

Children Teaching

Manual

2016

Church is fun!

*“Train up a child in the way
he should go, when he is old
he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22: 6*

GUIDELINES

Dear Teachers,

Welcome to the year 2016.

We are happy to meet every children minister at their duty posts. This year, we are changing our caption style to create excitement in the hearts of our children. Our topics will be framed in such a way that it will capture the attention of the children and attract their interest to know more. As such, most of our topics and lesson will come as a catchy phrase. Please work with us, to reach our children spirit, soul and body.

This manual comprises of 12 topics, one for each month. Each topic has three lessons. This manual can be downloaded from the website. Furthermore, each month's topic has been adapted into activities in the children's workbook.

The junior class starts from ages 2 – 6 years old and their workbook comprises of colouring activities. The senior classes start from 7years and above and their workbook consists of creative activities adapted from the month's topic.

Please note that this outline is a guide for teachers. Prayerfully prepare your lessons to suit the age of your children. Let the Holy Spirit help you throughout 2016.

We decided to use the NIV version for the bible memory verses for easy understanding.

Have a wonderful Sunday school in 2016.

HEADQUARTERS CHURCH.

2016 NATIONAL PROGRAM

S/N	PROGRAM	DATE	TIME / VENUE
1	Examination / Promotion into new classes	January 24 th	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
2	ZONAL TARRY / PREVIEW 1. January 2. April 3. July 4. October	January 16 th April 15 th July 15 th October 8 th	CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHURCH
3	National Children's Teachers Conference	As approved by Program desk	REIDENTIAL TREM HQ
4	1. Children's Outreach 2. National Children's Day Celebration	May 20 th May 29 th	CHOSEN SCHOOL TREM HQ
6	Big Mummy's Birthday	June 10 th	
7	Children Camp	August 27 – 28 th	TREM HQ
8.	1. Big Daddy's Birthday 2. Back to School Project	September 6 th September 18 th	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
9.	1. Children Thanksgiving	December 4 th	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.	1. Angel Tree 2. Christmas Party	December 18 th December 25 th	CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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TOPIC: WHY AM I HERE ON EARTH?

MEMORY VERSE: COLOSSIANS 1:16

“For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities. All things have been created through Him and for Him”.

Aim: To let the children know that God placed them on this earth for His purpose and by His purpose. He has a plan for their lives.

Introduction

Bring a wristwatch to the class. Show the children and ask them what purpose it serves. Listen to their answers. Then ask them if the watch could be worn on the leg? How would it serve its purpose?

LESSON I: IT ALL STARTED WITH GOD

(We are here on Earth as God’s plan)

BIBLE TEXT: GENESIS 1: 1-31

Main Emphasis: You exist as a part of God’s plan.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- In the beginning, there was nothing but darkness everywhere then God spoke and separated the light from the darkness, calling light day and darkness night,
- On the second day, God made the sky, separating the water above from the water beneath the sky. He called it heaven.
- The third day, God gathered the waters to one side separating it from the dry land he called the waters sea and the dry land earth.
- On the fourth day, God made the sun to give light in the day and the moon and the stars to give light in the night.
- The fifth day, God put all kinds of sea life in the seas and all kinds of birds in the sky.
- On the sixth day, God made all kinds of animals; cattle, reptiles, wild animals etc and puts them on the earth.
- God also made man in His image, just like Him reflecting His nature.
- God blessed man telling him to prosper, reproduce and fill the earth.
- God made man to be in charge of the fish in the water, the birds in the sky and every living thing on the earth, giving him the plants and trees for food.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- God made you to fellowship with Him. Your spirit man will always be in tune with God for you to be fulfilled.
- God put you here on earth for a purpose. To discover your purpose in life, you need the help of the Holy Spirit who knows the mind of God concerning you. I Corinthians 2: 11b
- God is not just the starting point but He is the source of life. You exist only because God planned it had nothing to do with you.
- God is a God of plan, purpose and objectivity.
- You may choose your career hobbies etc but you cannot choose your purpose.
- Build your life on God's word.
- You discover your identity and purpose through a relationship with Jesus.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

For you to know why you are here on earth, you must connect to God by making Jesus your friend. The Holy Spirit will help you to fulfill God's purpose for your life.

LESSON 2: LIFE ON EARTH IS TEMPORAL

(We are here on earth on God's assignment)

BIBLE TEXT: Matthew 25:14-30

MAIN EMPHASIS: God's assignment for you on earth is temporary.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- A man who was about to travel called his three servants and gave them talents
- He gave five talents to one, two to another and one to the last servant according to their ability
- The servants with five and two talents traded with them and doubled them while the servant with one talent hid his in the ground.
- When their master came back, he commended the two servants who had increased their talents.
- The servant who hid his talent in the ground was scolded and his single talent given to the one who had the ten talents.

Definition

A talent is a natural gift that God has given to every individual. It is given according to your ability.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- Each one of us will account for the way we used our talent on earth.
- We are only here on earth for a specific time. Our destination is heaven. Our assignment is temporary.
- With God, the basis of reward is on how faithful you have served not how much you have.
- The more you use your talents the more you are rewarded.
- When you refuse to use your talents, you end up losing them.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

For you to carry out your assignment and be rewarded you must make Jesus your friend.

LESSON 3: HALL OF PURPOSE

These people fulfilled their purpose on earth.

S/N	PEOPLE WHO FULFILLED PURPOSE	LESSON TO BE LEARNT
1	Jesus was born to be the savior of the earth. He taught his disciples the way of the Lord.	You also have the purpose of teaching others the way of the Lord.
2	Joseph went through a lot before he became Pharaoh's Prime Minister. God had sent him ahead to preserve the lives of the children of Israel.	No matter what you are going through everything works together for your good. You can fulfill purpose.
3	Gideon was the least from the poorest family in Manasseh. He became a great man of valour . Judges 6: 15 -16	Even when you come from a poor family you can become great
4	Joshua was timid and weak. He was changed to a strong and courageous man and led the children of Israel into the promised land. Joshua 1: 6 – 7	When you are weak and timid, God will make you courageous so as to fulfill purpose.
5	John the Baptist came to bear witness of Jesus. He revealed Christ to Israel. John 1: 16 -18	You also have the purpose of revealing Christ to your world.
6	Jephtah was the son of prostitute and was hated by his brothers. God chose him and made him head.	No matter whose child you are, God will lift you up and make you head.
7	David was the youngest child. He was abandoned at the back side. God used him to destroy Goliath and	Even as the youngest child, God can raise you and make you a king.

	made him king. 1 st Samuel 17: 11 -12	
8	Esther an orphan was made a queen. God used her to deliver all the Jews from total destruction. Esther 2: 7 - 17	The fact that you do not have parents cannot stop God's plan in your life
9	Dorcas was a helper full of good charitable deeds. Acts 9: 36 – 42	When you reachout helping others God will help you fulfill purpose
10	Paul at first was any enemy; God used him to tell the non Jews about Jesus. Act 9: 1-22	God knows how to use negative things in your life to fulfill his purpose for you.

TOPIC: GOD'S ACTIVE FORCE (The Holy Spirit)

Memory Verse: Joel 2:28-29

“And it shall come to pass afterwards, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days shall I pour out my spirit”

Please note: Ages 1- 4 should use Joel 28a as their memory verse

INTRODUCTION

John and his two younger siblings lived in the city with their mum. One day their mum told them that she would be travelling overseas to study for two years. They started to cry because they knew they would miss her a lot. Mum assured them that she would keep in touch regularly. She also assured them that their favourite aunty would live with them while she is away. She explained to them that their trip was for the good of the family. In their little hearts they reluctantly agreed. They were excited and were looking forward to the coming of their aunty because they knew she would always be there until their mum returns.

Aim: To help the children to know the Holy Spirit and to learn through Him so they can fulfill God's plan/will in their lives.

Note: Please encourage children to read the Book of Acts to know how the Holy Spirit manifested in the lives of the disciples. Get the children to contribution.

Lesson 1: THE EVER PRESENT FORCE (The Holy Spirit is always present)

Bible Text: Genesis 1:1-27

Main Emphasis: The Holy Spirit is always with you.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Now the earth was formless and empty
- And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters
- God said, “Let there be light”, and there was light.
- God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place and let the dry ground appear.
- The land produced vegetation; plants bearing seeds according to their kinds and trees bearing fruits with seeds in it.
- God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night.
- So God created the great creatures of the sea, every living and moving thing and every winged bird according to its kind.
- He said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds.
- Then said, Let us make man in our image, in our likeness and let them rule over the fish of the sea and birds of the air and over the livestock and over all the earth.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- Through the Holy Spirit you can make the world a better place.
- The Holy Spirit helps you to fulfill the destiny which God has for you.
- The Holy Spirit of God helps you in all you do. For example, your education, improving your God-given talents, witnessing to others
- Interact with the Holy Spirit each day to know the mind of God.
- The Holy Spirit helps you every step of the way to achieve your goal.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

When you make Jesus your friend, the Holy Spirit will become active in your life and will help you fulfill God’s plan for your life.

LESSON 2: THE GREAT TASK

(We need the Holy Spirit to fulfill God’s Purpose on Earth)

Bible Text: Luke 1: 26-38

Main Emphasis: The Holy Spirit helps you fulfill God's Purpose on earth

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- God sent the Angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee to a virgin.
- The virgin's name was Mary.
- The Angel said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured!
- You will be with child and give birth to a son and you are to call the name Jesus.
- How will this be, Mary asked the angel, since I am a virgin.
- The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you".
- I am the Lord's servant, Mary answered, "May it be to me as you have said".

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- Learn to trust God to do the impossible in your life through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.
- Just as Mary, be willing to be used by the Holy Spirit to carry out God's plan.
- You are not too young to co-operate with the Holy Spirit.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Make Jesus Christ your friend so that the Holy Spirit can help you fulfill God's purpose for your life.

LESSON 3: DIVINE RECRUITMENT

Bible Text: Acts 2 : 1-41

Main Emphasis: You need the holy Spirit to empower you to do the work of God.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- People from many countries came to Jerusalem for the Day of Pentecost
- Jesus disciples were also gathered together in Jerusalem
- Suddenly God sent the Holy Spirit. With a sound like a mighty wind what looked like little tongues of fire appeared, and the disciples began to speak in other language
- Jews from other were amazed to hear God being praised in their own languages

- Hearing them speak in other language some people made fun of the disciple saying that they were drunk
- Peter explained that the ability to speak in other languages was the evidence of the Holy spirit that God had promised to send
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter told the people that it had been God's plan for Jesus to be put to death and raised from dead.
- When Peter finished the people convicted by God's spirit asked what they should do. Peter told them to turn from their sin and call upon God to be saved.
- About three thousand people were saved that day as Peter witnessed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- The Holy Spirit gives boldness just as He gave Peter. Acts 2:14
- With His help, you can witness/evangelize for Jesus. Acts 1:8
- The Holy Spirit gives you an understanding of the word of God I Corinthians 2:12-13
- He will bring the truth to your remembrance. John 14:26
- He helps you to bear fruits in your growth with Jesus to affect your society positively. Galatians 5:22
- He will enable you to speak in another tongue. Acts 2:4
- The Holy Spirit convicts of sins, example, malice, lying, fighting or even refusing to give your offering(s).
- Share your fears, your weakness, your secrets etc; He will help you outgrow them.
- Take the Holy Spirit wherever you go and you become a terror to the devil.
- Working with the Holy Spirit comes with great benefits/blessings

NOTE: For the older children, tell them to take the Holy Spirit everywhere as they usually carry their mobile phones. Psalm 139:7

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

To enjoy the benefits of the Holy Spirit, enroll today as Jesus' ambassador by asking Him to be your friend.

CONCLUSION

Holy Spirit is the one on earth to help us in everything we need. Talk with Him and obey Him and watch your life transformed.

TOPIC: MY WEAKNESS HAS FOUND ME OUT

MEMORY VERSE: James 1: 14 – 15

“But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desires and enticed. Then, after desire is conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death”.

Introduction

Jane loved ice cream so much. She and her three siblings were allowed to take one each day after school.

A day came when there was, only one ice cream left. Jane desired to take the ice cream as usual, but she remembered that her mum had warned them to always wait for her to decide what to do if the ice cream would not go round everyone. Each time she went to the refrigerator she would come up with reasons why she should be the one to have the ice cream. Finally, she took the ice cream and decided that she would deny taking it if her mother should ask about it.

LESSON 1: LUST OF THE FLESH

Main Emphasis: You must resist temptation at all times

Bible Text: II Samuel 11: 1-27

Sequence of Events

- At a time when kings were supposed go to war, David stayed back; instead, he sent Joab, the King’s men and all the army of Israel.
- One evening, walking around on the roof of the palace, he saw a beautiful woman bathing.
- David enquired about her and found out that she was Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah and he sent for her and slept with her.
- Bathsheba became pregnant and told David.
- Trying to cover up, David sent for Uriah in a bid to make him go home, to sleep with his wife, but Uriah refused and slept with the army of Israel at the palace.
- David’s second attempt to make Uriah go home and sleep with his wife failed; as Uriah slept again at the Palace.
- Changing his plan, David gave Uriah a letter to Joab, asking him to put Uriah in the battle frontline so that he would get killed.
- Joab obeyed David, Uriah died, then Joab sent word to David about his death.

- After Bathsheba had mourned her husband, David took her and she bore him a son.
- What David did, displeased God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- There are three enemies we struggle against in our battle with sin:
 1. The world (people or things that draw us away from God). 1 John2: 15-16
 2. The flesh (our own desire to do wrong) Rom 7: 18
 3. The devil (God’s enemy who wants us to do wrong) 1Peter5:8
- Temptation is a part of life. Since you have made Jesus your friend. He is now your savior from sin. Jesus in you gives you the power to say no to the flesh i.e. your sinful desires and the devils influence over your old “want to” nature. Romans 8
- Being at the wrong place at the wrong time exposes you to temptation
- When you give in to temptation; you end up lying to cover up the sin.
- God is grieved when you fall into temptation.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

You cannot overcome the lust of the flesh if you have not made Jesus Christ your friend. Jesus Christ will help you overcome temptation. Make Him your friend today.

LESSON 2: LUST OF THE EYES

Introduction: Have you ever done anything wrong and hidden it, hoping no one would find out? Give several examples:

- Hiding a plate you have broken?
- Eating secretly a piece of stolen meat?

Listen to our story to discover a secret that someone buried thinking no one would ever find out.

Main Emphasis: Do not allow your eyes to lead you to sin.

Bible Text: Joshua 6: 17 – 19; 7: 1 – 26

Sequence of Event:

-  As the Israelites were on the verge of conquering Jericho, God told them to destroy absolutely everything in the City.
-  Achan, son of Carmi, secretly stole a beautiful robe and some silver and gold from Jericho and buried it under his tent.
-  Joshua sent men from Jericho to spy out the land of Ai. The spies were over confident that two or three thousand men were enough to defeat Ai.
-  So, the men went up to Ai but the men of Ai defeated them killing thirty six men and chased them out of town.

- 📖 Joshua tore his cloth and fell on the ground before the ark of the Lord. He cried unto the Lord that they were contented to stay on the other side of the Jordan.
- 📖 As the Israelites were bewildered and terrified Joshua cried to God in despair
- 📖 God revealed to Joshua the sin of Achan and demanded punishment
- 📖 Achan's sin was made public, confronted, he admitted his sin and the stolen items were recovered in his tent
- 📖 Achan, his children, and all his possessions were stoned and burned to death because of his secret sin.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

- You should always obey instructions as regards any assignment
- When you give in to your flesh ("want to") desire to do wrong, temptation will overpower you, but if you give in to your spiritual desire to please God, you will live above temptation
- God will always equip you whenever He gives you an assignment
- You are drawn to temptation and disobedience by the lust of the eyes, that is, when you see what you like and you desire it; if you do not resist temptation, you will sin against God
- No matter how desirable certain things look always say no to temptation
- Your secret sin will always be made public and it can cause trouble and embarrassment to you and others close to you
- The judgment of sin is always greater than anything you can imagine or handle
- Sin exposes you to God's anger and judgment
- Sin separate you from God, that is, you lose your relationship and fellowship with God
- The wages of sin is death.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

You cannot resist temptation on your own, but if make Jesus Christ your friend, Lord and personal savior you will be able to resist temptation with His help.

LESSON 3: JESUS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE

Main Emphasis: Satan will flee from you if you consistently resist his temptation.

Bible Text: Luke 4: 1-13

Sequence of Events

- Full of the Holy Ghost, Jesus left Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted for forty days.
- Jesus ate nothing and was hungry.
- Devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread".

- Jesus answered, “It is written that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God”.
- The Devil took Jesus to the high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. He said to Jesus” I will give you the entire kingdom if you worship me”.
- Jesus and answered” Get thee out behind me, Satan, for it is written, “Thou shall worship the Lord Thy God, and only Him shall thou serve.
- Devil also brought Jesus to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple and said unto Him “if you are the Son of God, jump off; for it is written, “He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee. Also, it is written, their hand will catch you so that you will not hit your foot on a rock.
- Jesus answered, “It is written, “You shall not tempt the Lord they God”. When the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from Jesus for a season.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR THE SAVED CHILD

- The Devil can tempt you even when and after you have fasted.
- The Devil will tempt you to satisfy your fleshly desire.
- Always use the word of God which is the sword of the spirit to counter the devil’s temptation.
- When you resist the devil, he will flee from you.
- Devil will stop his temptation and will come back another time whenever opportunity presents itself.

PRACTICAL APPILCATION FOR THE UNSAVED CHILD

The word of God is spirit and life. It is the sword of the spirit. The word of God will be effective in your life if you give your life to Jesus Christ and trust God.

TOPIC: GOD’S ‘REPS’

(Our Parents)

MEMORY VERSE: PROVERBS 1:8-9

“Listen my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. They are garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

AIM: To help the children build up a right relationship between them and their parents.

INTRODUCTION

Ask children the following questions. Who is a representative?

What does she or he do? Get response from them and then explain.

DEFINITION

A representative is somebody chosen to take the place of someone or somebody chosen to speak or act on behalf of someone.

LESSON 1: PARENTS REPRESENT GOD

Bible Text: 1 Samuel 1:21-28

Main Emphasis: Your parents are representing God in your lives.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Even though she was married for some time, Hannah had no children.
- Hannah was sad because Peninah made fun of her but her husband, Elkanah was very loving towards her.
- When the family travelled to Shiloh as they always did each year, Hannah cried out to God for a son and made a vow to give him back to God's service.
- God answered Hannah's prayer by giving her a son.
- When the child was old enough, Hannah brought him back to the temple to minister to the Lord before Eli the priest.
- Samuel grew in the temple and became a priest after Eli.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- God expects your parents to present or dedicate you to Him. 1 Samuel 1:24-28
- God wants your parents to train you and bring you up in the way of the Lord. Proverbs 22:6.
- Your parents are to bring you up to know and love God just like the children of Israel. Deuteronomy 6:5-9
- God expects your parents to show you the way of the Lord by the way they pray to Him. You should see God in their attitude and behavior both in church and outside.
- Our parents are to correct us. Proverbs 22:15
- Our parents are to provide and protect us from dangers in whatever form. Exodus 2:2
- Not only your parents represent God in your life; adopted parents, guardians, care givers, teachers and pastors also represent God in your life.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

When you make Jesus your friend, the Holy Spirit will work through your prayers to make your parents good representatives of God.

CONCLUSION

You need guidance and training as you grow up. God will provide you with God's representative or godly parents to help you make wise choices in life.

LESSON 2: DUTY TO MY PARENTS

Bible Text: I Samuel 17: 12-22

INTRODUCTION

What chores do you do for your parents at home? Let each tell you what they do at home.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Once upon a time, there lived a man called Jesse from Bethlehem in Judah.
- He had eight sons and the oldest had followed Saul to war while David, the youngest stayed home tending to his father's sheep in Bethlehem.
- David was asked by his father to and check on his older brothers and give them some food. He left his sheep to someone else and went as directed.
- David got to the camp just as the army was moving into battle formation.
- He quickly left his bundles of food with the sentry and ran to the troops to greet his brothers.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- God wants you to obey your parents because it is a command from God.
- God wants you to obey your parents because it is the right way to do things. Ephesians 6:1-3
- You should love and respect them.
- You should go on errands for them and also do whatever chores you are give. Colossians 3:20
- You should make your parents happy, so make sure you behave well and take your studies serious.
- Accept whatever discipline they give you. Proverbs 22:15
- Be a source of help to them when they need it.
- Learn to accept responsibility always. Romans 14:12
- Finally, remember to take care of them in their old age.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

You cannot fully pay your dues to your parents without Jesus in your life. Make Him your friend today and He will give you the helper who will make it easy for you to fulfill your duties to them.

CONCLUSION

You can be sure of being blessed both by God and your parents when you play your role at home.

LESSON 3: HOW TO MAKE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH MY PARENT WORK

PRACTICAL CLASS

What do you think you can do to have a good relationship where there is none? Get response from the children.

- Determine to make a change and make a move for it. Luke 15:17-20a
- Ask for forgiveness from your parents if you have hurt or disrespected them. Luke 15:21
- In all these, you need the help of the Holy Spirit. Ask for it.
- Seek for counsel from your Sunday school teacher or pastor.
- Separate yourself from bad influence and stay in the word of God.
- Open up to your parents concerning your challenges.
- Be willing and obedient to change. Isaiah 1:19
- You must be teachable. Listen carefully to their advice and rules, and then put them into practice. Proverbs 9:9

TOPIC: GOOD JUDGEMENT (The Wisdom of God)

MEMORY VERSE: PROVERBS 2:6-8

For the Lord gives wisdom from His mouth, come knowledge and understanding.

AIM

To teach the children that they need the wisdom of God to live a godly life in an ungodly world.

INTRODUCTION

Jane came back from school looking worried. Her teacher had given her some new words to use in making up sentences. The words were strange to her so she did not know how to use them in the sentences. Her mother then gave her an English dictionary. Jane looked up the new words, found their meanings and could now use them in sentences. She was glad to find out that because she understood their meanings she could now form sentences with them.

LESSON 1: WHAT IS WISDOM?

Bible Text: I Kings 3: 16-28

DEFINITION

Wisdom is having a good sense of judgment, using your knowledge and experience of life to make good decisions or choices and giving good advice. Knowing right from wrong.

Main Emphasis: You need the wisdom of God to help you make good decisions all the time.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Two women came before Solomon to ask for justice.
- They both gave birth to babies and one slept on her baby and seeing that her baby was dead; she exchanged it with the other woman's living baby.
- The woman whose baby was dead, denied her child and claimed the living child as hers.
- When the king saw that they were both claiming the living child, he asked for a sword to cut the baby into two.
- The real mother could not bear it and asked for the child to be give to the other woman.
- The other woman insisted that the child should be cut up; saying if she could not have him, no one else would have him.
- Seeing that his test had revealed the true mother, Solomon gave the living child to the real mother.
- When people heard of the king's judgment, they realized that it was God who had helped him to make this right judgment.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- Only God could have given Solomon the wisdom for what he did. 1 Kings 3:12-
- God expects you to always make good decisions every time, so that you do not get into trouble.
- God wants you to depend on Him always. Proverbs 3:5-6
- When you depend on God's wisdom and make right choices, you will be blessed. Proverbs 4:7-9
- When you make good decisions just like Solomon, you will find favour and be respected. Proverb 3:4

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

You cannot know how to make godly decisions and choices without Jesus. Make Him your friend today.

LESSON 2: WHERE DOES WISDOM COME FROM?

Bible Tex: 1 Kings 3:1-14

Main Emphasis: Wisdom comes from God. Only God can give it you. Ask Him for it.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Solomon was made king and just like David his father, he loved the Lord.
- He sacrificed at the altar in Gibeon, a thousand burnt offerings to the Lord.
- That night, in Gibeon, God appeared to Solomon in a dream asking what He could give Solomon.
- Solomon asked God for an understanding heart⁶ with which he would lead the people, and be able to discern the difference between good and evil.
- Delighted with his response, God decided to give him a wise heart. As a bonus, God also gave Solomon wealth, glory and long life.
- Solomon woke up to find out that it was a dream.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- Wisdom comes from God. When you ask God for wisdom, He will give you. Proverbs 2:6-7
- The book of Proverbs provides you wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:2
- Wisdom teaches you how to live a godly life in an ungodly world. Proverbs 1:2-5
- When you get wisdom, you will also get other blessings. Proverbs 4:7-9

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

To have godly wisdom, you need to make Jesus your friend.

LESSON 3: WORDS OF WISDOM (How to Apply Wisdom)

Practical Class

Teachers, the aim of this lesson is to teach children some words of wisdom and to help them understand how they can be applied in their lives.

- a. Proverbs 1:7
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- b. Proverbs 1:8-9
Listen my son to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

- c. Proverbs 3:5-6
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight.
- d. Proverbs 3:11-12
My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent His rebuke because the Lord disciplines those He loves as a father the son he delights in.
- e. Proverbs 3:29
Do not plot harm against your neighbor who lives trustfully near you.
- f. Proverbs 3:27
Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.
- g. Proverbs 9?
Through wisdom your days will be many and years will be added to your life.
- h. Proverbs 10:1
A wise son brings joy to his father but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.
- i. Proverbs 10:22
The blessing of the Lord brings wealth without painful toil for it.
- j. Proverbs 22:1
A good name is more desirable than riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.
- k. Proverbs 21:25
The craving of a sluggard will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work.
- l. Proverbs 22:9
The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

TOPIC: NO COMPROMISE (INTEGRITY)

Memory Verse: Proverbs 11: 3

"The integrity of the upright guides them: but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity".

Aim

To teach the children to be honest and to stick to what is right at all times.

Definitions

Integrity: Being honest and having high standards of behavior based on principles of what is right or wrong.

Compromise: Accepting less than what you really want or not accepting exactly what you want.

Introduction

Mary caught Paula taking sweets from Jenny's bag. Paula offered some to Mary so that she would keep quiet about it. Mary refused and told Jenny about it. If you were Mary, what would you have done?

Main Emphasis: God wants you to always speak the truth and do what is right always.

LESSON 1: Buy the Truth and Sell it Not

Bible Text: Genesis 39: 1-23

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The Lord made Joseph successful as a slave to Potiphar.
- Joseph's master promoted him to a ruler in his household.
- Potiphar trusted Joseph with all he had.
- Potiphar's wife thought Joseph was good looking and wanted him to go to bed with her.
- Joseph refused to do this great wickedness and sin against God.
- Joseph resisted as Potiphar's wife continued to tempt him.
- One day, as he was working in the house, Potiphar's wife grabbed his coat sleeve and again tempted him to do wrong with her.
- Joseph slipped out of his coat and ran from the house.
- Potiphar's wife lashed out at Joseph by lying against him to the men of the house.
- Angrily, Potiphar stripped Joseph of his position and threw him into prison for something he did not do.

Conclusion

God was with Joseph even in prison. He honoured him for saying no to sin. He gave him favour in the sight of the prison keeper who put Joseph in charge of the prison.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- Refuse to accept anything less than what you know is right in your heart. Jesus is in your heart. He lives in you to give you the power to say "No" to temptation. I John 4:4
- When you are tempted to look at dirty pictures or watch dirty movies, say "No".

- If someone is touching parts of your body that you know they should not touch, stop them and make sure you are never alone with the person. Do not be afraid to tell an adult you can trust about it.
- When someone asks you to do what God says is wrong, run away from temptation, just like Joseph did. God says flee from sexual immorality. I Corinthians 6:18
- God made your body in a wonderful way so that when you grow up you can enjoy being married. God wants you to keep yourself pure till then.
- Be truthful to God and to yourself. Obey God's word even in difficult situations. Genesis 39: 8-9
- Be honest and fearless. You are the child of the Most High God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

When you make Jesus your friend, He will give you the power to be honest and to stick to what is right. I John 4:4

LESSON 2: No Retreat, No Surrender

Bible Text: Daniel 1:1-20

Definition

Daniel (God is my Judge) – Belteshazzar – May Bel protect his life life)

Hananiah (God is Gracious) – Shedrach (Command of Aku)

Mishael (who is what God is?) – Meshach (I am of little account)

Azariah (The Lord has Helped) – Abednego – (Servant of Nego)

Main Emphasis: Always stand by what you know is the truth and is right.

Introduction

Ask the children if anyone has ever asked them to do something that is obviously very wrong or harmful. It could be their friends, parents, and teachers. Ask them if they would do it to please them or refuse to do it and please God.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Nebuchadnezzar sent soldiers to overthrow Jerusalem
- The King ordered his commanders to bring back strong, health and intelligent young men from royal families.
- These gifted young men were to receive the king's food and special training.
- The Hebrew youths were given new names.

- Daniel decided not to defile himself with the King's food and asked for permission to not eat the King's food.
- Fearing for his life, the chief eunuch was not ready to give Daniel permission not to eat the king's food.
- Daniel requested for a ten day test of eating only vegetables and water, which they were granted.
- The four Hebrew men young men passed the test and were allowed to continue their diet for three years.
- God gave them knowledge, skill in learning and wisdom and when the king interviewed them he discovered that their wisdom was superior.
- God honoured Daniel and his friends by allowing them to serve before the king who found them wiser than anyone else in the land.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- As a child of God, when you stand on His word, He will give you the ability to speak the truth and stand up for what is right. Daniel 1:1-20
- Learn how to take decisions that would please God. Daniel chose not to eat that which he knew would displease God even though the food was enticing. The king offered his food and drink first to a heathen god. For Daniel and his friends to accept food offered first to idols would indicate that they believed in those false gods.
- The Babylonians changed the boy's names because they wanted the Hebrew boys to forget their God. The four youths knew God. A name change could not make them forget Him. Do not allow anything to make you forget your God.
- Refuse to take things into your mind that would defile or make you impure because the Holy Spirit dwells in you. Where He dwells should not be defiled. I Corinthians 6: 19-20
- Telling the truth and standing by what you believe is right according to the word of God is a godly virtue which God expects us to live by. I Timothy 6: 11.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Make Jesus your friend and He will help you to stand for the truth and what you believe is right according to His word.

LESSON 3: The Great Blunder (Consequences of lying)

Bible Texts: Acts 4:32-25, 5:1-15

Introduction

Show a simple mask and ask the children why people wear mask. Let them respond to hide who they are, to look like someone else or to pretend to be someone.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- As a God worked in their hearts, the believers in Jerusalem shared what they owned with each other. This spirit enabled the apostles to preach about Jesus Christ's resurrection with great power.
- Some believers sold their land or other possessions giving the money to the apostles for those in need. No one was forced to give. They did it out of the goodness of their heart.
- Ananias and Sapphira sold a piece of land voluntarily. No one forced them.
- Ananias and Sapphira, desiring praise, schemed to give only part of the money they made out of selling their land and said they were giving all.
- 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, his wife Sapphira came, not knowing what had happened.
- When asked, she repeated her husband's lie. Peter told her that she had not just lied to him but also lied to the Holy Spirit. She also fell down and died.
- Seeing God's severe discipline on Ananias and Sapphira, because they tried to deceive God. Everyone who heard developed a great fear of God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO SAVED CHILD

- As a child of God, when you lie, you allow Satan to control you.
- Lying is an ungodly character. You cannot impress God by lying. Acts 5:2-5
- When you lie, you are a hypocrite.
- As a child of God, you do not have to be a hypocrite like Ananias and Sapphira. God does not tolerate hypocrisy. Acts 5:2-9
- Lying can make you go through hardship and make you learn the hard way. Acts 5:1-11
- Know that you can fool others with your lies but you cannot fool God.
- Lying is a sin.
- When you lie once, it becomes difficult for anyone to trust you again.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

God wants to be your friend today. Make Him your friend today so He can have absolute trust in you.

CONCLUSION

If you do not stand for something, you will fall for everything or anything. Choose to tell the truth at all times and stand for what you believe is right according to the word of God. Romans 8:2

SONG: I Peter 2:9

I am a chosen generation
A royal priesthood
A holy nation
A peculiar people
Drawn to show forth the praises of Him
Who has called us
Out of darkness 2x
Into His marvelous light 2x

TOPIC: THE GLUE THAT HOLDS TOGETHER (TEAM WORK)

MEMORY VERSE: Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

INTRODUCTION

Teachers bring a broom to the class to teach this topic. Pull out one broom stick. Ask a child to sweep with it. After he has tried using it, then give him the whole bundle of broom to sweep with. Ask the children to pass comments about it.

AIM

To teach the importance of team work in the household of God and that playing as a team helps us to accomplish God's purpose on earth.

LESSON 1: THE GLUE STICK (The power of Team)

Bible Text: Genesis 11: 1-6

Memory verse:

MAIN EMPHASIS: No one can achieve much alone.

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- The whole world had one language
- They all lived in the land of Shinar.
- They then decided to build a city out of brick whose top would reach heaven.
- They desired to make a name for themselves so that they would not be scattered.

- The Lord came down to see the city and the tower which they had built.
- The Lord observed that they would succeed because they were united and spoke one language.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- As children of God, we are one body in Christ thus, we are formidable team for the Lord. Romans 12: 5.
- A team that is together, with one voice, and in agreement with one another, will definitely achieve a purpose. Ephesians 4: 16, Matt 18 :19.
- We must be passionate and diligent in the word of God as God expects quality service from us Prov. 22:29.
- There is opportunity for everyone in the household of God to function in full capacity and so, there is no need for competition. Ephesians 4:7.
- We must be committed and remain focused to achieve our common goal as a team for Christ. Gen. 11 : 4.
- We must continue to glue to Jesus Christ to keep the work moving.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

You cannot be glued to Jesus Christ unless you have a relationship with him and that is by making him your friend. You cannot write and agree with others in the household of God unless you make Jesus your friend.

CONCLUSION

Together we will stand but divided we will fall.

LESSON 2: MAKING THE TEAM WORK

BIBLE TEXT: Nehemiah 2: 1-20, 6: 15-16

INTRODUCTION

How many players make up a football team?

Is it possible for one player to be the striker, the keeper, the defender or the midfielder?

(Teachers please get their response and take up the lesson from there.)

MAIN EMPHASIS: You need the support of others for the Team to work.

- As the king's cupbearer, Nehemiah lived in the place at Shushan.
- Nehemiah was sad because the Jews returning from Judah had brought bad news to him about his people.
- Nehemiah prayed to God about the burden in his heart.
- Noticing Nehemiah was unhappy, the king asked him why .
- After Nehemiah explained what he wanted, the king granted Nehemiah his request to rebuild Judah. The king also gave him papers and a royal escort for him and the Jews going with him.
- Nehemiah was met with opposition from Sanballat and Tobiah who were angry with him for wanting to rebuild Jerusalem
- After inspecting the walls, Nehemiah challenged the people to team up with him to rebuild the walls.
- Seeing that the people responded by gladly starting the work, Sanballat and Tobiah mocked them and tried to stop them
- Finally, the team of people building together with Nehemiah finished the walls in fifty two days with the help of the Lord.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- A good team player must flow with the vision of the group.
- You must be able to follow instructions. Matthew 18:20
- Distractions will come but a determined and united team always succeeds. Nehemiah 2: 9
- For the team to work, each member must work toward the same vision. Refuse selfish desires.
- Be creative. Creative minds are assets to the work of the kingdom.
- Team work is from God. Matthew 3:16-17, Genesis 1:26b

- A good team player encourages and prays for the weaker ones. Mark 1:38, Matthew 4:19

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Partner with Jesus as a good team player. Make him your friend.

LESSON 3: VIRTUES OF A TEAM

A strong and united team that will endure until Christ comes must possess the following:

- Love: Be passionate and love one another just as Christ loved the church and gave His life for it. Romans 12:10

- **Respect:** Respect the ideas and opinion of other team players when it is in line with God's word. Romans 13:7
- **Responsibility:** Be responsible for what happens in the team. Take responsibility for whatever needs to be done. Do not shift responsibilities to others. Whatever has been placed in your care must be done.
- **Talent:** Use your different talents to complement one another. Every talent is important in the kingdom. I Corinthians 12:27
- **Accountability:** Be accountable to God first then to one another. Every activity of the team should be accounted by everyone. Romans 14:12b
- **Prayers, Praise and Worship:** A team that prays together stays together. The lives of the team players will be changed for good when they pray, praise and worship together. Acts 25:26
- **Forgiveness:** Offenses will come but they can be overcome by deciding to forgive one another. II Corinthians 2:10
- **Equality:** We are all equal in the sight of God, so treat everyone the same. II Corinthians 8:14
- **Communication:** A result-oriented, team needs effective communication among members. All members must have access to timely information..
- **Commitment:** A good team needs commitment from all the members. Having a strong team is not a matter of convenience. It takes a great sacrifice on the part of the members.

CONCLUSION

A team founded on the fear of God will achieve purpose.

SONG: We are heirs of the Father
 We are joint-heirs with the Son
 We are children of His kingdom
 We are family, we are one
 We are the ones

TOPIC: JUST DO IT (Obedience)

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 7:23

But I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you that it may go well with you.

Aim: To teach the children that the plan and purpose God has for their lives depend totally on their obedience to His word for it to be fulfilled.

Main Emphasis: God desires your total obedience.

Definition: Obedience means to do as you are told. For example, it could be by the word of God, your mum, your dad, your teacher or anybody God has put in a place of authority over you.

Introduction: If God gives you something you have been longing for, for a very long time, and then suddenly He says, "I want it back". Would you obediently and willingly give it back? How would you feel towards God?

NOTE: Get responses from the children

LESSON 1: YES, YES ALL THE WAY (Total Obedience)

Main emphasis: God desires your total Obedience

Bible Text: Genesis 21:1-8, 22:1-14

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- ✚ God fulfilled His promise to Abraham and Sarah by giving them a son after they had waited for a long time.
- ✚ Sometime later God tested Abraham by ordering him to offer his only son, his precious son on Mount Moriah as a burnt sacrifice to Him.
- ✚ Abraham obeyed God without questioning and began the journey to Mount Moriah the next morning.
- ✚ Arriving at Mount Moriah after three days, Abraham instructed his servants to wait while he and his son, Isaac went up to the mountain to worship God
- ✚ When they got there, his son asked him, "Where is the lamb for the sacrifice?" Abraham replied, "The Lord will provide".
- ✚ Abraham built an altar and tied his only son to it and was ready to sacrifice him to God.
- ✚ As Abraham raised his knife to kill Isaac, the Lord stopped him.
- ✚ Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in a bush by its horn.
- ✚ Following God's instructions, he offered the ram as a sacrifice unto the Lord instead of his son.
- ✚ God blessed Abraham for his obedience and reassured him of His promise which was fulfilled.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- As a child of God, you must obey God's word or instructions totally because this determines how far you would go in life. Genesis 22:16-17
- Listen to God's word. Obey Him and the people He has put in the place of authority over you, for example, your parents, teachers, elders, house helps etc.

NOTE: Please teachers, tell them that they should only obey what they are told to do if it is not in line with the word of God.

- Obedience gives you confidence because you know God will always be with you.
- As a child of God, know that God's instructions are not always convenient, but they are for a good purpose in our lives. Genesis 22:1-18
- Trust and have faith in GOD. Mark 11:22

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

How can you trust and obey God if you do not know Him. Obey His call and make Him your friend.

LESSON 2: NO HALF MEASURE (Complete Obedience)

Bible Text: I Kings 13: 1 – 26

INTRODUCTION

John's mum told him to wash the plates in the sink and tidy his room. John washed the plates but did not tidy his room. Do you think his mum was happy with him? Get response from the children.

Main Emphasis: God commands his children to obey Him completely.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Jeroboam was a disobedient king who sinned against God and did was not supposed to do. (He burnt incense).
- God sent a man of God from Judah to warn him.
- God warned the man of God not to eat or drink, and not to go back the same way he came from.
- The man of God obeyed God, cried against the altar and prophesied.
- Hearing the prophesy of the man of God, Jeroboam raised his hand against him and his hand dried up.
- After the king's hand had been restored, the man of God left immediately and headed to rest under an oak tree.
- An old prophet from Bethany lied to him that God had asked him to take him home to eat and drink.
- Instead of obeying God's instructions, the man of God from Judah went home with him to eat and drink.

- God punished the man of God for his disobedience. He was killed on his way back by a lion.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- ✚ Stick completely to God's instructions. 1 Kings 13:1-16
- ✚ God desires your total obedience.
- ✚ You must live a life of obedience everyday of your life.
- ✚ When you do not believe the word of God, you are disobedient.
- ✚ God commands you to obey Him, no matter your age or status.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

To be able to obey God completely, you must make Jesus Christ your friend. The devil is only out to kill, steal and destroy your life. John 10:10

LESSON 3: GOD WANTS YOUR TOTAL OBEDIENCE

Bible Text: 1 Samuel 15:1-26

Main Emphasis: God wants your total obedience.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The prophet Samuel came to King Saul delivering God's instruction that Israel should destroy the wicked Amalekites and all their possessions.
- Obeying God's instruction, Saul gathered a great army and went after the Amalekites
- After the battle had been fought, Saul and his army destroyed the people and all the goods they considered worthless but they kept King Agag and the best of the animals
- God was angry with Saul's disobedience and told Samuel who felt very sad.
- In his great pride, Saul built a monument in honour of his victory.
- Saul proudly told Samuel that he had obeyed God's instructions.
- On being questioned further, Saul insisted he had obeyed God and blamed his army for keeping the animals.
- Samuel explained to Saul the importance of obeying God's instructions.
- Samuel told Saul that the Lord had rejected him from being king because he rejected the Lord's instruction.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- If you are disobedient to God, you will lose your position with God.

- If you are disobedient, it means you are rebellious and the Bible says that rebellion is like a sin of witchcraft. 1 Samuel 15: 23
- Disobedience brings rejection.
- Disobedience can make you lose something very good and special.
- It is better to obey than give good gifts to cover up. God will not accept the gift of a disobedient person.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

When you make Jesus your friend, He will help you to walk in obedience to the word of God.

Conclusion

Obedience is the key to fulfilling the purpose of God in our lives. Obedience is better than sacrifice.

SONG:

Trust and obey
 For there is no other way to be happy in Jesus
 But to trust and obey.

TOPIC: AWESOME ADVENTURE

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

However, as it is written: what no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived all things God has prepared for those who love Him –these are the things God has revealed to us by his spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

AIM

To let the child know that there is a heaven which we need to be prepared for.

INTRODUCTION

Ask the children what an adventure is and ask them if any of them has even been on an adventure. Get their responses. You can also ask if any of them has ever read any book or watched movies on adventure. Teachers please prepare before this lesson, to give out books on adventure to those responding to your questions correctly. Adventure books are not too expensive. You can either get Famous Five or Secret Seven series.

Main Emphasis: Always be prepared for this great adventure.

LESSON 1: THE UNEXPECTED ADVENTURE

TEXT: Luke 16: 19-31

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- ✚ Once upon a time, there lived a very rich man who loved to dress in the latest fashions and ate the best meals
- ✚ A poor beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores had been dumped at his gate.
- ✚ All Lazarus lived for was to get a meal from scraps off the rich man's table.
- ✚ The poor beggar died and was taken up by the angels to the bosom of Abraham.
- ✚ The rich man also died and went to hell.
- ✚ In hell and in great torment he begged father Abraham to send Lazarus to dip his finger in water and come cool his tongue.
- ✚ Refusing, Abraham told him that when he was alive he enjoyed the good things while Lazarus the bad things.
- ✚ Abraham also informed him that there was a gulf preventing anybody from passing from where he was to where Lazarus was.
- ✚ Asking that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers about hell, the rich man was told that if they would not listen to Moses and the prophets they would not listen to anybody rising from the dead.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

1. Everyone will one day experience this awesome adventure – either to heaven or hell. It cannot be avoided.
2. You can decide and choose today which adventure you want to experience.
3. Once you have made your choice for heaven, stand by it every day by being a friend of Jesus all the time.
4. Your name must remain in the book of life for you to experience the adventure of heaven at the end of this life here on earth.
5. Lazarus did not go to heaven because he was poor. The rich man also did not go to hell because he was rich. I Timothy 6:17-19.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

The rich man made no plans for this adventure to heaven. He did not make Jesus his friend. Make plans for this awesome adventure to heaven. Make Jesus your friend today. I Timothy 6:17 -19

LESSON 2: GET READY FOR THE ADVENTURE

BIBLE TEXT: Genesis 49: 1-33

Main Emphasis: You must get ready daily for this adventure to heaven.

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- One day Jacob sent for all his sons and said to them: “I am about to go on my adventure to heaven, so gather around me”.
- He told them what would happen to them after he had died.
- He blessed all twelve of them, each one with his own special farewell blessing.
- He asked to be taken back to Canaan to be buried where his ancestors Abraham, Isaac and their wives were buried.
- As soon as he finished speaking with his sons, Jacob drew his feet onto the bed, breathed his last and died.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- ✚ Jacob was prepared to go. You too can be prepared for this adventure to heaven.
- ✚ It is a daily preparation – that is influenced by the decisions you make all the time. If you have already made Jesus your friend the Holy Spirit can help you to always be prepared. He will help you to make the right decisions always.
- ✚ Always ask yourself daily if your decisions are taking you on the right path of your heavenly adventure.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Jacob was prepared to go on this adventure. You also can be prepared for it by making Jesus your friend and the Lord of your life.

LESSON 3: THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

BIBLE TEXT: Revelations 21: 1-27

Main Emphasis: You must not miss heaven, the greatest adventure of your life.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- John saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and first earth and the seas were all gone
- The Holy City called New Jerusalem came down from heave.
- A voice spoke, saying God was making a home with His people as their God
- Wiping their eyes, with all pain gone, all tears gone, all crying gone. God had all things new.
- God is Alpha and the Omega, The Beginning and the End of everything.
- Only those who overcame would inherit heaven while the sinners would go to hell.
- An angel showed John Jerusalem the great and beautiful city which had the glory of God and its light.
- Nothing unclean could get into the City. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life would get in.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- Before Jesus left the disciples, He told them He was going to prepare a place for them that place is heaven. John 14:1-3. It is a place which Jesus prepared for all who have believed on Him as savior and made Him their friend.
 - Heaven is the home of God the Father. We will be welcomed by God to heaven and live with Him forever. He loves us more than anyone can. We will see the Lord sitting on His throne. Revelation 21:3
 - We do not have to know when or how we will be called to heaven whether in sickness or in sadness. All that matters is that God will wipe away every tear from our eyes and there will be no more death. We will never be separated from loved ones. There will be no more pain. Revelations 21:4. What a wonderful place heaven will be.
 - Heave will be a beautiful place to look at. The city and the streets will be made of pure gold. Revelations 21:18, 21. The foundation of the city will be precious stones. Revelations 21: 19. The wall around the city will shine as clear as crystal. Revelations 21:11.
 - The gates of the city will be giant pearls. Revelations 21:21. It really is a place worth seeing.
 - In heaven, there will be no sun and no moon. Revelations 21:23
 - There will be no night. The glory (shining brightness) of God will be the light there.
 - There will be tens of thousands of bright and shining angels all around the place.
 - There will be no sin in heaven. God is holy and there can be no sin where God is. God will give us new hearts that will not sin. Revelations 21:27
 - Heaven will be full of wonderful things to see and enjoy. We will be there worshipping and serving God forever. Revelations 22:1-3.
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- In heaven, there will be a book called the Lamb Book of Life. It has the lists of names of everyone who can enter heaven. Revelation 21:27. Only those whose names are written in it can enter heaven.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

I am sure you want to know how you can get your name written into the Lamb's Book of Life so that you can enter heaven. All you need to do is to believe that Jesus died on the cross for you. Ask Him to be your friend. It is as simple as that. You can be sure He will write your name into the Book of Life

SONG

Will you be ready when the Lord shall come x2

Yes, I will be ready x2

I will be ready when the Lord shall come x2

TOPIC: BEYOND DESCRIPTION (The Attributes of God)

Memory verse: Ephesians 1:17

I keep asking that the God of our lord Jesus Christ, the glorious father may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know him better.

LESSON 1: SPOTLESS (God is Holy)

Introduction

Ask the children; how would you feel if you had just worn a beautiful white dress and were on your way to a party then a car splashed mud on your dress? Listen to their various answers.

Main emphasis: God is Holy and he wants you to be Holy just like him

Bible Text: Matthew: 1-14

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- Jesus spoke to them in parable describing the kingdom of heaven like the wedding banquet of a king's son.
- The party was ready but the people invited refused to come.
- Some went about their business, others seized and killed the servants sent out to invite.
- Angrily, the king sent his army to destroy the murderers.
- He sent his servants to invite anyone they could find on the streets both good and bad.
- When the banquet hall was filled, the king noticed a man not wearing a wedding garment.
- The man could not give any answer so the king had him thrown out in the dark.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD.

- ✚ God is spotless, completely pure and perfect. He never sins and cannot tolerate sin. Leviticus 11:44a.
- ✚ He is Holy and all that he does is right and good.
- ✚ Without holiness no one can get close to God and enjoy his fellowship. Without holiness you cannot see God. Hebrews 12:14b.
- ✚ Without holiness you cannot be usable and useful to God. 2 Timothy 2:21.
- ✚ God has made a way for you to come to him. Having found this way, do not let sin take control over you. Romans 6:12-14. God wants you to grow and not to keep falling into sin.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD.

Just as the king noticed that a guest was not wearing the wedding garment he had provided. So also does God notice that you do not have on the garment of salvation which he made available, wear the garment of salvation provided by God by making Jesus your friend. Then watch the Holy Spirit produce God's Holy nature in you to help you live a Holy life.

LESSON 2: BLOWN AWAY (God is Love)

INTRODUCTION

Oh, I just hate this house I'm going to run away one day. Everyone is always telling me what to do. I am always given a lot of chores to do. It's always Henry do this, Henry do that. I'm not even allowed to watch television anytime I want.

Have you ever felt like running away because you were tired of living at home? Do you think your friends are better treated in their homes and they have better things? If you think all the time about the things you don't have instead of the good things you have, you'll become unhappy just like the boy in the story. Life looked better outside to him.

BIBLE TEXT: Luke 15:11-32

Main Emphasis: Love others the way God loves you unconditionally.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

- A wealthy man had two sons; the younger demanded his inheritance so he could live on his own.
- The father granted his son's request and divided the inheritance.
- The younger son travelled to a far country and wasted his money.
- After the son had spent all he had, a famine spread across the land.
- The only work the son could find was a job - feeding pigs.
- Starving, the son desired to eat the food he was feeding the pigs.
- Suddenly, the son realized his sin against God and his father and decided to return home to ask for a position as a hired servant.
- While the boy was still a great way off, his father ran to meet him.
- The son confessed his sin and unworthiness to his joyful father.
- Showing his full acceptance and forgiveness the father celebrated the return of his much loved son.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- God loves you so much - His love blows you away. It is called agape, that means unconditional love. God loves and blesses you not because you deserved or earned it but because that is the way He is. God is love. 1 John 4:8. Just like the father in our story God lets us enjoy everything that belongs to Him.

- God's love is not just a feeling it is an action. It is a decision to care about others, putting them before yourself, offering them help when they need it. 1 John 3: 18.
- God loves you and wants you to show this love to others, as a part of God's family if you truly love God, you will show this love to others. Ask God to help you start noticing people in need around you. Look for ways to help them.
- When people see you doing this, it shows that you are a friend of Jesus. John 13:35.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD.

God loves you so much. He longs for you to turn away from your foolish sinful ways just as this father longed for the son he loved to return to him. Accept God's unconditional love by making Jesus your friend today. Only when you do this can you truly love God and show his love to others.

Assignment

Let the children read I Corinthians 13:4-8

Ask them to find ways of showing this kind of love to people around them.

Teach song:

(sing to Jesus loves me)

Helping others is a way

To show God's love everyday

Jesus in me helps me be

Kind and good to all I see

Show love to others (3X)

Whoever they may be

LESSON 3: AS SURE AS DAWN (God is True)

INTRODUCTION

Ask children, "Why do people tell lies? Can anyone lie to God? Why not, the husband and wife in our story lied to God. Do you think they got away with it?"

BIBLE TEXT: Acts 4:32-5:14

MAIN EMPHASIS: God does not lie and he wants you to be like him.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 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 Jesus resurrection with great power.
- Some believers sold land or possessions giving the money to the apostles for those in need.
- Ananias and Sapphira sold a piece of land.
- Ananias and Sapphira desiring praise schemed to give only parts of the payment while saying they were giving all of it.
- When Ananias lied pretending to give the apostles all the money, Peter confronted him: he had allowed Satan to control him, causing him to lie to the Holy Spirit. Then Ananias fell down dead.
- Later, not knowing what happened, Sapphira came in.
- When Sapphira repeated her husband's lie, Peter told her that she had not just lied to him but to the Holy Spirit. Then she also fell over dead.
- Seeing God's severe discipline on Ananias and Sapphira because they tried to deceive him, everyone who heard developed great fear for God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- As sure as the dawn comes, God cannot lie. He is truth, His word can be trusted. You need never doubt any promise he has made. Titus 1:3.
- God desires truth in the inward parts. Psalms 51:6a. He desires that you speak the truth all the time. He can help you tell the truth all the time.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

- If God disciplines believers when they lie, you can be sure He would discipline those who have not made friends with Jesus.
- God is the father of the truth, make him your friend and He will help you to be truthful.
- Reject the devil who is the father of all liars.

TOPIC: THE CHEERFUL HEART (GIVING)

Memory Verse: II Corinthians 9:10

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase the store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

AIM

To teach the children to give to God with all their hearts according to what they have.

INTRODUCTION

Teachers, let the children come to the class with something to share with a child; preferably a piece of cake. Tell the child, "you have done so well today, come let us share this cake. While

praising the child cut a tiny piece for him. Say, "I am giving you this with all my love. Watch the child's reaction. Use his reaction to teach.

LESSON 1: WITH ALL MY LOVE (Give Cheerfully)

Bible Text: Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4

Main emphasis: God sees the heart of a giver.

SEQUENCE OF EVENT

- ✚ Sitting by the offering bowl, Jesus watched how people were dropping their offerings.
- ✚ Those who were rich put in much offering
- ✚ One poor widow dropped in two mites
- ✚ Noticing her, Jesus told His disciples that she had put in more than all the rich people.
- ✚ He informed them that her giving cost her more than the others

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- God is interested in your giving. Mark 12:24
- Give your best to God. Philippians 4:18
- The greatest Giver is God. You cannot outgive God. John 3:16
- Give God what cost you something
- Your giving is a seed

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

When you make Jesus your friend, He will help you to give your best.

LESSON 2: EXTRAVAGANCE (How to Give)

BIBLE TEXT: 1Kings 3:3-14

Main Emphasis: God blesses the giver.

- To show the love that He had for God, King Solomon slaughtered thousands of animals on his altar in Gibeon .
- That night God appeared to him in a dream asking him what he wanted.
- Reminding God that he had blessed his father David in the past, Solomon asked him to help him rule his people wisely.
- Pleased with Solomon's request, God added long life, riches and honour to Solomon's life.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- ✚ When you give God sincerely and cheerfully, He will bless you.
- ✚ It pays to give God. I Kings 3:9
- ✚ He will open the windows of blessings on you. Malachi 3:10.

- ✚ Sow well and reap bountifully.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

When you make Jesus your friend, He will bless you when you give.

LESSON 3: PRACTICAL CLASS

TYPES OF GIVER

(Note: Teachers should summarize the story behind each type of giver).

1. The obedient givers – Abraham 22:1-19
2. The big little giver-the widow Mark 12:42
3. The stingy giver – Cain and Abel.
4. The sacrificial giver.
5. Covetous givers – Ananias and Sapphira Act 5:1-10.
6. The voluntary givers - Cornelius who fed the poor. Acts 10:31
7. The reward givers – those who gave to be seen of men. Their reward is here on earth.
Matt 6:2
8. The expensive giver- Matthew 26:7
9. Jesus is the life giver – John 5:21b
10. God is the greatest giver –John 3:16

11. The Missionary giver – Philippians 4:18

12. The Command Giver – Malachi 3:10-12

SONG

What type of giver are you my friend 2X
Are you a little giver NO NO.
Are you a stingy giver NO NO

Are you a covetous giver NO NO
Are you a willing giver YES YES (yes)
God bless you
Oh God bless you
Oh God bless you 3X.

TOPIC: HAPPY HOUR

(PRAISE)

Memory Verse: Psalm 34:1

“I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth”.

Aim: To teach the children that there is joy in the presence of God.

INTRODUCTION

Picture yourself being locked outside your home. No keys to open the door, the walls too high to climb over. How would you feel?

LESSON 1: POWER OF PRAISE

Bible Text: Joshua 6: 1-27

Main Emphasis: Praise brings victory

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- The city of Jericho closed its gates, sealing itself from Israel’s attack.
- God gave instructions for Israel to march around Jericho daily for six days.
- Israel obey, silently marching around Jericho for six days.
- On day seven, the people marched around Jericho seven times and Joshua commanded that when they hear the trumpets they were to shout.
- At the trumpets blast, Israel gave a thunderous shout and the wall fell down flat by God’s great power, allowing Israel to march in victoriously.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- The presence and the glory of God are felt greatly where praises are offered. Psalm 22:3
- The impossible becomes possible where praises are offered. Joshua 6:20. The walls of Jericho fell down.
- There is nothing too difficult for God to do through praise.
- We should not be moved by what we see but by what God says.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

You can not feel the presence and glory of God during praise until you make Jesus your friend.

LESSON 2: BROKEN CHAINS (Praise sets you free from every Stronghold)

Bible Text: Acts 16: 23 -26

Main Emphasis: Praise sets you free from every stronghold

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Paul and Silas were flogged and instructed to be kept in the prison.
- The jailers kept Paul and Silas in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.
- At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises until God and other prisoners heard them.
- Immediately, there came a great earthquake, the foundation of the prison were shaken and the doors were opened and everyone's band were loosed.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- Mysteries are revealed where praises are offered. Philippians 4:4-8
- Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God for you.
- God inhabits the praise of His people. Psalm 22:3
- High praise brings us into fellowship and intimacy with God.
- It releases the power of God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

For your praises to yield result, you must be a friend of Jesus. Your heart must be right with God. Psalm 2: 3-5

LESSON THREE: LOST IN HIS PRESENCE

(Praise God in Spirit, Soul and body)

Bible Text: II Samuel 6:14-23

Main Emphasis: Praise God in Spirit and in truth.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- David and his household brought up the ark of God with shouting and sound of the trumpet.
- David danced before the Lord in his linen cloth.
- David's wife, Michal saw his leaping and dancing before the Lord and she despised him in her heart.
- They brought the ark into the tent and David offered burnt offerings before the Lord and blessed his people in the name of the Lord Almighty.
- David gave the people bread and cake, returned home and blessed his household but Michal challenged him for dishonoring and uncovering himself while dancing before the slave girls.
- David replied that he humbled himself before the Lord that chose him over her father, Saul.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE SAVED CHILD

- Do not allow anyone to discourage you from praising God.
- Unpretentious praise pleases the Lord.
- God appreciates a true worshipper.
- We must humble ourselves before the Lord.
- God sees our heart when praising Him.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNSAVED CHILD

Make Jesus your friend, then you can enjoy praising Him.

SONG

There is joy, joy, joy

In the presence of the Lord

Singing HA LE LU YA AMEN.....Amen

Let us dance and celebrate x2

Singing praises unto the Lord ooooooo

Let us dance and celebrate x2

Singing praises unto the Lord.