

Middle Elementary Scope & Sequence

March — April — May 2017

Unit 1 — Covenants: Promises of Love

Unit Bible Truth: God’s covenants invite people into a relationship of love with Him.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Begin to understand what a covenant is
- Know what covenants God made with His people
- Trust God’s faithfulness to His covenants
- Identify some of their responsibilities as God’s covenant people
- Rejoice that they are included in Jesus’ new covenant of love and forgiveness

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you” (Isaiah 54:10).

MARCH 5, 2017

Lesson 1 — What Is a Covenant?

Scripture: Genesis 6:5 — 9:17

Bible Story: “The Great Flood”

Bible Truth: God makes covenants that invite us into a relationship of love and trust with Him.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Begin to understand what a covenant is
- Know what God’s covenant with Noah was
- Feel glad that God makes and keeps promises

Note: This lesson may be dropped in subsequent years.

MARCH 12, 2017

Lesson 2 — Covenant with a Man

Scripture: Genesis 12; 15; 17:1-21

Bible Story: Abraham’s Journey of Faith

Bible Truth: Those who enter a covenant with God must trust Him to keep His promises.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know what God’s covenant with Abraham was
- Grow in understanding of what it means to trust God
- Ask God to help them trust Him completely

MARCH 19, 2017

Lesson 3 — Covenant with a Nation

Scripture: Exodus 19:5-8; 20:1-21; 24:1-7

Bible Story: “A Meeting with God”

Bible Truth: Our part in a covenant with God is to obey Him.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know what God’s covenant with the Israelites was

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- Review the meaning of the Ten Commandments
- Understand their responsibility to obey God
- Identify ways they can obey God in their daily lives

MARCH 26, 2017

Lesson 4 — Covenant with a King

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 17; Luke 1:31-33, 68-71

Bible Story: “King David’s Family Legacy”

Bible Truth: God’s covenant with David was part of His plan to send the Savior.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know what God’s covenant with David was
- Realize that God keeps His promises in ways that are even better than we expect
- Grow in the desire to do their part in their relationship with God

APRIL 2, 2017

Lesson 5 — The Covenant for All

Scripture: Luke 22:7-20

Bible Story: Remember Me

Bible Truth: Through Jesus, God offers us a new covenant of love and forgiveness.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know what God’s covenant with us through Jesus is
- Rejoice that they are included in Jesus’ new covenant of grace, love, and forgiveness
- Choose to accept God’s gracious covenant through Jesus

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Unit 2 — Jesus, Lord and King

Unit Bible Truth: Jesus is our living King.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand how the events of Jesus’ last days on earth show that He is our living King
- Realize that Jesus offers forgiveness for sins to all people
- Know that Jesus will return to earth someday
- Rejoice in Jesus’ resurrection and second coming
- Make Jesus the King of their lives

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Philippians 2:10-11 a).

APRIL 9, 2017 (PALM SUNDAY)

Lesson 6 — The Misunderstood King

Scripture: John 12:12-19; Zechariah 9:9

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Bible Story: Parade for a King

Bible Truth: Jesus came to be King of our lives.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand the kind of king Jesus came to be
- Realize that Jesus wants to be King of their lives
- Praise and honor Jesus for coming to be their Savior and King

APRIL 16, 2017 (EASTER)

Lesson 7 — The Risen King

Scripture: John 20:1-18; Selected verses from John 19 to tell about the Crucifixion

Bible Story: Jesus Is Alive!

Bible Truth: Jesus is our risen King.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand that because Jesus rose from the dead they have the hope of salvation and eternal life
- Express a personal belief in the Resurrection
- Celebrate Jesus' victory over death

APRIL 23, 2017

Lesson 8 — The Prophesied King

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Bible Story: An Unexpected Visitor

Bible Truth: Jesus is the Promised One.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that Jesus' death and resurrection fulfilled the Scriptures
- Be encouraged because Jesus is with them
- Tell how Jesus' resurrection affects their lives today

APRIL 30, 2017

Lesson 9 — The Returning King

Scripture: John 14:1-4; Acts 1:1-11

Bible Story: He Will Be Back!

Bible Truth: Jesus is King to all who believe in Him.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that Jesus is alive, and He will return to earth someday
- Express belief in Christ's return
- Choose to follow Jesus as their King
- Want to live so they are ready for Jesus' return

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Unit 3 — Birth of the Church

Unit Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit provides the love and power the Church needs to grow and help others.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that the Holy Spirit empowered the Early Church to grow and be effective
- Begin to understand what Christian fellowship is
- Grow in concern for other Christians and for those who don't yet know Christ as Savior
- Take part in the ministries of their church, as they are able

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit” (Ephesians 2:22).

MAY 7, 2017

Lesson 10 — A Powerful Beginning

Scripture: Acts 2

Bible Story: What a Difference!

Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit gives Christians power to live for God and tell others about Jesus.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Begin to understand who the Holy Spirit is and what He does
- Identify changes that occurred in believers after God sent the Holy Spirit
- Identify some ways the Holy Spirit can help children today

MAY 14, 2017

Lesson 11 — A Shared Love

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37

Bible Story: The Way a Church Should Be

Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit empowers Christians to care for and share with each other.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand that Christian fellowship involves caring for and sharing with one another
- Identify ways Christians can express love to one another
- Participate in acts of Christian fellowship and caring

MAY 21, 2017

Lesson 12 — A Bold Witness

Scripture: Acts 3:1 — 4:31

Bible Story: Two Lives Were Changed

Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit gives Christians courage to witness, even if they are persecuted.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Begin to understand that Christians are sometimes persecuted for what they believe
- Realize that it is important to stand strong if they face opposition
- Feel confident the Holy Spirit will give them courage to be witnesses

MAY 28, 2017

Lesson 13 — A New Beginning

Scripture: Acts 9:1-31

Bible Story: A Changed Man!

Bible Truth: Jesus changes lives.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that an encounter with Jesus helped Saul recognize the truth
- Discover how Saul's life was changed
- Believe God can change people's lives, no matter what they have done
- Thank God for ways He has worked in their lives

THIS LESSON IS NOT USED IN 2017

Lesson — A Growing Church

Scripture: Acts 11:19-26

Bible Story: "The Church at Antioch"

Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit empowers the Church to grow and reach people who have never heard about Jesus.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that the Church grows as Christians reach out to people who have never heard about Jesus
- Care about people who don't know Jesus as Savior
- Pray for people who don't know Jesus and for people who take the good news of Jesus to them
- Pray and look for an opportunity to share about Jesus