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God Sends His Son

Gen 3: 15; John 1: 1-14

Memory verse: “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son.” Gal. 4: 4

God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit lived together in heaven from eternity (forever). Genesis says that the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters in the beginning of the world. God the Father spoke and the world was created. Colossians 1: 16 says that everything was created by Christ, and He holds all things together. So, all three had a part in the creation of a perfect world for people, but people on earth sinned and needed someone to save them from their sins.

God had always planned to send His Son Jesus to the earth to show people how to be saved. The Bible says that God had a plan of salvation before the foundations (beginning) of the world. He also does not want anyone to die spiritually.

After Adam and Eve sinned, God told them that there would be hatred between Satan and man and Satan and Jesus. Satan would bruise Jesus’ heel, but Jesus would bruise Satan’s head. In other words, Satan would hurt Jesus a little, but Jesus would hurt Satan a lot. Jesus hurt Satan when He became the sacrifice for our sins and when He rose from the dead on the third day.

God also prepared a special people through which Jesus would come. God’s prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah, Hosea, Zechariah, Malachi, and others foretold Jesus’ coming and when He would be born, where He would be born, what kind of person he would be, and what kind of death he would die.

When the right time came, God sent Jesus. He was born as a baby and grew up like other boys do. He learned how people act and feel, so he could understand our weaknesses. Then He died for our sins, but was raised again and went back to heaven to live with God.

Jesus helps us when we pray. He is our mediator ---He can tell God how we feel because now he knows all about people from His time on earth. He knows about sadness, anger, joy, pain, sin, and all our needs.

Even though God had promised to send His Son, and people were waiting for Him to come, they were not ready when He came to earth. Many people refused to believe He was the Christ who could save them. This is a

lesson to us to know God's word so that we are ready when Christ comes again.

Lessons to learn:

God always keeps his promises.

God has always had a plan to save people who obey Him.

Jesus can tell God how we feel since he learned about us while He was on earth.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all God.
- _____ 2. God knew that people would sin before He made the world.
- _____ 3. Nothing could hurt Jesus while He was on earth.
- _____ 4. God the Father is our Mediator.
- _____ 5. Jesus knows how we feel because of the time He spent on earth.

Short Answer:

6. What did each of the three in the Godhead do at creation?

God _____

The Son _____

Holy Spirit _____

7. God made a perfect world, and everything in it was good. What happened to change that?

8. After Adam and Eve's sin, what did God say would happen between Satan and Jesus?

9. Name some of the prophets who prophesied about Jesus the Christ.

10. How did Jesus learn about people, their feelings, their thinking, their needs, and their weaknesses?

Remember this:

11. To whom do we pray? _____ Who helps us or mediates for us when we pray?

12. Fill in the blanks with the answers about the difference between God the Son in heaven and Jesus on earth.

In heaven He was a Spirit, but on earth He had a _____.

He lived in the glory of heaven, but He left that to live the life of a _____ person. Luke 9: 58

He rules in heaven, but He was a _____ on earth. Mark 10: 45

He was innocent of sin, but He was _____ for our sins. I Corinthians 1: 23

2

The Birth of John

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

Memory verse: “‘What then will this child be?’ For the hand of the Lord was with him.” Luke 1: 66

God has always had a plan to save people who obey Him. He promised to send His Son to save us; but before He sent Jesus, He wanted to prepare the people.

At the right time, God sent an angel named Gabriel to tell Zacharias and Elizabeth that they would have a son. They were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes (laws) of the Lord. But they had no child, they were old, and they thought they would never have children.

Zacharias was a priest. One day while he was working in the temple, Gabriel came to him. Zacharias was afraid, but Gabriel said that he had come to tell him good news. “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord...And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God...”

Zacharias did not believe the angel. He said, “How can I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” He should have believed the angel from God. Because he didn’t believe, the angel Gabriel told him that he would be punished by not being able to talk until John was born.

The people were waiting for Zecharias, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. (speechless)

When John was born, many friends and the family came to see him. On the eighth day, they came to circumcise the boy. They would have called him Zecharias after his father, but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” And they made signs to his father, asking what he wanted him to be called. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened and

his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts (thought of them in their minds), saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

John would be the one who would preach to the people to tell them that Jesus was coming to save them. He was preparing the way for Christ.

Lessons to learn: We must believe God’s word.
God has always had a plan to save the people who obey Him.
John would prepare the way for Jesus to come.

True or False:

- _____ 1. John’s parents were righteous people.
- _____ 2. John’s parents were young, but they thought they could not have any children.
- _____ 3. Zachariah was afraid when Gabriel came to him.
- _____ 4. When Zachariah could not speak, the people knew he had seen a vision in the Temple.
- _____ 5. The family wanted to call the baby John like some of their relatives.

Short Answer:

- 6. What were the names of John’s mother and father? _____
- _____
- 7. Why did John’s parents think they could not have children? _____
- _____
- 8. What was the name of the angel who spoke to Zachariah? _____
- 9. What was Zachariah’s punishment for not believing the angel? _____
- _____

10. What did the family and friends think the baby should be named?

11. Why did they think the baby should not be named John?

Remember this:

12. What was John supposed to do? (What was God's plan for him?)

13. When was Zachariah able to speak again?

14. Did Zachariah believe now? How do you know?

15. What did all the people who heard about Zachariah and John do?



3

The Birth of Jesus

Matt. 1: 18-25; Luke 1: 26-56; 2: 1-7

Memory verse: “You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1: 21

One day the angel Gabriel came to a young virgin woman named Mary in the city of Nazareth. She was engaged (promised to be married) to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled and tried to figure out what sort of greeting this might be. And Gabriel said, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of his father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

Gabriel also went to Joseph, who wanted to marry Mary. He told him that Mary was going to have a baby from God. Joseph still married Mary and they were going to be Jesus’ parents on earth.

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, but they had to go to Bethlehem when the Caesar Augustus called all people to be taxed. This was the city that their fathers were from. Many other people went to Bethlehem, too. There were so many people that when Mary and Joseph got there, there was no place for them to stay. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth; and she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Joseph remembered to name Him Jesus as Gabriel had told them. Jesus means Savior- the one who had been promised to save people from their sins. Isaiah had prophesied that, “they shall call His name Immanuel (which means, God with us).” Our God had come to earth.

Lessons to learn: God sent His Son to save us just as He had promised.
Mary and Joseph believed God and obeyed Him.
Our God gave up heaven to be born in a stable.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Mary was excited when the angel appeared to her.
- _____ 2. This angel was the same one who appeared to Zacharias, John's father.
- _____ 3. The Holy Spirit would come upon Mary so that she would have a baby, even though she was not married yet.
- _____ 4. Mary and Joseph went to Nazareth when Caesar called all the people to be taxed.
- _____ 5. Even though He was God on earth, Jesus was born like a poor person - in the stable with the animals.

Short Answer:

6. Who did Gabriel come to, and to whom was she engaged? _____

7. The child's name would be _____

and he would be the Son of _____

8. How did Jesus become a child inside Mary when Mary was not married to Joseph yet?

9. Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?

10. Where did Mary and Joseph have to stay because there were so many people in Bethlehem?

11. What did Jesus have for a bed?

Remember this:

12. What are four names of Jesus from this lesson?

13. What does “Immanuel” mean, and why would that be a good name for Jesus?

14. Jesus would reign on the throne of

and his kingdom would last

15. Was Jesus going to be a king on earth?

16. What does “Savior” mean?



4

Shepherds Were Watching Sheep

Matt. 2: 1-11; Luke 2: 8-20

Memory verse: “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2: 11

On the night that baby Jesus was born, there were shepherds in the fields nearby who were watching their sheep. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host (many angels) praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. (She kept them in her mind, thought about them all the time, and wondered about their importance.) And the shepherds returned [to the fields], glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Lessons to learn: The shepherds praised God for the joy that Jesus’ birth brought to all people.

The shepherds told others about Jesus--just like we should today.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Shepherds were watching their sheep near where Jesus was born.
- _____ 2. The shepherds were happy when they first saw the angel.

- _____ 3. When the angels left, the shepherds went to see Jesus.
- _____ 4. The shepherds kept the news about Jesus to themselves.
- _____ 5. The angels and the shepherds praised God.

Short Answer:

6. What appeared in the night that scared the shepherds? _____

7. What city was the “City of David?” _____

8. What was the sign of the Christ for the shepherds? _____

9. What was the “multitude of the heavenly host?” _____

10. When the shepherds told other people about Jesus, what did those people do? _____

Remember this:

11. What did Mary do about all the things that were happening? _____

12. Are we supposed to tell other people about God’s word, too? _____

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13. Read II Timothy 2: 2 and fill in the blanks.

**“The things which you have _____ from me in the
presence of many _____, entrust these to
_____ men who will be able to teach others
also.”**

14. When was Jesus born? _____

15. Could Jesus have been born in December (winter)? How do you know
from this lesson?



5

Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2: 21-38

Memory verse: “Every firstborn male...shall be called holy to the Lord.”

Luke 2:23

When eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before Mary became pregnant with Him. Joseph and Mary brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male...shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, (God-fearing) looking for the consolation (comfort) of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to complete what God’s law said they should do, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, “Now Lord, You are releasing Your servant to depart in peace according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”

And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary Jesus’ mother, “Many Jews will fall and many will rise because of this boy. He will be a sign from God that some will not accept. So the secret thoughts of many will be made known. And the things that happen will be painful for you—like a sword cutting through your heart.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna of the tribe of Asher. She was old and had lived with her husband seven years and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption (salvation) of Jerusalem.

Lessons to learn: Joseph and Mary kept God’s law.

The Holy Spirit caused Simeon to come to the Temple at the right time to see Jesus.

Jesus would be the Savior, but some people would not accept Him, and some things would happen which would be painful to Him and his parents.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the Temple to offer a sacrifice for the firstborn son.
- _____ 2. Simeon just happened to come to the Temple on the same day.
- _____ 3. The Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not die before seeing Jesus.
- _____ 4. Another name for Jesus could be the Comfort of Israel.
- _____ 5. Everything about Jesus' coming and life would be joyous.

Short Answer:

6. What was the sacrifice for the firstborn son? _____

_____ 7. Fill in the blanks with the ways Simeon described Jesus.

“My eyes have seen _____ ,

which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a

_____ of _____ to the Gentiles, and the

_____ of Your people Israel.” Luke 2: 30-32

8. Simeon said that some of the things that would happen would be painful like what?

9. How old was Anna? _____

10. How did Joseph and Mary feel about the things that were said about Jesus? _____

Remember this:

11. Would everyone accept Jesus? _____
12. Were there some people looking for Jesus to come? How do you know from the lesson?
- _____

13. God said that when a son asked why the firstborn was holy to God, the parent was to answer,

“With a powerful hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. It came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the Lord killed every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast.

Therefore,...every firstborn of my sons I redeem.”

Be ready to discuss this in class.

14. The Holy Spirit directed Simeon to come to the Temple at the right time to see Jesus. Can you think of any other time(s) that God made sure someone was in a certain place to do His will?
- _____
- _____
- _____



6

Wise Men Search for Jesus

Matthew 2: 1- 12

Memory verse: “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”
Matthew 2: 2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the days of Herod the king, magi (wise men) from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

‘AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH,
ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH;
FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.’”

Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.” After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

Lessons to learn: The wise men knew that the star in the east was a sign of Jesus’ birth.

Herod was troubled because he thought that Jesus was going to be a king on earth.

The priests and scribes knew the prophecy of where Jesus would be born.

God knew that Herod wanted to harm Jesus, so he warned the wise men to go home a different way.

True or False:

- _____ 1. We do not know how many wise men came looking for Jesus.
- _____ 2. Jesus was King of the Jews.
- _____ 3. None of the Israelite people knew where Jesus would be born.
- _____ 4. Herod wanted to worship Jesus, too.
- _____ 5. Jesus was still in the stable when the wise men (magi) found him.

Short Answer:

6. Why did the magi come to Jerusalem? _____

7. Who did Herod ask about where Jesus was born? _____

8. How did the magi find the exact place where Jesus was? _____

9. Where was Jesus now? He wasn't in a stable anymore. _____

10. What gifts did the magi bring to Jesus? _____

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Remember this:

11. Some people think that because there are three kinds of gifts there were three wise men (magi). How many wise men does the Bible say there were?
12. The shepherds came and found Jesus when He was in the _____, but the magi found Him in a _____ when He was older.
13. This lesson shows that people in other lands could know enough about God to know to be looking for a sign of Jesus' coming to earth. What was the sign they followed?
14. The magi knew that Jesus was God because they fell down and _____
15. We also know that God talked to some Gentiles (not Jews) because how were the magi warned not to go back to Herod?
- _____



7

Jesus Goes to Egypt

Matthew 2: 12-23; Luke 2: 39

Memory verse: “Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you.” Matthew 2: 13

Now when the magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the Child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he became furious (extremely angry), and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that area who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had discovered from the wise men.

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the Child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead.” And he rose and took the Child and His mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that Jesus would be called a Nazarene. The Bible also says, “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor (approval) of God was upon him.”

Lessons to learn: God takes care of His people.
Sometimes wicked people try to hurt God's people.
God saved Jesus in Egypt so that He could fulfill the plan to save us from our sins.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Joseph left for Egypt because he had a feeling that Herod would try to kill Jesus.
- _____ 2. Joseph obeyed God right away and left at night.
- _____ 3. Going to Egypt fulfilled a prophecy.
- _____ 4. Herod killed all the babies up to two years old in the area of Bethlehem.
- _____ 5. It was prophesied that Jesus would be from Nazareth.

Short Answer:

6. How did Joseph find out that Herod wanted to kill Jesus? _____

7. How long did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus stay in Egypt? _____

8. How did Herod feel when he found out that the wise men had tricked him by going home another way? _____

9. Which children did Herod kill? _____

10. How did Joseph know when to return to Judea? _____

11. Who was ruling over Judea when Joseph started back? _____

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Remember this:

12. Many things had been prophesied about Jesus in the Old Testament.
Can you find two prophecies in this lesson?

13. Read Luke 2: 40 and fill in the blanks.

“And the Child _____ and became _____,
filled with a _____. And the _____ of
God was upon Him.”



14. On the map,

- a. Circle Bethlehem in Judea (Judea)
- b. Circle Nazareth in Galilee.

8

Jesus Gets Lost

Luke 2: 41-52

Memory verse: “Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” Luke 2: 52

Now Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents didn’t know it; they supposed Him to be in the caravan (the group that was traveling together), and they went a day’s journey. Then they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances (people they knew).

When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. Then, after three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the middle of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And everyone who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You.” (They had been worried about Him) And He said to them, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?” But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them.

And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them (He obeyed his parents.); and His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature (height), and in favor (approval) with God and men.

Lessons to learn: We must worship God as He has told us to- even if we have to go a long way or it is not easy for us.

Children are to obey their parents.

We should always be doing God’s business.

Jesus grew in wisdom (knowing and doing good) and also in height like normal boys grow.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Jesus did not get permission to stay in Jerusalem.
- _____ 2. Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was in their group somewhere.
- _____ 3. Mary and Joseph traveled for three days before missing Jesus.
- _____ 4. Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple.
- _____ 5. Mary and Joseph understood what Jesus answered them—
“...I had to be in My Father’s house?”

Short Answer:

6. How often did Joseph and Mary go to Jerusalem for the Passover feast?

7. How long did Joseph and Mary travel before they noticed that Jesus was missing?

8. How many days did Joseph and Mary look for Jesus before they found Him?

9. What was Jesus doing in the Temple?

10. How did everyone who heard Jesus feel?

Remember this:

11. What does this mean—“He continued in subjection to them.”

12. Do you remember from lesson 4 what “His mother treasured all these things in her heart.” means?

13. What about Jesus in the Temple is not like an average twelve year old?

14. Read Ephesians 6: 1-3 and fill in the blanks

_____, obey your _____ in
the Lord, for this is _____. “_____
your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a
_____), “that it may go _____ with
you and that you may _____ long in the land.”



9

John Preaches About Jesus

Matthew 3: 1-12; John 3: 23

Memory verse: “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I.” Matthew 3: 11

You remember the story about baby John being born. When John grew up to be a man, he came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore a garment (clothing) of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then people of Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! (venomous snakes) Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham...Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

To be baptized means that a person goes into the water and another person puts him all the way under the water and lifts him up out of the water again. John baptized people this way in the Jordan River because there was plenty of water there.

Some people who heard John preach listened to what he said, and they repented of the bad things they had done and were baptized. Other people did not want to believe what John said and they did not obey his message from God.

Lessons to Learn: John was sent by God to prepare the people for Jesus. He was part of God's plan to save people.

When we have done bad things, we should be sorry and stop doing the bad things and start doing what God says to do. - In other words, repent. To be baptized, a person goes down into the water until he is covered and then comes out again. This is like Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

True or False:

- _____ 1. John was preaching in the wilderness.
- _____ 2. John had nice clothing and food.
- _____ 3. John said that people needed to bear fruit that showed they had repented.
- _____ 4. It is O.K. to sprinkle or pour water on a person to "baptize" him.
- _____ 5. Jesus was the one who was coming after John.

Short Answer:

6. What was the message that John was preaching? _____

7. What did John eat and what did he wear? _____

8. Who did John call "You brood of vipers!"? _____

9. Why was John baptizing in the Jordan River? _____

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10. The people who listened to John _____
their sins and were _____

Remember this:

11. What is repentance? _____

12. To bear fruit in keeping with repentance means to prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins. What will happen to every tree (person) that does not bear good fruit?

13. Why did John need plenty of water to baptize people?

14. What other important event is baptism like?

15. John had an important job to “_____ the way of
the _____,” (Matthew 3: 3) but he said that “He
who is coming after _____ is _____ than I,
whose _____ I am not worthy to carry.” (Matthew 3: 11)

10

Jesus is Baptized

Matthew 3: 13-17; Mark 1: 9-11; Luke 3: 21-23; John 1: 29-34

Memory verse: “This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.”
Matthew 3: 17

John was still preaching in the wilderness and baptizing people. One day Jesus came From Galilee to the Jordan to John to be baptized by him. When John saw Jesus coming toward him, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.’ I myself did not know Him, but for this reason I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.”

John would have prevented Jesus from being baptized by him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John agreed to baptize Him. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.” This means that God was happy because Jesus had obeyed Him.

When John saw the Spirit like a dove and heard the voice from heaven, he knew that Jesus was the Son of God. He said, “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him.... He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

John was preparing the people for when Jesus would preach, too.

Lessons to learn: We must obey God’s commandments just like Jesus did. God is happy with those who obey Him. God the Spirit, God the Father, and Jesus were all here at this important time.

True or False:

- _____ 1. John knew that Jesus was the Lamb of God.
- _____ 2. John was ready to baptize Jesus right away.
- _____ 3. God the Father descended like a dove onto Jesus.
- _____ 4. Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit.
- _____ 5. God hadn't given John any sign to figure out who Jesus was.

Short Answer:

6. Where did Jesus come from when He came to John? Do you remember which town He lived in there?

7. Why did Jesus say that He needed to be baptized by John? _____

8. Right after Jesus was baptized, what did John see? _____

9. Right after Jesus was baptized, what did John hear? _____

10. Who had told John that whoever the Spirit descended on would be the Son of God?

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Remember this:

11. John said, “For this reason I came baptizing with water, that _____

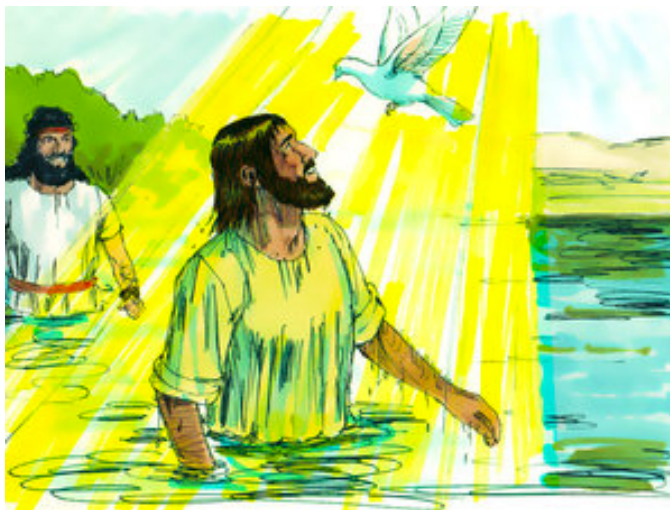
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12. What did John say Jesus would take away? _____

13. Who are the three in the Godhead in heaven? _____

14. Tell how the three in the Godhead are present at this baptism.

15. What did the voice from heaven say? _____



11

Jesus is Tempted

Matthew 4: 1-10; Mark 1: 13; Luke 4: 1- 13

Memory verse: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Matthew 4: 4

After He was baptized, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting (not eating any food) forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. And the tempter (Satan) came and said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

But Jesus answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” It would have been wrong for Jesus to turn the rocks to bread because Satan told Him to do it. The most important thing for a person to do is live by obeying God. Jesus was hungry, but He obeyed God rather than obeying Satan.

Then the devil took him to the holy city (Jerusalem) and set him on the pinnacle (highest point) of the Temple and said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command His angels concerning You,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Satan had tried to get Jesus to jump to prove that He was the Son of God and to prove that God would take care of Him. But, Jesus was sure that God would take care of Him.

Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory in a moment of time. And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.’” Then the devil left him until a better time [when he might tempt Jesus again], and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Of course, while Jesus was on earth, the devil kept looking for ways to tempt Him, just like he tries to tempt us to do evil. The difference between Jesus and us is that He never listened to the devil, and He never sinned. All people have sinned, but God says that there is always a way of

escape. Each person can make the choice to sin or to obey God. We can fight off the devil if we remember God's word like Jesus did.

Aren't we grateful that Jesus did not sin? Because He always obeyed God while He was on the earth, He could be the perfect sacrifice for our sins! This was God's eternal plan to save us.

Lessons to learn: Like Jesus we must obey God, not Satan.

When Satan tempts you to sin, remember God's word and don't sin. Say "No!"

Sometimes people try to use God's word in the wrong way to tempt us, so we must be careful to know what God really wants us to do.

Since Jesus was tempted like we are, He knows how we feel.

When we are tempted, we can pray to God to make us strong.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Jesus went without eating for forty days and forty nights.
- _____ 2. This was the only time that Satan tempted Jesus.
- _____ 3. We are supposed to only worship God.
- _____ 4. Satan is also called the Tempter.
- _____ 5. Sometimes the devil is so strong that we cannot resist doing evil.

Short Answer:

6. Jesus was hungry, so what was the first thing that Satan tempted him to do?

7. Why would it have been wrong for Jesus to make the stones into bread?

8. What was the second temptation? _____

9. What was the third temptation?

10. What did Jesus use to answer the devil every time?

Remember this:

11. Satan said “**IF** you are the Son of God...” Did Jesus need to prove to Satan that He was the Son of God?

12. Satan offered the kingdoms of the world and their glory to Jesus. Jesus could have had riches, power, and honor on earth, but instead He chose to

13. Even though Satan controls most kingdoms of the earth right now because they are evil and follow him, who really controls the kingdoms of the world?

14. Read Hebrews 4: 15 and fill in the blanks about Jesus.

“For we do not have a _____ who
cannot sympathize with our _____, but One who
has been _____ in all things as we _____, yet
without _____.”

15. James 4: 7 says, “Resist the devil and he will _____”

12

Jesus Chooses the Apostles

Matthew 4: 18-22; Mark 1: 16-20; Luke 5: 1- 11

Memory verse: He said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4: 19

Jesus was standing on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, teaching the people as they crowded around him to hear God’s message. Near the shore he saw two boats left there by some fishermen who had gone to wash their nets. Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon and asked him to row it out a little way from the shore. Then Jesus sat down in the boat to teach the crowd.

When Jesus had finished speaking, he told Simon, “Row the boat out into the deep water and let your nets down to catch some fish.”

“Master,” Simon answered, “we have worked hard all night long and have not caught a thing. But if You tell me to, I will let the nets down.” They did it and caught so many fish that their nets began ripping apart. Then they signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. The men came, and together they filled the two boats so full that they both began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this happen, he knelt down in front of Jesus and said, “Lord, don’t come near me! I am a sinner.” Peter and everyone with him were amazed at all the fish they had caught. His partners James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were surprised too.

Jesus told Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you will bring in people instead of fish.” The men pulled their boats up on the shore. Then they left everything and went with Jesus.

Altogether Jesus chose twelve men to follow Him and learn from Him. They were called apostles. One day they would go preach to everyone about Jesus and His word.

The apostles

Peter
Andrew
James
John

Philip
Bartholomew
Thomas
Matthew

James, son of Alphaeus
Simon
Thaddaeus
Judas Iscariot

Lessons to learn: Only God can do miracles like this.
God was still working on His plan to save men from their sins.
The apostles would learn from Jesus and then go preach His word to everyone.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Jesus was preaching to a crowd of people on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.
- _____ 2. Simon Peter heard Jesus preaching, too.
- _____ 3. Simon thought they would catch a lot of fish if they let down the nets.
- _____ 4. After seeing the miracle, Simon Peter knew that Jesus was God.
- _____ 5. All the apostles are mentioned at this time by the Sea of Galilee.

Short Answer:

- 6. Why did Jesus get in the boat? _____
- _____
- 7. What did Jesus tell Simon Peter to do after he was finished speaking? _____
- _____
- 8. Why did Simon Peter think they wouldn't catch any fish? _____
- _____
- 9. How many fish did the men catch? _____
- _____
- 10. Why did Simon Peter tell Jesus not to come near him? _____
- _____

Remember this:

11. How do we know that Jesus did a miracle with the fish? _____

12. If someone could do miracles, what did that show? (Who was with them?)

13. What two names did Simon Peter call Jesus that mean a ruler or someone with power?

14. What does it mean that the apostles would be fishing for man?

15. Practice the names of the twelve apostles so you will know them all. You may want to sing the song. (tune of Jesus Loves Me)

Jesus called them one by one,
Peter, Andrew, James, and John,
Next came Phillip, Thomas, too,
Matthew and Bartholomew.

Yes, Jesus called them. (chorus)
Yes, Jesus called them.
Yes, Jesus called them.
And they all followed Him. (or The Bible tells us so)

James, the one they call the Less,
Simon, also Thaddeaus,
The twelfth apostle Judas made,
Jesus was by him betrayed.
(chorus)

Mathias then took Judas' place
To preach to men of every race.
Paul three preaching trips did make,
And went to Rome for Jesus' sake.
(chorus)

13

The Transfiguration

Matthew 17: 1 -13; Mark 9: 2 -13; Luke 9: 28- 36

Memory verse: “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” Matthew 17: 5

Jesus took with Him Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured (changed) before them as He was praying, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light.

And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was suggesting that they make a place of worship for each of the men. He said that because he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. (very scared)

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” God was telling Peter that Jesus was the one whom they should worship and obey. When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.” So they kept the matter to themselves, wondering what this rising from the dead might mean.

When people die, their souls still live in Hades until the day of Judgment. We know that Moses and Elijah were still alive in Hades, so they could come talk to Jesus. Only their earthly bodies were gone.

Lessons to learn: We have to be careful to think before we say something or we might say something wrong.

We are to worship God and Him only.

We are to obey God and Him only.

In God's plan, it was not the time to tell people about Jesus' transfiguration.
(changing)

True or False:

- _____ 1. Only three of the apostles were with Jesus.
- _____ 2. Transfigured means changed.
- _____ 3. James said, "If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."
- _____ 4. The apostles understood about Moses and Elijah rising from the dead.
- _____ 5. The spirit of a man lives on after his body dies.

Short Answer:

6. Who did Jesus take up on the mountain with Him? _____

7. How was Jesus transfigured (changed)? _____

8. Why was Peter wrong for saying they could make a place of worship for each of the three men? _____

9. What did the voice from the cloud say? _____

10. Whose voice was speaking from the cloud? _____

11. When could the apostles tell about what they saw on the mountain?

Remember this:

12. Moses went up on Mt. Nebo, saw the Promised Land of Canaan, died, and God buried him. Did Elijah die? What happened to him?

13. What should you do if you don't know what to say?

14. Moses and Elijah were good men, but were they equal to Jesus who is God?

15. When people die where do they go?

Heaven

Hades
Paradise or Torment



14

Jesus Teaches the Disciples to Pray

Matthew 6: 5-13; Luke 11: 1-4

Memory verse: “Rejoice always; pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks” I Thess. 5: 16-18

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And He said to them, “When you pray, say:
“Our Father in heaven, hallowed (greatly respected) be Your name.
Your kingdom (church) come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins, as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Jesus told the disciples to pray to God that the church would come and His will would be done in everything. Of course, the church did come, and now we pray to thank God for His church. We still pray that everything happens according to God’s will.

Jesus taught the disciples to pray for their food. He taught them to ask God to forgive them of their sins and to help them not sin anymore. We can pray for these things, too. Everyday God blesses us with food and we should thank Him for it. There are many other blessings we can thank God for, too.

When we have done something wrong, we can pray and tell God that we are sorry. We can ask Him to forgive us, and we can try hard not to sin again. We can ask God to help us be strong and only do good things.

Jesus also told the disciples, “When you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases (meaningless words) as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

When we pray we are talking to God. We ask Him for the things we need and thank Him for everything He does for us. We can pray when we

are sad, angry, or happy. Remember that Jesus helps us when we pray by telling God how we feel. He knows our feelings because He came to the earth and lived like us.

Lessons to learn: We need to know how to pray as God wants us to pray. Jesus tells God how we feel when we pray. There are many things for which we can pray. We should praise God, pray for other people, and then pray for ourselves.

True or False:

- _____ 1. We can pray only to God the Father.
- _____ 2. We can pray for God's church to come today.
- _____ 3. We can ask God to forgive us of our sins.
- _____ 4. We are not supposed to pray to be seen by other people.
- _____ 5. Longer prayers are always better prayers.

Short Answer:

- 6. To whom do we pray? _____
- 7. Why do we not pray for the church to come today? _____
- _____
- 8. We can ask God to forgive us as (in the same way) we _____
- _____
- 9. What does "hallowed" mean? _____
- _____
- 10. What other words could you use to show respect to God? _____
- _____
- _____

Remember this:

11. What kind of praying is not good? The lesson mentions two things.

12. Jesus is our mediator or helper when we pray. What does He do for us?

13. What things can we ask God for other people?

14. What do you know about prayer? Fill in the lists.

When you can pray

For what you can give thanks

For whom you can pray

What to ask for yourself

15

A Young Rich Man Talks to Jesus

Matthew 19: 16-26; Mark 10: 17-22; Luke 18: 18-27

Memory verse: “Go sell what you have and give to the poor...and come, follow Me.” Matthew 19: 21

One day a rich young man came to Jesus saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”

And He said to him, “Why do you ask Me about what is good? No one is good except God alone. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.”

He said to Him, “Which ones?”

And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” These were some of the things the young man needed to do.

The young man said to Him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?”

And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

And Peter said, “See, we have left our homes and followed You.”

And He said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

Lessons to learn: We must put God first and love Him more than anything else.

Jesus said it was hard for rich people to enter heaven.

We should do good things with everything God has given us.

Sometimes people “lose” their family members when they are trying to obey God, but the family is not obeying God.

Whatever we have to give up to follow Jesus is less important than eternal life in heaven.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The rich young man wanted to know what to do to be saved.
- _____ 2. The rich young man said that he had kept some of the commandments that Jesus told him to keep.
- _____ 3. The rich young man did everything that Jesus told him to do.
- _____ 4. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.
- _____ 5. People who leave family, riches, and other things to follow God will be rewarded by eternal life.

Short Answer:

6. Who is the only One who is good? (completely good) _____

7. What were some commandments that Jesus said the rich young man needed to keep?

8. What was the last thing that Jesus told the rich young man to do?

9. How did the young man feel when he heard Jesus ask him to give away all he had and follow Jesus?

10. What example did Jesus use to show how hard it is for a rich person to be saved?

Remember this:

11. Was the rich young man mostly a good man? _____
Was it enough to obey most of God's word? _____

12. What did the rich young man love most? _____

13. Read Mark 8: 36 and fill in the blanks.

**"For what shall it _____ a man, if he shall gain the
_____, and lose his own
_____?"**

14. Read Matthew 6: 33 and fill in the blanks.

**"But _____ ye first the _____ of _____,
and His _____; and all these things shall be
added unto you."**

15. Read Matthew 6: 19 -21 and fill in the blanks.

**"Do not _____ up for yourselves _____
upon _____"**

****Be ready to discuss what these verses mean in class.****

16

Zacchaeus

Luke 19: 1-10

Memory verse: “The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19: 9

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through, and there was a man called by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable to see because of the crowd, for he was short. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, for He was about to pass through that way.

When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly.

When the people saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” They said this because they knew that Zacchaeus was a tax collector. He took money from the people to pay the government. Sometimes tax collectors took more money than they were supposed to take and kept it for themselves. Zacchaeus was very rich.

Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions (what I own) I will give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from anyone wrongfully, I will give back four times as much.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Zacchaeus was sorry for doing wrong and that he wanted to change and start doing good things. This is called repenting. When we stop doing bad things and decide to start doing good things, God will forgive us, too. We should always be trying to do what God wants us to do.

Lessons to learn: When we do something wrong, we can stop doing that bad thing, start doing what is right, and ask God to forgive us.

(Repent)

God is happy when people repent and turn back to Him.

Zacchaeus put a lot of effort into seeing Jesus. He did not give up because of the crowd.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Zacchaeus really wanted to see Jesus, so he ran ahead and climbed a tree.
- _____ 2. Jesus said He was going to Zacchaeus' house.
- _____ 3. The people were happy for Zacchaeus when they saw that Jesus was going to his house.
- _____ 4. The people didn't have a good opinion of tax collectors.
- _____ 5. Jesus came to save only Jews who were lost.

Short Answer:

6. Why was Zacchaeus unable to see Jesus at first? Give two reasons.

7. What did Jesus say to Zacchaeus when He saw him in the tree?

8. Why did the people not like tax collectors?

9. What did Zacchaeus say he would do if he had wrongfully taken money from anyone?

10. What did Zacchaeus say he would do with half of what he owned?

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Remember this:

11. Why did the people grumble when they saw that Jesus was going to Zacchaeus' house?

12. Did Zacchaeus repent of anything he had done wrong? How do you know?

13. What did Jesus say that He (the Son of Man) had come to do?

14. How many people are sinners and need Jesus to save them?

15. Sometimes we have to put a lot of work into doing God's will. Be ready to discuss what we must do when---

People make fun of us for being different and obeying God.

We must stand up for the Truth, even though most people think we are wrong.

We have to tell someone that they are wrong and they need to repent.

We are persecuted/harmed/bullied/ tortured by evil people.

17

Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet

Matthew 26: 6 - 13; Mark 14: 3 - 9; John 12: 1- 9

Memory verse: “Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good work for me.” Matthew 26: 10

One day Jesus went to Bethany and ate at the house of Simon the leper. Some other friends of Jesus were there, too. Their names were Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. While Jesus was reclining at the table, there came a woman named Mary with an alabaster (white) glass container of very costly perfume of pure nard (a plant from which perfumed cream or lotion is made); and she broke the container and poured the perfume over His head and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance (smell) of the perfume.

But some people were indignantly (very angrily) remarking to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii (Roman silver coins), and the money given to the poor.” Judas Iscariot was one who said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and since he the money box, he used to steal what was put into it. And they were scolding her.

But Jesus was aware of this and said to them, “Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me. For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me. For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial. Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”

Lessons to learn: God is happy when we show our love for Him. Jesus wouldn't always be on the earth. One day He would go back to heaven.

Mary showed her love for Jesus by anointing his head and feet. Mary's good deed is still told when the gospel is preached.

True or False:

_____ 1. This Mary was a friend of Jesus.

- _____ 2. The perfume that Mary used was special and cost a lot of money.
- _____ 3. Judas was really concerned about the poor people who could have
been helped with the money from the perfume.
- _____ 4. There will always be poor people in the world.
- _____ 5. Judas was an apostle, so he was a good man.

Short Answer:

6. Who were some of Jesus' friends who were at the dinner? _____

7. What parts of Jesus' body did Mary anoint? _____

8. How did Mary wipe Jesus' feet? _____

9. Why were some people angry about Mary using the perfume to anoint
Jesus ? _____

10. For how much money could the perfume have been sold? _____

11. Why did Jesus say that Mary had poured the perfume on Him? _____

Remember this:

12. What was Judas doing already that shows that he was not a good
person? _____

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13. How do we know that Mary loved Jesus? Remember that love is shown by what a person does.

14. Jesus said He would not always be with these people. What would happen to Him?

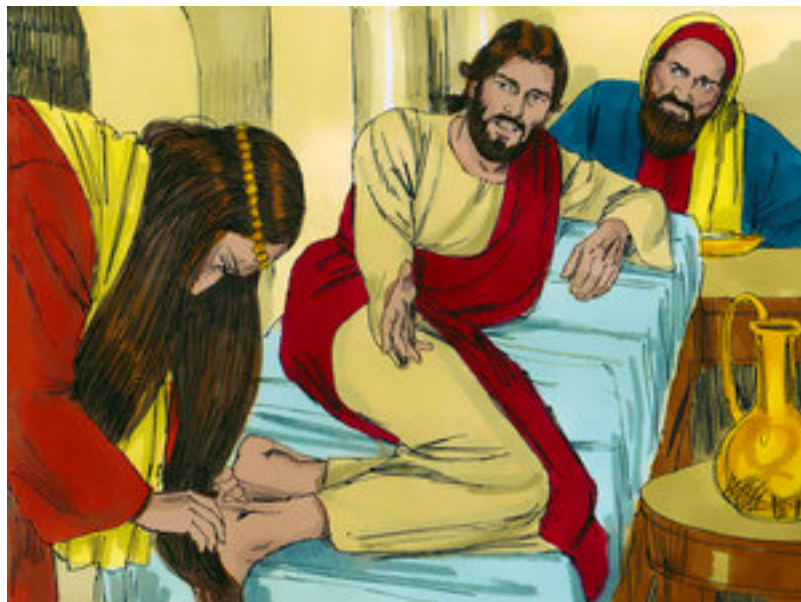
15. Think about the people listed below and write a way you can show that you love them.

Your Parents _____

God _____

Brothers and sisters _____

Needy Christians _____



18

Jesus Rides on a Colt

Matt. 21: 1-11; Mark 11: 1-11; Luke 19: 28-40; John 12: 12-19

Memory verse: “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel. John 12: 13

As Jesus traveled to Jerusalem with His apostles, He sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Zechariah:

“SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, (Jerusalem)
‘BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,
GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,
EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.’”

So the two men who were sent, went away and found it just as He had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

They said, “The Lord has need of it.” They got permission to use the colt, and they brought it to Jesus; and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it. As He was going, the people were spreading their coats on the road and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

As soon as He was approaching, near the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting:

Hosanna to the Son of David!

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these [people] become silent, the stones will cry out!”

When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Lessons to learn: The disciples obeyed Jesus right away. So should we. Jesus would not be a king on earth, but He is now King in heaven. Jesus didn't stop the people from doing good, even though the bad people wanted Him to stop them.

True or False:

- _____ 1. No one had ever ridden the colt before Jesus rode it.
- _____ 2. The Pharisees loved Jesus and praised Him.
- _____ 3. The prophet Zechariah had prophesied of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the colt.
- _____ 4. Jesus would be a king on earth in Jerusalem.
- _____ 5. The people said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Short Answer:

6. How many of the apostles went into the city to get the donkeys? _____

7. What did the apostles tell the owner of the donkeys so that he would let them take the donkeys?

8. What did the people spread on the road?

9. Fill in the blanks of the praise that the people shouted to Jesus.

“_____ to the Son of _____!”

“Blessed is the _____ who comes in the name of the

_____; Peace in _____ and glory in the highest!”

10. What did Jesus say would happen if He made the people stop shouting?

Remember this:

11. What had the people seen that caused them to praise God/Jesus?

12. Zechariah wrote about this event over 700 years before it happened.
How did he know this would happen?

13. Many people misunderstood Jesus. They thought he would be a King on earth to save them from the Romans. Where would Jesus be King?

On earth

In heaven

Over the church

14. The church is also called the Kingdom of God. A kingdom always has a king and citizens in the kingdom. Who is the King?

Who are the citizens?



19

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Matthew 21: 12-13; Mark 11: 15-19; Luke 19: 45-48

Memory verse: “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer.’”
Luke 19: 46

Then Jesus and the apostles came to Jerusalem, and He entered the temple. (The temple was the building where the Jews went to worship God. It was a little like our church buildings.) Jesus began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise (things to be bought or sold) through the temple. He wanted His house to be a house of prayer and worship only.

He began to teach and say to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a robbers’ den.” And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him, and they could not find anything that they might do, for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.

Lessons to learn: Jesus kept doing good things even though the bad people were angry and wanted to kill Him.

We must be sure to obey God no matter what happens.

God’s place of worship is to be used for worship, not other things.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The people in the Temple were doing many things which they should not have been doing there.
- _____ 2. Jesus was angry that the people were not doing the right things in the Temple.
- _____ 3. It was wrong for Jesus to run the people out and over turn the tables.
- _____ 4. Places to worship God are to be used for worship and not for other things like buying and selling.

_____ 5. The leaders wanted to destroy Jesus, but they could not find a way to do it.

Short Answer:

6. What was the Temple? _____

7. What were people doing in the Temple that they should not have been doing?

8. Fill in the blanks to finish what Jesus said.

‘My _____ shall be called a house of
_____ for all the _____’

9. What three groups of people wanted to destroy Jesus? _____

10. How did the crowd of people who Jesus taught feel about Him?

Remember this:

11. Is the church the same as the church building? _____

12. What is the church? Ask your parents if you are not sure. _____

13. When is it O.K. to be angry?

14. Church buildings are for worshipping God, too. Circle the things that are right to do in the church building.

Pray

Run and play like it is a playground

Sell things

Sing hymns

Have a daycare

Listen to preaching

Eat

Have a party

Give money to God's work

Watch a movie

Have a Bible class

Take the Lord's Supper

15. Read Ephesians 4: 26, and fill in the blanks.

“Be _____, and yet do not _____; do not let the _____ go down on your _____.”

16. God expects Christians to behave in a certain way when they are worshipping Him. Read I Timothy 3: 15, and fill in the blanks.

“If I delay, you may know how one ought to _____ in the household of _____ which is the _____ of the living _____, a pillar and support of the _____.



20

Judas Plans to Do Wrong

Matthew 26: 14-16; Mark 14: 10-11; Luke 22: 3-6

Memory verse: “They counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.”
Matthew 26: 15

Judas Iscariot was one of Jesus’ twelve apostles. We have talked about him before when he wished that Mary had sold her perfume and put the money in his box. He did not want to help the poor people; he wanted to steal the money.

Now Judas had another bad plan. The Bible says that Satan entered into Judas. Just like we have discussed with Pharaoh and King Saul, this means that Judas chose to do evil. Satan cannot make us do anything we do not choose to do.

Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?” They were glad when they heard Judas ask this, and they promised to give him money. They weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus. apart from the crowd.

To betray someone means that one person delivers a second person to his enemies by being unfaithful to the second person. Judas began to watch for a time when the multitudes of people were not around Jesus. He knew the people would not like what he and the chief priests were doing.

Jesus knew what Judas was doing. Of course, it made Him sad that Judas was so evil. But, Jesus knew that Judas could not stop Him from doing His job of saving people from their sins. In fact, God used the sinful man Judas in order for His great plan for saving men to be accomplished. Judas would not be able to betray or trap Jesus until God let him.

Lessons to learn: Judas loved money more than God.

God is sad whenever anyone sins.

God still would not let anything happen that would hurt His plan to save men from their sins.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Judas was not a good man even though he was one of Jesus' twelve apostles.
- _____ 2. Satan took over Judas' body and made him betray Jesus.
- _____ 3. The chief priests wanted to hurt Jesus, too.
- _____ 4. Judas was paid thirty gold pieces to betray Jesus to His enemies.
- _____ 5. Judas could not mess up God's plan to save men from their sins.

Short Answer:

6. What was the first bad thing we learned that Judas wanted to do?

7. What does it mean when the Bible says that Satan entered Judas?

8. Who did Judas go to in order to get something for betraying Jesus?

9. How much was Judas paid for betraying Jesus?

10. Why did Judas want to find Jesus away from the crowds or multitudes of people who followed Him?

Remember this:

11. Can Satan make anyone do something he/she doesn't want to do? _____

12. Read James 4: 7 and fill in the blanks.

“ _____ the _____ and he will
_____ from you.”

13. Could Judas keep Jesus from doing what God wanted Him to do?

14. Can you think of some other times when God used evil people to do what He wanted to be done? (Hint: in Egypt and when the Israelites disobeyed God)

15. You can choose to do right or do wrong. Circle the good choices below.

**Play, color, pay no attention
to the preacher**

**Pay close attention and
take notes**

Obey your parents

**Pout, whine, cry to get
your way**

Sing in church

**Say “I don’t know the
words” and not try to learn**

Put schoolwork first

Put Bible lessons first

**Forget about God
except when you are
at church services**

**Think about what
God wants you to do
all the time**

Pray every day

**Just depend on your own
self rather than God**

21

Jesus Washes the Apostles' Feet

Matthew 26: 17-29; Mark 14: 12-25; Luke 22: 7-23; John 13: 1-30

Memory verse: "If I... the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13: 14

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" Passover?" And He said, "Go into the city and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him; and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; prepare for us there." The disciples went out and came to the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating supper, Jesus got up from supper, and laid aside His outer garments; and tied a towel around his waist. Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel. So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Jesus, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter." (later)

Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."

So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master,

nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Lessons to learn: Jesus was teaching his apostles to serve each other.
Jesus was a servant, even though He was the Lord.
Jesus knew what Judas was planning.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Jesus told the apostles about a man who would have a room for them to use for the Passover.
- _____ 2. Peter wanted Jesus to wash his feet right away.
- _____ 3. Jesus said, "Not all of you are clean." Because he knew Judas was planning to do.
- _____ 4. Jesus was being an example of what he wanted his apostles to be.
- _____ 5. The apostles understood everything about what Jesus was doing.

Short Answer:

6. The Feast of Unleavened Bread is also called the _____.

7. How would the apostles know what man they were to talk to in the city?

8. The apostles were to tell the man that the _____

said, "Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"

9. What did Jesus tell Peter about if he did not wash Peter's feet? _____

10. Fill in the blanks. John 13: 16

"Truly, _____, I say to you, a _____

is not greater than his _____."

Remember this:

11. Do you remember when the Feast of the Passover started?

12. Read Galatians 5: 13, and fill in the blanks.

“Through _____ serve _____.”

13. Read Matthew 20: 26, and fill in the blanks.

**“Whoever would be _____ among
_____ must be your _____.”**

14. Read Mark 9: 35 and fill in the blanks.

**“If _____ would be _____, he must
be _____ of all and _____ of all.”**

15. Make a list of some ways you can serve other people. _____



22

Jesus Keeps the Passover and Sets Up the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26: 17-29; Mark 14: 12-25; Luke 22: 7-23; John 13: 1-30

Memory verse: “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” Luke 22: 19

(You remember from the last lesson that Jesus sent the disciples into Jerusalem to prepare a place for keeping the Passover. They went into the city, and found the room just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.)

Now when evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the twelve disciples. As they were eating, He said, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me.”

Being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, “Surely not I, Lord?”

And He answered, “He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me. The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”

And Judas, who was betraying Him, said, “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” Jesus said to him, “You have said it yourself.”

While they were eating, Jesus took some unleavened bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.”

Every Sunday Christians still do the same thing. We call this the Lord's Supper because Jesus told us to do it. Jesus wanted Christians to remember Him and how He saved us from our sins. Christians think about the great sacrifice Jesus made and His death, burial, and resurrection while they take the Lord's Supper.

Lessons to learn: It was almost time for Jesus to die to save men from their sins.

Jesus began the Lord's Supper as a way for Christians to remember his death.

There are many things that are similar in the Passover and the Lord's Supper.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The apostles were very sad when Jesus said that one of them would betray Him.
- _____ 2. The man who would betray Jesus was eating with Him and acting like he was Jesus' friend.
- _____ 3. The bread and fruit of the vine were just part of an ordinary supper.
- _____ 4. Jesus prayed before offering the apostles the bread and the fruit of the vine.
- _____ 5. The Lord's Supper is for Christians.

Short Answer:

6. What did Jesus tell the apostles which made them very sad? _____

7. What did Jesus say about the man who would betray Him? It would have been good if _____

8. What did Jesus say that the bread stood for? _____

9. What did the fruit of the vine stand for? _____

10. What is fruit of the vine? _____

continued

Remember this:

11. The Jews celebrated the Passover every year to remind them of what?
Think back to Moses and Egypt.
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12. Who is supposed to take the Lord's Supper and remember His death, burial, and resurrection?

Children

Adults

Adult Christians

13. Unleavened bread is bread that has no yeast or leaven to make it rise up thick. Jesus used unleavened bread and fruit of the vine for the Lord's Supper. Can we use anything else besides those two things? Why?
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14. There are several things that are similar between the Passover and the Lord's Supper. See if you can fill in the blanks.

Passover

Lord's Supper

Lamb sacrificed.

_____ sacrificed
(our Passover Lamb)

Blood on doorposts
to save.

Blood of _____
to save us.

Unleavened bread

Unleavened bread

A memorial of being
saved from

A memorial of Salvation from

Only for Israelites

Only for _____

23

Jesus at Gethsemane

Matthew 26: 36-46; Mark 14: 32-43; Luke 22: 39-46

Memory verse: “Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation.” Mark 14: 38

After Jesus and the apostles were done eating the Passover Feast, they sang a song. Then they went to a place called Gethsemane. Gethsemane was a garden on the Mount of Olives which was near Jerusalem. It was already night when they got there.

Jesus said to His disciples, “Sit here until I have prayed.” And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. And He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved (saddened) to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.” He knew Judas would betray Him, and He knew that He would die. Jesus wanted God to help Him, so He prayed.

And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour (of death) might pass Him by. And He was saying, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.” And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

Jesus prayed again, and He was in agony, praying very fervently (passionately); and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. God sent an angel to strengthen Him.

And He came the third time, and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!”

Lessons to learn: Jesus prayed for help from God when He knew that His death was coming soon.

We should pray to God for help, too.

Soon Jesus would keep God’s plan for saving man from their sins.

Jesus knew that it was God's will that He should die for our sins.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Jesus took all the disciples close to Him when He prayed.
- _____ 2. Gethsemane was a garden on the Mount of Olives.
- _____ 3. Jesus asked Peter, James, and John to keep watch.
- _____ 4. Jesus was so upset that His sweat became like blood.
- _____ 5. Jesus prayed four times and Peter, James, and John slept each time.

Short Answer:

6. How was Jesus feeling when He prayed? _____

7. Whose will did Jesus pray to be done? _____

8. How many times did Jesus pray? _____

9. Why were Peter, James, and John sleeping? _____

10. What was about to happen next? _____

continued

Remember this:

11. First Jesus told Peter, James, and John to watch. Then He told them to watch and _____.

12. Read I John 5: 14 and fill in the blanks.

**“This is the _____ which we have
before Him, that, if we _____ anything
according to His _____, He _____ us.”**

13. Can you think of some times when you might be very sad or upset and you can pray to God?



24

Jesus is Taken Prisoner

Matthew 26: 47-56, 27: 3- 10; Mark 14: 46-52; Luke 22: 47-53; John 18: 1-14

Memory verse: “All this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.” Matthew 26: 56

After Jesus prayed and while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up with a large crowd with torches, swords, and clubs. They came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Judas knew where Jesus was, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. Now Judas gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize (grab) Him.” Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. How terrible it was for Judas to kiss Jesus as if he were his friend and loved Him when he really was helping the Jews to kill Jesus!

And Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you have come for.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

And behold, Peter reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest – Malchus - and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will send Me more than twelve legions (about 80,000) of angels? How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?” And Jesus touched Malchus’ ear and healed him.

At that time Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me. But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.” Then all the disciples left Him and fled. They were afraid and ran away instead of staying with Jesus. Peter followed Jesus far away, but he was too afraid to get near the crowd of people.

When Judas saw what had happened, he was sorry that he had helped the evil men catch Jesus. He went back to the chief priests to return the money they had given him. He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They did not want the money back. So, Judas threw the money down in the temple. Then he went out and killed himself. (hanged Himself) This was very sinful.

Lessons to learn: Judas led the evil men to Jesus. He was a very evil man. The disciples should have been brave enough to stay with Jesus, but they ran away when they were afraid. The time for Jesus' death had come. Remember that Jesus died to save us from our sins.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Judas had a sign to show the crowd who Jesus was.
- _____ 2. Peter cut off the high priest's ear.
- _____ 3. Jesus wanted God to send angels to fight for Him.
- _____ 4. The crowd was from the chief priests and elders.
- _____ 5. Peter was the only apostle who stayed close to Jesus.

Short Answer:

- 6. How did Judas know where to find Jesus? _____

- 7. How did Judas show the men who Jesus was? _____

- 8. Jesus could have asked for angels to help Him, but how would the
“_____ be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?”
- 9. Did Judas know that he had done something wrong? _____
- 10. Why did the apostles run away? _____

continued

Remember this:

11. Were the apostles supposed to fight with swords? _____

12. What was so bad about Judas kissing Jesus? _____

13. Fill in the blanks to show what Judas said when he tried to return the money to the chief priests.

**He said, “I have _____ by betraying
_____ blood.”**

14. Did Judas turn back to God and ask for forgiveness? _____

15. Jesus did a miracle that should have made everyone realize that He was the Son of God. What did He do?



25

Peter Says He Doesn't Know Jesus

Matthew 26: 31-34, 56-58, 69-75; Luke 22: 54-62

Memory verse: “And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said
...And he went out and wept (cried) bitterly.” Matthew
26: 75

After Jesus and the apostles ate the Passover meal, Jesus told them that they would all fall away because of Him for the Scriptures said, “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

Peter said, “Even if everyone else falls away because of you, I never will.”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “This very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the other disciples said the same thing.

When Judas and the evil men came to the Garden of Gethsemane and took Jesus away, the apostles all ran away. While the priests spat on Jesus, hit Him, and made fun of Him, Peter sat in the courtyard.

A servant girl came to Peter, saying, “Thou also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

But Peter denied it before all the people, saying, “I don't know what you are saying.”

Then Peter went out into the porch, and another servant girl saw him, and said to the people that were there, “This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

And again he denied it with an oath (or promise), “I don't know the man.”

After a little while the people that stood nearby came and said to Peter, “Surely you are also one of them; for your speech gives you away.”

Then Peter began to curse and to swear saying, “I don't know the man.” Immediately the rooster crowed. The Lord turned, and looked upon Peter, and Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, “This very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out, and cried bitterly.

Lessons to learn: No matter what happens, we must always be strong and obey God.

We must never lie.

Peter was very sad and sorry that he had not said that he was a friend of Jesus.

Jesus knew what Peter had done, and knows everything we do.

Jesus had to suffer all alone without his friends.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Jesus told the apostles that they would all be scattered.
- _____ 2. Only Peter said, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.”
- _____ 3. Peter denied that he knew Jesus three times.
- _____ 4. The people near Peter knew he was with Jesus because of the clothes he wore.
- _____ 5. Peter knew he had lied and sinned, and he was sorry.

Short Answer:

6. How many of Jesus’ apostles stayed with Him when the evil men took Him away?

7. Jesus had told Peter that Peter would deny Him (say he didn’t know Him). How many times would he deny Jesus?

8. Peter would deny Jesus before what happened?

9. What was happening to Jesus while Peter sat in the courtyard?

10. When the rooster crowed, what did Jesus do?

Remember this:

11. Peter lied even though he knew better. Finish the verse below.

“Do not _____ to each other.” Colossians 3: 9

12. The Bible says that we should mean what we say. If we say “yes” truthfully, it will mean **No** **Yes.**

If we say no, it will mean **No** **Yes.**

13. What was one way that the people around Peter knew that he was one of the men who had been with Jesus?

14. Peter was so afraid of what might happen to him that he would not say that he knew Jesus. Should we lie when we are afraid?

15. Tell about a time when you were afraid of being in trouble, but you remembered to tell the truth anyway.



26

Jesus is Tried and Crucified

Matthew 26: 57-27: 66; Mark 14: 53-15: 47; Luke 22: 55-23: 56;
John 18: 13-19: 42

Memory verse: “They were filled with awe and said ‘Truly this Man was the Son of God!’” Matthew 27: 54

The evil men who had taken Jesus took Him to the High Priest. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony (lies) against Jesus that they might put Him to death, but they found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. They asked Jesus if He was the Son of God, and Jesus told them that He was. The evil men lied about Jesus, spat in His face, and slapped Him.

Then they tied Jesus up and took Him to the Roman ruler Pilate. Pilate talked to Jesus and asked Him questions. Pilate could not find anything wrong that Jesus had done. He told the Jews that he found no wrong, but the Jews yelled, “Crucify Him” They wanted to kill Jesus.

Then the soldiers of the governor stripped Jesus and put a scarlet robe on Him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him (made fun of Him), saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify him.

They took Jesus to the top of the hill. They nailed His hands and feet to a big stick of wood and stuck it in the ground. This is called crucifixion. It is a very painful way of dying.

Two men who were robbers were crucified with Jesus. They were on each side of Jesus. Jesus’ mother and other women stood nearby the cross and watched.

Even though the evil men had hurt Jesus very badly, He did not say anything bad to them. Jesus hoped that the men would turn back to God some day and God would forgive them.

After a few hours, Jesus died. When He died, the veil in the Temple was torn in two, there was an earthquake, and some dead saints were resurrected and went into Jerusalem. When the centurion (a soldier) and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and

what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

One of Jesus’ disciples named Joseph asked Pilate if he could bury Jesus’ body. The disciples put clean clothes, perfumes, and spices on Jesus’ body, and Joseph put Jesus in his own tomb or cave. A very big rock was put in front of the cave so that no one could take Jesus’ body away.

Lessons to learn: Jesus was crucified with robbers even though He never did anything wrong.

Some people who watched the crucifixion knew that Jesus was the Son of God.

Remember that Jesus’ death was part of God’s plan to save men from their sins. Jesus had all this pain for our sakes. We should be thankful that God and Jesus loved us so much.

True or False:

- _____ 1. The High Priest and chief priests looked for men who would lie and tell false stories about Jesus.
- _____ 2. Pilate found something wrong with Jesus that was worthy of death.
- _____ 3. Soldiers dressed Jesus as a king with a robe and a crown of thorns and mocked (made fun) of Him.
- _____ 4. Jesus was crucified with robbers like He was a sinner, too.
- _____ 5. Jesus asked God to punish the evil men for what they had done to Him.

Short Answer:

6. The High Priest and chief priests asked Jesus something. What was it?

7. What did Pilate find wrong with Jesus?

8. When Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, what did the Jews yell?

9. What did the soldiers do to make fun of Jesus? _____

10. How was Jesus killed? _____

Remember this:

11. Could anything wrong be found about Jesus? _____

12. Why did Jesus have to die? _____

13. What things happened when Jesus died that were signs of God's power
and of Jesus being the Son of God?

14. Where was Jesus buried and how was His body protected from anyone
moving it?

15. When do Christians eat the Lord's Supper and remember how Jesus
died and rose again for us?

Whenever we want to

Wednesdays and Sundays

Some Sundays

Every Sunday

27

Jesus is Raised

Matthew 28: 1-10; Mark 16: 1-9; Luke 24: 1-12; John 20: 1-18

Memory verse: “He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.” Matthew 28: 6

Very early on the first day of the week (Sunday) some women came to Jesus’ grave. It was so early that it was still dark. One of the women was named Mary.

When the women got to the cave, they saw that the big rock was gone from the opening. There had been a great earthquake because an angel had rolled back the rock. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. The guards trembled with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you.” The angels told the women to go tell the disciples that Jesus was alive, so they went.

So Peter and John were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then John who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

While the women were gone, Mary came back. She was very sad and crying because she did not know that Jesus was alive. When she looked up, she saw the two angels. They asked her why she was crying, and she said that someone had taken away the Lord; and she did not know where they had taken Him. Then she turned and saw a man. She thought he was the gardener, and she asked him if he had taken Jesus away.

Then the man said, “Mary,” and she knew that He was Jesus. He was alive again. She went to tell the disciples that she had seen Jesus.

God raised Jesus up and He was alive again. This was part of God's plan to save men from their sins, too.

Lessons to learn: Jesus had said that He would be raised again on the third day and He was.

Remember God always keeps His promises.

This great miracle showed that Jesus is the Son of God.

Sunday, the first day of the week, is called the Lord's Day because Jesus arose that day.

True or False:

- _____ 1. An angel rolled the stone away from the tomb of Jesus.
- _____ 2. Peter outran John and entered the tomb first looking for Jesus.
- _____ 3. When Mary came back to the tomb, she still didn't understand that Jesus was alive.
- _____ 4. Peter and John saw all the linen cloths that had been wrapped around Jesus folded up in the tomb.
- _____ 5. Jesus had told the disciples that He would rise again after three days.

Short Answer:

6. How had the huge rock been rolled away from Jesus' tomb? _____

7. What happened to the soldiers guarding the tomb? _____

8. What did the angels tell the women to go do? _____

9. Which apostles ran to the tomb? _____

10. What was unusual about the linen cloth that had covered Jesus' face?

11. Did the women or the apostles really understand that Jesus had risen from the dead (been resurrected)?

Remember this:

12. Can you tell at least two things that show that no one stole Jesus' body out of the tomb? Think about what the women saw when they got there.

13. On what day of the week did God raise Jesus up?

14. What memorial did Jesus set up so Christians would remember Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection?

15. Read I Corinthians 15: 3-8 and fill in the blanks.

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that _____ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the _____ day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to _____, (Peter) then to the _____. (apostles) Then he appeared to more than _____ at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to _____, then to all the _____. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to _____.”(Paul)

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Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Mark 16: 9-13; Luke 24: 13-49; John 20: 24-29; I Cor. 15: 6

Memory verse: Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”

John 20: 29

After Mary saw Jesus, He appeared to other people, too. One time Jesus talked to two men walking down a road. He would even appear to 500 believers at one time. Today we’re going to talk about when Jesus appeared to the eleven apostles.

Ten apostles and some other people were meeting together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” (Peter) Then the two men told what had happened on the road, and how they recognized Jesus when he broke the bread with them. While they were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

They were startled and frightened because they thought they saw a ghost. Jesus said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do you doubt? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I Myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

When he had said this, He showed them His hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, He asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate it in their presence.

Then Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told the apostles that they were witnesses of His death and resurrection, and now they would preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. He was going to send the Holy Spirit to help them but they had to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came.”

But Thomas, one of apostles, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” He should have believed what Jesus had said and what the apostles told him.

After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, even though the doors were shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

Lessons to learn: We know Jesus really did rise from the dead because He said He would and because many people saw Him alive afterwards. Thomas and the other apostles should have known that Jesus would be alive after three days because Jesus had taught them that. When Jesus arose, it proved that He is the Son of God. We can believe in God and Jesus today because God helped men write the Bible, so we could know His word.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Jesus appeared to the twelve apostles after His resurrection.
- _____ 2. The apostles thought Jesus was a ghost when He appeared while they were talking.
- _____ 3. Jesus showed the apostles His hands and feet to prove that it was Him.
- _____ 4. The apostles were to stay in Judea until the Holy Spirit came to help them.
- _____ 5. Jesus was able to get into the room where the apostles were even though the door was shut.

Short Answer:

6. How many people did Jesus appear to at one time? (the largest number at once)

7. How did Jesus show that he was not a ghost? Circle the true answer(s).

He talked.

He said they could touch Him.

He ate some fish.

He said they could see his hand and feet.

8. Who was not with the apostles the first time Jesus came to them?

9. Thomas said he would not believe unless he could do what?

10. What was special about the second time Jesus appeared to the apostles?

Remember this:

11. What would the apostles' jobs be after the Holy Spirit came to them?

12. Are there really ghosts on earth?

13. What would the apostles preach?

14. Some people say that the apostles stole Jesus' body out of the tomb.
How do we know that this is not true? Circle any correct answers.

There were soldiers guarding the tomb.

Many people saw Jesus alive after His resurrection.

There was a huge rock closing the tomb.

The apostles saw His wounded hands and feet to prove he was Jesus.

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Jesus Goes Back to Heaven

Matthew 28: 16-20; Mark 16: 12-20; Luke 24: 13-53; Acts 1: 1-12

Memory verse: “I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”
Matthew 28: 20

Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them He ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

One day Jesus took the apostles to the Mount of Olives. So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” They still thought Jesus would set up a kingdom on earth. He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.” And the apostles worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the Temple blessing God. When the Holy Spirit came, they would go and preach to the world about Jesus.

We are still waiting for Jesus to come back. When he comes in the clouds, He will take the good people to heaven with Him. We must be good and obey Jesus so we can go to heaven. No person knows when Jesus will come again; and when He comes, it will be too late to repent of sins.

Lessons to learn: Jesus went back to heaven with God, the Father. He is now Lord and King there.

Jesus will come back in the clouds one day.

No one knows when Jesus will come again.

We must be good, so we can go to heaven one day, too.

True or False:

- _____ 1. Jesus appeared to the apostles for forty days.
- _____ 2. The apostles understood that Jesus' kingdom was a spiritual kingdom.
- _____ 3. The apostles would be baptized with the Holy Spirit.
- _____ 4. Jesus told the apostles to wait for the Holy Spirit in Bethlehem.
- _____ 5. Jesus will come back in the clouds.

Short Answer:

6. What did Jesus talk to the apostles about during the forty days before He went to heaven.

7. For whom were the apostles supposed to wait?

8. What would the apostles be doing with the help of the Holy Spirit?

9. Where did the apostles wait, and what did they do in the Temple there?

10. Where would the apostles be Jesus' witnesses?

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Remember this:

11. Read I Thessalonians 4: 16-17 and fill in the blanks.

**“For the _____ Himself will descend from
_____ with a cry of command, with the voice
of an _____, and with the sound of the
_____ of _____. And the dead in
_____ will rise first. Then we who are _____,
who are left, will be caught up together with them in the
_____ to meet the _____ in the _____,
and so we will always be with the _____.”**

12. Where is Jesus on His throne as King? _____

13. Can you tell other people about Jesus, too? _____

14. Give an example of how you can tell someone about Jesus and the Bible.
