

Preteen Scope and Sequence

March — April — May 2017 Unit 1 — SACRIFICE FOR SIN

Unit Bible Truth: Jesus' sacrifice for sin made a loving relationship with God possible.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Grow in their understanding of the seriousness of sin and the depth of God's mercy
- Know what God has done throughout history to provide forgiveness for sins
- Understand why Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for sin and mediator between God and people
- Feel gratitude to Jesus for giving himself as our sacrifice for sin

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

MARCH 5, 2017

Lesson 1 — Sin--It's Serious!

Scripture: Genesis 3:1--4:16; Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:11-12

Bible Study: "Sin Means Broken Relationships"

Bible Truth: Sin breaks our relationship with God and with others.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know what sin is
- Understand why sin is so serious
- Sense God's love and mercy toward sinful people

MARCH 12, 2017

Lesson 2 — Sacrifice--What Is It?

Scripture: Leviticus 1:1-9; 9:1-24; 1 John 4:9-10

Bible Study: "Sacrifices for Sin"

Bible Truth: Forgiveness of sin requires a sacrifice.

Goals:

To help preteens . . .

- Understand that God has always provided a way for sins to be forgiven
- Realize how costly sin is
- Feel grateful for Jesus' sacrifice for our sins

MARCH 19, 2017

Lesson 3 — Sacrifice--Is It Enough?

Scripture: Isaiah 1:13-17, 19-20; Jeremiah 7:21-26; Micah 6:8; Malachi 1:6-14; Romans 12:1-2

Bible Study: "Senseless Sacrifices"

Bible Truth: God wants us to love and obey Him, not just take part in religious activities.

Goals

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To help preteens . . .

- Know why God was displeased with the Israelites' sacrifices and worship
- Realize that religious activities do not please God if they do not come from a heart of love and obedience to Him
- Examine the motives behind their religious activities

MARCH 26, 2017

Lesson 4 — Jesus--the Perfect Sacrifice

Scripture: Hebrews 9:23--10:14, 19-25; 1 John 4:10

Bible Study: "The Sacrifice That Ended All Sacrifices"

Bible Truth: Jesus, God's Son, became the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Understand why Jesus' death on the Cross was the best possible sacrifice for sin
- Feel grateful to Jesus for dying for their sins
- Express thanks to God for sending Jesus
- Receive Jesus' sacrifice for their sins if they have not done so previously

APRIL 2, 2017

Lesson 5 — Jesus--the Perfect Priest

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 2:9-18; 4:14--5:10

Bible Study: "Jesus--Our Priest and Mediator"

Bible Truth: Jesus' sufferings and temptations as a human being enable Him to represent us perfectly before God.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Understand the role of the High Priest as a mediator between God and people
- Know why Jesus is a perfect Priest and Mediator for us
- Feel glad that Jesus fully understands them
- Take their struggles and temptations to Jesus in faith that He can help them

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Unit 2 — SHOUT FOR JOY!

Unit Bible Truth: Our hope of salvation and eternal life is sure because Jesus died and rose again.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Understand that Jesus died and rose again to free us from sin and death
- Discover evidence that Jesus rose from the dead, and by faith believe it
- Receive Jesus as Savior as the Holy Spirit leads them

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- Personally experience the hope and joy that Easter brings to Christians
- Anticipate and be ready for Jesus' Second Coming

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

APRIL 9, 2017 (PALM SUNDAY)

Lesson 6 — Find Joy in the King

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Bible Study: "Gentle and Riding on a Donkey"

Bible Truth: Jesus brings hope to those who recognize the truth about Him and trust in Him.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Understand the reason Jesus came to earth--to save people from sin
- Identify misconceptions people have about Jesus
- Consider where they are placing their hopes
- Praise Jesus for bringing salvation and hope

APRIL 16, 2017 (EASTER)

Lesson 7 — Find Joy in the Promise

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Bible Study: "Miracle Morning"

Bible Truth: Jesus is our risen Savior.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Understand why Jesus' resurrection is so important
- Feel joy in knowing that Jesus has defeated sin and death
- Share the joy of Easter with other people
- Receive Jesus as Savior or affirm their relationship with Christ

APRIL 23, 2017

Lesson 8 — Find Joy in the Truth

Scripture: John 20:24-31; Hebrews 11:1-2, 13-16

Bible Study: "Believing Thomas"

Bible Truth: Christians believe the evidence of Jesus' resurrection even though they cannot prove it.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Realize that believing in the Resurrection requires faith
- Examine some of the evidence of Jesus' resurrection
- Express their confidence and joy in the Resurrection

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APRIL 30, 2017

Lesson 9— Find Joy in the Future

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Bible Study: “Jesus, Taken Up”

Bible Truth: Christians can feel joy at the thought of Jesus’ second coming.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Understand why the promise of the Second Coming brings joy, not fear, to Christians
- Feel glad that Christians will spend eternity with Jesus
- Consider whether or not they are ready for Jesus’ second coming
- Live each day as though Christ may return that day

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Unit 3 — THE BABY CHURCH

Unit Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit gives the Church the power to do God’s work, survive, and grow.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Better understand how the Holy Spirit works in the Church
- Want to be a part of the work and witness of the Church
- Express confidence in God’s power to protect and empower the Church to carry out its mission
- Look to God for strength if they suffer persecution for their Christian faith

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).

MAY 7, 2017

Lesson 10 — A Glorious Birth

Scripture: Acts 2:1-47

Bible Study: “The Church Is Born!”

Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit gives the Church power to do God’s work.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know that the coming of the Holy Spirit transformed Jesus’ disciples and led to the birth of the Church
- Understand that the Holy Spirit continues to empower the Church to do God’s work
- Identify ways the Holy Spirit works in the Church today
- Want to be part of the work and witness of the Church

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MAY 14, 2017

Lesson 11 — Learning to Walk

Scripture: Acts 5:12-14, 17-42

Bible Study: “Gamaliel and the Jailbirds”

Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit gives strength and courage to Christians who suffer persecution because of their obedience to God.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Realize that Christians who faithfully live for God may suffer persecution
- Consider ways to respond to persecution
- Look to God for the strength and courage to live the Christian life

MAY 21, 2017

Lesson 12 — Sibling Rivalry

Scripture: Acts 10:1-48

Bible Study: “Worlds Apart”

Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit helps Christians overcome their prejudices and love all people.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Realize that God does not show favoritism, so neither should we
- Identify some prejudices in the Church today and in their own lives
- Ask God to help them overcome their prejudices
- Commit to showing love to everyone, even those who are very different from them

MAY 28, 2017

Lesson 13 — Holding the Father’s Hand

Scripture: Acts 12:1-24

Bible Study: “The Great Escape”

Bible Truth: The Holy Spirit is enabling the Church to survive in spite of persecution and trouble.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Realize that God does not save every Christian from persecution, but He keeps the Church alive
- Feel confidence in God’s power to help the Church survive and grow
- Pray for the Church, and especially for persecuted Christians