

December — January — February 2016-17
Unit 1 — Sharing Christmas Joy

Unit Bible Truth: God kept His promise to send His Son to be our Savior.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God kept His promise to send a Savior, and prepared people for the Savior's coming
- Be thankful for Jesus, our Savior
- Increasingly find joy in celebrating the birth of Jesus and share this joy with others
- Receive Jesus as Savior if they have not already done so

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

DECEMBER 4, 2016

Lesson 1 — Celebrate with the Patriarchs and Prophets

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7; Micah 5:2

Bible Story: "Christmas Clues News"

Bible Truth: Christmas reminds us that God promised to send a Savior and He kept His word.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand that God let His people know that He would send a Savior
- Feel thankful for God's faithfulness in sending the Savior
- Share the good news about Jesus the Savior

DECEMBER 11, 2016

Lesson 2 — Celebrate with Zechariah and Elizabeth

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-5; Mark 1:1-8; Luke 1:5-25, 57-68, 80

Bible Story: "A Very Special Birth"

Bible Truth: God prepares people to receive the Savior.

Goals:

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that the birth of John the Baptist was part of God's plan to prepare people for the Savior
- Identify ways God works today to prepare people to receive Jesus
- Pray for someone who needs to know Jesus

DECEMBER 18, 2016

Lesson 3 — Celebrate with Mary and Joseph

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7

Bible Story: "An Angel Speaks"

Bible Truth: God sent His Son Jesus, our Savior, as a human baby.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that Jesus, God's Son, became a human baby

- Feel grateful that God was willing to send His Son to be our Savior
- Thank God for sending Jesus

DECEMBER 25, 2016

Lesson 4 — Celebrate with the Shepherds

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Bible Story: “Good News for the Shepherds”

Bible Truth: Jesus, the Savior, came to give us peace with God.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand that because Jesus came, people can have peace and friendship with God
- Begin to understand that we can have peace with God even when there is no peace in the world
- Experience peace with God by receiving Jesus as Savior

JANUARY 1, 2017

Lesson 5 — Celebrate with Simeon and Anna

Scripture: Luke 2:21-40

Bible Story: “A Surprise Welcome”

Bible Truth: Jesus is the promised Savior who came to help everyone know and love God.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that just as God kept His promises to send a Savior, He also kept His promise to let Simeon see the Savior
- Feel increasing trust in God’s faithfulness to keep His Word
- Trust God for salvation and other areas of need

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Unit 2 — Jesus, the Great Transformer

Unit Bible Truth: Jesus Christ makes a difference in the lives of people who meet Him and submit to Him.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand that Jesus made a difference in the lives of people He met
- Understand that God loves and cares for them
- Identify ways Christ makes a difference in lives today when people respond to the grace He offers
- Take their needs to Jesus and trust Him to help them
- Receive Christ as Savior if they have not done so

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

JANUARY 8, 2017

Lesson 6 — Transformed By Compassion

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Bible Story: “Compassion in Action”

Bible Truth: Jesus cares about our needs, and He has the power to help us.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that Jesus cares deeply about people’s needs
- Know that Jesus has power to help them because He is God’s Son
- Pray about their needs and the needs of others

JANUARY 15, 2017

Lesson 7 — Transformed Paralytic

Scripture: John 5:1-15

Bible Story: “Stop Sinning!”

Bible Truth: Jesus knows that our most important need is for a right relationship with God.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God can help with any need they have
- Understand that sin keeps them from having a right relationship with God
- Go to God with any need and thank Him for His help

JANUARY 22, 2017

Lesson 8 — Transformed Tax Collector

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Bible Story: “A Tax Collector’s Tale”

Bible Truth: Jesus offers salvation and a new way of life to all people.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that Jesus wants all people to receive God’s forgiveness
- Sense their need for salvation and seek forgiveness from God
- Understand the need for making restitution
- Seek forgiveness from those they have wronged, if possible

JANUARY 29, 2017

Lesson 9 — Transformed Lives

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

Bible Story: “Two Men, Two Choices”

Bible Truth: Jesus can change our lives if we allow Him to do it.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand that each person decides whether or not to follow Jesus
- Desire to put Jesus first in their lives
- Consider whether they have put Jesus first
- Give their lives to Jesus or reaffirm a previous commitment

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Unit 3 — God Is . . .

Unit Bible Truth: God is holy, faithful, loving, and forgiving.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know some of the characteristics of God the Father
- Feel gratitude for who God is
- Seek forgiveness for sins
- Increasingly reverence, love, and obey God

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him” (1 John 3:1)

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Lesson 10 — God Is Holy

Scripture: Exodus 19; Leviticus 19:1-4

Bible Story: “A Very Important Meeting”

Bible Truth: God is holy; everything about Him is perfect and good.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God is holy and begin to understand what this means
- Understand that because God is holy His people must live holy lives
- Reverence God because He is holy and want to obey Him

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Lesson 11 — God Is Faithful and Trustworthy

Scripture: Genesis 12:7; Exodus 3:8; Joshua 21:43-45

Bible Story: Witnessing God’s Faithfulness

Bible Truth: God is faithful and He always keeps His promises.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand the meaning of faithfulness
- Realize that God is faithful and always keeps His promises
- Recognize the importance of faithfully obeying God
- Want to faithfully follow God and obey Him

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Lesson 12 — God Is Loving and Merciful

Scripture: Selected passages from Hosea

Bible Story: “Hosea Demonstrates God’s Love”

Bible Truth: God keeps on loving people, even when they turn away from Him.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Begin to understand how great and enduring God’s love is for them
- Sense God’s love personally
- Express thanks to God for His love

FEBRUARY 26, 2017**Lesson 13 — God Is Forgiving****Scripture:** Luke 15:11-31**Bible Story:** “A Son Restored”**Bible Truth:** God loves everyone and forgives those who seek His forgiveness.**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Feel sure that God loves them and will forgive their sins
- Seek God’s forgiveness and a restored relationship with Him
- Want to forgive others because God has forgiven them