God had heard their prayers, they were going to have a baby.)
7. What was Zechariah's reaction after receiving this message? (He doubted.)
8. What happened to Zechariah when he doubted the angel's message? (He could not speak.)
9. What name was to be given to Zechariah's son? (John)
10. What was John supposed to do? (Lead people back to God, prepare the way for the kingdom of God)
11. What was the main truth of our story today? (God answers prayers in His way and in His time.)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 1:13.
- ✓ Write memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 1:13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John."

Teach and Explain



Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.
4. Explain the verse:

- ✓ Today's verse is found in the New Testament. All our memory verses will be from the book of Luke.
- ✓ As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.
 - **Angel:** An angel is a messenger from God.
 - **Prayer:** Prayer is talking to God. We don't need to use a different voice or a different language. We should talk to God the way we talk to a good friend. What was Zechariah's prayer? (That he and Elizabeth would have a baby.)
 - **Bear:** This word means to give birth. The angel said that Elizabeth was going to have a baby boy. They were told to name the baby John.
- 5. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.
- 6. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



If you are a part of God's family, then God hears your prayers just like He heard the prayers of Zechariah and Elizabeth. Sometimes God says "yes" to our prayers. Sometimes God says "no" to our prayers. Sometimes God says "wait" to our prayers. But God always answers the prayers of His children.

Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)
God hears our prayers.

Memory Verse Review

Erase the Words of the Verse Written on the Blackboard

- ✓ Ask the children the first question.
- ✓ When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and wipes away one or two words from the memory verse on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together, making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Then the next question is asked.
- ✓ When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the front and wipes more words from the memory verse on the chalkboard.
- ✓ The verse is said aloud again.
- ✓ Do this until all the words are gone and the children repeat the verse from memory.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Where is today's memory verse found? (Luke 1:13)
2. Who delivered the message from God? (An angel)
3. Who heard Zechariah's prayers? (God)
4. What was going to happen? (Elizabeth was going to have a baby.)
5. What were Zechariah and Elizabeth told to name the baby? (John)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:
God hears our prayers.
- ✓ Say the memory verse together:
Luke 1:13 But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.”
- ✓ Review the homework:
Remind the children to talk to God this week and be ready to share their stories next week.
Is God saying “yes”, “no”, or “wait”?
- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

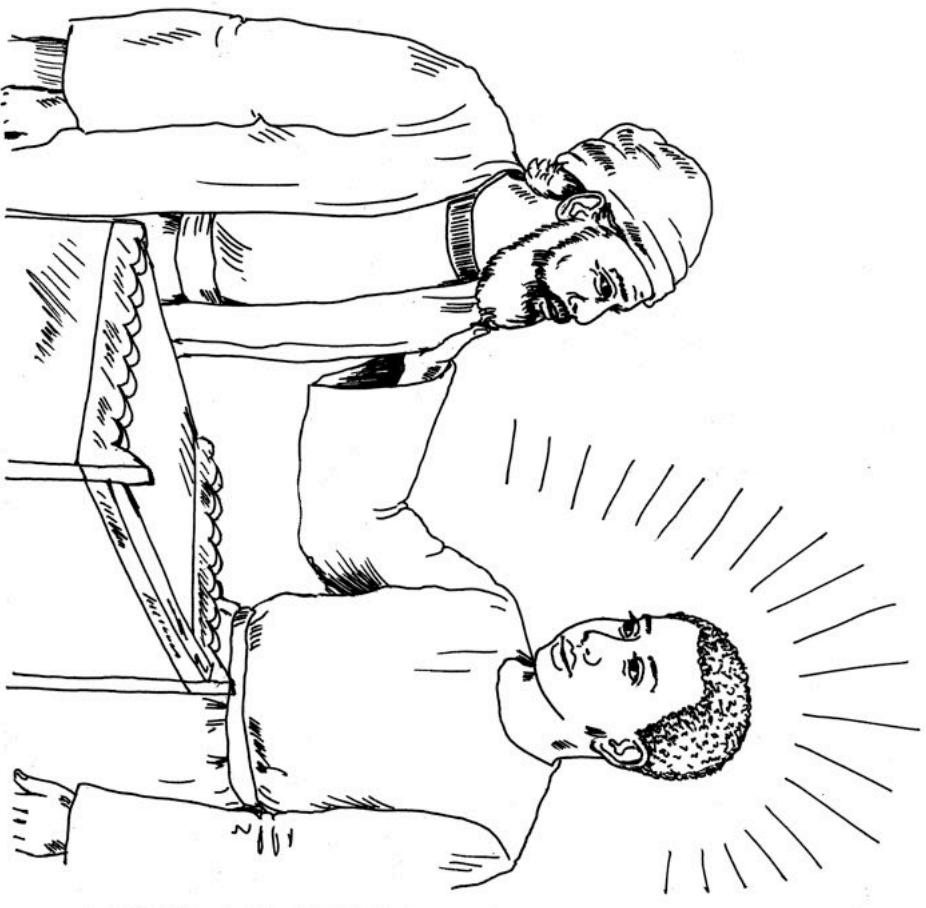
Closing Prayer

Thank God that He ALWAYS hears us when we talk to Him.

Ask God that the children will remember to talk to Him this week, and that their lives will be changed.

Colouring page to colour and take home!

God hears our prayers.



Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. Luke 1:13

God hears our prayers.



Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. Luke 1:13

2

An Angel Visits Mary

Luke 1:26–38

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	Nothing is impossible with God.
Objective	KNOW: The children will know that nothing is impossible with God. DO: The children will pray to God about something, and they will be looking for His answer.
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children✓ Written message, letter, envelope and/or phone✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.)
Memory Verse	Luke 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God.
Homework	Talk to God every day this week. Talk to Him about a difficulty you have. You can talk to God anywhere at any time and He will hear you.

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Say the truth from Lesson 1 together:
God hears our prayers.
- ✓ Say the memory verse from Lesson 1 together:
Luke 1:13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer had been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John."
- ✓ Review the homework from the previous lesson:



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

Did you remember to talk to God last week? When? Where? How? (Give children time to share.)

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together. Let the children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Words to Discuss

- ✓ On the blackboard, write the “Words to Discuss” from the list below.
- ✓ Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.
 - **Angels:** Spiritual beings created by God to serve and worship Him. Often used by God as His messengers.
 - **Prayer:** Talking to God.
 - **Engaged:** Promised to be married to a particular person.
 - **Marry:** The joining of a man and woman where they become husband and wife.
 - **Virgin:** Someone who has never been with someone sexually.

Song

Bible Story / Lesson



Materials: Written message, letter, envelope and/or phone (Bring what ever you have to class. Can be one thing, all of the things or none of them)

- ✓ What are some ways that we send a message to people? (Through a trusted person, written message, phone, phone text.)
- ✓ If you sent a message to someone asking for help, what are the different ways they could respond to you? They could say “yes” and help right away. They could say “I am not able to help.” They could also say “I am not able to help now but maybe in the future.” There could even be the possibility of them not even answering us!
- ✓ When we pray to God about our needs, He already knows them. He loves us and wants the best for us.
- ✓ God will always answer our prayers. Sometimes He says “yes”. Sometimes He says “no.” And sometimes He says “wait”.
- ✓ When God says “no” or “wait”, it is not because He is not able to do what we ask; but it is because He knows what is best. God can do anything He desires.
- ✓ Today we will be learning about how nothing is impossible with God.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: Nothing is impossible with God.

This reminds me of a true story from the Bible.



Bible Story (Luke 1:26 – 38)

Picture

2-1



Story

About six months after Zechariah and Elizabeth learned that they would be having a baby, God sent an angel to a girl named Mary from Nazareth. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph.

The angel said: “Peace be with you. The Lord has greatly blessed you.” Mary was confused and wondered what the angel meant. “God is very pleased with you,” the angel continued. “You are going to have a baby boy, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be called the Son of the Most High. God will make him a king like His forefather David, his kingdom will never end.”

“But I am not yet married,” Mary replied. “How can this be?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come and God’s power will rest upon you. Therefore, the child will be called the Son of God. Nothing is impossible with God.”

So Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant. May it be as you have said.” Then the angel went away.

Luke 1:26-28; Luke 1:31-36; Luke 1:38

2-2



Soon after that, Mary went to visit her relative, Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, she felt her baby move within her.

Then, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said, “You are the most blessed of all women. And blessed is the Child you will bear.”

Luke 1:39-42

2-3



Mary said, “My heart praises the Lord. All people will call me blessed because of the great things God has done for me.” Mary stayed with Elizabeth three months and then returned home.

All this happened so that what the Lord said through the prophet Isaiah would come true: “A virgin will have a son and they will call Him Immanuel (which means ‘God with us’).”

Luke 1:46-49

Nothing is impossible with God.



Application

Do you believe what the angel told Mary? God sent His Son to this world through Mary who was a virgin. He was sent to save people from their sins. Sin is all the things we think, say and do that displease God. Those sins separate us from God. Jesus came to die on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven and we can be in God's family forever.

All you have to do is accept Jesus as the One who came to save you from your sins. Ask Him to forgive you and to take control of your life. When we have problems in our life, remember that nothing is impossible with God. God formed a baby in a virgin's body! Our God is a God of impossibilities. Are there difficulties in your life that seem to be impossible? We have a God who can do anything, so we can trust Him.

Nothing is impossible with God.

Homework

This week: Talk to God every day this week. Talk to Him about a difficulty you have. You can talk to God anywhere at any time and He will hear you.

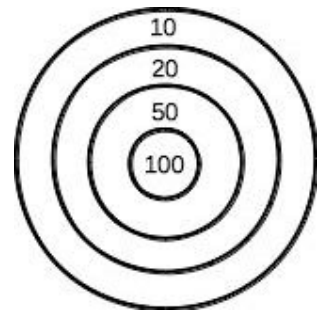
Prayer / Song

Review Game

Throw the Ball at the Target on the Wall with Your Back Turned

Materials

- ✓ Make a target as shown on the blackboard or wall.
- ✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.)
- ✓ Draw a line on the floor for the children to stand behind.



How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children do not seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on the team that answers the question correctly comes to the front and stands behind the line with their back facing the target. If the child only gets part of the question correct, the teacher can fill in the rest. The child can also ask for help from another child on his/her team. Help the child to have success.
- ✓ The student then tries to throw the ball at the target. This time they throw the ball with their back turned to the target. Wherever the ball hits shows how many points that team has.
- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Questions for Review Game

1. Mary lived in which town? (Nazareth)
2. To whom was Mary engaged? (Joseph)
3. What is the name of the angel that appeared to Mary? (Gabriel)
4. What message did the angel give Mary? (She was going to have a baby.)
5. After Mary received the message, what question did she ask the angel? ("How can this be? I am a virgin.")
6. How was it going to be possible for Mary to have a baby? (The Holy Spirit and the power of God would rest on her.)
7. What name was she to give the baby? (Jesus)
8. What was her final response to the angel? ("I am the Lord's servant. May it be as you have said.")
9. Who did Mary visit after the angel visited her? (Elizabeth)
10. What happened when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting? (The baby moved in her.)
11. What did Elizabeth say to Mary? ("You are blessed among all women and blessed is the Child you will bear.")
12. What did Mary say? ("My heart praises the Lord because of the great things He has done for me.")
13. Who prophesied that a baby would be born of a virgin? (Isaiah)
14. What is the Truth of today's lesson? (Nothing is impossible with God.)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 1:37.
- ✓ Write memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God.

Teach and Explain



Remember how God did the impossible when He gave Zechariah and Elizabeth a baby boy after many, many years? Then God did the impossible again with Mary. What did He do? (He made Mary to be pregnant with Jesus even though she was a virgin.)

Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.
4. Explain the verse:

- ✓ Today's verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. Remember, a man named Luke wrote this

book in the Bible. He was a doctor and a friend of Paul. He wrote this book so we would know what Jesus did.

- ✓ As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.

- **Nothing:** Not anything. Not one single thing.
- **Impossible:** Not able to be done.
- **With God:** There is not one single thing that cannot be done when God is involved. God created everything, so He controls everything. He is the biggest and the best.

5. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.

6. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



7. Try substituting the word “nothing” with other words. For example, say “is healing me impossible for God?” or “Is solving a difficult family issue impossible for God?” (Each time you say the new sentence, have the children respond with, “No! God CAN do this!”) (Let the children try to create more sentences like the examples.)
8. Try substituting the word “God” with other words. For example: Can you say, “For nothing is impossible with my pastor?” or “For nothing is impossible with the traditional doctor?” (Each time you say the new sentence, have the children respond with, “No! For nothing is impossible with GOD!”) (Let the children try to create more sentences like the examples.)

9. Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)

Nothing is impossible with God.

Memory Verse Review

Erase the Words of the Verse Written on the Blackboard

How To Do It

- ✓ Ask the children the first question.
- ✓ When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and wipes away one or two words from the memory verse that is on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Then the next question is asked.
- ✓ When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the front and wipes more words from the memory verse on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said aloud again.
- ✓ Do this until all the words are gone and the children are able to repeat the verse from memory.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Where in the Bible is today's memory verse found? (Luke 1:37)
2. Who was Luke? (A doctor who believed in Jesus and wrote the Book of Luke)
3. What does the word "nothing" mean? (Not one single thing)
4. What does the word "impossible" mean? (Not able to be done)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:
Nothing is impossible with God.
- ✓ Say the memory verse together:
Luke 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God.
- ✓ Review the homework:
Be sure to talk to God every day this week. You can talk to God anywhere at any time and He will hear you. Talk to Him about a difficulty, or a need you have. Ask Him for His help. Be looking for His answer. Come back next week and be ready to share about what God is doing for you!
- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

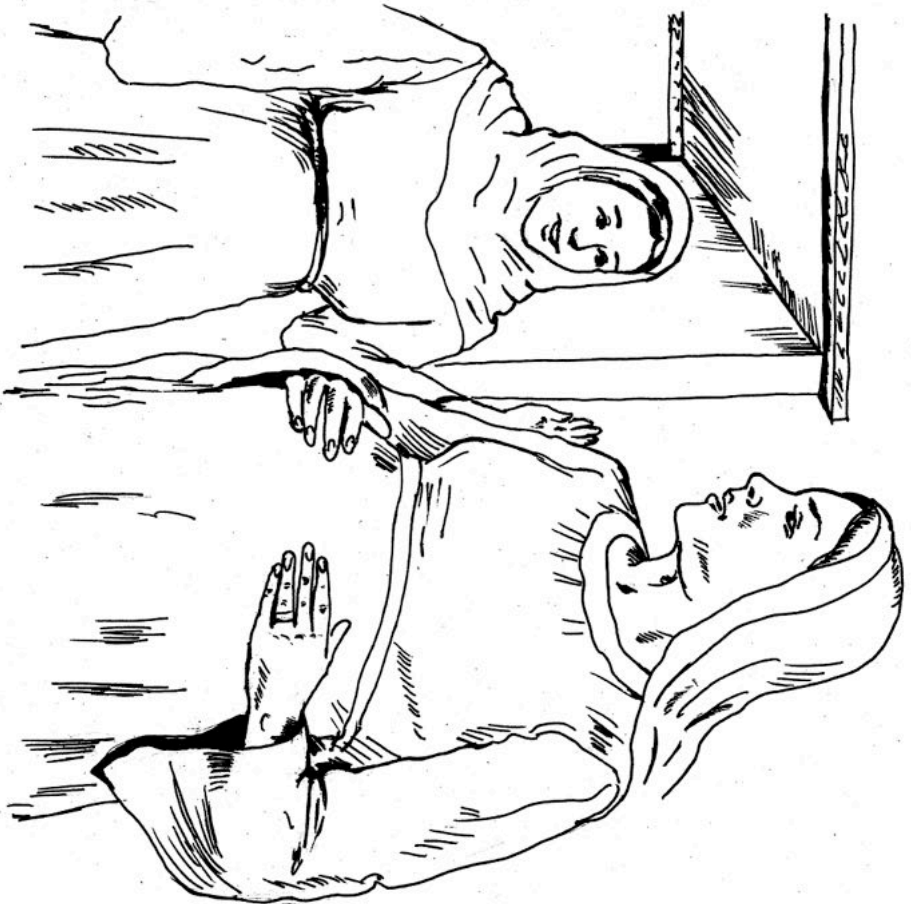
Closing Prayer

Thank God that He hears us when we pray, and that He can do anything.

Ask God that the children will remember to talk to Him this week, and not to be afraid to ask God for help with difficult challenges and problems in their lives. Pray that their lives will be changed to be pleasing to God.

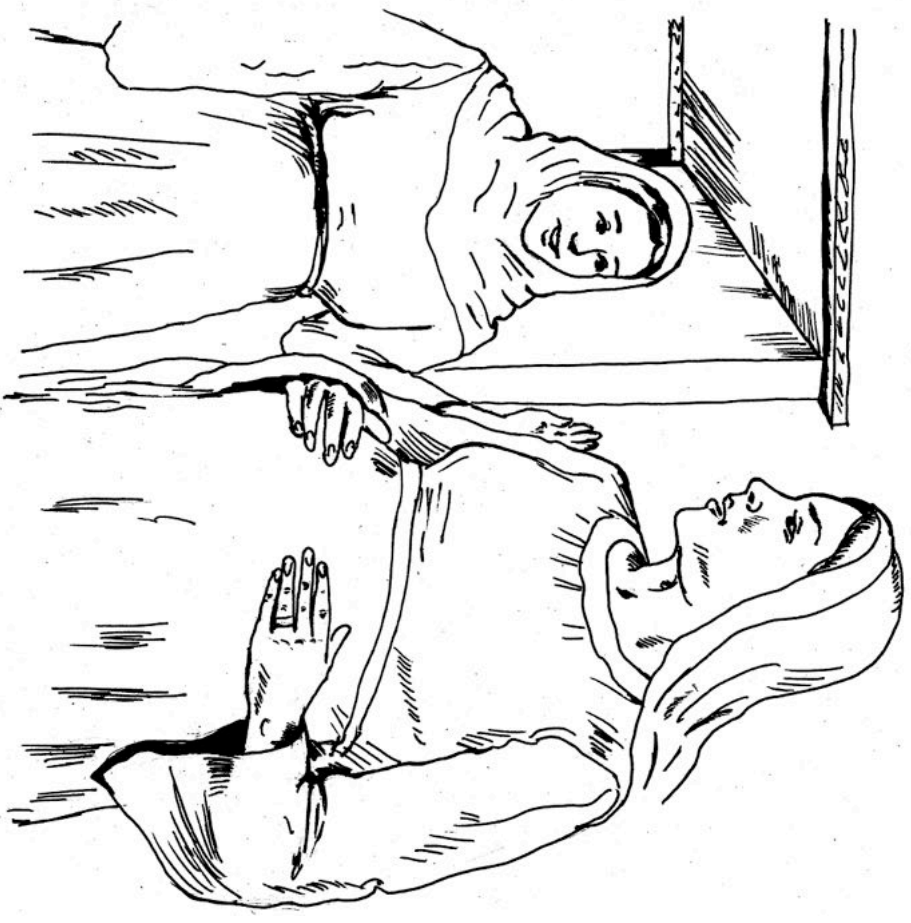
Colouring page to colour and take home!

Nothing is
impossible with God



For nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37

Nothing is
impossible with God



For nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37

3

The Messiah is Born

Luke 2:1-38

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	God ALWAYS keeps His promises.
Objective	KNOW: The children will know that God always keeps his promises. DO: The children will ask and trust God to forgive their sins.
Materials	✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children ✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying a wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.)
Memory Verse	Luke 2:10-11 But the angel said to them. "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."
Homework	Talk to God every day. Ask God to forgive your sins. Trust God to keep his promise to forgive you.

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Say the truth from Lesson 2 together:
Nothing is impossible with God.
- ✓ Say the memory verse from Lesson 2 together:
Luke 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God.
- ✓ Review the homework:



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

Did you talk to God everyday last week? Did you remember to ask God for help this week? How do you think God is answering your prayers? Is He saying “Yes,” “No,” or “Wait?” (Give children time to share.)

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together. Let the children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Words to Discuss

- ✓ On the blackboard, write the “Words to Discuss” from the list below.
- ✓ Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.
 - **Sin (Review):** All the things we think, say and do that displease God.
 - **Emperor:** An overall ruler or king.
 - **Stable:** A place that houses animals (house for sheep).
 - **Manger:** A long open box for the animals to eat out of (a box of salt for sheep).

Song

Bible Story / Lesson



Have everyone stand. Explain that you want to see how long each child can hold his/her breath. When you clap your hands, the children hold their breath for as long as they can. When they have to breathe, they sit down. The last people standing are the winners. Try again a second time.

- ✓ What did everyone have to do eventually? (Breathe)
- ✓ Even when we are asleep, our brains keep us breathing.
- ✓ This is a lot like God. Not that He has to breathe, but just like we all have to breathe because we are alive, God must keep His promises because He is God.
- ✓ It is impossible for God to stop keeping His promises, just as it is impossible for us to hold our breath forever.
- ✓ Do you know anyone else in the whole universe who keeps all of their promises? Only God can!
- ✓ Today we will be learning about how God ALWAYS keeps His promises.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: God ALWAYS keeps His promises.

This reminds me of a true story from the Bible



Bible Story (Luke 2:1-38)

Picture

Story

Months had passed since the angel told Mary that she would have a baby.

Word now came that Augustus, emperor of Rome, had ordered everyone to go to his home village and sign a roll book.

So Joseph took Mary and went from Nazareth to Bethlehem of Judea. It was there that King David, ancestor to Joseph, had been born hundreds of years before.

Luke 2:1-6

3-1



While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary's baby to be born.

Because all the inns were full, they had to stay in a stable. Mary used a manger as a bed for the baby.

Luke 2:6-7

3-2



That same night, an angel of the Lord appeared to some shepherds who were in the fields with their sheep. The glory of the Lord shone around them and they were afraid.

But the angel said, "I have brought you very good news. This very day your Saviour was born in the city of David. He is Christ, the Lord. You will find Him lying in a manger."

Luke 2:8-12

3-3



The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. There they found Joseph, Mary, and the baby lying in a manger.

The shepherds told them all that the angel had said about the child. The words filled them with amazement. Mary remembered these things, and thought about them deeply.

Luke 2:15-19

3-4



When the child was one week old, they took Him to be circumcised. At that time they named him Jesus, just as the angel had instructed them to do.

After 40 days, Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem. They sacrificed a pair of doves or pigeons as the Law required. While they were in the Temple, an old man named Simeon came up.

Simeon was a good man who was hoping for the salvation of Israel. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would not die before he saw the Messiah whom God had promised.

Simeon took Jesus in his arms and gave thanks to God. He said, "Lord, You have kept Your promise; now I can die in peace. With my own eyes I have seen Your salvation."

He said to Mary. "This child will cause the rise and fall of many in Israel. Many will speak against Him, and your own heart will be broken with sorrow."

Luke 2:21-35



Application

The good news that the angels announced to the shepherds is the same good news for you today. The One who was promised by God to come and save you from the penalty of your sins has come. His name is Jesus. He died on the cross so that you can be in God's family forever. All you have to do is trust Him.

Homework

Are you trusting God to keep His promises? Have you trusted God to forgive you for your sins? Are you living the way He wants you to live? Ask Him to help you this week to live His way.

This week: Talk to God every day this next week. Ask God to forgive your sins. Trust God to keep His promise to forgive you and help you live His way.

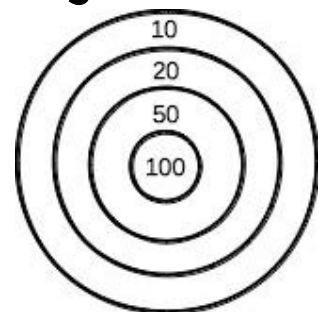
Prayer / Song

Review Game

Throw the Ball at the Target on the Wall under One Leg

Materials

- ✓ Make a target as shown on the blackboard or wall.
- ✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.)
- ✓ Draw a line on the floor for the children to stand behind.



How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on the team that answers the question correctly, comes to the front and stands behind the line with their back facing the target. If the child only gets part of the question right, the teacher can fill in the rest. That child can also ask for help from another child on his/her team. Help the child to succeed.
- ✓ That student then tries to throw the ball at the target. This time they throw the ball under one of their legs. (Have the child sit into a squat and have them throw the ball under one side of their legs.) Where the ball hits, shows how many points that team has.

- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Questions for Review Game

1. What was the theme of today's lesson? (God ALWAYS keeps His promises.)
2. What did the Emperor of Rome order the people to do? (Go to their town of birth to sign a roll book)
3. Where did Joseph and Mary go? (Bethlehem)
4. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem? (That is where Joseph was from.)
5. Where did they end up staying? (A stable)
6. Where did Mary put her baby after He was born? (A manger)
7. Why did Mary and Joseph name the baby Jesus? (The angel said that is what they were supposed to do.)
8. Why did Mary and Joseph go to the temple? (The law said they had to give sacrifices for their baby.)
9. Who did Mary and Joseph see at the temple? (Simeon)
10. What had the Holy Spirit promised Simeon? (He would not die until he saw the Messiah that God had promised.)
11. What did Simeon do when he saw Jesus? (He took Jesus into his arms and gave thanks to God.)
12. Why did Simeon say that he could die in peace? (He had seen with his own eyes the Messiah that God had promised.)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 2:10-11.
- ✓ Write memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 2:10-11 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."

Teach and Explain



Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.
4. Explain the verse:

Today's verse is found in the New Testament. All our memory verses will be from the

book of Luke.

5. As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.
 - **Angel:** An angel is a messenger from God.
 - **For all the people:** This angel appeared in order to bring good news, not just for the shepherds, but for everyone!
 - **The town of David:** The town of David is the place where King David had been born hundreds of years before. King David was Joseph's forefather. Another name for this place is Bethlehem.
 - **Saviour:** A Saviour is someone who comes to save someone. Jesus was born to save us from God's anger against our sin.
 - **Christ:** "Christ" is another word for "Messiah". God had promised hundreds of years before that a Messiah, or Deliverer, would come to save us.
 - **Lord:** Not only is this child the promised Deliverer who saves us from the punishment of our sins, but He is the all-powerful Ruler over everything!
6. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.
7. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



God promised that He would send a Deliverer, someone who would be able to take the punishment for our sin so that we can be in God's family forever.

Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)

God ALWAYS keeps His promises.

Memory Verse Review

Erase the Words of the Verse Written on the Blackboard

- ✓ Ask the children the first question.
- ✓ When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and wipes one or two words from the memory verse on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Then the next question is asked.
- ✓ When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the front and wipes more words from the memory verse on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said aloud again.
- ✓ Do this until all the words are gone and the children repeat the verse from memory.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Where in the Bible is today's memory verse found? (Luke 2:10-11)
2. What is an angel? (A special being created by God, God's messenger to people, and helps people)
3. Who is the good news for? (Everyone)
4. Where was the Saviour born? (The town of David, Bethlehem)
5. Who is the Saviour, Messiah, Deliverer, and Ruler over everything? (Jesus)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:
God ALWAYS keeps His promises.
- ✓ Say the memory verse together:
Luke 2:10-11 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."
- ✓ Review the homework:
God promises to forgive our sins if we ask Him. This week, ask God to forgive your sins every day! Be sure to also thank Him for forgiving your sins. Remember, sin is ANYTHING we do, think, or say that is not pleasing to God.
- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

Closing Prayer

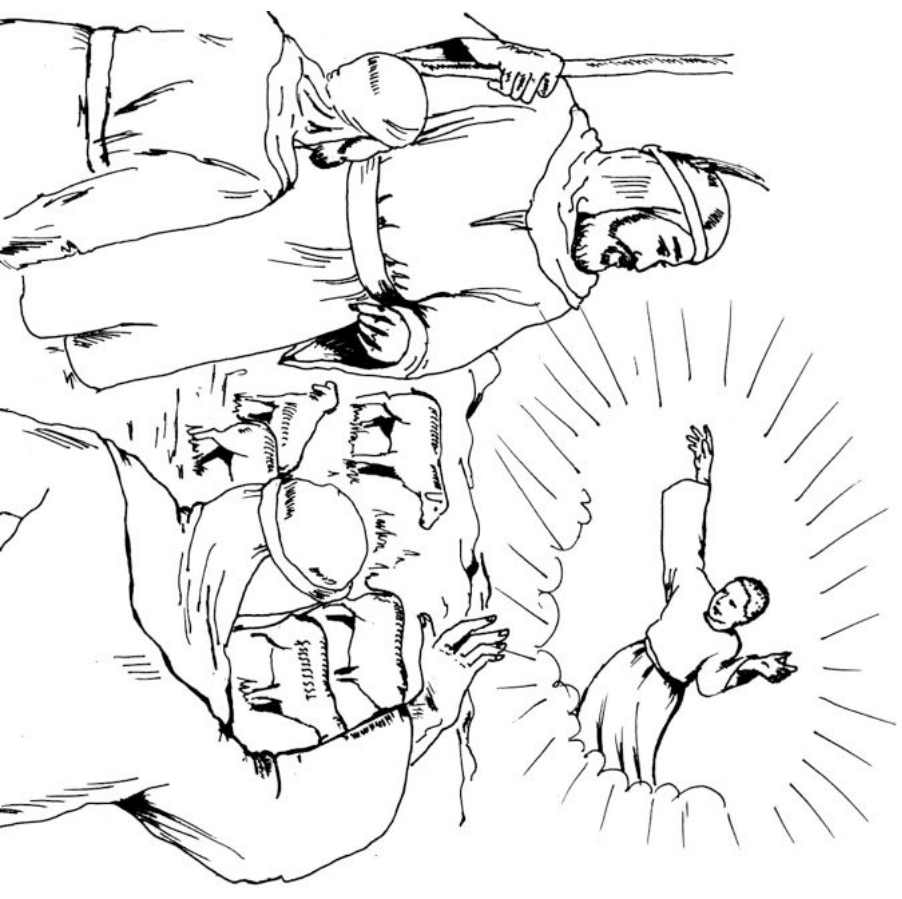
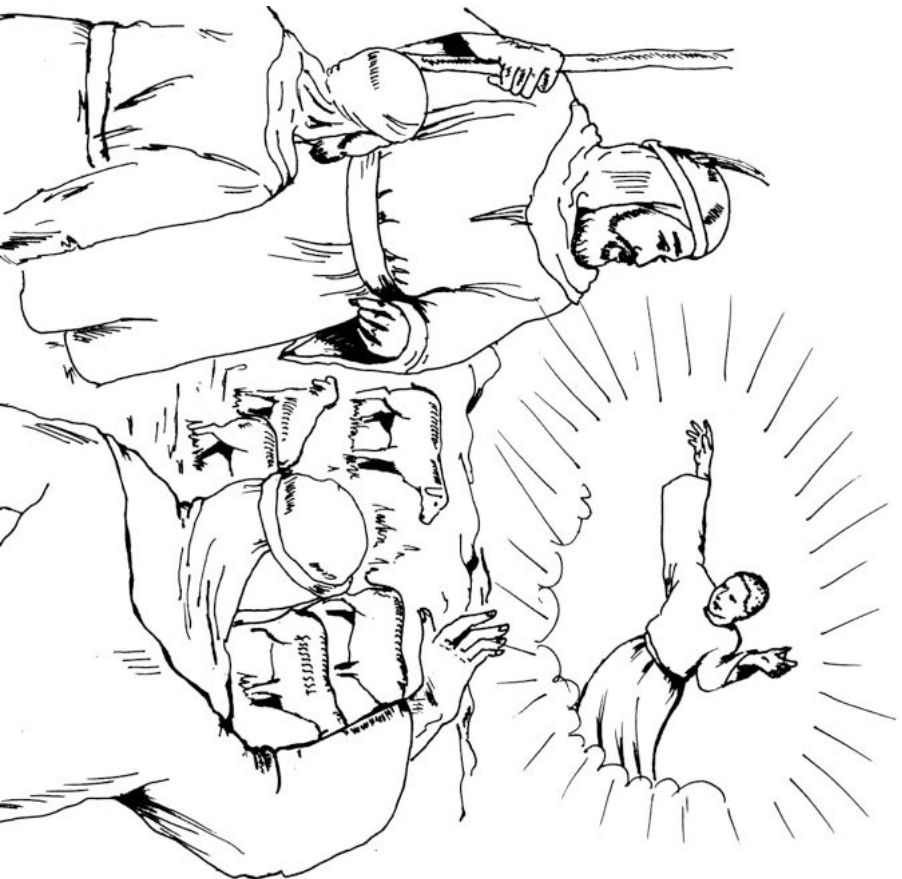
Thank God that He hears us when we pray and that He can do anything. Thank Him also that He ALWAYS keeps His promises and will forgive our sins.

Ask God to help the children remember to talk to Him this week and to ask for forgiveness often trusting that He will keep His promises. Pray that their lives will be changed to be pleasing to God.

Colouring page to colour and take home!

God always keeps His promises.

God always keeps His promises.



But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Today in the Town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.' Luke 2:10-11

Today in the Town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.' Luke 2:10-11



4

The Boy Jesus

Luke 2:40-52

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	God's way is the best way to grow.
Objective	KNOW: The children will know that they can please God as they are growing. DO: The children will find ways that they can please God right now.
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children✓ A picture of yourself when you were small. (You can also use a picture of someone else.)✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.)
Memory Verse	Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.
Homework	Choose one new way you will try to grow well in this week. Ask God to help you.

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Say the truth from Lesson 3 together:
God ALWAYS keeps His promises.
- ✓ Say the memory verse from Lesson 3 together:
Luke 2:10-11 But the angel said to them. "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."
- ✓ Review the homework:
Talk to God every day. Ask God to forgive your sins. Trust God to keep His promise to forgive you.



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing, so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together: Let children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Words to Discuss

- ✓ On the blackboard, write the “Words to Discuss” from the list below.
- ✓ Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.
 - **Jerusalem:** The most important city in Israel for Jews because it was where the temple was built.
 - **Passover:** A holiday where the Jews remember how God set them free from being slaves in Egypt.
 - **Temple:** A Jewish religious building for worshipping God.

Bible Story / Lesson



Materials: A picture of yourself when you were small. (You can also use a picture of someone else.)

- ✓ Discuss different stages of human growth such as baby, toddler, child, teenager & adult.
- ✓ What things did you do as a baby or toddler that you don't do now?
- ✓ Today we will be learning about how God's way is the best way to grow.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: God's way is the best way to grow.

This reminds me of a true story from the Bible.



Bible Story (Luke 2:40- 52)

Picture

4-1



Jesus grew up in the town of Nazareth with his mother, Mary, and his father, Joseph. The boy became strong and wise, and God blessed him.

Each year, Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem in order to celebrate the Passover. When Jesus was twelve years old, they took him with them on the long trip to Jerusalem.

When the feast of Passover was ended, Mary and Joseph left for home. They thought Jesus was with the others in their group. They did not know that he had stayed behind in Jerusalem.

They traveled for about a day before they realized that Jesus was missing. They checked with all their friends and relatives, but no one had seen the boy. So they turned back to Jerusalem.

Luke 2:40-45

4-2



Joseph and Mary searched all over the city for Jesus. After three days, they found him. He was in the Temple! Jesus was sitting among the teachers of the Law, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone there was amazed at how much he understood and how well He answered.

Mary and Joseph were quite surprised to find their son in the temple discussing with the teachers of the Law.

Luke 2:46-48

4-3



“My son, why have you treated us this way?” Mary said to him. “Your father and I have been very worried about you! We’ve looked everywhere for you!”

Jesus replied, “Why did you have to look for me? Didn’t you know I would be in my Father’s house?” Joseph and Mary did not really understand what Jesus meant by these words.

Luke 2:48-50

4-4



Then Jesus went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. He was always obedient to his parents. His mother remembered all these things.

Jesus grew in mind and body. And he grew in favour with God and men.

Luke 2: 51-52



Application

We learn from this story that Jesus pleased God as he grew up to be a man. Luke 2:52 tells us that Jesus increased in wisdom and stature (or size), and in favour with God and men. God wants us to grow and change in good ways just like Jesus did.

Last week we learned that it is important to ask God to forgive our sins. When we become part of God's family, it is important to grow.

We grow in wisdom by reading our Bibles and praying everyday. We also grow in wisdom by listening in church and at school.

We grow in stature (or physically) by having healthy habits such as: eating healthy foods, drinking plenty of water, getting enough sleep and exercising.

We grow in favour with God and men by being kind and helpful to those around us.

Someday you will change from a child into an adult. Let's ask God to help you make that change, into adulthood, in a way that will be pleasing to HIM the way Jesus did.

God's way is the best way to grow.

Homework

This week: Ask God to help you to grow well in His ways. Maybe you need to read your Bible and pray everyday or try harder to learn well in school and in church. Maybe you need to listen to your mother when she tells you to eat more than just the things you like to eat. Maybe you need to work hard at whatever you are asked to do without complaining, so that your family will be pleased with you.

Choose one of these things right now that you will work on doing better this week.

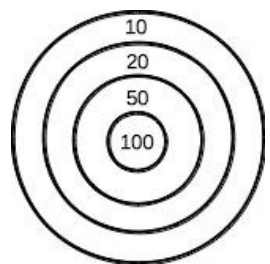
Prayer / Song

Review Game

Throw the Ball at the Target on the Wall with Legs Spread Out and Back turned to the Target

Materials

- ✓ Make a target as shown on the blackboard or wall.
- ✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times,
- ✓ or fill an old sock with scrap material.)
- ✓ Draw a line on the floor for the children to stand behind.



How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on that team that answers the question correctly, comes to the front and stands behind the line. If the child only gets part of the question right, the teacher can fill in the rest. That child can also ask for help from another child on his/her team. Help the child to have success.
- ✓ The student then tries to throw the ball at the target. This time the student will stand with their back to the target, and throw the ball under spread out legs. Wherever the ball hits, shows how many points that team has.

- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Questions for Review Game

1. In what town did Jesus grow up? (Nazareth)
2. Where did Mary and Joseph go each year to celebrate the Passover? (Jerusalem)
3. How long did Mary and Joseph travel before they noticed that the boy Jesus was not with them? (One day)
4. What did Mary and Joseph do when they couldn't find Jesus traveling with their group? (They went back to Jerusalem.)
5. How many days did Mary and Joseph look for the boy Jesus before they found him? (Three)
6. Where did Mary and Joseph find the boy Jesus? (At the temple)
7. What did Jesus say to his parents when they said they were worried when they couldn't find Him? (They should have known that he would have been at his Father's house.)
8. How was Jesus to His parents when they all returned home? (Always obedient)
9. What was the truth of today's lesson? (God's way is the best way to grow.)
10. How can you grow in wisdom? (By reading our Bibles and praying everyday. We also grow in wisdom by listening in church and at school.)
11. How can you grow in stature (or physically)? (By having healthy habits such as: eating healthy foods, drinking plenty of water, getting enough sleep and exercising.)
12. How can you grow in favour with God and men? (By being kind and helpful to those around us.)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ IDEA: Think of motions that the children can do to help learn this verse.
- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 2:52.
- ✓ Write out the memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Teach and Explain



Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.
4. Explain the verse:

Today's verse is found in the New Testament. All our memory verses will be from the

book of Luke.

5. As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.
 - **Saviour:** A Saviour is someone who comes to save someone. Jesus was born to save us from God's anger against our sin.
 - **Christ:** "Christ" is another word for "Messiah". God had promised hundreds of years before that a Messiah or deliverer would come to save us.
 - **Lord:** Not only is this child the promised deliverer who saves us from the punishment of our sins, but He is the all-powerful ruler over everything!
6. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.
7. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



Growing well in your mind and body, and finding favor with God and men is God's way of growing. You need to grow like Jesus.

Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)

God's way is the best way to grow.

Memory Verse Review

Erase the Words of the Verse Written on the Blackboard

- ✓ Ask the children the first question.
- ✓ When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and wipes away one or two words from the memory verse on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Then the next question is asked.
- ✓ When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the front and wipes more words from the memory verse on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said aloud again.
- ✓ Do this until all the words are gone and the children repeat the verse from memory.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Where in the Bible is today's memory verse found? (Luke 2:52)
2. Was Jesus your age at one time? (Yes)
3. How did Jesus grow in wisdom? (By learning from his parents, teachers, and religious leaders.)
4. What does it mean that Jesus grew in stature? (Jesus grew physically.)
5. Who did Jesus grow in favour with? (God)
6. Who else did Jesus grow in favour with? (Men)
7. What does it mean that Jesus grew in favour with God and men? (Jesus did things in his life that pleased them.)
8. What is the truth for today? (God's way is the best way to grow.)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:
God's way is the best way to grow.
- ✓ Say the memory verse together:
Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.
- ✓ Review the homework:
Ask God this week to help you to grow well in ways that please God and men. Be ready to share stories next week!
- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

Closing Prayer

Thank God that He knows the best ways to grow, and that He promises to help us grow.

Ask God that the children will remember to ask Him this week to help them do things that please God and others. Pray that their lives will be changed.

Colouring page to colour and take home!

God's way is the
best way to grow.



And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in
favour with God and men. Luke 2:52

God's way is the
best way to grow.



And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in
favour with God and men. Luke 2:52

5

John Prepares the Way

Luke 3:1-18

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	God expects true repentance.
Objective	<p>KNOW: The children will know that true repentance means turning from sin and turning to God.</p> <p>DO: The children will show by their actions that they have truly repented.</p>
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children ✓ Paper with the word "God" written on it, another paper with the word "Sin" written on it ✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.) ✓ Write the memory verse on 6 separate strips of paper, so that when all the strips are lined up, it makes one verse.
Memory Verse	Luke 3:3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
Homework	Are you going in the right direction with your life? Look at your actions. Are you living in sin? Repent to God and pray that He would lead you in the right direction.

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Review the truth from Lesson 4:
God's way is the best way to grow.
- ✓ Review the memory verse from Lesson 4:
Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

- ✓ Review the homework:

Did you ask God to help you grow His way? Did you try harder to learn well at school or at church? Did you try harder to help out at home without complaining? What did God help you do? (Give children time to share.)

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together. Let the children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Words to Discuss

- ✓ On the blackboard, write the “Words to Discuss” from the list below.
- ✓ Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.
 - **Grow (Review):** Read Bible and pray everyday.
 - **Sin (Review):** All the things we think, say and do that displease God.
 - **Desert:** A piece of land that is dry because there is very little water. There are not many plants or trees, and it is usually covered with sand.
 - **Baptize:** Putting water on someone, or having them put their head underwater to show that they are following that person's teachings.
 - **Pharisees and Sadducees:** Religious leaders who believed they needed to live by very strict laws and rules written by Moses.
 - **Repent:** To turn from sin and to turn towards God.
 - **Messiah:** The promised One. The One God said He would send to save everyone from their sins.

Song

Bible Story / Lesson



Materials: Paper with the word “God” written on it. Another paper with the word “sin” written on it.

- ✓ Start walking across the room in one direction. When you almost reach the other side, change direction and quickly walk back the opposite way.
- ✓ What did I just do? (Changed the way I was going.)
- ✓ Do the walking demonstration again. This time, have a volunteer hold up the sign “God” on one end of the room, and another volunteer hold up the sign “Sin” on the opposite end of the room.

- ✓ Sin is all the things we think, say, and do that displeases God. As I walk toward sin, what do I get further away from? (God)
- ✓ As I walk toward God, what do I get further from? (Sin)
- ✓ This is what we call repentance. Repentance is when you decide to stop sinning. We tell God we are sorry for what we have done, and ask Him to forgive us. THEN we change direction. We stop thinking, saying or doing those things that displease God.
- ✓ Today we will be learning about how God expects true repentance.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: God expects true repentance.

Let's learn another true story from the Bible in the Book of Luke that will show us how God expects true repentance.



Bible Story (Luke 3:1-18)

Picture

Story

5-1



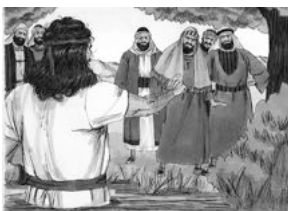
Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby was born a few months before Jesus. John grew and became strong both in body and in spirit.

When John became a man, he lived in the desert. There in the desert, the Word of God came to John. This happened in the fifteenth year of the Emperor Tiberius. Pilate was Governor of Judea, and Herod was Ruler of Galilee.

John began to preach to the Jewish people. He went throughout the whole area around the Jordan River, saying: "Turn away from your sins, be baptised, and God will forgive you!"

Luke 3:1-3

5-2



Crowds came from Jerusalem and all over Judea to the Jordan River where John was baptising. When he saw the Pharisees and Sadducees coming, he spoke sharply to them.

"You bunch of snakes! Don't think you can escape punishment just because you are descendants of Abraham! God could take these rocks and make them into descendants of Abraham!"

The people said, "Then what are we to do?" John replied, "Whoever has two garments must give one to the man who has none, and whoever has food must share it."

Luke 3:7-11

5-3



Some tax collectors came to John to be baptised and they asked him, “Teacher, what are we to do?” John replied, “Don't collect more tax money than you are supposed to.”

Some soldiers asked John what they should do. He answered, “Don't take money from anyone by force or make false accusations. Be happy with the pay you get.”

Luke 3:12-14

5-4



People began to wonder whether John might be the Messiah. John denied it.

“Someone is coming who is greater than I am,” he said. “I am not good enough even to untie His sandals.”

“I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He will thresh out the grain and gather the wheat into His barn - but the chaff He will burn.”

John was indeed the man Isaiah meant when he said, “Someone is shouting in the desert: 'Get the road ready for the Lord.'”

Luke 3:15-17; Luke 3:3-6



Application

John the Baptist traveled all along the Jordan River sharing the good new of Christ. He was asking the people to repent and live a life for the coming Messiah, not for themselves. John knew that Jesus was soon to come. John challenged the ways of the Pharisees and Sadducees and others who were not truly following Christ. John the Baptist followed the direction that Christ wanted for him, not a direction that would lead to sin. John lived a repented life, dedicated to Christ.

Sometimes we head down a direction that we think is right, but God has a better plan for us. Remember that to live a life for Christ, we have to repent from our sins and ask for forgiveness. This week, look at your own actions and ask God if they are the actions that He wants you to do. Have you been going the direction God wants you to go?

Let's think of some examples of what it means to “repent”.

If you have not been going the direction God wants you to go, then ask God for forgiveness and change your direction. Be sure to pray every day and ask God to forgive your sins from that day. Remember also to ask Him to help you change and live the way He wants you to live.

God expects true repentance.

Homework

This week: Pray everyday and ask God to forgive the times you have gone the direction of sin and not his direction. Then, change your direction and move towards God.

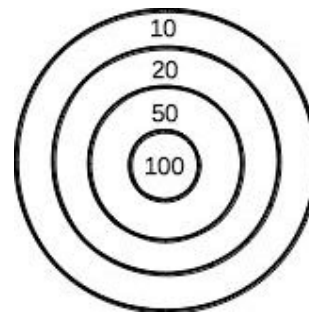
Prayer / Song

Review Game

Throw the Ball at the Target on the Wall under One Leg

Materials

- ✓ Make a target as shown on the blackboard or wall.
- ✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.)
- ✓ Draw a line on the floor for the children to stand behind.



How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on that team that answers the question correctly, comes to the front and stands behind the line with their back facing the target. If the child only gets part of the question right, the teacher can fill in the rest. That child can also ask for help from another child on his/her team. Help the child to succeed.
- ✓ That student then tries to throw the ball at the target. This time they throw the ball their favourite way. Where the ball hits, shows how many points that team has.
- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Questions for Review Game

1. What was the name of the child born to Zechariah and Elizabeth? (John)
2. Where did John live when he grew up? (In the desert)
3. Who was the ruler of Galilee when the Word of God came to John? (Herod)
4. What was John's message to the Jewish people? (They should repent)
5. What did John call the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to be baptised? (A bunch of snakes)
6. What was the first thing John told the people they must do to escape punishment? (If you had two garments, you should give one to someone who has none.)
7. What was the second thing John told the people they must do to escape punishment? (Share their food with those who do not have any.)
8. What did John tell the soldiers to do? (Be satisfied with their pay. They should not take money by force or accuse people falsely.)
9. What did John tell the tax collectors to do? (Not to collect more money than they were supposed to)
10. Who did John mean when he said someone greater than him was coming? (Jesus Christ)
11. What was John the Baptist's mission? (To prepare the way for Jesus.)
12. Which prophet told that John would be coming? (Isaiah)

13. Can you think of an example of what it means “to repent”? (Example: someone who tells lies, but then starts to tell the truth; someone who gives sacrifices (offerings) to idols, but then stops and only gives offerings to God.)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 3:3.
- ✓ Write memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 3:3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Teach and Explain



Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.
4. Explain the verse:

Today's verse is found in the New Testament. All our memory verses will be from the book of Luke.

- ✓ As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.
 - **The Jordan:** A very long river (251 kilometers) that flows into the Dead Sea.
 - **Baptism:** Showing God and others that you have a new life in Christ, by being dipped in water.
 - **Repentance:** The act of repenting, which is to turn away from ALL sin.
 - **Forgiveness:** The act of forgiving, which is to allow error and weakness.
 - **Sin (review):** All the things we think, say and do that displease God.
- 5. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.
- 6. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



It is important that as we follow Christ, we repent and ask for forgiveness of our sins EVERY day.

We should want to live life as Christ did, without sin.

Remember, sin is all the things we think, say and do that displease God.

Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)

God expects true repentance.

Memory Verse Review

Cards with Words Are Put in the Correct Order

Materials:

- ✓ Write the memory verse on 6 separate strips of paper, so that when all the strips are lined up, it makes one verse.

How to Play

- ✓ Have an area on the floor where students will put the strips in the correct order.
- ✓ Ask the children the first question.
- ✓ When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and chooses a paper and puts it in the correct place.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Then the next question is asked.
- ✓ When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the front and chooses a paper and puts it in the correct place.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Do this until the verse is complete.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Where in the Bible is today's memory verse found? (Luke 3:3)
2. What river did John travel around? (The Jordan River)
3. Who should ask God for repentance? (We all should ask God for repentance!)
4. Who forgives us of our sins? (God)
5. What is sin? (All the things we think, say and do that displease God)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:
God expects true repentance.
- ✓ Say the memory verse together:
Luke 3:3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
- ✓ Review the homework:
Sometimes we head down a direction that we think is right. But God has a better plan for us. Remember that to live a life for Christ, we have to repent our sins and ask for forgiveness. This week, look at your own actions and ask God if they are the actions that He wants you to do. Have you been going the direction God wants you to go?

- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

Closing Prayer

Thank God that we can always come to Him for forgiveness of our sins.

Ask God to help the children be aware of their sins, and pray that they would repent and ask for forgiveness. Pray that they would be headed in a direction pleasing to God.

Colouring Page To Color And Take Home!

God expects true repentance.



[John] went into all the country and around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. Luke 3:3

God expects true repentance.



[John] went into all the country and around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. Luke 3:3

6

Review Lesson

Lessons 1-5

NOTE: It is important to review the lessons previously taught to help the children remember what they have learned. It is also important to make the review lessons exciting and fun! Turn the whole lesson into a game. If you have time, have the children act out their favourite stories while you read it from the “Picture Book”.

Materials Needed

- ✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk
- ✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.)

Song

Opening

Song

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Say the truth from Lesson 5 together:

God expects true repentance.

- ✓ Review important words:

True repentance (Review): Changing direction in the choices we make and the way we live; not going towards the things that we think, say and do that are displeasing to God (sin), but going toward the things are pleasing to God.

- ✓ Say the memory verse from Lesson 5 together:

Luke 3:3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

- ✓ Review the homework:

Last week, we talked about repentance and you were to think about your own actions and see if they are things God wants you to do. Did anyone repent of their sins? What happened after you repented? Were you able to stay away from the sin you repented of last week? (Give children time to share.)



Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together. Let children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Today we are going to do things differently. We are going to review all the words, truths, stories and memory verses that we have had up to this point. To make it interesting, we are going to start with a game right now!

Review Game

Throw the Ball at the Target on the Wall Their Favourite Way

- ✓ Review the different ways they have thrown the ball at the target (The regular way, under one leg, back to the target, under spread legs with back to the target)
- ✓ Have children vote on their favourite way to throw the ball. (For each lesson review, the children can vote on a different way to throw the ball. Children could even suggest a new way to throw the ball.)

Materials

- ✓ Make a target as shown on the blackboard or wall.
- ✓ Ball (Make a ball by tying wrappen into knots many times, or fill an old sock with scrap material.)
- ✓ Draw a line for the children to stand behind.

How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on that team that answers the question correctly, comes to the front and stands behind the line with their back facing the target. If the child only gets part of the question right, the teacher can fill in the rest. That child can also ask for help from another child on his/her team. Help the child to succeed.
- ✓ That student then tries to throw the wrappen ball at the target in the way they chose. Where the ball hits, shows how many points that team has.
- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

NOTE: It is important to remember that this is a review. Teach the key points, but **DO NOT** teach the entire story again.

Lesson 1 Review

The Book of Luke & the Birth of John the Baptizer

Lesson 1 was about how a physician named Luke was guided by God to write the gospel of Luke. We also learned about how God heard Zechariah and Elizabeth's prayers for a baby. The angel told Zechariah that the baby's name was to be John. Zechariah didn't believe at first because he and Elizabeth were old. As a result, he wasn't able to speak until the baby was born and they named him John.

The truth of this lesson is: God hears us when we pray.

Questions for Review

1. What is praying? (Talking to God)
2. Do we need to use a special voice or language in order to pray? (No. We do not need to use a special voice or language in order to pray to God. He wants us to talk to him the same way we talk with each other.)
3. Where do we need to pray in order for God to hear us? (Anywhere!)
4. When can we pray in order for God to hear us? (Any time! He loves to hear us pray to Him.)
5. What was the memory verse for Lesson 1? (Luke 1:13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name the name John.")
6. What are the three ways God answers our prayers? (Yes, no, maybe)

Lesson 2 Review

An Angel Visits Mary

Lesson 2 was about the angel Gabriel visiting the virgin Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph. Mary asked the angel how she would become pregnant because she had not had sexual relations with anyone. The angel said that nothing is impossible with God. Later, Mary went to visit her relative Elizabeth who was pregnant with John. Elizabeth blessed Mary and the baby.

The truth of this lesson is: Nothing is impossible with God.

Questions for Review

1. What are some things that God is not able to do? (There is nothing that God cannot do.)
2. What type of problems in your life are too difficult for God to take care of? (There are no problems in my life that are too difficult for God to take care of.)
3. When does God want us to ask Him for help? (All the time. He is always available and is able to help us.)
4. What was the memory verse for Lesson 2? (Luke 1:37 "For nothing is impossible with God.")
5. What is sin? (All the things we think, say and do that displease God.)
6. What does Messiah mean? (The one who was promised to come and save people from the punishment of their sins)

Lesson 3 Review

The Messiah is Born

Lesson 3 was about Jesus being born in a stable. Angels brought the good news of his birth to some shepherds. Then Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple and there they met a man named Simeon. God promised Simeon that he would not die until he saw the Messiah, the Promised One.

The truth of this lesson is: God ALWAYS keeps His promises.

Questions for Review

1. How did God keep His promise in the story? (God promised Simeon that he would see the salvation of his people before he died. Simeon knew that Jesus was the answer to that promise.)
2. What is another promise that God kept in this story? (He kept the promise that He made through Isaiah to send a Saviour.)
3. Can you think of any other promises that God has kept? (Accept any acceptable answers like: The rainbow in the sky is a sign of God's promise to never flood the earth again.)
4. What was the memory verse for Lesson 3? (Luke 2:10-11: But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.")
5. Why was Jesus brought into the world? (To save people (us) from their sin)
6. Why do we need to be saved from our sin? (So God won't punish us. So we can be with God in this life and the next.)
7. How often should we ask God to forgive us our sins? (Every day)

Lesson 4 Review

The Boy Jesus

Remember Lesson 4 was about the time when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem to celebrate the passover. They accidentally left Jesus behind when they began their journey home. After searching for three days, they found Jesus in the temple with the teachers of the Law. Jesus went home with his parents, obeyed them and grew well.

The truth for this lesson is: God's way is the best way to grow.

Questions for Review

1. What was the memory verse for lesson 4? (Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.)
2. According to the memory verses, what are the three ways we should be growing? (In wisdom, in stature (healthy habits), and in favor with God and men.)

3. How can you grow in wisdom? (By reading our Bibles and praying everyday, by listening in church and at school.)
4. How can you grow in stature? (By having healthy habits such as: eating healthy foods, drinking plenty of water, getting enough sleep and exercising.)
5. How can you grow in favor with God and men? (By being kind and helpful to those around us.)

Lesson 5 Review

John Prepares the Way

Lesson 5 was about John the Baptist. He moved up and down the Jordan River encouraging people to turn away from their sins and to be baptised. He told the people that God would forgive them. He said he was not the messiah but that he was preparing peoples' hearts for the messiah.

The truth for this lesson is: God expects true repentance.

Questions for Review

1. What was the memory verse for lesson 5? (Luke 3:3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.)
2. What is repentance? (Change direction from going towards sin to going towards God)
3. What happens when we move in the direction of sin? (We move farther away from God.)
4. What happens when we move in the direction of God? (We move farther away from sin.)
5. What should we do after we ask God to forgive our sins? (Repent - change your direction and stop sinning)
6. Can you think of examples of what it means "to repent?" (Accept any acceptable answers like: Someone who tells lies, but then starts to tell the truth; Someone who gives sacrifices (offerings) to idols, but then stops and only gives offerings to God.)

Closing and Homework

Homework

This week read your memory verse page everyday. Also, spend time everyday praying to God asking him to forgive your sins and to help you live a life pleasing to him. Work on memorizing all the verses we have had so far to say next week.

- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

Closing Prayer

Thank God for giving us his words so that we can know how we should live.

Ask God that he would help the children to spend time reading their memory verses everyday and praying. Pray that the lives of the children would be changed.

Distribute Take-Home Memory Verse Review Page.

7

Jesus is Baptized and Tempted

Luke 3:21-38

Luke 4:1-13

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	God's Word helps us fight temptation.
Objective	<p>KNOW: The children will know what temptation is, and the children will know that learning God's Word will help them fight temptation.</p> <p>DO: The children will remember something they learned from the Bible when they are facing temptation.</p>
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Picture book, bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children ✓ Strong stick ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper. ✓ 10 small strips of paper. Write different amounts of points on each. (Have numbers as low as 1 and numbers as high as 100.) ✓ Write the memory verse on 5 separate strips of paper, so that when all the strips are lined up, it makes one verse.
Memory Verse	Luke 4:8 Jesus answered, "It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."
Homework	When tempted to sin, think of what the Bible says instead, and do what it says. Find a Bible Verse to help you fight off temptation.

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Do you remember a challenge we have talked about so far in our lessons?
- ✓ How did God show or teach you this challenge last week? (Give children time to share.)



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

- ✓ Review memory verses:

Luke 1:13 But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.”

Luke 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God.

Luke 2:10-11 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.

Luke 3:3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together. Let the children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Words to Discuss

- ✓ On the blackboard, write the “Words to Discuss” from the list below.
- ✓ Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.
 - **Sin:** All the things we think, say and do that displease God.
 - **Tempted:** Being invited to do something you know you shouldn't do. We can be tempted like Jesus was by Satan. We can be tempted by demons, by a person or by our own thoughts and desires.
 - **Baptised:** A sign of repentance where one would enter the water and put their head under.
 - **Dove:** A small white bird.
 - **Desert:** A place that gets very little rain. Because it is so dry, there are very few animals and plants.
 - **Devil:** The chief of evil spirits. An enemy of God and man.

Song

Bible Story / Lesson



Materials: Strong stick

Activity: Tug-O-War

- ✓ Draw a line on the floor or place a stick between the two children.
- ✓ Have the children join hands.
- ✓ Instruct the children to pull on each other trying to get the other person to cross the line. Tell them to wait for your signal to start.
- ✓ The child who succeeds is to now be called “Temptation”. The child who did not succeed is not to be called “Christian”.

Often in our lives, temptation comes along and we are not able to stand against it. We need help.

We see in the life of Jesus that one way God has given us to fight temptation is to use His Word, the Bible.

- ✓ Have “Christian” choose someone to help him fight against “Temptation”. Call that child “The Word of God” or “The Bible”.
- ✓ Play the game again. This time, the child named, “Christian”, has another child called, “The Word of God” helping him. This time, “Christian” will win against the child called, “Temptation”. *Note: Be sure that the child named “Christian” chooses someone that will truly help him win.
- ✓ Ask for 2 volunteers: the first volunteer is the “Christian”; the second volunteer is “Temptation” (“Temptation” should be a bit bigger and stronger than the first.)
- ✓ Place each child on opposite ends and have them pull against each other. The goal is to pull the opposite child all the way over across the line on their opponent's side. The one who does this first, wins.
- ✓ The “Christian” child will start to lose, or may lose the first battle. But then you, or someone else who is bigger and stronger, will come and help to win the battle against “Temptation”.
- ✓ Play another round of tug-o-war. This time, while “Christian” is struggling, have someone bigger and stronger than both of the children offer to help him fight the battle. “Christian” should win the battle.

How did “Christian” win the battle against “Temptation”? (He got help from someone stronger.)

To resist temptation to sin, we need help from someone bigger and stronger than us.

We use God's Word and prayer to resist sin. Temptation is not sin. It is what we do with the temptation that determines if we sin or not.

Today we will be learning about how God's Word helps us fight temptation.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: God's Word helps us fight temptation.

Let's learn another true story from Luke that will show us how God's Word helps us fight temptation.



Bible Story (Luke 3: 21-38, Luke 4:1-13)

Picture

Story

When John the Baptist began to preach near the Jordan River, great crowds came to hear him. Those who believed what John preached were baptised by him in the river. Jesus was one of those who came to John to be baptised. John was surprised when he saw Jesus. John did not want to baptise Jesus. Jesus told John, "This is what God wants us to do."

7-1



Jesus began to pray after he was baptised. As he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. Then, a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-22

7-2



Soon after Jesus was baptised, the Spirit of God led him into the desert. For forty days and nights he ate nothing at all. During this time, the devil came to see if he could cause Jesus to sin. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that God speaks.'"

Luke 4:1-4

7-3



Then the devil took Jesus to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. "I will give you all of this." The devil said, "if you will worship me." But Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve no one but Him.'"

Then the devil took Jesus to the top of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. The Scriptures say, 'His angels will not let you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Luke 4:5-11

7-4



But Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

After the devil had finished tempting Jesus in every possible way, the devil left him until another time. Angels came to minister to him.

Luke 4:12-13



Application

When Jesus was tempted to do something that he knew God didn't want him to do, he used the Word of God, the Bible, to help him. He knew the Bible well and was able to use it in response to what Satan was

telling him. We learn memory verses so that we can remember what God says when we are tempted to do something that displeases Him. Memory verses also comfort us and fill our minds with good thoughts. God's Word helps us fight temptation.

Homework

This week: When you are tempted to think, say or do things that displease God, remember your memory verse for this week says: "Jesus answered, 'It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'"
Luke 4:8

In other words, we worship God when we only do what the Lord our God wants us to do. We do not do what others tell us to do, unless it is what God wants us to do as well.

Prayer / Song

Review Game

Choose a Number out of the Basket

Materials

- ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper.
- ✓ 10 small strips of paper. Write different amounts of points on each. (Have numbers as low as 1 and numbers as high as 100.)

How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on that team that answers the question correctly comes to the front and grabs a piece of paper from the basket. (Make sure that the basket is held high enough so the student does not see the piece of paper.)
- ✓ The student then opens up the paper and the number that is on the piece of paper is the score that the team gets.
- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Questions for Review Game

1. What happened to those who believed what John preached? (They were baptised.)
2. Where was John preaching? (Beside the River Jordan)
3. Whose voice was heard from the heavens after Jesus was baptised? (God)
4. What did the voice of God say? ("You are my Son, whom I love; With you I am well pleased.")
5. Where did the Spirit of God lead Jesus to after his baptism? (The desert)
6. How many nights and days did Jesus stay in the desert without food? (40 days and 40 nights)
7. What was the first thing the devil tempted Jesus to do? (Turn the stones into bread)
8. What was the second thing the devil tempted Jesus to do? (Worship the devil)

9. What was the third thing the devil tempted Jesus to do? (Throw himself off the building and let the angels save him)
10. What can we learn from the way Jesus responded to temptations? (Jesus responded to the temptations by using the Word of God to help him.)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 4:8.
- ✓ Write memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 4:8: Jesus answered, "It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."

Teach and Explain



Remember in our Bible story how Jesus fought against the temptations of Satan using the words of the Bible? Our memory verse for today will help us remember to use the Bible to fight against temptation and to only worship and serve God.

Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.
4. Explain the verse.
 - ✓ Today's verse is found in the New Testament. All our memory verses will be from the book of Luke.
5. As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.
 - Worship: To show great honour and respect to God. (You can show this by singing, serving, praying, praising God!)
 - Serve: To be a servant to.
 - Only: Nothing else or more!
6. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.
7. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



The first thing Jesus said to Satan was "It is written." He was using the scriptures, God's Word to fight against Satan. Remember our truth for today? Let's all say it together: God's Word helps us fight temptation.

We only worship God. We only pray to God. We only do what God says to do in his Word, the Bible. We do not worship or pray to idols or spirits. We do not do what others say we should do if it is against what the Bible says.

Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)

God's Word helps us fight temptation.

Memory Verse Review

Cards with Words Are Put in the Correct Order

Materials

Write the memory verse on 5 separate strips of paper so that when all the strips are lined up, it makes one verse.

How to Play

- ✓ Have an area on the floor where students will put the strips in the correct order.
- ✓ Ask the children the first question.
- ✓ When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and chooses a paper and puts it in the correct place.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Then the next question is asked.
- ✓ When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the chooses a paper and puts it in the correct place.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Do this until the verse is complete.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Where in the Bible is today's memory verse found? (Luke 4:8)
2. Who is Jesus talking to? (Satan)
3. What was Satan trying to do? (Tempt Jesus)
4. What did Jesus tell Satan? ("It is written, worship the Lord your God and serve him only.")
5. Where is it written that we should serve the Lord our God and serve Him only? (The Bible)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:
God's Word helps us fight temptation.
- ✓ Say the memory verse together:
Luke 4:8: Jesus answered, "It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only." Luke 4:8

- ✓ Review the homework:

When you are tempted to think, say or do things that displease God, remember your memory verse for this week says: "Jesus answered, 'It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'" Luke 4:8

- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

Closing Prayer

Thank God that we have the Bible to help us when we are tempted to think, say or do things that displease God.

Ask God that the children will remember their new memory verses to help them when they are tempted to think, say or do things that displease God.

Colouring page to colour and take home!

God's Word helps
us fight temptation.



Jesus answered, "It is written: Worship the Lord
your God and serve Him only." Luke 4:8

God's Word helps
us fight temptation.



Jesus answered, "It is written: Worship the Lord
your God and serve Him only." Luke 4:8

8

Jesus Begins His Ministry

Luke 3:21-38

Luke 4:14-30

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	Jesus sets us free from sin and from the devil.
Objective	KNOW: The children will know that Jesus sets them free from sin and the devil. DO: The children will have victory over sin this week.
Materials	✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children ✓ Long banana leaf or something similar. Weave a stick into each end. Roll the leaf on both ends to look like a scroll. (See pictures 8-4 & 8-5.) ✓ Rope or twine, knife or scissors
Memory Verse	Luke 4:18a The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
Homework	Think about a sin that you have had problems repenting, a sin that you keep doing over and over. Ask Jesus to help you overcome that sin this week.

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Say the truth from Lesson 7 together:
God's Word helps us fight temptation.
- ✓ Say the memory verse from Lesson 7 together:
Luke 4:8 Jesus answered, "It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."
- ✓ Review the homework:
Did you remember the memory verse for when you are tempted to think, say or do things that displease God? (Give children time to share.)



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

Did remembering the memory verse help you when you were tempted to sin? (Give children time to share.)

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together. Let children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Words to Discuss

On the blackboard, write the “Words to Discuss” from the list below.

Materials: Long banana leaf or something similar. Weave a stick into each end. Then roll the leaf on both ends to look like a scroll. (See pictures 8-4 & 8-5.)

- ✓ Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.
 - **Sin:** All the things we think, say and do that displease God.
 - **Repent:** To turn away from sin, and turn towards God.
 - **Devil:** The chief of evil spirits.
 - **Spirit:** The breath and the power of God.
 - **Synagogue:** Jewish place of worship.
 - **Sabbath:** Day of worship.
 - **Scroll:** A book written on paper that is rolled up.
 - **Mob:** An angry, violent crowd of people.

Song

Bible Story / Lesson



Materials: Thread or thin twine that can be easily broken but has strength when more is added, knife or scissors with a paper attached that has “Jesus” written on it.

Object Lesson: Getting all tied up.

- ✓ Choose a volunteer.
- ✓ Have the child hold their wrists out to be tied together. Tie one strand of thread or twine around the volunteers' wrists. Ask the child to pull their wrists apart to break the thread. They should be able to break the thread.

When we sin, it is good to ask for forgiveness right away and to repent (change our direction). Then the sin is easily broken and it has no power in our life.

- ✓ Tie the thread around the same child's wrists again but this time keep wrapping the thread around the child's wrists until he is not likely to break free.
- ✓ As you are wrapping the thread around the child's wrists, say,
 "Sometimes we sin and don't ask for forgiveness and repent. Instead, we keep sinning and we become slaves to the sin. We become slaves to sin and the work of Satan to turn us away from God. This makes us poor in our spirits."
- ✓ As you are wrapping the thread around the child's wrists, say,
 "Sometimes we sin and don't ask for forgiveness and repent. Instead, we keep sinning and we become slaves to the sin. We become slaves to sin and the work of Satan to turn us away from God. This makes us poor in our spirits."
- ✓ Ask the child to try to free himself from the thread. If you have wrapped it all around his arms well enough, he will not be able to break free.
- ✓ Show the knife or scissor.
 This knife represents Jesus. Jesus is the only one who can free us from the power of sin and Satan in our lives.
- ✓ Cut off the thread from the child's wrists.

Our truth today is: Jesus sets us free from the power of sin and from the devil.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: Jesus sets us free from sin and from the devil.

In the Bible story today, Jesus says that he has come to set us free.



Bible Story (Luke 3:21-38; 4:14-30)

Picture

Story

Jesus was about 30 years old when he began his ministry. Back in his home village, Nazareth, people thought he was just the son of Joseph, who was a descendant of King David and Abraham.

The power of God's Spirit was with Jesus. News about him spread throughout the surrounding country. He taught in the synagogue, and everyone praised him for his amazing teachings.

Luke 3:23; Luke 4:14-15

8-1



When Jesus came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll containing the messages of Isaiah the Prophet was handed to him. Jesus unrolled the scroll to the place where it said "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has appointed me to preach the Good News of salvation to those who are spiritually poor. He has sent me to free prisoners from the power of sin."

Jesus rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down.

Everyone in the synagogue stared at him intently. Then he said, "This Scripture has come true today before your very eyes."

Luke 4:16-21

8-2



The people who were there were amazed by the gracious words that came from his lips. “How can this be?” they asked. “Isn't this Joseph's son?”

Then Jesus told them that no prophet is accepted in his own home town. Because of this, he would not do any miracles there. He reminded the people about prophets in the past who were sent by God to people who were not Jewish.

The people in the synagogue didn't like that Jesus was setting himself above them all and their traditions. The people became very angry.

Luke 4:22-28

8-3



The people jumped up and grabbed Jesus. They took him to the edge of the hill near where the city was built. They intended to push him over the cliff. They wanted to kill him!

But Jesus slipped away through the crowd and left them. No one saw him leave.

Luke 4:29-30



Application

Jesus said that he was the one sent by God to set the captives free. He was not talking about setting criminals free that are in prison for doing something bad. Jesus was saying that he came to set people free from the prison of sin. When we think, say and do things that displease God, we become slaves to that sin and the devil. We cannot free ourselves. We need help to get free. That is what Jesus can do for us.

Jesus sets us free from sin and from the devil.

Have you accepted this Good News about Jesus? What have you done about it? How have you accepted it?

If you have already accepted the Good News about Jesus, do you really believe that he has set you free?

Sin and the devil no longer have power over you.

Homework

This week: Think about a sin that you have had problems repenting, a sin that you keep doing over and over. Then ask Jesus to help you overcome that sin this week.

Prayer / Song

Review Game

Long Jump

Materials

- ✓ Chalk
- ✓ Draw a starting line.
- ✓ Draw other lines from the starting line at different distances from the start.
- ✓ Give each distance a number with the easiest distance being 10 points then 20, 30, 40, 50 and so on.

How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ When a child answers the question correctly, have that child come to the front and stand at the beginning line with their toes NOT crossing the line.
- ✓ Have them jump as far as they can from a standing position.
- ✓ Give points to that child's team depending on how far they jumped.

Questions for Review Game

1. How old was Jesus when he began his ministry? (30 years old)
2. Who did people think Jesus' father was? (Joseph)
3. Whose power was with Jesus? (The Spirit of God)
4. Where did Jesus preach? (In the synagogue)
5. What kind of book did Jesus read from? (A scroll)
6. The message that Jesus read was from what book of the Bible? (Isaiah)
7. What was the main message that Jesus gave? (Jesus said that he had come to set us free from sin and from Satan.)
8. What did Jesus say after he gave the scroll to the attendant? (The Scripture has come true before their very eyes.)
9. Why did the people become angry? (Jesus set himself up above them and their traditions.)
10. What did the angry mob try to do? (Push Jesus off of a cliff)
11. How did Jesus escape? (Slipping away through the crowd)
12. What is the truth for today? (Jesus sets us free from sin and the devil.)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 4:18a.
- ✓ Write memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 4:18a The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

Teach and Explain



Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.

4. Explain the verse.

Today's verse is found in the New Testament. All our memory verses will be from the book of Luke.

5. As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.

- Luke 4:18a: When a verse has a letter 'a' after it, it means that we will only be using the first part of the verse.
- "The Spirit of the Lord": The breath of God. The power of God.
- Is on me: Jesus is the one talking here.
- Because He has anointed me: God is the one who did the anointing. The word anointed means chosen.
- To preach good news: The good news is that Jesus has come to set us free from the power of sin and the devil.
- To the poor: Not the poor physically, but the poor spiritually. Before Jesus, we were poor spiritually. We had no power. Now Jesus gives us hope and power over sin and the devil.

6. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.

7. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



Remember that sin is all the things we think, say and do that displease God. God chose Jesus to bring good news that He can save us. We are saved because of God and His love for us.

Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)

Jesus sets us free from sin and from the devil.

Memory Verse Review

Erase the Words of the Verse Written on the Blackboard

- ✓ Ask the children the first question.
- ✓ When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and wipes away one or two words from the memory verse that is on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Then the next question is asked.
- ✓ When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the front and wipes more words from the memory verse on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said aloud again.
- ✓ Do this until all the words are gone and the children are able to repeat the verse from memory.
- ✓ Ask the children the questions.
- ✓ Those who answer the questions correctly get to be the first that receive a memory verse word card to be put in the correct order.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Where is today's verse found? (Luke 4:18a)
2. What does the letter 'a' after a verse mean? (Only the first part of the verse has been used)
3. Who was talking in this verse? (Jesus)
4. What did Jesus say was on him? (The Spirit of the Lord)
5. What did the Spirit of the Lord allow Jesus to do? (Bring the good news to the poor)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:
Jesus sets us free from sin and from the devil.
- ✓ Say the memory verse together:
Luke 4:18a The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
- ✓ Review the homework:
Think about a sin that you have had problems repenting, a sin that you keep doing over and over.
Ask Jesus to help you overcome that sin this week.
- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

Closing Prayer

Thank God that He sent Jesus to bring us good news and that we don't have to be poor spiritually anymore. With Jesus' help we are no longer slaves to sin and to the devil.

Ask God to help us remember to go to Jesus this week when we are feeling powerless against sin and against the devil. Jesus is the only one who can set us free.

Colouring page to colour and take home!

Jesus sets us free from
sin and from the devil.



The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has
anointed me to preach the good news to the poor.

Luke 4:18a

Jesus sets us free from
sin and from the devil.



The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has
anointed me to preach the good news to the poor.

Luke 4:18a

9

Jesus Casts Out an Evil Spirit

Luke 4:31-37

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	Jesus has power over evil spirits.
Objective	KNOW: The children will know that Jesus has power over evil spirits. DO: The children will ask Jesus to help them when they are bothered by evil spirits or thoughts.
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper ✓ 10 small strips of paper. Write different amounts of points on each. (Have numbers as low as 1 and numbers as high as 100.)
Memory Verse	Luke 4:36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power He gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!"
Homework	This week, if you see or feel evil when you are in your bed at night or any other time, ask Jesus to help you not to be afraid. Try some or all of the 3 things we just learned about.

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Say the truth from Lesson 8 together:
Jesus sets us free from sin and the devil.
- ✓ Say the memory verse from Lesson 8 together:
Luke 4:18a The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

- ✓ Review the homework:

Did God show you a sin that you had a problem with repenting? What did you do? What happened?
(Give children time to share.)

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together: Let children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Words to Discuss

- ✓ On the blackboard, write the “Words to Discuss” from the list below.

Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.

- **Synagogue:** Jewish place of worship.
- **Authority:** To have the power to influence others.
- **Possessed:** To have power and control over someone.
- **Evil Spirit:** Also called demons. They are ruled by Satan and sent to harass people and tempt them to sin. Demons are fallen angels who have joined Satan in rebellion against God. Demons can cause a person to become mute, deaf, blind or insane. They can cause one to have unusual powers to do evil. Jesus has authority and power over all evil, demons, and even Satan himself.

Song

Bible Story / Lesson



What spirits do people in your village ask for help?

These spirits are evil spirits according to the Bible. They are demons controlled by Satan.

Do you ever see demons or feel their presence when you are trying to sleep at night?

Today we will learn how Jesus is more powerful than all the demons. With Jesus in our life, we don't need to be afraid because he has power over the demons.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: Jesus has power over evil spirits.

This reminds me of a true story from the Bible.



Bible Story (Luke 4:31-37)

Picture

9-1



After Jesus left Nazareth he went to Capernaum, a town in Galilee. Jesus continued to teach in the synagogue in Capernaum every Sabbath. The people there were also amazed at the things he said, because he spoke with authority.

Luke 4:31-32

9-2



Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by an evil spirit began shouting at Jesus. Speaking through the man, the evil spirit said, "Go away! Why are you bothering us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are.- The Holy One sent from God."

Luke 4:33-34

9-3



"Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of the man!" The evil spirit threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched. Then it left him without hurting him further.

Amazed, the people said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power He gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!" The news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

Luke 4:35-37



Application

It is good to know that Jesus has power over evil spirits.

Jesus is stronger than evil spirits and the devil. Sometimes we may see or feel evil things and become scared or discouraged. We need to remember that Jesus has more power than Satan.

With Jesus in our lives, we too have power over evil spirits. Do you realize that power in you life? We do not have to be afraid. There are three things we can do when we are bothered by evil spirits, and evil, fearful thoughts.

We learned from lesson 7 that Jesus used God's Words to fight against Satan. We can do the same thing. We can read the Bible out loud or say our memory verses out loud.

1. We can sing praise songs out loud.
2. We can pray out loud calling on the name of Jesus to help us. He is the one that has power over evil spirits.
3. We can command the evil spirits to leave us alone in Jesus' name.

It is important to always be thankful that we do have Jesus to turn to when dealing with evil spirits.

Homework

This week: If you see or feel evil when you are in your bed at night or any other time, ask Jesus to help you not to be afraid. Try some or all of the 3 things we just learned about.

Review Game

Choose a Number out of the Basket

Materials

- ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper
- ✓ 10 small strips of paper. Write different amounts of points on each. (Have numbers as low as 1 and numbers as high as 100.)

How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on that team that answers the question correctly comes to the front and grabs a piece of paper from the basket. (Make sure that the basket is held high enough so the student does not see the piece of paper.)
- ✓ The student then opens up the paper and the number that is on the piece of paper is the score that the team gets.
- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Questions for Review Game

1. Where did Jesus go after he left Nazareth? (Capernaum)
2. Where is Capernaum? (In Galilee)
3. What did Jesus continue to do every Sabbath in the synagogue? (He continued to teach.)
4. Why were the people amazed at the things Jesus said? (He spoke with authority.)
5. Who began shouting at Jesus? (The demon possessed man)
6. What did the evil spirit say to Jesus? ("Go away, why are you bothering us, Jesus of Nazareth?" "Have you come to destroy us?" "I know who you are, the Holy One sent from God.".)
7. What was Jesus' response to the evil spirit? ("Be quiet" and "Come out of the man.")
8. What did the evil spirit do? (Threw the man to the ground and then came out of him)
9. Who has authority and power over the evil spirits? (Jesus)
10. What is one thing you can do when you see or feel evil? (1. Read the Bible out loud or say our memory verses out loud. 2. Sing praise songs out loud. 3. Pray out loud calling on the name of Jesus to help you.)
11. What is another thing you can do when you see or feel evil? (See answers to question 11.)
12. What is a third thing you can do when you see or feel evil? (See answers to question 11.)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 4:36.
- ✓ Write memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 4:36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!"

Teach and Explain



Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.
4. Explain the verse.

Today's verse is found in the New Testament. All our memory verses will be from the book of Luke.

5. As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.
 - **People:** These were the people in Capernaum that Jesus was teaching to in the synagogue.
 - **Amazed:** greatly surprised.
 - **Teaching:** Jesus knew the scriptures well and spoke about them with confidence.
 - **Authority:** Jesus was in charge and had the right to command respect. Why? (Because he was / is God's Son.)
 - **Power:** He also had the power to make what ever He said, happen. Not only did Jesus have the authority to tell the spirit to come out, he had the power to make that spirit come out of the man.
 - **He:** Refers to Jesus.
 - **Evil spirits:** Do you remember what we said evil spirits are? (Also called demons.) They are ruled by Satan and sent to harass people and tempt them to sin. But Jesus has authority and power over all evil, demons, and even Satan himself.
6. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.
7. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



It is good to know that Jesus has power over evil spirits.

Jesus is stronger than evil spirits and the devil. Sometimes we may see or feel evil things and become scared or discouraged. We need to remember that Jesus has more power than Satan. With Jesus in our lives, we too have power over evil spirits. Do you realize that power in you life? We do not have to be afraid. There are three things we can do when we are bothered by

evil spirits, and evil, fearful thoughts.

We can read the Bible out loud or say our memory verses out loud.

We can sing praise songs out loud.

We can pray out loud calling on the name of Jesus to help us. He is the one that has power over evil spirits. We can command the evil spirits to leave us alone in Jesus' name.

It is important to always be thankful that we do have Jesus to turn to when dealing with evil spirits.

Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)

Jesus has power over evil spirits.

Memory Verse Review

Erase the Words of the Verse Written on the Blackboard

1. Ask the children the first question.
2. When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and wipes away one or two words from the memory verse that is on the blackboard.
3. The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
4. Then the next question is asked.
5. When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the front and wipes more words from the memory verse on the blackboard.
6. The verse is said aloud again.
7. Do this until all the words are gone and the children are able to repeat the verse from memory.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Where is today's memory verse found? (Luke 4:36)
2. What city was Jesus teaching in? (Capernaum)
3. In what way did Jesus speak when talking about the Scriptures? (Power)
4. Jesus ordered what to come out of the man? (The evil spirit)
5. How did the people react to Jesus casting out the evil spirit? (The people were amazed.)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:

Jesus has power over evil spirits.

- ✓ Say the memory verse together:

Luke 4:36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!"

- ✓ Review the homework:

If you see or feel evil when you are in your bed at night or any other time, ask Jesus to help you not to be afraid. Try some or all of the 3 things we just learned about.

1. We can read the Bible out loud or say our memory verses out loud.
2. We can sing praise songs out loud.
3. We can pray out loud calling on the name of Jesus to help us. He is the one that has power over evil spirits. We can command the evil spirits to leave us alone in Jesus' name.

- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

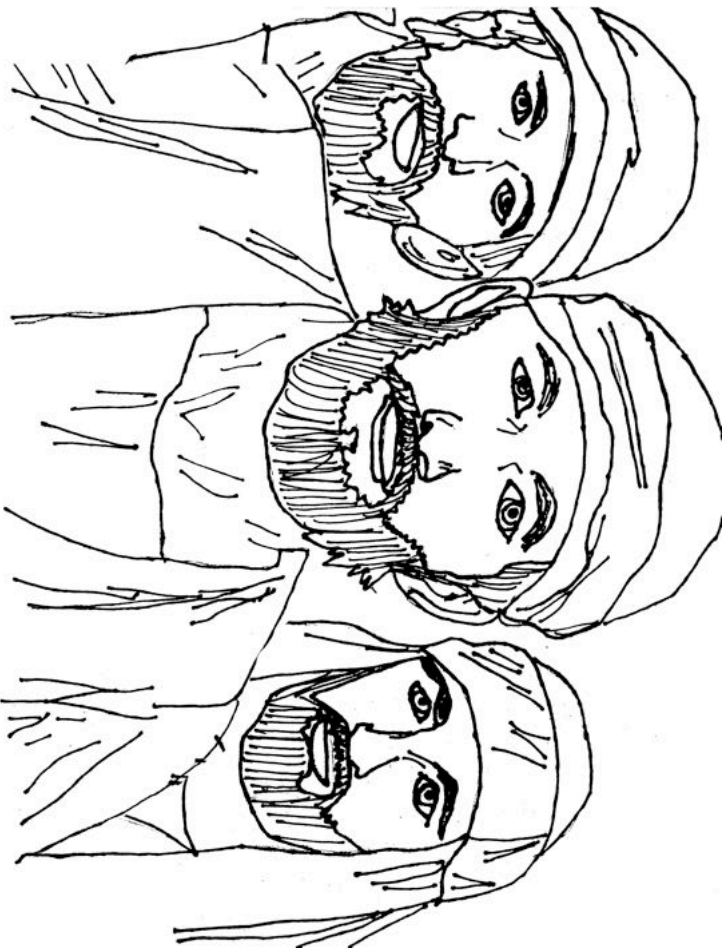
Closing Prayer

Thank God that He is has given us what we need to fight evil.

Ask God that the children will remember to do the homework this week. And be in prayer for family members who do not know Jesus.

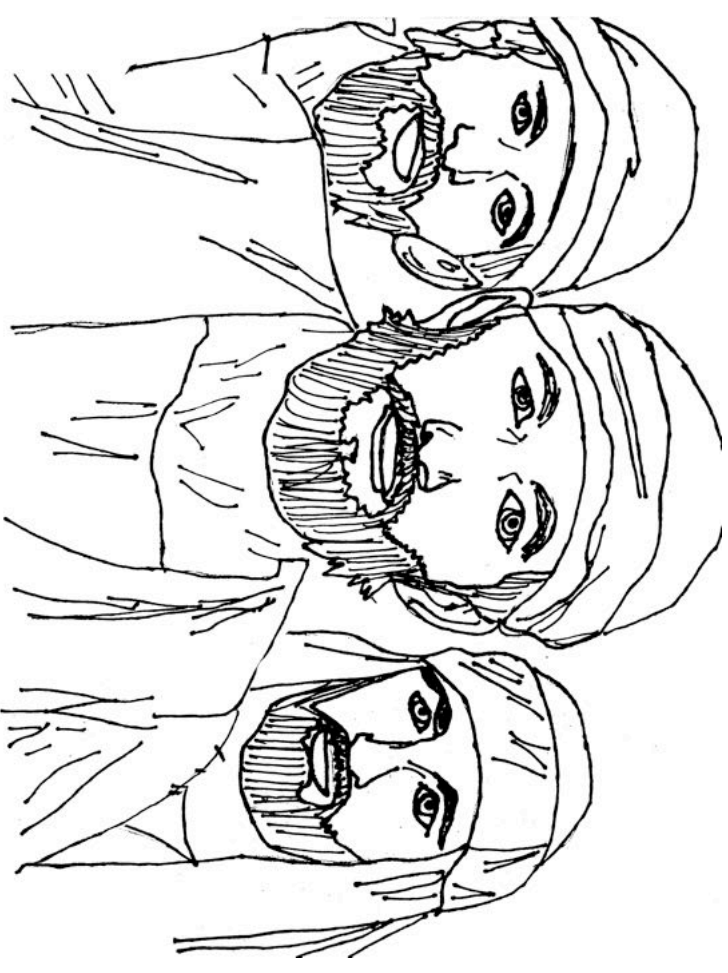
Colouring page to colour and take home!

Jesus has power over evil spirits



All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!” Luke 4:36

Jesus has power over evil spirits



All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!” Luke 4:36

10

Jesus Provides a Catch of Fish

Luke 5:1-11

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	A follower of Jesus tells others about him.
Objective	<p>KNOW: The children will know that Jesus wants each of them to follow him by telling others about him.</p> <p>DO: The children will tell one person what they have been learning about Jesus.</p>
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children ✓ Ball with a string tied to it ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper. ✓ 10 small strips of paper. Write different amounts of points on each. (Have numbers as low as 1 and numbers as high as 100.)
Memory Verse	Luke 5:10b Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."
Homework	This week: Choose one person you will 'catch' for Jesus this week. Choose at least one thing you will do from the ideas we discussed. Be ready to share next week what happened.

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Review Time

- ✓ Play a 'fishing game' to review.
 - ✓ Materials: Tie a string to a ball.
 - ✓ Throw the ball out to the kids while holding onto the end of the rope. Whoever catches the ball is "caught". Ask them a one of the following review questions. If they cannot answer the question, let them ask another child for help.
1. What is the truth from last week? (Jesus has power over evil spirits.)



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

2. What was the memory verse from last week? (Luke 4:36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!")
 3. What is one way we learned to fight evil spirits and evil, fearful thoughts? (Example: Read Bible and/or revise memory verses out loud, Sing praise songs out loud, or Pray out loud calling on the name of Jesus to help us)
 4. What is another way we learned to fight evil spirits and evil, fearful thoughts?
(See answers to question 3.)
 5. What is another way we learned to fight evil spirits and evil, fearful thoughts?
(See answers to question 3.)
- ✓ Review the homework:
- Were you bothered by evil spirits, evil, fearful thoughts this week? Did you try any or all of the three ways we learned to fight evil spirits and evil, fearful thoughts? (Give children time to share.)
1. Read Bible and/or revise memory verses out loud.
 2. Sing praise songs out loud.
 3. Pray out loud calling on the name of Jesus to help us.

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together: Let children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Words to Discuss

On the blackboard, write the "Words to Discuss" from the list below.

- ✓ Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.
 - **Sin:** All the things we think, say and do that displease God.
 - **Fishermen:** People who catch fish and sell them for a living.
 - **Boats:** A big, wide canoe that uses large cloth or oars to move around on the water.
 - **Nets:** Many ropes tied together, to lower into the water and catch many fish at one time.

Song

Bible Story / Lesson



- ✓ Have you ever tried to catch a fish? How did you do it? Were you successful?
- ✓ Today in our true story from the Bible, the people catching fish used a boat and a net to catch many fish at one time.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: A follower of Jesus tells others about him.



Bible Story (Luke 5:1-11)

Picture

10-1



10-2



10-3



10-4



Story

Jesus was standing by a lake teaching a large crowd of people. Jesus saw two empty boats that were left by fishermen washing their nets. Jesus got into Simon's boat and asked him to push it a little further into the water. Jesus taught the people from the boat.

Luke 5:1-3

When Jesus had finished teaching, he asked Simon to take the boat to deeper water so they could catch some fish. Simon responded that he had fished all night and caught nothing. But he did what Jesus said anyway. Simon responded that he had fished all night and caught nothing. But he did what Jesus said anyway.

Luke 5:4-5

Simon, his brother Andrew, and James and John, the sons of Zebedee, went out in the boats and let down their nets. They caught so many fish that the net began to break. They had to call the other boat over to help them bring the fish into the boat. When the other boat came to help, they filled both boats so full of fish that they began to sink! Everyone was amazed.

Luke 5:6-9

When Simon saw this, he fell down at Jesus' feet and asked him to leave because Simon knew that he was a sinful man and Jesus was without sin. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on you will catch men." Then they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything behind and followed Jesus.

Luke 5:8-11



Application

When Jesus told Simon that he would catch men, did he mean that Simon would now use his nets to catch men? (No!) Jesus was saying that Simon would catch people for Jesus. Simon would bring people close to Jesus.

Our truth for today is: A follower of Jesus tells others about him. Jesus wants us to be fishers of men, women, and children. He wants us to bring others close to him.

Let's think of some ways we can 'catch' people in order to bring them closer to Jesus.

1. We can tell them the stories and memory verses you are learning from the Bible.
2. We can invite them to church.
3. We can pray for them when they share their problems.
4. We can do nice things for them so that they will see that we are different.

There are many ways we can 'catch' people in order to bring them closer to Jesus. Think about one person that you want to 'catch' this week. Now think about one thing we have talked about that you can do to bring that person closer to Jesus. Remember our truth: A follower of Jesus tells others about him.

Homework

This week: Choose one person you will 'catch' for Jesus this week. Choose at least one thing you will do from the ideas we discussed. Be ready to share next week what happened.

Prayer / Song

Review Game

Choose a Number out of the Basket ("Fish" for a Number)

Materials

- ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper.
- ✓ 10 small strips of paper. Write different amounts of points on each. (Have numbers as low as 1 and numbers as high as 100.)

How to play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on that team that answers the question correctly comes to the front and "fishes" for a piece of paper from the basket or hat. (Make sure that the basket is held high enough so the student does not see which piece of paper they are grabbing.)
- ✓ The student then opens up the paper and the number that is on the piece of paper is the score that the team gets.
- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Questions for Review Game

1. Where was Jesus teaching the Word of God to the people? (By a lake)
2. What did he do? (He got into an empty boat and taught the people the Word of God from there.)
3. What did Jesus ask Simon and the other fishermen to do? (He asked them to take the boats to deeper water so they could catch some fish.)
4. What did Simon say? (He said they had been fishing all night but caught nothing.)
5. Did Simon do what Jesus asked? (Yes)
6. What happened? (They caught so many fish that the net began to break.)
7. What did they do? (They called the other boat over to help them.)
8. What was their reaction to the great catch of fish? (They were amazed.)
9. What did Simon say to Jesus to do after that? (To go away from him)
10. Why did Simon want Jesus to go away from him? (Because he knew he was a sinful man and he knew that Jesus was without sin)
11. What did Jesus say to Simon? (Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. You will catch men.")
12. Who left everything to follow Jesus? (Simon, Andrew, James and John.)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 5:8-9.
- ✓ Write memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 5:10b Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."

Teach and Explain



Remember in our story how Jesus told Simon to put his nets down in order to catch fish? There were so many fish that the nets began to break and the boat began to sink! Then Jesus told Simon that he would fish after men.

Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.
4. Explain the verse:
 - ✓ Today's verse is found in the New Testament. All our memory verses will be from the book of Luke.
 - ✓ As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.
 - **Luke 5:10b** - The letter 'b' after the number 10 means that we are only using the

second part of the verse.

- **Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid:** - Just before saying this, Simon had realized he was standing in the presence of someone who had great power and was without sin. Simon had told Jesus to go away from him because he was a sinful man. Jesus' response to Simon was, “Don't be afraid;”
 - **From now on you will catch men.** - After Jesus told Simon that he didn't have to be afraid, he told him that he would catch men from now on. Jesus didn't mean that Simon would catch men in a net or on a hook. What he meant was that Simon would 'catch' people for Jesus. He would be used to bring people close to Jesus.
5. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.
 6. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)

A follower of Jesus tells others about him.

There are many ways we can 'catch' people in order to bring them closer to Jesus.

- ✓ We can tell them the stories and memory verses you are learning from the Bible.
- ✓ We can invite them to church.
- ✓ We can pray for them when they share their problems.
- ✓ We can do nice things for them so that they will see that we are different.

Who will you 'catch' for Jesus this week? What will you do?

Memory Verse Review

Erase the Words of the Verse Written on the Blackboard

- ✓ Ask the children the first question.
- ✓ When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and wipes away one or two words from the memory verse that is on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Then the next question is asked.
- ✓ When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the front and wipes more words from the memory verse on the blackboard.
- ✓ The verse is said aloud again.
- ✓ Do this until all the words are gone and the children are able to repeat the verse from memory.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Where in the Bible is our memory verse found? (Luke 5:10b)
2. What was the first thing Jesus said to Simon? (“Don't be afraid.”)
3. What did Jesus tell Simon he would do from now on? (Catch men)
4. What are some ways we can 'catch' people for Jesus? (We can tell them the stories and memory verses you are learning from the Bible. We can invite them to church. We can pray for them when

they share their problems. We can do nice things for them so that they will see that we are different.)

5. What is our truth for today? (A follower of Jesus tells others about him.)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:
A follower of Jesus tells others about him.
- ✓ Say the memory verse together:
Luke 5:10b Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men.”
- ✓ Review the homework:
Remember to tell at least one person about Jesus this week using one of the ways of bringing someone closer to God.
- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

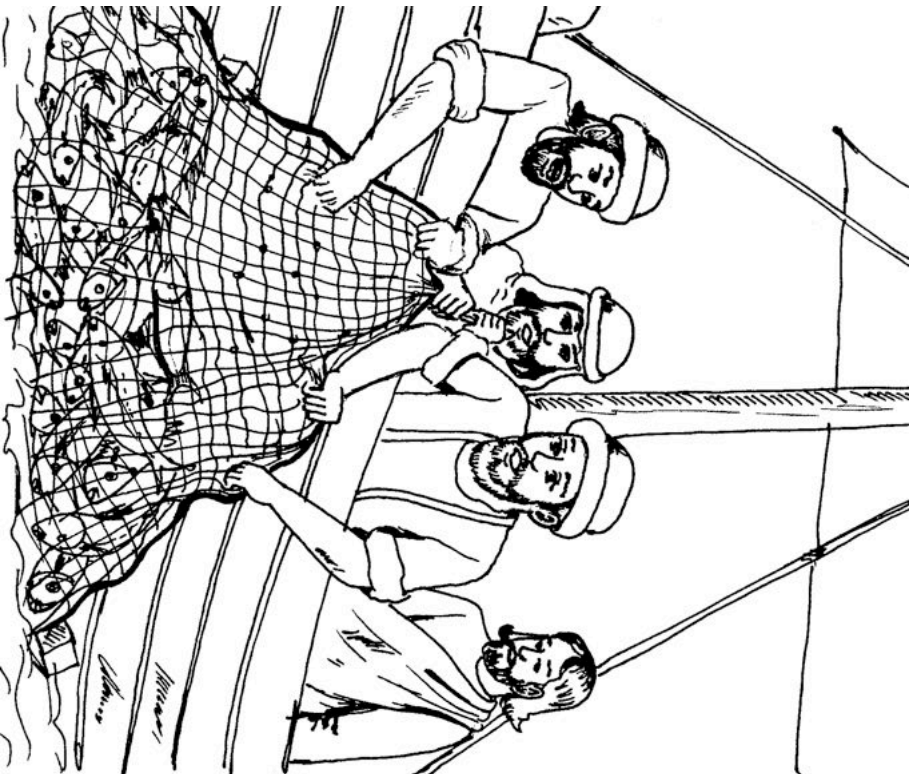
Closing Prayer

Thank God that He doesn't tell us to do things that we are not able to do.

Ask God that the children will remember to do their homework this week and that He will help them have the courage and strength they need.

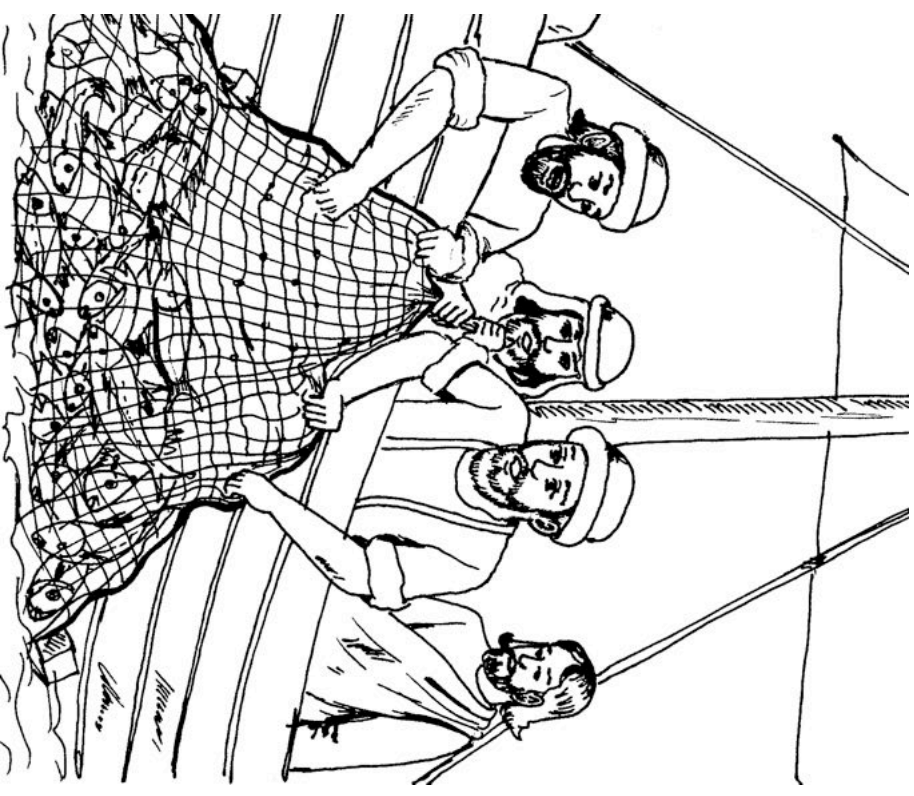
Coloiuring page to colour and take home!

A follower of Jesus
tells others about him.



Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don't be afraid; from
now on you will catch men.” Luke 5:10b

A follower of Jesus
tells others about him.



Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don't be afraid; from
now on you will catch men.” Luke 5:10b

11

Jesus Heals the Paralytic

Luke 5:17-26

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	Jesus has power over illness.
Objective	KNOW: The children will know that Jesus has power over all illnesses. DO: The children will be in prayer for someone who is sick this week.
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper. ✓ 10 small strips of paper. Write different amounts of points on each. (Have numbers as low as 1 and numbers as high as 100.) ✓ Write the memory verse on 6 separate strips of paper, so that when all the strips are lined up, it makes one verse.
Memory Verse	Luke 5:17b And the power of the Lord was present for [Jesus] to heal the sick.
Homework	This week: Don't be afraid to pray for someone who is sick in Jesus' name. Remember the ways that God answers our prayers, sometimes he says "yes", sometimes he says "no", and sometimes he says "wait".

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Say the truth from Lesson 10 together:
A follower of Jesus tells others about him.
- ✓ Say the memory verse from Lesson 10 together:
Luke 5:10b Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will catch men."
What does it mean to 'catch' men? (Tell others about Jesus)



2014 SIL Cameroun; This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

What are some ways we can 'catch' people for Jesus? (We can tell them the stories and memory verses you are learning from the Bible. We can invite them to church. We can pray for them when they share their problems. We can do nice things for them so that they will see that we are different.)

- ✓ Review the homework:

Did you tell someone what you've learned about Jesus?

Who did you tell?

How did you tell them? Did you use one of the ways we talked about to 'catch' people?

What happened?

- ✓ Pray for the people who heard about Jesus this week.

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together: Let children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Words to Discuss

On the blackboard, write the "Words to Discuss" from the list below.

- ✓ Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.
 - **Sin:** All the things we think, say and do that displease God.
 - **Paralysed:** Not able to move, and sometimes not be able to feel part of, or the whole body. This can be caused by an illness, by an accident, or by poison.
 - **Roof:** The top covering of a building.
 - **Forgiven:** Erasing the sin. Not holding the sin against the other person.
 - **Son of Man:** Jesus used this title for himself to show that he was a real person like other people, and to show that he was the Messiah that God had promised to send.

Song

Bible Story / Lesson



- ✓ Has there ever been a time in your life when you were really sick?
- ✓ Did you pray to God to make you better?
- ✓ Did you know that we can pray to God about anything? Even if you wake up feeling sick, pray to God and ask him to heal you.
- ✓ Today we will be learning about how Jesus has power over illness.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: Jesus has power over illness.

This reminds me of a true story from the Bible.



Bible Story (Luke 5:17-26)

Picture

11-1



One day, Jesus was teaching some religious leaders that were sitting nearby. Some men tried to carry their paralysed friend into the house on a mat. They wanted Jesus to heal him. But the crowd was so big that the house was filled. No one else could get inside the door. Jesus was preaching to the people who had come.

Luke 5:17-18

11-2



When they could not find a way to get their friend inside, they climbed up onto the roof and made a hole large enough for someone to pass through. Then, they lowered their paralysed friend down through the hole in the roof. They lowered him right in front of Jesus. Jesus saw that they had shown that their faith in him was very strong. He told the paralysed man, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

Some of the religious leaders began to say to themselves, "How can he say such a thing? He's insulting God! Nobody but God can forgive sins!" Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said to them, "Why do you have such thoughts? Which is easier to say- 'Your sins are forgiven', or 'Get up and walk'?"

Luke 5:19-23

11-3



"Now so you'll know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," he turned toward the paralysed man and said, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Immediately, he stood up in front of them. He took the mat he had been lying on, and went home praising God.

Everyone who saw this was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Luke 5:24-26



Application

Jesus healed the paralysed man. He did it in front of others, so that they would know that he is Christ Jesus, the Lord. When we are sick or family and friends are sick, we can go to God to ask for healing. Jesus has the power to heal, and he can heal us from sickness. Always remember to pray and ask God for healing. Jesus has power over illness.

Homework

This week: Don't be afraid to pray for someone who is sick in Jesus' name. Remember the ways that God answers our prayers, sometimes he says "yes", sometimes he says "no", and sometimes he says "wait".

Prayer / Song

Review Game

Choose a Number out of the Basket

Materials

- ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper.
- ✓ 10 small strips of paper. Write different amounts of points on each. (Have numbers as low as 1 and numbers as high as 100.)

How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on that team that answers the question correctly comes to the front and grabs a piece of paper from the basket or hat. (Make sure that the basket is held high enough so the student does not see which piece of paper they are grabbing.)
- ✓ The student then opens up the paper and the number that is on the piece of paper is the score that the team gets.
- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Questions for Review Game

1. Why did the friends of the paralysed man try to carry him into the house where Jesus was? (They wanted Jesus to heal their friend.)
2. Why could the men not get their paralysed friend inside the house to see Jesus? (There were too many people inside.)
3. How did the friends of the paralysed man solve their problem? (They climbed on the roof and made a hole large enough for someone to pass through. They then lowered their paralysed friend down through the hole, right in front of Jesus.)

4. Jesus saw that they had showed their faith. What did Jesus first tell the paralysed man? (His sins were forgiven.)
5. Why were the religious leaders not happy with Jesus when he told the paralysed man that his sins were forgiven? (They thought that Jesus was insulting God, because only God can forgive sins.)
6. Was Jesus able to know what the religious leaders were thinking? (Yes)
7. What did Jesus say to the religious leaders? (“Why are you having such thoughts? Which is easier to say- 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up and walk'?”)
8. What did Jesus tell the paralysed man so that everyone would know that he could forgive sins? (Jesus told the paralysed man to get up, take his mat and to go home.)
9. What did the paralysed man do? (The paralysed man immediately stood up, took his mat that he was lying on and went home.)
10. What was the paralysed man doing as he went home? (Praising God as he went home)
11. What did all the people watching this miracle do? (They also praised God.)
12. What did they say? (They had seen remarkable things!)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 5:17b.
- ✓ Write memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 5:17b And the power of the Lord was present for him [Jesus] to heal the sick.

Teach and Explain



Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.
4. Explain the verse:
 - ✓ Today's verse is found in the New Testament. All our memory verses will be from the book of Luke.
5. As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.
 - **Luke 5:10b:** The 'b' at the end of this number means that the verse is found in the second part of the verse. The first part of the verse would be called 'a'.
 - **Lord:** This is the Almighty God, the Creator of everything.
 - **Sick:** This power from the Almighty God was strongly with Jesus so that he could heal the sick, both spiritually and physically.

6. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.
7. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)
Jesus has power over illness.

Memory Verse Review

Cards with Words Are Put in the Correct Order

Materials:

- ✓ Write the memory verse on 6 separate strips of paper, so that when all the strips are lined up, it makes one verse.

How to Play

- ✓ Have an area on the floor where students will put the strips in the correct order.
- ✓ Ask the children the first question.
- ✓ When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and chooses a paper and puts it in the correct place.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Then the next question is asked.
- ✓ When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the chooses a paper and puts it in the correct place.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Do this until the verse is complete.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Who had the power of the Lord strongly with them? (Jesus)
2. What power was strongly with Jesus? (The power of the Lord)
3. What does the word Lord mean? (Almighty God, the Creator of everything)
4. What did Jesus do with the power of the Lord that was strongly with him? (He healed the sick both physically and spiritually.)
5. Where in the Bible is our Memory verse found? (Luke 5:17b)
6. What does the 'b' after the number 17 mean? (The verse is found in the second half of the verse.)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:
Jesus has power over illness.
- ✓ Say the memory verse together:
Luke 5:17b And the power of the Lord was present for [Jesus] to heal the sick.
- ✓ Review the homework:
Don't be afraid to pray for someone who is sick in Jesus' name. Remember the way that God answers our prayers? Sometimes He says, "Yes", sometimes He says, "No", and sometimes He says, "Wait". Be ready to share next week who you prayed for in Jesus' name, and how you think God answered your prayers.
- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

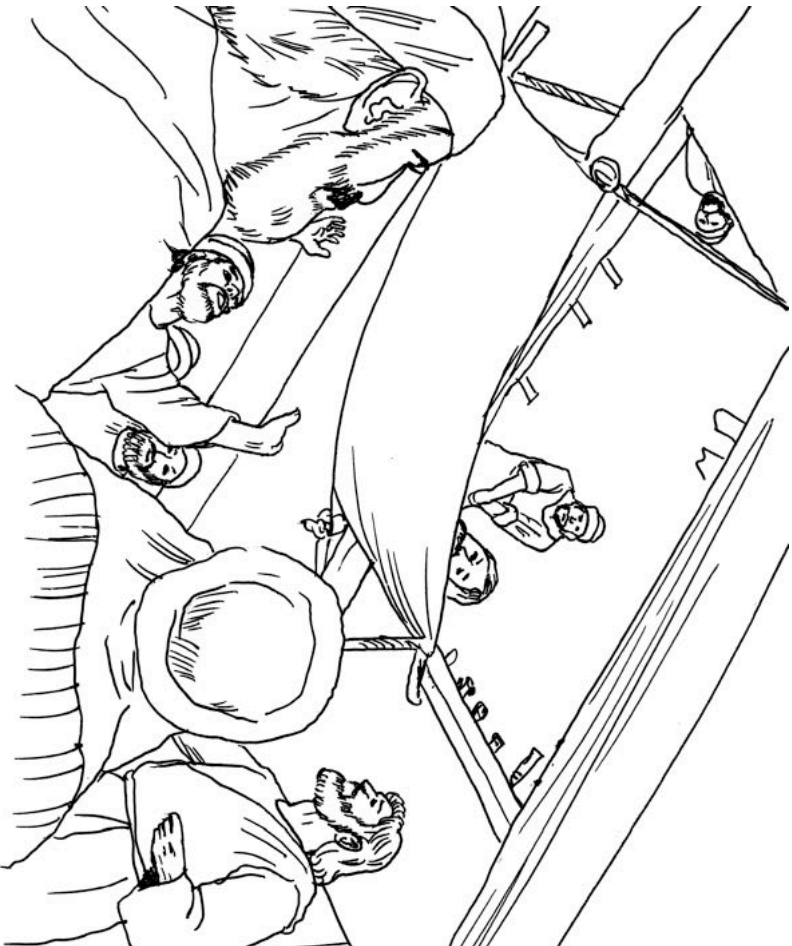
Closing Prayer

Thank God that He gives us our health, and that we can go to Him when we feel sick.

Ask God that the children will remember to pray for someone who is sick.

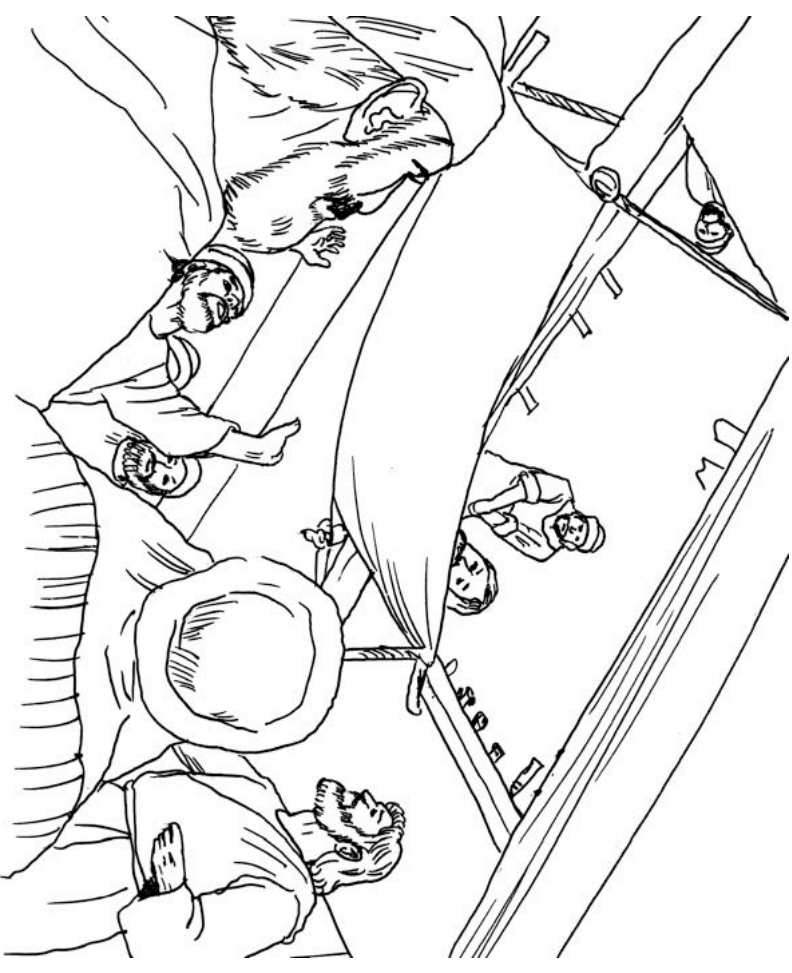
Colouring page to colour and take home!

Jesus has true
power over illness.



And the power of the Lord was present for him
[Jesus] to heal the sick. Luke 5:17b

Jesus has true
power over illness.



And the power of the Lord was present for him
[Jesus] to heal the sick. Luke 5:17b

12

Jesus Eats with the Tax Collector

Luke 5:27-32

Lesson Overview

Today's Truth	Jesus loves sinners.
Objective	KNOW: The children will know that Jesus loves sinners and spent time with them so he could bring them to repentance. DO: Show Jesus' love to those who do not follow him.
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk, copies of devotion page for children✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper✓ 10 small strips of paper. Write different amounts of points on each. (Have numbers as low as 1 and numbers as high as 100.)✓ Write the memory verse on 5 separate strips of paper, so that when all the strips are lined up, it makes one verse.
Memory Verse	Luke 5:31-32 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."
Homework	This week: Jesus spent time with sinners because he came to help them turn their lives around and live God's way. If you have not yet turned around (repented), then tell Jesus you want him to help you repent by first asking him to forgive your sins, then asking him to help you live God's way.

Detailed Lesson Plan

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Say the truth from Lesson 11 together:
Jesus has power over illness.



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

- ✓ Say the memory verse from Lesson 11 together:

Luke 5:17b And the power of the Lord was present for [Jesus] to heal the sick.

- ✓ Review the homework:

Last week our homework was to pray for those who are sick, believing that God can heal them? Did you pray for God to heal you or someone you know this past week? What happened?

Prayer

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together: Let children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Words to Discuss

- ✓ On the blackboard, write the “Words to Discuss” from the list below.
- ✓ Let's discuss some words to help us better understand the Bible story for today.
 - **Sin:** Anything we think, say and do that displease God.
 - **Sinners:** Those who live their lives in a way that does not please God.
 - **Repent:** To turn away from sin, and turn towards God.
 - **Repentance:** Turning to go in the opposite direction; turning from a life that displeases God to living God's way.
 - **Righteous:** Having good behavior that pleases God.
 - **Tax:** Money that you have to give to the government by law.

Song

Bible Story / Lesson



Materials: Paper with the word “God” (*God*) written on it, another paper with the word “Sin” (*Sin*) written on it.

Object Lesson: Repentance – Turning to go in the opposite direction

- ✓ We learned the word repentance. Can someone tell me what it means? (Turning to go in the opposite direction, away from sin.)
- ✓ Start walking across the room. When you almost reach the other side, change direction and quickly walk back the opposite way.
- ✓ What did I just do? (Changed the way I was going.)
- ✓ Do the walking demonstration again. This time, have a volunteer hold up the sign “God” on one end of the room, and another volunteer hold up the sign “Sin” on the opposite end of the room. Walk towards the sign that says “Sin” and then change direction and walk toward the sign that says, “God”.
- ✓ Sin is all the things we think, say and do that displease God. As I walk toward sin, what do I get further away from? (God)
- ✓ As I walk toward God, what do I get further from? (Sin)
- ✓ This is what we call repentance. Repentance is when you decide to stop sinning. We tell God we are sorry for what we have done, and ask Him to forgive us. THEN we change direction. We stop thinking, saying, or doing those things that displease God.
- ✓ Start walking across the room in front of the children.
- ✓ Now turn around and walk in the opposite direction.
- ✓ Tell the children that where you turned around was the point of repentance.

Introduce Truth

Our truth for today is: Jesus loves sinners.

This reminds me of a true story from the Bible.



Bible Story (Luke 5:27-32)

Picture

12-1



Story

After Jesus healed the paralytic, he left the house where he was preaching and went on his way. Jesus saw Levi (Matthew) who was a tax collector sitting in a tax booth. [People didn't like the people who collected the taxes because they were liars and thieves. They took more money than they were supposed to and kept it for themselves.]

Jesus asked Levi to follow him. Immediately, Levi left everything he was doing and followed Jesus.

Luke 5:27-28

12-2



Later, Levi held a large party for Jesus in his house with other tax collectors and friends. They all enjoyed the party and ate together.

During the party, the religious leaders complained to Jesus' disciples that Jesus should not be eating and socializing with sinners.

Luke 5:29-30

12-3



Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 5:31-32



Application

Levi was a tax collector. People did not like tax collectors because they were often liars and thieves. They took more money for the government than they were supposed to and kept it for themselves. They were corrupt and yet Jesus still loved them.

Remember our truth for today?

Jesus loves sinners.

Homework

This week: Jesus spent time with sinners because he came to help them turn their lives around and live God's way. If you have not yet turned around (repented), then tell Jesus you want him to help you repent by first asking him to forgive your sins, then asking him to help you live God's way.

If you have already turned around (repented) to follow Jesus, then you can also follow Jesus' example by showing love to those who do not follow him yet.

What are some ways we can show love to those who do not follow Jesus yet? (Talk about ideas with the children.)

Prayer / Song

Review Game

Choose a Number out of the Basket

Materials

- ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper.
- ✓ 10 small strips of paper. Write different amounts of points on each. (Have numbers as low as 1 and numbers as high as 100.)

How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on that team that answers the question correctly comes to the front and grabs a piece of paper from the basket or hat. (Make sure that the basket is held high enough so the student does not see which piece of paper they are grabbing.)
- ✓ The student then opens up the paper and the number that is on the piece of paper is the score that the team gets.
- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Questions for Review Game

1. What was Levi's other name? (Matthew)
2. What was Levi's job? (Tax collector)
3. Where was Levi when Jesus called him? (A tax collector's booth collecting taxes)
4. When Jesus called Levi, what did he do? (Levi immediately left everything he was doing and followed Jesus.)
5. What did Levi organize at his house? (A big party for Jesus)
6. Who came to the party? (Jesus, other tax collectors, friends, religious leaders, and Jesus' disciples.)
7. What were the religious leaders complaining about? (They did not think that Jesus should be at a party, and eating and socializing with sinners.)
8. When Jesus heard the religious leaders complaining, what did he say to them? (He said that healthy people do not look for doctors. He had not come for the righteous, but for sinners.)
9. What is our truth for the day? (Jesus loves sinners.)
10. What should we do because we know this? (We should show love to those who do not follow Jesus yet.)

Song

Memory Verse

Materials and Preparations

- ✓ Put a bookmark in Luke 5:31-32.
- ✓ Write memory verse on the blackboard.

Luke 5:31-32 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Teach and Explain



Today our memory verse is found in the Gospel of Luke. It goes with our story and truth for the day. We will be learning the words that Jesus said to the religious leaders when they criticized

him for spending time with sinners.



1. Read the verse from your Bible.
2. Read the verse by yourself as you point to the words.
3. Read the verse with the children as you point to the words.
4. Explain the verse:
 - ✓ As you read the verse, have the children underline the words shown below. Explain each underlined word.
 - **“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick”**: Jesus answered the complaints of the religious leaders by making a statement. Healthy people do not need a doctor. Sick people need a doctor.
 - **“I have not come to call the righteous”**: (Ask the children if they remember what the word 'righteous' means. Righteous people are those who have good behaviour. People who live good lives often do not see their need for Jesus. They think they are good enough to come to God without Jesus.
 - **Sinners**: (Review what the word 'sin' means.) Sin is all the things we think, say and do that displease God. (Ask the children if they remember what the word 'sinner' mean.) A sinner is someone who sins. Who are sinners? (We are all sinners because we all do things that displease God. The only way to come to God is to agree you are a sinner and repent.)
 - **Repentance**: (Ask the children if they remember what the word 'repent' means.) To repent is to turn from our sin and go the other direction towards God. The first step is to ask Jesus to forgive us. Then we can start living in a way that is pleasing to God. Jesus loves sinners and wants them to repent and turn to God.
5. Read the verse again by yourself as you point to the words.
6. Read the verse again with the children as you point to the words.



Since Jesus loves those who do not follow him, we should love them too. We need to show them the love of Jesus, because if followers of Jesus don't spend time with sinners, then they will never hear about Jesus.

Remember our truth for the day? (Have everyone say it together.)

Jesus loves sinners.

Memory Verse Review

Cards with Words Are Put in the Correct Order

Materials

- ✓ Write the memory verse on 5 separate strips of paper, so that when all the strips are lined up, it makes one verse.

How to Play

- ✓ Have an area on the floor where students will put the strips in the correct order.
- ✓ Ask the children the first question.
- ✓ When a question is answered correctly, that child comes to the front and chooses a paper and puts it in the correct place.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Then the next question is asked.
- ✓ When that question is answered correctly, another child comes to the chooses a paper and puts it in the correct place.
- ✓ The verse is said out loud together making sure to say the missing words.
- ✓ Do this until the verse is complete.

Questions for Memory Verse

1. Where is today's memory verse found? (Luke 5:31-32)
2. Who needs a doctor? (Someone who is sick)
3. What does 'righteous' mean? (Someone who has good behavior that pleases God.)
4. What does 'sinner' mean? (Someone who sins - Someone who thinks, says and does things that are displeasing to God.)
5. Who are sinners? (We all are sinners.)

Song

Closing and Homework

- ✓ Say the truth together:
Jesus loves sinners.
- ✓ Say the memory verse together:
Luke 5:31-32 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."
- ✓ Review the homework:
Remember to follow Jesus' example by showing love to those who do not follow him yet.
- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

Closing Prayer

Thank God that He forgives us of our sins when we ask Him to. Thank Him for loving us even when we sin ourselves.

Ask God that the children will remember to love other sinners, just like Jesus does. Pray that the children will be able to share with others that Jesus loves them.

Colouring page to colour and take home!

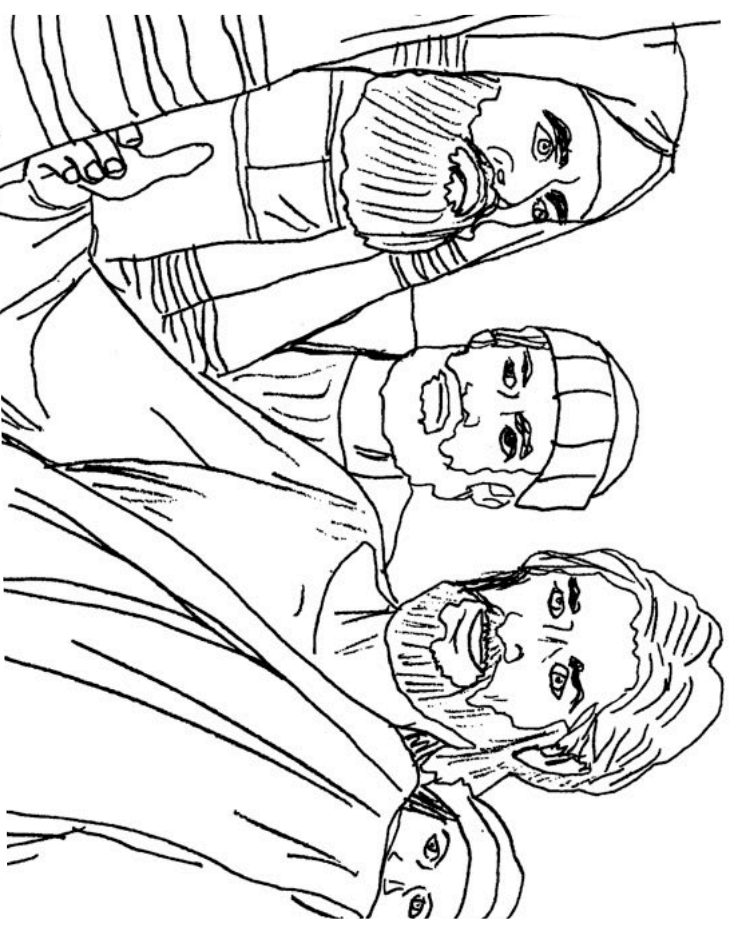
Jesus loves sinners.



Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Luke 5:31-32

Jesus loves sinners.



Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Luke 5:31-32

13

Review Lesson

Lessons 7-12

NOTE: It is important to review the lessons previously taught to help the children remember what they have learned. It is also important to make the review lessons exciting and fun! Turn the whole lesson into a game. If you have time, have the children act out their favourite stories while you read it from the "Picture Book".

Materials

- ✓ Picture book, Bible, chalk
- ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper.
- ✓ 20 small strips of paper. Write different actions on each, like: Hold your breath for 10 seconds, stand on one leg for ten seconds, spin around for ten seconds, hop like a rabbit, roar like a lion, etc. (You can use the same action more than once.)

Song

Opening

Welcome

- ✓ Be sure the children know you are happy to see them!
- ✓ Introduce yourself and your helpers.

Sharing Time

- ✓ Say the truth from Lesson 12 together:
Jesus loves sinners.
- ✓ Review why Jesus spent time with people who were sinners:
Jesus spent time with sinners so that he could help bring them to turn away from their sin and to the gift of freedom and new life by living God's way.
- ✓ Say the verse from Lesson 12 together:
Luke 5:31-32 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."
- ✓ Review the homework:
Were able to show love to your friends or family that don't know Jesus yet?
(Give children time to share.)

Prayer



2014 Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy (CABTAL); This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License. To view a copy of this license, visit http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/deed.en_US.

- ✓ Let the children share praises and prayer requests.
- ✓ Keep a record of what the children are sharing so you can remember to thank God together for answered prayers.
- ✓ Spend time praying together. Let children pray out loud if they volunteer. Do not force anyone to pray out loud.

Song

Today we are going to do another review lesson. We are going to review all the words, truths, stories and memory verses that we have had up to this point. We are going to start with a game right now!

Review Game

Choose an Action out of the Basket

Materials

- ✓ Basket or hat to hold pieces of paper.
- ✓ 20 small strips of paper. Write different actions on each, like: Hold your breath for 10 seconds, stand on one leg for ten seconds, spin around for ten seconds, hop like a rabbit, roar like a lion, say a memory verse, say a truth, etc. (You can use the same action more than once.)

How to Play

- ✓ Divide the class into 2 teams.
- ✓ The first team tries to answer the first question. The teacher can use this time to explain what the children don't seem to understand.
- ✓ The student on that team that answers the question correctly comes to the front and grabs a piece of paper from the basket or hat. (Make sure that the basket is held high enough so the student does not see which piece of paper they are grabbing.)
- ✓ The student then opens up the paper and does the action on the paper. Then give their team a point.
- ✓ Record the points. The team with the most points wins.
- ✓ Be sure to clap for both sides. No name-calling. Encourage good sportsmanship.

Lesson 7 Review

Jesus is Baptized and Tempted

Lesson 7 was about two stories. First, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, and a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Then the Spirit of God led him into the desert. For forty days and nights he ate nothing at all. And the devil came to see if he could cause Jesus to sin. When Jesus was tempted to do something that he knew God didn't want him to do, he used the Word of God, the Bible, to help him. He knew the Bible well and was able to use it in response to what Satan was telling him.

The truth of this lesson is: God's Word helps us fight temptation.

Questions for Review

1. Satan tried to tempt Jesus to sin. Did Jesus sin? (No)
2. How did Jesus resist these temptations? (Jesus answered by quoting the Bible.)
3. What can help us fight temptations? (God's Word - The Bible)
4. What do we do to help us remember God's Word? (Memorize verses)

Lesson 8 Review

Jesus Begins His Ministry

In Lesson 8, we learned that Jesus began his ministry in his hometown of Nazareth. He told the people in the synagogue that he was the one sent by God to set the people free from sin and the devil. This made people very angry because Jesus was setting himself higher than everyone else. They were so angry that they tried to kill him, but Jesus slipped away and escaped.

The truth of this lesson is: Jesus sets us free from sin and the devil.

Questions for Review

1. Whose power was with Jesus? (The Spirit of God)
2. Jesus came to set us free from what? (Sin (or the devil, or hell))
3. What is sin? (All the things we think, say and do that displease God)
4. Can we free ourselves from sin? (No, Jesus is the only one who can free us.)

Lesson 9 Review

Jesus Casts out an Evil Spirit

In Lesson 9, we learned that Jesus has power over evil spirits. While he was teaching in Capernaum, a man who was possessed by an evil spirit began yelling at him, because the evil spirit knew he was the Holy One sent by God. Jesus told the spirit to come out of the man, and it did. The people were amazed.

The truth of this lesson is: Jesus has power over evil spirits.

Questions for Review

1. Sometimes we can see or feel evil, too. What is one thing you can do when you see or feel evil? (1. Read the Bible out loud or revise our memory verses out loud. 2. Sing praise songs out loud. 3. Pray out loud calling on the name of Jesus to help us.)
2. What is another thing you can do when you see or feel evil? (See answers to question 1.)
3. What is a third thing you can do when you see or feel evil? (See answers to question 1.)
4. What was the memory verse for this lesson? (Luke 4:36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power He gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!")

Lesson 10 Review

Jesus Provides a Catch of Fish

Lesson 10 was about Jesus in a boat with his disciples. He was teaching the people on the shore, and then he asked his disciple, Simon, to take the boat out into the water to catch fish. The disciples had already been fishing and they caught nothing. Jesus told them to put their nets in the water, and they caught so many fish that their nets began to break. They had to call over another boat to help them, and both boats were filled with fish. Jesus told them from now on they will catch men.

The truth for this lesson is: A follower of Jesus tells others about him.

Questions for Review

1. When Jesus told Simon that he would catch men, did he mean that Simon would now use his nets to catch men? (No)
2. What does it mean to catch men? (To catch people for Jesus or be used to bring people to Jesus)
3. What is one way we can 'catch' people for Jesus? (We can tell them the stories and memory verses we are learning from the Bible. We can invite them to church. We can pray for them when they share their problems. We can do nice things for them so that they will see that we are different.)
4. What is another way we can 'catch' people for Jesus? (See answers to question 3.)

Lesson 11 Review

Jesus Heals the Paralytic

Lesson 11 was about Jesus' power over illness. Jesus was teaching a large group of people in a house. Some people brought their paralyzed friend to see Jesus, because they knew Jesus could heal him. There were so many people that they couldn't get to Jesus. Do you remember what they did? They carried their friend to the roof and cut a hole to lower him down to Jesus. Jesus said that they had great faith and his sins were forgiven, and the man was healed. He did it in front of others, so that they would know that he is Christ Jesus, the Lord.

The truth for this lesson is: Jesus has power over illness.

Questions for Review

1. What does Jesus have power over? (Power over illness)
2. What else does Jesus have power over? (Power over evil spirits)
3. What was the memory verse from this lesson? (Luke 5:17b And the power of the Lord was present for [Jesus] to heal the sick.)
4. Who has the power to forgive sins? (Jesus/God)
5. Does anyone else have the power to forgive sins? (No)

Lesson 12 Review

Jesus Eats with the Tax Collector

In Lesson 12 Jesus saw Levi, the tax collector in his tax collector booth. Everyone hated tax collectors because they were liars and thieves, but Jesus loves sinners, so he invited Levi to follow him. Levi followed Jesus immediately, and even threw a party for Jesus. People thought it was wrong for Jesus to eat with sinners, but Jesus said he came to call the sinners to repent, not the righteous.

The truth for this lesson is: Jesus loves sinners.

Questions for Review

1. Why did people hate tax collectors? (They were liars and thieves.)
2. Why did Jesus eat with a tax collector when everyone hated them? (Because Jesus loves everyone, even sinners)
3. When Jesus called Levi, what did he do? (Levi immediately left everything he was doing and followed Jesus.)
4. Because we know Jesus loves sinners, what should we do because we know this? (We should show love to those who do not follow Jesus yet.)

Closing and Homework

Homework

This week read your memory verse page everyday. Also, spend time everyday praying to God asking him to forgive your sins and to help you live a life pleasing to him. Work on memorizing all the verses we have had so far to say next week.

- ✓ Give any needed announcements.

Closing Prayer

Thank God for giving us his words so that we can know how we should live.

Ask God that he would help the children to spend time reading their memory verses everyday and praying. Pray that the lives of the children would be changed.

