

June — July — August 2017
Unit 1 — THE CHURCH GOES WORLDWIDE

Unit Bible Truth: Missionaries play a crucial role in God’s plan to take the gospel to the whole world.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Become familiar with the major events in the life and ministry of the apostle Paul
- Become increasingly aware of the issues missionaries face as they continue the spread of the gospel
- Feel concern for lost people and want to help them know Jesus as Savior
- Witness for Jesus as He gives them opportunity
- Pray regularly for missionaries and for Christians in other countries and cultures
- Be open to the possibility that God might call them to be missionaries

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile” (Romans 1:16).

JUNE 4, 2017

Lesson 1 — Saul Meets the Master

Scripture: Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-31; Philippians 3:4-6

Bible Study: “Appointment in Damascus”

Bible Truth: God chooses and calls some people to special kinds of ministry.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know who Paul was and how God changed his life
- Realize that God chose Paul specifically to take the gospel to the Gentiles
- Recognize that every Christian is to be a witness for Christ, and God calls some to be missionaries
- Grow in their interest in missions and missionaries

JUNE 11, 2017

Lesson 2 — Paul Hits the Road

Scripture: Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-16, 42-52; 14:1-20, 26-28

Bible Study: “New Name--New Mission”

Bible Truth: People respond to the gospel message in different ways.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Identify different ways people responded to Paul’s preaching
- Realize that missionaries can present the gospel faithfully, but they cannot control how people will respond to God
- Choose a missionary and pray that the people he or she serves will accept the gospel

JUNE 18, 2017

Lesson 3 — Paul Ponders Policy

Scripture: Acts 15:1-35

Bible Study: “Jerusalem Church Board Meets”

Bible Truth: Missionaries need God’s help in distinguishing between the unchangeable truths of the gospel and issues that are only cultural.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know why the Council in Jerusalem was such an important event in the growth of the Church and missions
- Realize that in every cultural setting people can experience God’s grace and live to please Him
- Pray for missionaries as they wrestle with gospel vs. culture issues

JUNE 25, 2017

Lesson 4 — The Perils of Paul

Scripture: Acts 17:1-15; 18:1-17

Bible Study: “Encouraging Words for Paul”

Bible Truth: God encourages and helps missionaries in good times and bad times.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know some of the situations Paul experienced in his mission work
- Realize that missionary work is not easy, but God provides encouragement, strength, and help
- Do something to encourage a missionary

JULY 2, 2017

Lesson 5 — Paul Battles Dark Powers

Scripture: Acts 19:1-20

Bible Study: “Good Confronts Evil”

Bible Truth: Missionaries sometimes see dramatic evidence of the Holy Spirit’s power over evil.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know how the Holy Spirit used Paul’s ministry in Ephesus to bring victory over evil spirits
- Realize that evil is real, and that only the Holy Spirit’s power can overcome it
- Recognize the dangers of the occult
- Pray for missionaries in world areas where the power of evil is strong

JULY 9, 2017

Lesson 6 — Paul . . . the Rest of the Story

Scripture: Acts 28:11-31; 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Bible Study: “Paul--The Final Chapters”

Bible Truth: Missionaries continue their work in any circumstances for as long as God enables them.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Become familiar with Paul's last years
- Realize that difficult circumstances don't halt God's work
- Commit to continued concern and prayer for missions
- Be open to God's leading to future ministry as a missionary

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Unit 2 — JESUS IS ONE OF A KIND

Unit Bible Truth: The eternal Son of God became a human being, Jesus.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know that Jesus is fully God and fully human
- Feel reverence and love for Jesus because of who He is and what He does
- Accept Jesus as Savior and live confidently as His child

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being" (Hebrews 1:3).

JULY 16, 2017

Lesson 7 — Jesus . . . God and Man

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-17

Bible Study: "The Radiance of God's Glory"

Bible Truth: Jesus is both God and human.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know that at Jesus' baptism, God affirmed that Jesus is His Son
- Realize that Jesus is unique, because He is both divine and human
- Understand more fully that because Jesus is both God and human, He is perfectly qualified to be the Savior
- Thank God for allowing His Son to become a human being and our Savior

JULY 23, 2017

Lesson 8 — Jesus . . . Sympathetic Priest

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 2:18; 4:15-16

Bible Study: "Wilderness Testing"

Bible Truth: Jesus experienced every kind of human temptation, but He did not sin.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know that because Jesus was human, He fully experienced every kind of temptation to sin
- Understand that Jesus overcame all temptation because He was fully committed to obeying God and living by the power of the Holy Spirit
- Ask God for help when they are tempted
- Follow Jesus' example of using Scripture to resist temptation

JULY 30, 2017

Lesson 9 — Jesus . . . Powerful Caretaker

Scripture: Mark 6:45-62; Luke 7:11-17; John 2:1-11

Bible Study: "The Miracle Trio"

Bible Truth: Because Jesus is God, He has all the power of God.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Realize that because Jesus is God, He has powers that ordinary human beings do not have
- Know that Jesus used His power to honor God and meet people's needs
- Grow in confidence that Jesus cares about them and can help them
- Rely more fully on Jesus' love and help

AUGUST 6, 2017

Lesson 10 — Jesus . . . Holy Authority

Scripture: John 2:12-22; John 5:22-29; Romans 8:31-34

Bible Study: "Jesus' Authority over Sin"

Bible Truth: Jesus, God's Son, has authority both to judge and to forgive sin.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know that Jesus shares God's attitude toward sin
- Realize that Jesus has authority to judge and to forgive sin
- Choose to accept God's remedy for sin, rather than punishment for sin

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Unit 3 — LIVING THE TRANSFORMED LIFE

Unit Bible Truth: Our lives are transformed as we walk in the light of God's love.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know that God is the Source of love and that His love can transform lives
- Express love to God through obedience and by believing the truth about Jesus
- Commit to sharing God's love with others

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

AUGUST 13, 2017

Lesson 11 — A Changed Life

Scripture: Mark 9:38-41; 10:35-45; Luke 9:51-56; John 19:25-27; 20:1-9; Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 4:16

Bible Study: “A Changed Life”

Bible Truth: God’s love can transform lives.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know how God’s love transformed John’s life
- Begin to realize that love is the key to the Christian life
- Open themselves to God’s transforming love

AUGUST 20, 2017

Lesson 12 — Walking in the Light

Scripture: 1 John 1:5--2:11; 2:15-17; 3:7-10

Bible Study: “Walking in the Light”

Bible Truth: Christians obey God because they love Him.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Realize the importance of loving obedience to God
- Know what it means to “walk in the light”
- Examine their lives to see whether they are obeying God out of love or out of duty
- Repent of sin as needed

AUGUST 27, 2017

Lesson 13 — Real or Phony?

Scripture: 1 John 2:18-27; 4:1-6; 2 John 4-11

Bible Study: “Truth or Error? Three Big Clues”

Bible Truth: Christians believe that Jesus is God’s Son, the Savior.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Realize that not all religious beliefs are Christian
- Know that belief in Jesus Christ as God’s Son and our Savior is essential for Christians
- Evaluate religious statements by what they say about Jesus Christ
- Affirm their belief in Jesus Christ