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CHURCH IS FUN!

Train up a child the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. 22: 6

GUIDELINES

Dear Teachers,

Welcome to the year 2009.

This manual is excluding the activities, every outline has two activities; the first which is the colouring page is for children between the ages of 2 – 6 years, while the second activity sheet is for children between 7 years and above. You can book for your copy later.

Please note that this outline is a guide to you as a teacher, you are to prepare your lessons to suite the age of your children. Ask for the help of the Holy Spirit.

I wish you a wonderful Sunday school in 2009.

HEADQUARTERS CHURCH

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Topic:	THE IMPORTANCE OF FELLOWSHIP
Memory Verse:	Hebrews 10: 25 “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching”.

AIM: The aim is to teach the children the need for us to have constant fellowship with God and with fellow believers.

Definitions:

1. Fellowship means to share our feelings, time and thoughts with others that we have something in common.
2. Fellowship is a feeling of friendship between people who do things together or share an interest.

INTRODUCTION

Do you think that a two years old child who has not seen the mummy for about one year can still recognise her voice when he hears it? (Teachers allow the children to respond and summarise by letting the children know that, if we are not having constant fellowship with God, we will not be able to recognise his voice when he speaks to us).

LESSON 1: HAVING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Bible Text: 1 John 1: 1-7

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- * The word of life was manifested from the beginning.
- * It shows us eternal life which was with the Father
- * It was declared to you, so that you can have fellowship with God the father, Jesus Christ the son and fellow believers.
- * This fellowship will make your joy to be full.

- * If we say we know God and walk in darkness (i.e. Sin) we are liars.
- * If we walk in light (i.e. righteousness) we have fellowship with the Father and the Son and the blood of Jesus cleans us from all sin.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

The practical application to the saved child will be divided into two parts.

A and B.

A. Reasons for fellowship with God

- i. God called us to have fellowship with Him. 1 Cor. 1: 9.
- ii. It shows us the love God has for us. John 17: 21-23.
- iii. Fellowship with God will help us to bear fruit (fruit of the spirit). John 15: 1-8.
- iv. Fellowship with God gives us strength. Ps. 27: 14, Isaiah 40: 31.
- v. Fellowshiping with God shows that we love God. John 14: 23.
- vi. Fellowship helps us to recognise the voice of God. Ex 3: 1-4, John 10:27.
- vii. It will revive our heart. Isaiah 57: 15.

B. How to Fellowship with God

- i. Repent from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1: 9.
- ii. Humble yourself. Isaiah 57: 15.
- iii. Spend time with God by having your quiet time. Acts 6: 1-4 (Teachers discuss practical ways of having quiet time with the children).
- iv. Partaking in Holy Communion. 1 Cor. 10: 16.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

You cannot have fellowship with the person you don't know. Give your life to Christ today and you will experience the joy of fellowshiping with God .

CONCLUSION

God created us for the sole purpose of fellowshiping with Him.

LESSON 2: FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER

Bible Text: Philippians 2: 1-5

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- * If there is any consolation in Christ, any comfort of love, any fellowship of spirit, any affection and mercy.
- * Fulfil my joy by being of one mind and one accord.
- * Let nothing be done through selfishness rather esteem others better than yourself.
- * Look out for the interest of others.
- * Let the mind that is in Christ Jesus be also in you (Teachers explain the mind of Christ).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

1. God will be in your midst when you fellowship with one another. Matt. 18: 20.
2. Fellowship brings unity, love and oneness. Acts 2: 47.
3. We will edify and build up one another when we fellowship. Eph. 4: 16, Prov. 27: 17.
4. Fellowship stimulates us to holy living, good deeds and love. Heb. 10: 24.
5. Fellowship builds joy of kindred spirit.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

The bible says that two cannot walk except they agree. So give your life to Christ and you will be able to enjoy fellowship with other believers.

LESSON 3: HOW NOT TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP

Bible Text: 2 Chronicles 18: 1-34, 19: 1-3 (Teachers please read the Bible text and form your story outline before the lesson).

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- * Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, who was a good king decided to become friend with Ahab, king of Israel who was a bad king.

- * Jehoshaphat allowed the friendship grows by allowing his son to marry Ahab's daughter.
- * Some years later, Jehoshaphat went to visit Ahab, king Ahab asked king Jehoshaphat to follow him to go to war.
- * Jehoshaphat agreed but wanted them to inquire from the Lord whether they should go to the war or not.
- * Four Hundred prophets told them to go that they will win (these are false prophets).
- * Jehoshaphat insists on getting a true prophet who told them not to go, but Ahab became angry and put the prophet in prison.
- * Ahab persuaded Jehoshaphat to dress like a king while Ahab disguised himself like ordinary soldier.
- * When the Syrians saw king Jehoshaphat they thought he was King Ahab and wanted to kill him but he cried out to God and God saved him. But King Ahab was killed in that war.
- * When King Jehoshaphat returned back to Judah, Jehu, the prophet met and told him that God was not happy with him for associating himself with King Ahab and that God's anger was upon him.
- * King Jehoshaphat was a good king and returned to God and made all his people to serve God all the days of his life.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

1. As a child of God, you must, be careful, who you choose as a friend. Ps. 1:1, 94: 20.
2. Bad friends will influence you to do bad things like, lying, stealing, joining cults, disobedience at home etc. 1 Cor. 15: 33.
3. Your light will not shine forth if you fellowship with the wrong people. Eph. 5: 11.
4. Bad or wrong fellowship could easily lead to failure, imprisonment or even death. 2 Chronicles 18: 29.
5. Don't fellowship with people who will lead you away from God. 2 Cor. 6: 14.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend, give him your life today and start a life time fellowship with him and other believers.

Topic: I CAN DO ALL THINGS

Memory Verse: Philippians 4: 13

AIM: To teach the Children how to trust in God, and His promises to them will come to reality in their life.

To teach the Children how to live and trust in the Word of God and its power.

INTRODUCTION: (NARRATE THIS STORY FOR THE CHILDREN)

A School Teacher told her students to come to school the following week with a pack of colouring pencil. After school, one of the students got home and told her mother about the colouring pencil. But the mother said "I do not have money". The Girl said to her mother "Mummy you have money in Jesus name". The following day, the girl reminded her mother of the colouring pencil and the mother said to her "But I told you I do not have money". The girl said to her mother, "Let us pray" and she prayed that God will provide for her mother. Her mother went out that day, came back without the item. She welcomes her mother and asked for the colouring pencil and it was the same response from her mother. She quickly replied her mother that "God will provide". On Sunday after Church service the same thing happened and the girl would not give up. As she was about to go to bed that night she reminded her mother and prayed thanking God for His provision. On Monday morning, her mother's friend came and knocked on their door just to return the money she long borrowed from the girl's mother. Then the girl reminded her mother of all her prayer.

LESSON 1: FAITH

Bible Text: Genesis 22: 1-14

What is faith?

Faith is complete trust or confidence in someone or thing. Faith is complete trust or confidence in things hope for even though you are yet to see the manifestation but you believe that God had given you that thing because you have asked for it in prayer. (Hebrews 11:1)

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- It came to pass that God tested Abraham.
- God called on Abraham and asked him to go and offer his only son as a burnt offering to Him on Mount Moriah
- Abraham rose the next day with his only son and his servants to the place God had ordered him to go and offer his son.
- When they got close to the Mount, Abraham asked his servants to wait behind while he and Isaac went ahead to fulfil the sacrifice.
- Then Isaac called on his father and said all that they needed for the sacrifice were with them except the lamb.
- Then Abraham answered "God will provide".
- When they got to the top of Mount Moriah, Abraham prepared the altar and bound Isaac his only son and placed him on the altar. Then he stretched out his hand with the knife to perform the sacrifice.
- An Angel of the Lord called out on Abraham and stopped him from doing so; instead the Angel called Abraham's attention to a lamb nearby.
- Abraham went and took the lamb and offered a burnt sacrifice to God instead of his only son Isaac.
- Abraham then called the place "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided"

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- As a believer we are faced with times of trials but if our faith in God is strong, He will see us through. (Heb 11:1)
- If we fear the Lord He is able to grant us the faith to carry through (Prov. 1:7)
- When trial comes, God intends to promote us to the next level. (Abraham became father of all Nations). A believer's trial always comes before promotion so our faith must be strong.
- Promotion requires sacrifice and faith and the Word of God can get us that promotion.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

- Trial comes to an unbeliever but no success because he/she lacks faith in the true God.

- If you do not have faith in God and accept Him as your Lord and Saviour you cannot be uplifted
- A life without Christ is filled with fear

CONCLUSION

Believers get tested at every stage of their lives for growth and upliftment but our faith in God can work out our promotion.

LESSON 2: OBEEDIENCE: KEY TO VICTORY

Bible Text: 2 Kings 5:1-19

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- Naaman, one of the great military leaders of his time, had earned the love and respect of his king.
- Yet for all his strength and might, Naaman suffered from the dreaded disease of leprosy.
- When his king learned of a Hebrew Prophet named Elisha who might be able to help, he sent Naaman off with great expectations, hoping for a grand healing from Elisha.
- But instead the prophet sent only an instruction to Naaman to wash seven times in Jordan River.
- Naaman got annoyed and refused to abide by the instruction.
- But one of Naaman's men advised him to obey the instruction of the prophet and truly Naaman was healed.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- Obedience always brings a reward, though sometimes it is difficult, our faith in God will see us through. (Hebrews 5:5-9)
- Obedience is better than sacrifice. (1 Samuel 13:13-14)
- As believers we must lean not on our strength or wealth but on every word that proceeded from God. (Prov. 4:1-2)
- The word of God is the complete solution book, for it covers every areas of our life even the ones we are yet to know. (Prov. 2:1-5)
- Delayed obedience is a complete disobedience.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

- Because they never believe in God they always disobey and get into trouble.
- They trust in their strength and they fail and get disappointed
- Because they reject the word of God they lack wisdom to excel in life.

CONCLUSION:

Believers who remain obedient will continue to receive and sometimes unexpected blessings. But disobedient children will be left behind to fail.

LESSON 3: LOVING THE UNLOVABLE

Bible Text: Genesis 45:1-8(Teachers please give the background story why Joseph's Brothers hated him and sold him into slavery).

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- When Joseph's brothers realized that the one they sold into slavery had become a leader, they were all afraid he would retaliate.
- Instead of retaliating, however, Joseph blessed his brothers and empowered them by giving them food for their families.
- He asked them to go and bring his father that he might see him

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- As a believer we should feel secure in God's love, even though people around us might dislike us. (Gen 45:4)
- As children of God, we must exhibit a sense of identity in our character and attitude such that people will know we are Christians.
- We must have a strong sense of purpose as there is a reason why God positioned us in any place we find ourselves. (e.g If you are privileged it is by God's Grace)

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

- The unsaved child needs to be born again.
- Because they never believe in God they never feel for the less privileged.
- They do not know where they belong and they lose out even where they are meant to gain
- Because they reject the word of God they lack wisdom and cannot discern their purpose in life.

CONCLUSION:

We are positioned to be light to this dark world and only if we know who we are in Christ and why we are where we find ourselves on daily basis we can do all thing through Our Saviour.

Topic: KNOWING WHO I AM IN CHRIST

Memory Verse: Galatians 2: 20

AIM: The aim is to help the children understand what actually happens to them when they give their lives to Christ. What privileges and rights they have by virtue of being born again and how to utilize these privileges to draw others to Christ and give glory to God.

LESSON 1: I AM REDEEMED IN CHRIST

Bible Text: Revelation 5:1-10

Question: Who is Jesus Christ?

Answer: He is the Son of God, who came to the world and died on the cross of Calvary for our sins and rose again the third day in order to redeem us back to God. If we accept him as our Lord and personal Saviour, we become God's children.

Question: What does it mean to be redeemed?

Answer: To be redeemed means:

1. To change or be transformed from one state or form into another. To buy back something sold.
2. It also means to be rescued in exchange for something more worthy or expensive. E.g. Jesus was the worthy and more expensive person whose life was exchanged for our life of sin.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The revelation of Jesus Christ; which God gave unto his servant, John the Apostle about things that must come to pass.

- John saw that at the right hand of God, a book was placed there, with words written both on the inside and outside and sealed with seven seals.
- John the Apostle saw a mighty Angel proclaiming with a loud voice "Who is worthy to open this book and loose the seal thereof? (Teachers explain what a seal is to the children).
- One of the elders said unto John do not weep: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David (who is Jesus Christ) is able and will open the book and break the seal thereof.

- And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and the 24 elders bowed down in worship unto God.
- They sang a new song saying; "Thou art worthy to open the book and to break the seals thereof for thou have redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue and people and nation. And has made us unto our God kings and priests and we shall reign on the earth".

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS TO THE SAVED CHILD.

- When we accepted Jesus Christ into our lives, the blood that He shed redeemed us from the hand of the devil. (1Peter 1:18-19; Eph. 1:7). Our redemption is eternal. (Hebrew 9:11-12). (Explain the issue of assurance of salvation).
- The devil has filled the world with pain, curses, sickness, poverty, failure, etc. But because we have received Jesus as our Lord, he has redeemed us from curses, sicknesses, poverty, failure etc. (Gal.13:13, John 10:10).

Question: How come I'm still experiencing some of these things despite the fact that I am born again?

[Teachers should discuss this extensively during preview]

- When God redeemed us, he made us kings and priests and he expects us to reign in the earth. (Rev.5:9-10).

Question: Who is King?

A King is a person invested or given power and supreme authority over a tribe, a nation or a country.

Question: What are the attributes/ characteristics of a King?

- Answer:
1. They wield much power and authority, whatever they say becomes law.
 2. They live in affluence, opulence, royalty and have immense wealth. People are mostly at their mercy.
 3. They are well respected in the society.
 4. They are men of integrity and wisdom.

Ask the children for more.

Question: Who is a Priest?

Answer: A Priest is a man ordained by God to perform in sacred or Holy offices. (Heb. 5: 1)

Characteristics of a Priest

- He is born again
- Consecrated and set apart unto God
- He is approved by God and men.
- He is well behaved and can represent God's people anywhere.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

If you do not accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal savior, you cannot be redeemed from sin, sickness, poverty etc.

When born again Christians are reigning on earth as Kings and Priests, the unbelievers will be subjected to them.

LESSON 2: I AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST

Bible Text: Col. 2:9-15

Question: What does it mean to be righteous?

- Answer:
- * It means to have a right standing with God.
 - * It means to be able to stand in His presence with boldness without fear.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- ❖ All that we need or desire is to be found in Christ. (Col. 2:9-10)
- ❖ We have received through Him the true circumcision – the putting away of our sin. V.11
- ❖ We have been buried with Him in baptism and have solemnly devoted ourselves to Him. V.12
- ❖ We have been quickened by Him, our sins have been forgiven and everything that hindered our salvation has been taken out of the way by Him. He has triumphed over our enemies. V.13-15

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- ❖ God took our sins completely when we received Jesus as our Lord and personal Savior. (Col. 2:14)

- ❖ God placed Jesus Christ's righteousness on my record because I have received him as my Savior. (2Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3: 9)

Note: Teachers should discuss extensively the issue of right standing with God, what can rob us of this right standing and how to live a righteous life.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Our righteousness is like filthy rags before him. If you do all the good things in this world without receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Savior, it is all in vain. Only Jesus can make us righteous and not by our works.

LESSON 3: HOW DO I ENJOY WHO I AM IN CHRIST?

TEACHERS NOTE: This is a practical session, you are expected to merge key issues in lesson 1 and 2 and practically discuss how the knowledge of who they are in Christ can benefit the Christian child in his or her everyday life.

Example: In lesson 1, we learnt that through the blood of Jesus, we are redeemed from poverty, sickness, curses and pain to be reigning Kings and Priests unto our God.

Go through the definition and meaning of the key words

- Redeemed
- Kings
- Priests
- Blood of Jesus
- Reigning in life (Rev. 5:1-10)

Ask questions live!

- i. Are you living like a king?
- ii. Are you having dominion over your circumstances?
- iii. Are you reigning in your academics, health and finances or simply existing?
- iv. Does your life conform to the life of a Priest?

To enjoy who we are in Christ, we must...

1. We must have constant fellowship with God. This will assure us of our salvation and righteousness and we are bold to proclaim God's word. It also keeps us away from sin.

2. By studying the word, meditating and confessing the word. How many of us have seen Kings that do not reign? He then ceases to a King. Or have we seen a king that does not control or dictate what happens in his kingdom? God has made us Kings to reign in this life over circumstances, situation and challenges. As we proclaim God's word daily, those circumstances will begin to submit and we will begin to reign.
3. Priests are Holy and pure in heart, that makes them to have access into God's presence. 2Cor. 7:1

Discuss how we can live Holy lives.

Topic: JESUS DIED FOR ME

Memory Verse: II Corinthians 5: 21

- AIM:**
- i. To teach about the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - ii. The purpose of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the life of the believer.
 - iii. How the Christian must now live under the power of the resurrection.

INTRODUCTION

Teachers to ask the children - 'what does it mean to betray Jesus'?

How do we betray Jesus as believers?

Is it possible for a child of God to betray Jesus? How? (When we sin or violate his words, when we deny the truth etc).

LESSON 1: JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS

Bible Text: Matthew 26:14-25, 30-56

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Judas Iscariot, a disciple of Jesus, went to the chief priests.
- He asked them what they would give him if he delivered Jesus to them. To this, they agreed to give him thirty pieces of silver.
- When the time for the Passover came, Jesus instructed the disciples to tell a certain man in the city that they would keep the Passover in his house.
- That evening, when Jesus and his disciples sat down to eat; Jesus said that one of the twelve disciples would betray Him.
- They were all sorrowful and each person began to ask Him, Lord is it I?
- Jesus answered that it was he who dipped his hand with him in the dish and that this was in fulfilment of the scripture.
- Judas then asked Him, 'Master, is it I?' To this, Jesus answered, 'Thou hast said.'
- After they had sung a hymn, they all went up to the Mount of Olives.

- Jesus quoted a portion of the scripture that read, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.
- By this, He tried to explain to them that He would be taken away and the disciples would scatter.
- He also said He would rise again and go ahead of them into Galilee.
- Peter then answered that he would not be offended in Jesus.
- To this, Jesus replied that before the cock crew that night, Peter would deny him thrice.
- Peter and the other disciples insisted that they would not deny Him.
- Then Jesus brought them to a garden called Gethsemane, and told them to sit while He went further ahead to pray.
- He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee. He was sorrowful and told them to wait and watch with Him.
- Jesus then prayed that God would let the cup pass from Him. Not as He willed, but according to the will of God.
- After this prayer, He went to where He had left the three disciples and found them asleep.
- He told them to watch and pray that they may not enter into temptation.
- Jesus went away to pray a second time saying, 'O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, thy will be done'.
- He came to check the disciples again and found them asleep.
- Jesus went back to pray the same words.
- Then He came to wake the disciples and told them that
- The hour had come for the Son of man to be betrayed into
- The hands of sinners.
- While He spoke, Judas came with a great multitude carrying swords and knives from the chief priest and elders
- Judas told them that whomsoever he kissed is Jesus whom they wanted.
- He then came to Jesus and kissed Him.
- One of the disciples brought out his sword and cut off the ear of a servant who had come with the chief priests.
- Jesus reassured the disciples that if He wanted, He could pray His Father to send Him twelve legions of angels to defend Him.

- Jesus told them that scripture needed to be fulfilled by His arrest
- When the disciples noticed that Jesus made no attempt to escape or defend Himself, they fled.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

1. We should not desire worldly possessions so much that it overshadows our love and desire for God and His people. (Mark 8:36)
2. God uses everyone and every circumstance to accomplish his good purpose. (Rom. 8:28, Rom. 9:17).
3. Whatever God has declared concerning us will surely come to pass. His promises in the scriptures will be fulfilled. (Isaiah 55:10 & 11)
4. God brings good out of the hurting circumstances or challenges we experience. (1Corinth. 2: 8)
 - The death and resurrection of Christ brings us hope.
 - The death and resurrection of Christ brings us healing (1Pet. 2:24) talks about God raising us from the dead like He did to Jesus.
5. Sincere and consistent prayer can help us withstand temptation and come out victorious (Matthew 26:41).
6. If you do not forsake your bad habits and ask the Holy Spirit to help you, the devil can use it to work against you. (Judas had a lifestyle of greed and stealing from the purse and so the devil was able to use him).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR THE UNSAVED CHILD

The power to break sin comes only when you receive Jesus Christ, so receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior today.

LESSON 2: THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Bible Text: Luke 23: 32 – 53

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

- * Jesus was crucified on the cross of Calvary.
- * Two thieves were hanged by His sides.
- * While on the cross, Jesus prayed for those that betrayed Him saying, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do'.

- * The people who stood by and the soldiers began mocking Jesus saying, "He saved others, let Him save himself, if He be the Christ the chosen of God".
- * One of the thieves then said to Him, "if thou be the Christ, save Thyself and us".
- * The other thief rebuked the one who had said this and told him that Christ had done no wrong and did not deserve to die while they were being rewarded for their wrong deeds.
- * He asked Jesus to remember him when He gets to His Heavenly Kingdom.
- * To this Jesus replied," Today, you will be with Me in paradise".
- * Darkness filled the earth and the veil of the temple was torn apart.
- * Then Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit".
- * After He said this He died.
- * There was a man named Joseph, a counselor, from Arimathaea. He had not agreed to the decision of the other council members to arrest and crucify Jesus.
- * He also waited for the kingdom of God.
- * Joseph of Arimathaea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus, wrapped the body in linen and laid it in a sepulcher (tomb) that had never been used.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

1. Jesus Christ was the sacrifice for our sins. We are reconciled to God because Jesus became the sacrifice for our sins. (Rom.5:8-10, 2Cor. 5:18-19, Isa.53:6).
2. Jesus Christ took my place on the cross of Calvary. (Isa.53:5-6, Rom.6:3-5, Heb. 2:9).
3. Jesus showed patience through the suffering on the cross because He knew the result of His sacrifice would be our reconciliation back to God and an exalted position at the right hand of the throne of God. (Phil.2:8-11). What challenges or trials should we patiently endure in order to achieve a certain goal to the glory of God's name (Heb.12:2).

4. The cross of Calvary also preaches the forgiveness that God showed us and wants us to show others. Jesus showed forgiveness even while the offence was being committed. (Luke 23:34)
5. It is finished (John 19:30). The sacrifice made by Jesus Christ is complete. The price of our salvation is fully paid. (Let children know that God did a complete sacrifice for us. God has broken every yoke such as ancestral curses, sickness and diseases).
6. God gave up His Son Jesus Christ out of His love for us. (John3:16). God's love for us is very wide and deep. Christians should encourage themselves with this. (John 15:13).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Do not ignore God's great sacrifice on the cross of Calvary for you. The sacrifice of God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, has opened a door of reconciling man back to God. Be reconciled to God by accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior today.

LESSON 3: THE RESSURECTION OF JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Bible Text: John 20:1-18

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away.
- She ran and met Simon Peter and John, the disciples of Jesus, and they ran with her back to the tomb.
- John stopped beside the entrance to the tomb, looked in and saw the linen clothes while Simon Peter ran into the tomb.
- The napkin which was used to wrap Jesus' head was wrapped separately from the linen clothes.
- After the two disciples had seen this, they believed that Jesus was not there but did not know that Jesus must rise from the dead according to the scriptures.
- They went home and left Mary by the tomb where she stood weeping.

- Mary Magdalene then looked into the tomb and saw two angels sitting at the head and feet where the body of Jesus had been laid.
- They asked her why she was weeping and she replied that her Lord had been taken away and she did not know where He had been laid.
- When she said this, she turned back and saw Jesus standing there but did not know that it was him.
- Jesus asked her why she was weeping and who she was looking for.
- Mary Magdalene, thinking He was the gardener, asked Him to tell her where He had laid the body of Jesus.
- Then Jesus mentioned her name. Mary then turned and answered him saying 'Rabboni' which means 'Master'.
- Jesus told her not to touch Him because He had not ascended to our Heavenly Father.
- He told her to tell His disciples that He was going to see His Father and their Father, to His God and their God.
- Mary Magdalene then came to tell the disciples that she had seen the Lord and told them what He had said to her.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- The resurrection of Christ gives us hope that there is an assurance of eternal life with our risen Lord and Savior after death (1 John 5:11-12).
- The basis of Christianity is our belief in our Savior who triumphed over death, grave and hell.
- Jesus is now in a position of great authority. We Christians have His name (John 15:16), his blood (Rev.5:9-10) and the assurance of his sacrifice for us to depend on in order to gain total victory over Satan.
- God keeps His promises. God honors His word. Jesus promised He would die and rise after 3 days and this came to pass. (Isa.55:10-11, Habakkuk 2:3).
- Who rolled away the stone that covered the tomb? God is powerful enough to roll away every obstacle that is standing against our victory. (Rom. 8:11).

- Now that we are risen with Christ; we should no longer limit ourselves to the worldly possessions and lifestyles but we should be focused on things which are important to God and draw us closer to God (e.g. righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost). (Col.3:1-2, 3:16-17).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

The resurrection of Jesus Christ brings hope to the believer and judgment to the unbeliever.

Where and with whom would you spend eternity? Put your trust in our Lord and Savior who triumphed in life, in death and even unto His resurrection. (2Peter 3: 10 & 12, Rev. 22: 10-12, Matt. 21: 42 & 44, Phil. 2: 8-11).

Topic: I CHOOSE TO BE DIFFERENT

Memory Verse: Psalm 1: 1-end

AIM: For our children to choose to do right even when others are doing wrong.

Bible Text: **Gen. 6:1-end, 7:1-24; 8:1-20** (Teachers, read it before coming to class and narrate the story).

Question: What is a choice?

Answer: A choice is an act of choosing between two or more possibilities.

When God made man, He gave him an ability to make a choice.

That is choosing between (life or death), (good or bad), (success or failure) etc. But every choice that you make has consequences.

LESSON 1: GOD HONOURS YOUR RIGHT CHOICE

INTRODUCTION

How do you feel when children around you seem to be having a good time doing something wrong? (Discuss a situation of negative Peer pressure). Does it make you want to join them at times? Sometimes it's very hard to keep on doing right when you seem to be the only one who loves the Lord and wants to please God. But if you know the Lord Jesus as your Lord and Savior, God will help you to keep on doing right, no matter what others do.

A man in our story today loved God and stood up for what was right even though everyone else was doing wrong.

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- ❖ When God saw how wicked people had become, He was sorry He had made them;
- ❖ Noah was the only man in his society who walked in God's ways.
- ❖ God told Noah that He would destroy the world and instructed him to build an Ark.
- ❖ Noah obeyed God, doing all that He commanded.
- ❖ God commanded Noah and his family to enter the ark; taking with them all kinds of animals.
- ❖ When Noah, his families were safe in the ark, God shut the door.

- ❖ God sent the flood, destroying every living thing on the earth.
- ❖ After several months, the flood water dried up and the ark rested on mount Arrarat.
- ❖ God commanded Noah and his family to go out of the ark.
- ❖ Noah built an altar and offered a sacrifice to thank God for his salvation.

Note: Rainbow sign indicates God's covenant with man never again to destroy the earth with flood. (Gen. 9:11-16).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- God hates sin and we must hate it too.
- God always keeps to His promises if you know Jesus as your Savior. His word will always come to pass. (Isa.55:10-11).
- God has promised to help you to keep on doing right no matter what others do. (Heb.13:5).
- God will honor and reward you for choosing to do right, but will punish the wicked. (Psalm 1)
- Don't join the crowd to do evil, determine to be different by obeying God's word.
- Always ask the help of the Holy Spirit.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Except you receive the Lord Jesus into your heart, you cannot be saved and you cannot on your own stop committing sin, because it is by grace we are saved. (Eph. 2:8-9). Jesus will make the difference in your life.

Assignment:

Write out areas you need to make a difference or areas of compromise, prayerfully hand them over to God this week and watch your life.

LESSON 2: IT PAYS TO DO RIGHT

Bible Text: Psalm 73: 1-end

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever thought, "It doesn't pay to do right, why should I tell the truth and get into trouble when my friend can lie and get by with it". Who is it that puts

thoughts like that into your mind? It is Satan, isn't it! But you are not the only one who has had those thoughts. Asaph had them too, and he wrote about them in Psalm 73.

SEQUENCE OF EVENT:

- Asaph was the head of a musical family in Israel who provided the music for worship during David's time and later...
- Asaph realized that God was good to others who obey him.
- Asaph became envious because it seemed that God treated bad people better than God treated him. [The people who did wrong didn't seem to have as many troubles as he did v.5; that many of them had more money than they could ever want or use v.7]
- Asaph realized these people were blessed even though they were wicked.
- They made fun of those who tried to do right v.8
- They even laughed about God v.9
- They took advantage of others v.10
- They kept getting richer. V.12
- Asaph was discouraged but refused to hurt others by voicing his doubts v. 13-15.
- Asaph thought perhaps it didn't pay to live for God.
- He thought that maybe it was useless to stay away from wrong and resist temptation.
- Even though you are a Christian, you may think as Asaph did, that it doesn't make any difference if you do right or wrong and get away with it yet you do right and it seems God is continually punishing you.
- Even though you can't always see the value of it right away, at some point God will reward your efforts – Gal. 6: 9-10. But Asaph hadn't come to understand that yet.
- Asaph was miserable inside, struggling to decide what he should do – v.16.
- He went to God with his question. V.17. There may be times when you feel as if you don't have anyone who can really understand the frustration you

feel inside, what is fair and what isn't. But God understands and cares about you very much. (1Pet.5:7). No matter what others may do, God wants you as His child to remember that doing right is always worth the while. He began to see things the way God sees them.

- God showed Asaph the latter end of the wicked and he was glad, he had chosen to do right.
- Understand this, Asaph felt guilty for having doubted God. He felt foolish and stupid – v.22; quite often we feel the same when we realize that we have sinned. But Asaph realized that God still loved him and was willing to forgive him. God loves you and he will forgive you too.
- Finally Asaph decided that doing right really is worth the while; he saw that his relationship with God was his most valuable possession. V.25.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

Will you choose to do right this week – even when others are doing wrong? Sometimes you will be tempted to think it is not worth it to do right. When Satan tempts you with those foolish thoughts, remember – Gal. 6:9 and say it to yourself. At the moment (teachers let the children read it and know it). It may seem better to do wrong as others do, but doing right is always worth it on the long run. God is pleased when his children obey him. You will receive special things that he has planned for you in this life as well as future reward in heaven. Learn to thank God that he is with you and ask him to give you his strength to keep doing what is right.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

When life is over people will be glad they had accepted Jesus as their Savior. If they haven't they will wish very much that they had. Now is the time for you to make important decision for your life, because God's judgment will come upon the wicked. (John 1:12).

LESSON 3: PRACTICAL DISCUSSION

- a) Discuss on the areas of compromise, peculiar to their various age groups.

(Have you ever had secret doubts about whether or not it pays to be honest? When you could cheat like your friend and get an A instead of getting a D for being honest).

b) How do I choose to do what is right? (Know that it must be pleasing to God).

i) Find out what is right (children tell me what is right:

- In the community;
- In school;
- At home;
- Laws of the land (Nigeria);
- Church.

ii) From the word of God through teachings

- In school;
- In family devotion;
- Rules and regulation;
- In bible clubs.

iii) Instructions from Parents, elders, teachers, schools and government.

(Teachers buy a copy of Nigerian Constitution to teach the children on the right and responsibilities of citizens).

CONCLUSION:

As you depend on God, He will give you the strength not to give up, no matter what – (Gal.6:9). God will reward and honor you for choosing to be different (i.e. doing what is right).

Topic: I WILL CAPTURE MY WORLD FOR GOD

Memory Verse: Mathew 28: 19-20

AIM: To teach the Children the act of soul winning and being able to make it part of their life.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CHILDREN

1. Can you do without sharing your travelling experience and the funs you had (Gist) with your friend?
2. Do you feel ashamed when you are talking falsehood about your friend?
3. How do you feel seeing a classmate, schoolmate or neighbour of yours without Christ?
4. Do you like evil or good?

INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

Evangelism is the act of sharing your personal encounter or experience or knowledge of living in Christ with another person and believing that God will use your experience shared with that person to win the soul of that person from darkness to light.

LESSON 1: SHARING CHRIST IN YOU WITH OTHERS

Bible Text: John 4:7-29, 39-42

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- A woman of Samaria came to a well for water.
- Then Jesus met her and requests that the woman get him water.
- But the woman said to Jesus how come a Jew is asking for favour from a Samaritan, for no Jew has anything to do with a Samaritan.
- Jesus said if you know the gift of God and who asked you for water, you would have asked him and he will give you living water.
- The Samaritan woman said to Jesus that he has nothing to fetch the water with and the well is deep.
- Further, she asked Jesus if he is greater than Jacob who gave the well, drank from it and feed his livestock with it.

- Jesus then explain to the woman that whoever drinks from the well will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water He gives will thirst no more and the water He shall give will become a fountain of life.
- The Samaritan woman then asked Jesus to give her that kind of water so she would not have cause to come to the well again.
- Jesus said to her go call your husband.
- But the woman said I have no husband.
- Jesus then told the woman a brief history of her life.
- Then she called Jesus a Prophet, and remembered the saying of the Jews that all should worship in Jerusalem.
- Finally Jesus preached about salvation to the woman.
- But the woman still spoke to Jesus that "when the Messiah comes He will tell us all things"
- Jesus then reveals Himself to the Samaritan woman.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- As a believer we all need to know that Christ had given us His Spirit and His Spirit lives in us as believers. (Romans 5:5)
- If we have the Spirit of God as Believers, we must share our experience of Him with others who are yet to receive Him. (Romans 10:8-11)
- God commanded us to preach the salvation to the end of the earth. (Mathew 28:19-20)
- As believers, if we refuse to share our experience in Christ with unbelievers, that means we are shy of Christ and He will do same to us.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

An unbeliever does not have any experience of Christ to share.

CONCLUSION

He that wins a Soul is wise.

LESSON 2: PREACHING CHRIST BY YOUR LIFESTYLE

How do we evangelise through our lifestyle?

Bible Text: 2 Kings 5:1-14

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- Naaman, one of the great military leaders of his time, had earned the love and respect of his king.

- Yet for all his strength and might, Naaman suffered from the dreaded disease of leprosy.
- When his king learned of a Hebrew Prophet named Elisha who might be able to help, he sent Naaman off with great expectations, hoping for a grand healing from Elisha.
- But instead the prophet sent only an instruction to Naaman to wash seven times in Jordan River.
- Naaman got annoyed and refused to abide by the instruction.
- Naaman's Servant then advised him to obey the instruction of the prophet.
- Naaman listened to his servant and dipped in the river seven times and he was healed.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- As believers we must always lend a helping hand to people around us, for by doing this a soul could be won to Christ. (2 Kings 5:13-14)
- Helping your schoolmates by serving them during lunch goes a long way to win a soul to Christ. (Galatians 6:10a)
- Help those in need, (e.g. someone that fell) for by so doing a soul is won to Christ.
- The little maid in Naaman's house was used by God to bring healing to her master (Naaman).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

- The helping hand of an unbeliever does not turn anyone's life to Christ for their righteous acts is like a filthy rag before God.
- You can be made clean from your sin by trusting in God's way of forgiveness and everlasting life.

CONCLUSION:

God is pleased with a believers helping hand and God turns such help to win souls.

LESSON 3: PRACTICAL CLASS

- A. Step by step of Evangelism
 - i. You must be born again

- ii. You must pray
- iii. You must have experience with Christ that you can share with others.
- v. You must live the lifestyle that shows Jesus.
- vi. You must go and preach the gospel.
(Discuss further with them).

B. Ways of Evangelism

- By invitation to Church
- By giving tracks
- By way of one on one evangelism
- By our testimonies
- Through our lifestyle

Let the children make their contribution.

C. Hindrances to Evangelism

1. Sin (Living the life of sin).
2. Lack of fellowship with God and knowledge of the word of God.
3. Lack of boldness.
4. Lack of passion for soul etc.

Conclusion

You are expected to preach the gospel which is goodnews.

The Goodnews is that: (1 Cor. 15: 3-5)

- Christ died for our sins
- He was buried
- He rose again the third day
- and He is coming back again

Remember your lifestyle must preach Jesus.

Topic:	I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER
Memory Verse:	John 13: 34-35

AIM: To teach the children that, if they truly love God, then they must show His love to other people, e.g. showing love, by caring for others, tolerance for others.

LESSON 1: WHO IS MY BROTHER?

Bible Text: Luke 10:25-37.

INTRODUCTION

Ask the children, who they think is their brother, please get a response and explain to the children from their own response.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. A lawyer who was trying to trick Jesus, asked him (Jesus). How can I inherit eternal life?
2. Jesus answered with a question, what does the law say?
3. The lawyer quoted from the law and replied; A person must love God with all his heart and his neighbor as himself.
4. Jesus told him, his answer was right, the lawyer tried to get Jesus to make him feel better by defining the word 'neighbor';
5. Jesus used a story to show the lawyer, what God's love is like;
6. The story goes like this, a Priest saw an injured man and he passed by without helping;
7. A Levite came, stopped and looked at the injured man and passed by without helping the man;
8. Then came a despised Samaritan with compassion, took care of the injured man's wound and took him to an Inn to be cared for;
9. The Samaritan paid all the cost, left money at the Inn and even promised more;
10. Jesus made the lawyer to realize that the Samaritan was obeying God's law by being a neighbor or (brother). While the religious Jew and Priest were not.

NOTE: Teachers please explain who a Samaritan is, who a Jew is, and who a Levite is and who a Priest is.

The Samaritans: They are half-breed descendants of Israelites who inter-married with Gentiles settlers like the Palestinians and Assyrians.

The Jews: They are the chosen people of God, and they despised the Samaritans, they do not like to have anything to do with them.

The Levite: They assist the Priest in the work of God.

11. Jesus told the lawyer that if he truly loved God, he would show God's love to others.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

1. As a child of God, you must show love to people around you, whether they are related to you or not. (John 4.) - e.g. Prayer, being friendly).
2. As a child of God, you should try and notice people who are in need around you, so that you can help them;
3. Ask God to give you the grace to show love to others;
4. Learn to appreciate people, when they have done something for you.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

You can not show the true love of God to your neighbor or your brother if you do not have Christ, so you need to accept Jesus today, so that he can show you true love and you can also in return show your neighbors true love. (1 John 4:11-12).

CONCLUSION

If you truly love God, you will show unconditional love to others.

Assignment for the month:

Look for practical ways that you can be of help to someone this month, at the end of the month share your testimony.

LESSON 2: HOW DO I TREAT OTHER PEOPLE?

Bible Text: Gen. 4:1-9

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. Eve the wife of Adam gave birth to two children named Cain and Abel;
2. Abel the younger grew up and became a Shepherd, while Cain the elder brother decided to be a farmer.
3. After a certain time Cain and Abel brought an offering to worship God;
4. The Lord was pleased with Abel and accepted his offering;
5. God was not pleased with Cain's offering;
6. Cain became very angry;
7. God pleaded with Cain to do what is right or face the consequence;
8. Cain refused God's way and became jealous, which led him to kill his brother Abel.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

1. God is love therefore; we should not keep sin in our heart. (John 4: 16)
2. As a child of God we must learn to appreciate others and learn from them.
3. We must not be jealous and angry over our brother's success. (1Cor 13: 4)
4. We must have a clean and pure heart towards others. (Matt 5: 8)
5. We should treat others (our neighbors) kindly. (Eph 4: 32)

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

A life without Christ is full of sin, and always causes unhappiness, therefore; accept Christ and live a happy life, full of love to share with others.

CONCLUSION

Love your neighbor as you love yourself.

NOTE: Teach this song. S.I.N

LESSON 3: BLESSINGS OF SHOWING LOVE AND CARE FOR OTHERS

Bible Text: 2Kings 4:8-37

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. One day Elisha went to Shunem. There, he met a very popular woman, who persuaded him to eat in her house, and it became a regular habit for Elisha to eat in the woman's house anytime he was passing by.
2. She even built him a special room to rest anytime he came by.
3. The woman expected nothing in return, but Elisha wanted to repay her kindness and he asked Gehazi his servant for suggestions.
4. Elisha got to know that she did not have a child, so Elisha shared exciting news that she would give birth to a son soon, but the woman would not believe.
5. At the set time of God the Shunamite woman gave birth to a healthy baby boy as God promised through his servant Elisha.
6. Years later the child suddenly fell sick and later died in his mother's arm.
7. She had faith and told her husband that all is well. The woman immediately sought God's help, by going back to Elisha.
8. The Shunamite woman cried in anguish over the loss of her son when she got to Elisha.
9. Elisha and Gehazi returned to Shunem with the woman, and Elisha prayed to God to revive the child.
10. Elisha by the power of God brought the little boy back to life, through prayer
11. And the Shunamite woman was happy.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD.

1. Be sensitive to your neighbor's or people's need. (James 2:14-17)
2. For every act of kindness you give to others, there is a reward. (Luke 6: 38)
3. God never forgets you, when you are kind to others.
4. God can use the person you have been kind to or somebody else to bless you.
5. Do not be kind to people because you want a reward from them, it is only God that truly rewards. (Matt. 5: 42)

6. Show love and kindness no matter the situation you find yourself e.g. not saying bad things or things you do not know.

Activity

Make a chart, and on each side of the chart write five things that show that you have shown love to your neighbor, and on the other side write five things that show that you have not shown love.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Jesus is not only interested in your good works; he also wants to have a relationship with you, so accept him into your heart today.

Topic:	ARMOUR OF GOD
Memory verse:	Ephesians 6: 10-11

Aim: To teach the children that the (enemy) i.e. the devil is not powerful, that our God is all powerful, and that the only way we can defeat the enemy is by God's way.

Bible Text: Ephesians 6: 1-18

LESSON 1: WHAT IS AN ARMOUR?

An Armour is a special kind of suit, worn to enable you fight and defend yourself.

Note: - give children opportunity to respond to your question.

INTRODUCTION

Ask children to describe the outfit of a combat ready soldier, if possible build on the children's response. If they find it difficult remind them of outfits of some sports that are used for protection e.g. Boxers, Footballers, Spacesuits, Deep sea-divers etc. (After their response ask them why they wear those outfits)

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 1) Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
- 2) Put on the whole protection of God, so that you can stand against the devil.
- 3) We are not fighting natural battles, but spiritual battles and workers of evil.
- 4) So put on the whole protection of God, so that you can stand against the devil and having done that keep on standing.
- 5) Guard your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.
- 6) Take the shield of faith, with which you will quench every attack of the wicked one.
- 7) Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God.
- 8) And finally be prayerful and watchful with patience.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD.

- i. As Christians we must be strong in the Lord, so that we can stand against the tricks of the devil.

- ii. We can protect ourselves against Satan, the enemy, by doing exactly what God wants us to do (Total obedience).
- iii. God has given us a command to take up His armour and, we need to know what those armours are.

(We shall learn about this armours and how to use them next week).

Notes: - Teachers please build up the children's expectation.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Meanwhile, if you have not given your heart to Christ, you need to do that now, so that you will qualify to use these Armour of defence and protection of God. If you do not have Christ you do not qualify to use it and you will be open to the devil.

LESSON 2: THE BELT OF TRUTH AND THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Lesson 2^A - The Belt of Truth

Bible Text: Acts 4: 32-37, Acts 5: 1-11

INTRODUCTION

If you are wearing a trouser, without a belt, what happens, it falls down.

Note: Teachers please get response from children.

The same way you are open to the devil, every time you tell a lie. Today we shall learn about two people that used belt of truth wrongly.

1. As God worked in their hearts, the believers in Jerusalem shared what they owned with each other, and this spirit enabled the apostles to tell of the resurrection of Jesus with great power. (Acts 4³²⁻³³)
2. Some believers sold land or possessions, giving the money to the apostles for those in need.
3. Ananias and Saphaira sold a piece of land. (Acts 5¹)
4. Ananias and Saphaira desiring praise, schemed to give only part of the money from the sale of their land, pretending they had given all the money.

5. When Ananias lied, pretending to give the apostles all the money, Peter confronted him that he had allowed Satan to control him, causing him to lie to the Holy Spirit, then Ananias fell down and died. Later not knowing what had happened Saphaira came in.
6. When Saphaira repeated her husband's lie Peter told her that she had not just lied to him but to the Holy Spirit, she also fell down and died.
7. Seeing God's severe discipline on Ananias and Saphaira, because they had deceived God, everyone who heard developed great fear for God.

Let us see another story in Lesson 2^B about a boy who decided to do the right thing and take a stand for God.

Lesson 2^B: The Breastplate of Righteousness

Bible Text: II Chronicles 34: 1-33

In our first story, we saw two people who deceived God and became open to the devil, now let us see somebody who decided to do the right thing and took a stand for God. But before we go into our next story, I would like to ask you a question.

“What is the most important part of your body that the Breastplate covers (your heart).”

As Christians you have to protect your heart, and that protection comes from your righteousness i.e. having a right standing with God.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 1) As a teenager, King Josiah loved the Lord and sought to please Him.
- 2) Later Josiah destroyed all the Idols and the place of Idol worship in Judah.
- 3) Josiah sent men to repair the neglected temple, so that people could worship the true and living God.
- 4) While cleaning the temple Hilkiah, the high Priest found the book of the law.
- 5) Hilkiah gave it to Shaphan the scribe who in turn read it to King Josiah.
- 6) Josiah was sorry and wept before God, when he heard what God said.
- 7) God said great calamity would come on the country and the people.

- 8) Because Josiah had been sorry for Judah's sin, the calamity would not come until after his lifetime.
- 9) Josiah gathered the people together for a public reading of God's book.
- 10) Josiah promised to follow the Lord and led his people to do the same.
- 11) Because Josiah took a stand for God, the people joined him in following the true and living God as long as he lived.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

1. As Christians we must always tell the truth, no matter the situation we find ourselves.
2. As a child of God, make up your mind to always do the right thing i.e. choosing to take a stand for God.
3. You can show your right standing with God by being an example for others to follow e.g. Josiah. (It might not be easy, but if you ask God you can do it).
4. As a child of God, know that you cannot deceive God, by pretending or being a hypocrite, God is all knowing and all seeing, you can only pretend to man and not God. God cannot be fooled.

Practical Application to the Unsaved Child

Ask Jesus to come into your heart, so that you can learn to be truthful and take a stand for God and live right.

CONCLUSION:

Decide to tell the truth always and be a child that would always take a stand for God.

LESSON 3: THE GOSPEL OF PEACE AND THE SHIELD OF FAITH.

Lesson 3^A - Gospel of Peace

Bible Text: Acts 8: 26-40

INTRODUCTION

If you are going on a trip and you do not know the way, you will need a map for direction or get direction from someone who would help you go in the right direction. Today our bible lesson story for Lesson 3^A tells us about two men and how we can share the gospel of peace.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 1) An Angel told Philip to go to gaza.
- 2) Philip obeyed God and went.
- 3) And behold an Ethiopian treasurer for his queen traveled to Jerusalem was in his chariot to worship God, was returning and sitting in his chariot reading about Isaiah the prophet.
- 4) The Spirit of the Lord said to Philip to go and overtake the chariot of the Eunch.
- 5) So Philip ran to the chariot and he heard the man reading about the prophet Isaiah.
- 6) Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading.
- 7) The man replied that he could not understand unless someone guides him, and he asked Philip to sit with him.
- 8) Philip joined him in his chariot and began to teach him the meaning of the words in Isaiah.
- 9) He explained to him that the scripture was talking about Jesus and his sacrifice for our sin.
- 10) The Ethiopian now understood, and the scripture was not a mystery to him anymore.
- 11) He asked Philip to baptize him to show he believed in Jesus.
- 12) Philip was taken away by the Holy Spirit to another place after the baptism.
- 13) The Ethiopian also continued his journey rejoicing, he was now going in the right direction.

Now let us look at another story for Lesson 3^B.

Lesson 3^B: Shield of Faith

Bible Text: I Samuel 1: 1-20

In Lesson 3^B we would see a woman who used her shield of faith correctly and got result.

INTRODUCTION

Does God answer prayers, does He always give us what we ask him. In our next story we see how a woman used her shield of faith and got answers from God.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. Hannah was married for sometime, but had no children.
2. Hannah was sad because other women made fun of her.
3. Elkanah was kind to Hannah, treating her in a special way even though she had no child.
4. Faithfully each year the family travelled to Shiloh to worship and sacrifice to God in the house of the Lord.
5. When she was among her family and friends Hannah felt so much pain/sadness for not having her own child, that she lost appetite for food.
6. Hannah cried out to the Lord, asking the Lord to give her a son.
7. As Hannah prayed silently, Eli accused her of being drunk.
8. Explaining she was not drunk, but sad in her heart, Hannah told Eli she was praying.
9. Knowing that God would surely do what was best for Hannah, Eli told her to go in peace.
10. Hannah left rejoicing knowing God would answer her.
11. The family returned home after worshipping the Lord.
12. God answered Hannah's prayer by giving her a son.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- 1) God expects us as children of God to share the gospel to those who do not know, and we must share the gospel in love. (I Corinthians 16¹⁴)
- 2) God expects you to share your problems or desires with him in honesty and he will surely answer.
- 3) Whether sharing the gospel to someone or sharing a problem or desire with God, we must have faith in God.

- 4) Sharing the gospel of peace is a command from God, that every child of God must obey. (Mathew 5¹⁶)
- 5) We should always believe in our prayer.
- 6) Be sensitive to the needs of others, so that when we ask God for the needs of those people in prayer God will answer e.g. praying to lead someone to Christ.
- 7) Do not be a bully or noisemaker in class, a liar or you steal and you expect God to use you like Philip or answer your prayer like Hannah, we must always be shining examples.

Practical Application to the Unsaved Child.

You cannot preach the gospel of Christ if you do not have Christ yourself, and you cannot exercise faith in someone you don not know.

CONCLUSION:

God is big enough to deal with any problem or desire, trust him and be ever ready to share the good news of our saviour Jesus.

LESSON 4: THE HELMET OF SALVATION AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT.

Lesson 4^A - The Helmet of Salvation

Bible Text: Acts 9: 1-22

INTRODUCTION

What is Helmet? Do you know who wears a helmet?

Note: Get response from children.

Boxers, Skateboarders, Cyclists, Soldier, all wear helmets for one reason, to protect their head. Why? Because if your head hits something your brain might get hurt and you loose the battle or race. The same way Satan attacks the mind of a Christian, who does not protect his/her mind, you put on your helmet of salvation when you believe in the promise and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ and you confidently expect God to deliver you.

Now let us see someone in the bible who used the helmet of salvation.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. Saul was one of the Jewish religious rulers who had been persecuting the believers in Jerusalem.
2. Saul went to the high Priest for letters that would grant him authority to arrest believers in Damascus and have them taken to Jerusalem to be put in prison.
3. As Saul traveled along the road to Damascus, a bright light from heaven suddenly shone around him.
4. Falling to the ground, Saul heard a voice saying "Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me".
5. When Saul asked "Who are you Lord?" The Lord replied "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting".
6. Trembling and astonished, Saul believed in Jesus and said "Lord what do you want me to do".
7. The Lord told him to go to Damascus.
8. Still blinded by the light, Saul was led to the city.
9. After three days God sent Ananias and Saul received his sight back.
10. Saul now a believer began to preach that Jesus Christ is the son God.

Now we have seen someone who used his helmet of salvation by believing God and preaching the gospel, let us look at another story in lesson 4^B.

Lesson 4^B: The Sword of the Spirit

Bible Text: I Samuel 17: 1-58

INTRODUCTION

Ask the children what a sword is, what a sword is used for, ask them to describe it. Get a response from them, and then explain to the children that the sword we are talking about is a spiritual sword, you cannot see it with your naked eye; it is the word of God.

Now let us see somebody who used the sword of the spirit correctly.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 1) Goliath the Champion of the Philistines daily shouted insults on the terrified army of Israel challenging them to send their strongest man to fight against him.
- 2) While David was home tending to his fathers sheep in Bethlehem, his father ask him to take some food to his brothers on the battle field and then bring back report on their well being.
- 3) As David greeted his brothers, Goliath once again began shouting threats to the army of Israel daring anyone to fight him.
- 4) Even King Saul had promised a reward for anyone who would defeat Goliath.
- 5) David ask who was this man that he would challenge God's Army.
- 6) David's brothers were angry because he spoke out.
- 7) David was taken before King Saul; he explained that he was confident that his God would deliver Goliath into his hand.
- 8) David even rejected King Saul's offer of Armour.
- 9) With great courage, David shouted to Goliath saying "I come to you in the name of the Lord".
- 10) Putting a stone into his sling, David hurled it at Goliath.
- 11) God gave David victory as the mighty Goliath crashed on the ground and died.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD.

As a child of God, we need to let God control our mind, just as Saul gave his life to Christ, so that Satan would not lead us astray like he wanted to do with Saul.

Satan wants to attack our mind, that means we have to be very careful about what we watch on Television, what we read and what we listen to. (Philippians 4⁸). It is the word of God that we can use to attack the devil each time he comes against us.

David had the victory because he knew the word and spoke it. So you as a child of God must study the word, so that you can use it at your time of difficulty. II Timothy 2¹⁵.

You can count on God to give you victory overtime you rely on his word, just like David and Saul, who later became a great preacher for God.

Remember the Lord Jesus is more powerful than Satan; therefore Satan cannot possibly win when you guard your thoughts by thinking on the word of God. I Corinthians 15: 57, I John 4: 4.

Topic: WHAT DO I GIVE TO GOD?

Memory Verse: Luke 6: 38

AIM: Is to stir up the desire of the children to give their lives and substances unto God.

LESSON 1: I WILL GIVE MY LIFE TO GOD.

My life - represents my time, talents and my gift.

Text: Matthew 25: 14-30

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- * The kingdom of God was likened to a man travelling to a far country and He called His servants to deliver Goods to them.
- * To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one everyone according to their ability.
- * The one with five and two talents went to trade and gained five and two more respectively.
- * The servant with one talent dug the ground and hid his master's money because he felt his master was a hard man who liked to reap where he did not sow; so he was afraid and he decided to hide his talent.
- * His one talent was taken from him and added to that of the servant that had ten.
- * The unprofitable servant was cast into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- * God has deposited talents in each and every one of us. So that we can use it to bless men and glorify God.
- * If we use our talents, time and giftings well for God, He will add more to us and bless us. (Matt 25: 29)
- * Teachers discuss practically with the children how to apply this topic. And use it as an opportunity to make sure they all join the Groups in the church.
- * Anyone who refuses to use his talents for God is regarded as an unprofitable servant and will be cast into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teethes. (Matt 25: 30).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

We must first give our lives to Christ before we can give him our talent or whatever we have.

CONCLUSION

Give your time, talent and treasure to God.

We are saved to serve God.

LESSON 2: I WILL GIVE GOD MY PRAISE AND WORSHIP

TEXT: LUKE 1: 39-56

- Mary arose and went to Judah.
- To the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.
- When Elizabeth had the greetings of Mary, the baby in her womb leaped for joy.
- And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- And she said to Mary blessed are you among women.
- And blessed is the fruit of Mary's womb.
- Elizabeth was happy that Mary came to her house.
- And she said blessed is he who believed for there shall be a performance.
- And Mary worshiped God and sang songs of worship.
- My soul magnifies the Lord.
- And my Spirit rejoices in God my saviour.
- For He has regarded the lowly state of His maid servant.
- For behold all generations shall call me blessed.
- For He that is mighty has done great things for me.
- And Holy is His name.
- And His mercy is on those who fear Him.
- From generations to generations, He has shown strength with his arm.
- He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

- He has pulled down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
- He has filled the hungry with good things.
- And the proud He has sent away empty.
- He has helped His servants and still helps His servants.
- In remembrance to His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers (Abraham and to all his seeds).
- And Mary remained with Elizabeth for sometime and she returned back to her house.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- God inhabits the praise of His people (Psm)
- Praise and worship was the best sacrifice to give to God. Heb. 13:15.
- Praise and worship are the fruits of our lips given to God. Heb. 13: 5
- God deserves quality praise and worship from us. Ps. 22: 25.
- God commands us to praise and worship Him. Ps. 69: 34.
- When we sing praises to God, our spirits are lifted up, so we should sing to God again and again. Heb. 2: 12.
- God knows those who worship Him in truth and in spirit (not eye service worship) John. 4: 23 – 24.
- God loves our continuous praises to Him. Ps. 71: 15 -16.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

You cannot praise and worship whom you do not trust. Accept Jesus today and experience true worship of the true God.

CONCLUSION

Quality praise and worship give inner joy and peace. Let's make it a life style.

LESSON 3: I WILL GIVE GOD MY TITHE AND OFFERING

Bible Text: Malachi 3: 8 – 12 (TITHE)

INTRODUCTION:

Can You Give Your Daddy Dirty Gift Or Steal Your Mummy's Money And Give To Your Friend As A Gift?

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- Will a man rob God?
- But you have robbed me says the Lord.
- In what way have we robbed God.
- In tithes and offerings.
- He who has robbed God is cursed.
- Even the whole Nation.
- God commands that
- We bring all the tithes into the store house that there may be meat in my house.
- And prove God in it, says the Lord of Host.
- God promises that He will open the windows of heavens.
- And pour out such blessings that there will not be room enough to receive them.
- God promises to rebuke the devourer for our sakes.
- So that the devourer will not destroy the fruits of our grounds.
- The vine shall not fail to bear fruits for us in the field.
- And all Nations shall call us blessed.

- For we will be delightful land.
- Says the Lord of Host.

A. TITHES

What is Tithe? Lev. 27: 32.

Tithe is 10% of our income/gift of money we give to God. God commands us that we should give our tithe, so as to receive the blessings mentioned in Malachi 3: 10 -12 (Teachers please calculate 10% of any amount and work it out for the Children).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- We must present our tithes holy unto God and tithes must be given at the right time Lev. 27: 30 – 32.
- Must be given willingly and cheerfully. Gen. 28: 22.
- God loves a cheerful giver. 2nd Corinthians 9: 7.
- Anyone who refuses to pay tithe, the bible calls the person a robber and we must not rob man not to talk of God. Mal. 3: 9

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

- You will not have full benefit of tithing if you do not have Jesus. Receive Jesus first and pay tithe afterwards.
- God needs your 100% heart before your 10% tithe.

B. OFFERING: Mark 12: 41- 44.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- Jesus was in the assemble and seated opposite the treasury.
- He watched how the people gave offerings.
- And many who were rich, put in much.
- And a poor widow came and threw in two mites.
- Jesus saw it and called His disciples.
- He said to them, that surely the poor widow has put in more than all those who had given their offerings.
- Jesus commended the woman who had put in all that she had out of her poverty. And Jesus said that

- The rich people put in out of the much they had.
- But the widow put in out of her heart.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- God watches over everything both secret and open, even in our offerings to Him. Mark 12: 41 – 42.
- Offering is money or something that we give to God to express appreciation for all that He is doing in our lives, therefore, we must give it cheerfully and with our whole hearts just like the widow who gave her last with her whole heart.
- Offering is a sacrifice/worship which God receives from us as a sign of our love for Him.
- We must not steal to give God.
- Give God Clean, Holy and Acceptable Offering. Acts 3: 6.
- No showing-off in your offering. Give to God with humility, respect and reverence.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Giving to God is good but receiving Him first is the best because He first gave His life for you.

CONCLUSION

What an honour to give to the giver of life and maker of heavens and the earth.

Topic:	I WILL OVERCOME THE DEVIL
Memory Verse:	1John 4: 4

Aim: To let the children know that God has given them power to overcome the devil.

LESSON 1: THE TRICKS OF THE DEVIL

Bible Text: 2 Samuel 13:1-19

Definition: What is a trick?

It is a plan to deceive.

INTRODUCTION

Let the children cite examples of the devil's trick or ways of deceit.

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- ❖ Absalom (son of David) had a lovely sister whose name was Tamar, she was a virgin.
- ❖ Amnon another son of David lusted after his half sister Tamar and was so troubled.
- ❖ Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab but he was a crafty man.
- ❖ Jonadab told Amnon, is he not the king's son and why is he looking lean day by day. And Amnon told Jonadab that he loved Tamar.
- ❖ He told him to go to bed and pretend to be sick so he could send for his father, David. It was to tell David that he should send for his sister, Tamar to come and prepare food for him in his sight to eat from her hand.
- ❖ David sent for Tamar to go and prepare food for Amnon.
- ❖ Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house and he was in bed and she prepared cakes in his sight and baked them.
- ❖ When she brought the food, he refused to eat but requested that everyone should be sent away. He said Tamar should bring the food to his bedroom. When she brought the food to him, he took hold of her hand and said to her, come lie with me, my sister.
- ❖ She replied; no, my brother, do not force me, for this is forbidden in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing.
- ❖ But he would not listen to her and being stronger than her, he forced her and lay with her.
- ❖ Thereafter, Amnon hated her and said to her, get up and get out.

- ❖ While she said no, he sent the servant to put her away from his presence.
- ❖ She was sorrowful and put ashes on her head, tore her robe and laid her hands on her head and went away crying bitterly.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

We should not be ignorant (unaware) of the devil's devices (2Cor. 2:11)

- ❖ We should always watch and pray and always ask the help of the Holy Spirit to guide our ways (1 Pet. 5: 8).
- ❖ We should be careful of the type of friends we keep because they are capable of leading us astray. (1Cor.15:33)
- ❖ We should always say no to sin and should not allow anybody to deceive us. (Prov. 1: 10, 4: 14 -15)
- ❖ Sin leads to sorrow and death. (James 1: 15)
- ❖ The devil's presentation is very attractive; for example: he presented the forbidden fruit to Eve as though it was right for her to eat it. (Gen.3:6; 2 Cor.2:11)
- ❖ Do not agree to do anything secret with anybody.
- ❖ Get your parent's approval before giving your consent to any request that is not clear to you. (Prov. 1: 8)

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Remember that the wages of sin is death. (Rom.3:23). God hates sin but loves sinners. Give your life to Christ and He will give you a brand new life.

CONCLUSION

Do not be deceived, evil communications corrupt good manners.

God is not mocked whatsoever a man soweth that he shall reap.

(Gal 6: 7)

Assignment:

- How will you describe the devil from this lesson?
- What should be your attitude as a child of God?
- Write out people that were tricked by the devil in the bible and five that overcame.
- What do you think made them to overcome or fall?

LESSON 2: EXERCISING AUTHORITY OVER THE DEVIL

Bible Text: Acts 16:16-18

What is Authority? : It is the power or right to make decisions or to make people obey.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- ❖ Paul and Silas as they went for prayer.
- ❖ Following them each day was a slave girl possessed (fortune teller) with spirit of divination.
- ❖ She was crying out that Paul and Silas were the servants of the most High God who proclaim to us the way of salvation. But under the influence of an evil spirit.
- ❖ Paul was annoyed and commanded the evil spirit to leave her in Jesus name.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- ❖ Victory over the devil comes by submitting yourself to God (James 4:7)
- ❖ We should be sensitive to know when the devil comes with his tricks. (1 Pet. 5: 8)
- ❖ We should be angry with the devil's deeds and take authority over him (Acts 16:18)
- ❖ Give no place to the devil (James 4:7, Eph. 4: 27)
- ❖ Do not be afraid because God is with you. (Rom.8:31; Luke 10:19).
- ❖ Do not compromise with the devil.
- ❖ We should be prayerful (Rom. 5:8; 1Thess.5:17)
- ❖ Know that Jesus lives in you to give you the victory. (Gal.2:20)
- ❖ Know that there is power in the name of Jesus. (Phil. 2:9-11)

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Until you receive Jesus, you will not receive the authority over the devil. (Acts 8:19-21)

You cannot serve two masters. (Matt. 6: 24; Acts 19:15)

LESSON 3: DEALING WITH MY THOUGHT (PRACTICAL CLASS)

- A. Question: What is thought?
Answer: Thought is often an idea or opinion produced by thinking.

or, the power or process of thinking.

B. Question: What are the thoughts that come to our hearts?

Answer: Good and bad thoughts.

Good thoughts come from God, while Bad thoughts come from the devil.

C. Question: How do they come?

Answer: By what we see

By what we read

Through what we hear

When we are idle

When we are afraid

(Allow the children cite more examples).

D. Question: How do we overcome evil things?

Answer: 1) **Understand the struggle:** - When you give your life to Jesus Christ, your old life which is part of you inside will always want to say I want my own way, I want to do what I want to do instead of what God wants me to do therefore, you have the new life of Jesus Christ living in you and you have the old life. Satan wants you to obey that old life but you do not have to because Jesus who lives in you is greater than Satan. (1 John 4:4; Heb.2:14), so you must submit to God.

2) **Learn what the new you can do:**- Eph.4:22-32 (Explain what it means to put off the old life and obey God.) By yourself you cannot win over sin. Jesus wants to give you victory. Jesus will help you to

- i. Choose not to lie; decide to tell the truth v.25
- ii. Resist Satan's temptation to hold anger in your heart, don't give in to Satan, but forgive v.26
- iii. Refuse to steal anything v.28;
- iv. Say "No" to bad language. Don't talk back; don't tell dirty stories; don't curse or swear v.29;
- v. Respond to the Holy Spirit's conviction, acknowledge your sin, confess it and forsake it v.30;

- vi. Refuse to let bad feelings towards others grow inside you. Don't gossip; don't wish bad things to another person. V.31;
 - vii. Determine not to be unkind or unforgiving. Show others the love and forgiveness that God has shown to you. V.32.
3. **Fight wrong thoughts with prayers:-** As a true believer, you want to have victory all the time, but sometimes bad thoughts just come into your mind. What can you do then? You can send a quick prayer to the Lord, something like this "Lord Jesus, I don't want to think these thoughts, Help me to think of something good" then turn your thoughts to something good. (Phil. 4:8). Read it and let the children suggest specific "true things, noble things etc, to think about".
- 4) Know God's remedy for children's sin. (1John 1:9)
 - 5) Put on the special armour God has provided. (Eph. 6: 10-18)
 - 6) Casting down every imagination. – 2Cor.10:4-5.

E. Question:- What happens if you do not prevent them?

Answer:- The devil will gain ground to cheat on you, therefore take authority now.

Topic:	POWER IN THE WORD
Memory Verse:	Hebrews 4: 12

Aim: Is to teach the children that to live a successful, prosperous and victorious Christian life, we must study, that is read and meditate, have faith in and confess the word of God daily.

LESSON 1: STUDYING AND MEDITATING ON THE WORD OF GOD.

Bible Text: Joshua 1: 1-9, II Timothy 2: 15

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Joshua 1: 1-9

- After the death of Moses, Joshua succeeded him as Israel's leader.
- God appointed Joshua and because he had assisted Moses for many years, he was well prepared to take over leadership of the nation.
- God tells Joshua he would lead the nation of Israel to possess the Promised Land.
- God promises Joshua that he will never abandon him or fail to help him.
- God told Joshua that to succeed he must:-
 - i. Be strong and brave because the task ahead would not be easy.
 - ii. Obey God's law i.e. His word.
 - iii. Constantly read and study/meditate God's word.
- Joshua diligently obeyed God and eventually led the nation of Israel into the Promised Land successfully.

2 Timothy 2: 15

- Consistent and diligent study of God's Word is vital otherwise we will unknowingly get to the point of neglecting God and our true purpose for living.
- God will examine what kind of workers we have been for him therefore we should build our lives on his word and build His Word into our lives – it alone tells us how to live for him and serve him.
- Believers who ignore the Bible will certainly be ashamed at the judgment.
- Rightly dividing the word of truth:

We must study what the Word of God says so we can understand what it means.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- * We will be blessed when we read God's word and meditate on it. Psalm 1: 1.
- * We will grow to our full potential just as a tree planted beside a river does. Psalm 1: 3.
- * We will be prosperous and successful. Josh 1: 8.
- * We will learn to make wise decisions and get along well with others. Prov. 3: 3, 4.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

If you are not born again you can not enjoy the benefit of studying and meditating on the word of God.

CONCLUSION

God's word will make you a success in life. Remind yourself of God's word day and night.

Teachers, encourage the children to resolve to set aside time each day to read and think about God's word. And to act on what God has said, and God will assure their success.

LESSON 2: HAVING FAITH IN THE WORD OF GOD.

Text: Luke 7: 1-10

What is Faith?

Faith can be simply defined as believing without question what God says about Himself and about what He will do.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- A certain man, the centurion, was a good man who had many messengers or servants and was loved by them.
- One day one of his servants was seriously sick so he sent some of his messengers to Jesus, believing that Jesus could heal his servant.
- He was not expecting Jesus to come to him.
- He believed Jesus did not need to be present for healing to take place.

- The centurion's faith was especially amazing because he was not a Jew.
- So when he saw Jesus coming, he sent friends to Him telling Him he was not worthy to have Him under his roof.
- That Jesus should just speak the word and his servant shall be healed.
- Jesus was surprised at hearing what the man said. Jesus said to his disciples, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- And immediately, He spoke the word the centurion's servant was healed and those that were sent to Jesus returning to the house found the servant was made whole.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- God expects that as his children we should believe that the spoken word will bring results. Mk. 11: 20-23.
- You must as a child of God put your faith to work not feeling comfortable with your circumstances before healing and miracle will come. Matt. 21: 9.
- We should speak the word in faith and believe that it would accomplish what we desire. Mk. 11: 23.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

God desires that the unsaved child will give his life and then he can qualify to use the word of God.

CONCLUSION

There is power in the word of God and everything submits/bows to the Power in His word. Psalm 33: 6, 9.

LESSON 3: CONFESSING THE WORD OF GOD.

Text: 1Kings 17: 1-5, 1Kings 18: 1, 2, 41-47

A) SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Prophet Elijah said unto Ahab (a wicked king that actually led the people in worshipping heathen gods), as the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom

I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

- God tells Elijah to go and hide himself by the brook cherith so he could drink from it and also commanded ravens to bring him food.
- Elijah obeyed the word of God and dwelt by the brook cherith and the ravens brought him bread and meat (flesh) morning and evening and he drank from the brook.
- After a while the brook dried up because there was no rainfall any where in the land.

B) SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1Kings 18: 1, 2, 41-47

- Now there was a great famine in Samaria because there was no rainfall for a period of three years just as Elijah had said.
- In the third year God said to Elijah go and show yourself to King Ahab tell him that I will send rain.
- So Elijah went to appear before Ahab, and said to him, get up eat and drink, for there is a sound of abundance of rain.
- While Ahab prepared a feast Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and fell to the ground and prayed.
- Elijah then sent his servant out to look for the signs of rain 7 (seven) times.
- He came back the seventh time and said I saw a little cloud the size of a hand rising from the sea.
- Elijah told Ahab to hurry up and leave otherwise the rain would stop him.
- And sure enough, the sky was soon black with clouds, a heavy wind brought a terrific rain storm, and Ahab left quickly for Jezreel.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- The word of God is creative (it can create something that never existed before) and produces results. Gen. 1: 1-3.
- The word of God is full of power Heb. 4: 12. It can change lives and circumstances. Matt. 8: 2-3.

- We should always speak or confess the word in faith and believe that it will accomplish what we desire. Mark 11: 23.
- When we speak God's word into a situation we are inviting God into that situation.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Invite Jesus into your heart today and you will have authority to speak/confess the word of God confidently and it will come to pass.

CONCLUSION

God has given us power to speak His word and create things just as He did (Gen. 1: 1-3) and miracles will happen as we believe. Mark 9: 23.

Teachers Note: The key idea in this lesson is that Elijah spoke the word and it was so until he reversed it.

Topic: JESUS THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS

Memory Verse: Isaiah 9: 6

AIM: - To let the children know that Christmas is of significance to Christians because it is through the birth of Christ that salvation came to mankind.

Christmas is not about gifts, parties, celebrations, travelling etc. it is what makes us complete as Children of God.

Christmas is not to be celebrated only once a year, but daily in our lives as Christians because Jesus is our saviour and our light should reflect this daily.

LESSON 1: SHARING AND CARING

Bible Text: 1 Sam 30: 1-26

INTRODUCTION

A man was trying to justify himself before God by asking him who is his neighbour? Tell the children the parable that Jesus told him.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

David and his men were away from Ziklag when their enemies the Amalakites destroyed their homes, captured their family members including wives and children and took them away. David and his men arrived back and found all their family and properties gone. They began to cry and cry until they were tired. The people blamed David their leader for their misfortune and wanted to stone him and this made David very unhappy. But he encouraged himself in the Lord by praying and worshipping Him. He sought the face of God through prayer about how to address the problem.

God spoke to David that he should pursue the Amalakites, assuring him that he would give him victory over them. David went with six hundred men to fight the Amalakites, while on the way; two hundred of them became very tired and could not continue the journey. So David left them near the brook Besor and went ahead with the remaining four hundred men. On the way, David found an Egyptian man who was one of the servants of the Amalakites. His master abandoned him there because he was sick. David and his men took care of him, they gave him food and water and he revived.

The Egyptians servant showed David and his men the hideout of the Amalakites, after he made him promise that he would not kill him, neither hand him back to his master. The Amalakites were partying, eating and drinking when David arrived in their camp. He and his men attacked them and recovered everything that was taken from them at Ziklag, their wives, children, properties including those of the Amalakites, just as God has promised. They returned home rejoicing and praising God. At Brook Besor, they were welcomed back from battle by the two hundred men who stayed behind. Some wicked men among the four hundred men that went to battle began to say that since these ones did not accompany them to the battle field, they should only be given back

their wives and children and they should not partake in the riches they got from the Amalakites.

David told them that this was not a good attitude, because it was God that helped them to succeed in their battle against their enemies. He decided that the riches should be shared equally between the men that went to war and the ones who did not. Moreover, when he arrived back home, he sent some of the riches to his friends in other places.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- * God commands us to care and love one another. John 15: 17
- * God Himself set an example of caring and sharing for us. He gave us His Only Begotten Son in exchange for our sins and also made us joint heirs with Him. John 3: 16, Rom 8: 17a.
- * God is love and the only way that we can show that we love God is to care for one another. John 4: 16, 20-21.
- * Love is the first fruit of the spirit and an important characteristic of love is to care and share with others. Gal. 5: 22-23.
- * As children of god, one of the important ways by which we show that we care for one another is by sharing with others. James 2: 15-16, Eph. 2: 4-6.
- * God will reward Christians for showing care for and sharing with others. Matt. 25: 34-35, 41-42.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

For you to enjoy the love of God for your life and to become a joint heir with Christ, you need to accept Jesus into your heart as your Lord and Personal Saviour.

CONCLUSION

It is part of our Christian character to love and care for another. In addition, we are not only to care for our family and friends, but also for our neighbours. Remember the story of the Samaritan woman.

LESSON 2: GOD REWARDS KINDNESS

Bible Text: Mathew 25: 31-46

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- * Jesus will return to the world and He will reign as the king. At this time, all nations will gather before Him and he will separate the good people from the bad, the good to the right and the bad to the left.
- * The good people will be rewarded for taking care of those in need. They will inherit the kingdom of heaven.
- * Jesus will tell them, you fed me when I was hungry, you gave me water when I was thirsty, you took me in as a stranger, clothed me when I was naked, visited me when I was sick and in prison you came to see me.
- * The good people will be surprised and ask Jesus, but when did we do these things to you. He will respond that when you did it for all the poorest of my brethren, you were doing it for me.
- * However, He will condemn the bad people for not showing kindness to people. He will drive them away and send them to hell fire which was made for the devil and his fallen angels.
- * He will let them know that they are being punished because they did not care for those in need. Jesus will tell them, you did not feed me when I was hungry, give me water to drink when I was thirsty, take me in when I was a stranger, cloth me when I was naked, visit me when I was sick and in prison.
- * The bad people too will be surprised and ask Jesus, but when did we see you that you had all these needs and we did not do it for you. He will respond that when you did not do it for all the poorest of my brethren, you did not do it for me.
- * After these, the wicked people will go to hell and the good people will enjoy heaven and live forever with Jesus.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- * Christians will be rewarded alike for their kindness to people, that is their good or bad works to others. Gal 6: 9.
- * As children of God, we must be a blessing to the poor and the needy by helping to meet their needs. It is not only when we have money that we can help others. Gal. 6: 10.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

- * God will judge you, if you do not accept Jesus as your Lord and personal Saviour and if you do not show kindness to people. John 3: 16-18.
- * Without the love of God in your heart that comes through your accepting Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, you cannot be kind to people the way God expects us to. 1 Cor. 13: 3.

LESSON 3: A SAVIOUR IS BORN

Bible Text: Luke 2: 1-20

INTRODUCTION

Imagine attending a party where they apologise that you cannot see the celebrant, cut a cake and take photographs with him or her. How would you feel?

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Before the birth of Jesus, Caesar Augustus, ruler of the Roman Empire who controlled the world at the time, issued a decree for people to begin to pay taxes. Everybody had to go to their home towns to be taxed including Joseph and Mary, who travelled to Galilee.

During the time, Mary Joseph's wife was already getting close to the time for giving birth to her baby, while in Galilee; her time to deliver the baby arrived. Mary gave birth to the Baby Jesus in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes because all the inns (hotels) were full and there was no place to go. An angel appeared to shepherds who were watching their flocks by night, were afraid of the angel. He told them not to be afraid because he brought them good news which will bless all the people of the world. The good news is in the city of David, this day (being Christmas) a Saviour was born, which is Christ the Lord. He told them where they could find Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

While talking to the Shepherds, a heavenly host appeared with the angel praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will to men. After the departure of the angel, the shepherds hurried to the manger to confirm with their eyes what the angel had told them about the birth of the Saviour. When they got to the manger, they saw Joseph, Mary and the Baby Jesus. They therefore left to spread the good news to everybody and all who heard it were amazed by what they were told.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- * God gave His only begotten Son so that we can be saved and spread the news of salvation that came through Jesus Christ to others. Acts 4: 12, John 14: 6.
- * God can send angels to guide us or tell us good things (usually about answers to our prayers), therefore we should not be afraid of angels when we see them. Matt. 18: 10.

- * God is no respecter of persons. The birth of Jesus was in a stable where they keep animals like sheep, goats etc. this signifies that God cares about poor people and can make the best out of them.

NOTE: Jesus, the Saviour of the world was born into a poor family, but became great.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

The reason why Jesus came was to save the world from sin. It is only those who accept the gift of salvation that will not incur the wrath of God. John 3: 16-18.

CONCLUSION

Christmas is about thanking God for the gift of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, without whom we would not have been saved. This is why we need to thank God daily for saving us, not just during Christmas.