

June — July — August 2017
Unit 1 — Travels with Paul, the Missionary

Unit Bible Truth: God calls Christians to witness for Him, some do so as missionaries.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know the meanings of the words *witness* and *missionary*
- Understand the importance of witnessing in any situation
- Feel concern for those who do not know God personally
- Feel confident that God will help them witness
- Develop concern for missionaries and mission work

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

JUNE 4, 2017

Lesson 1 — Man on a Mission

Scripture: Acts 16:6-15

Bible Story: “It Happened at the Riverbank”

Bible Truth: God directs His followers as they witness for Him.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize the importance of telling others about Jesus, at home and around the world
- Discover that God sometimes gives us special direction for witnessing
- Understand the importance of following God’s leading as they witness
- Consider whether God might be calling them to be missionaries, as they think about their future

JUNE 11, 2017

Lesson 2 — Detour to Jail

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34

Bible Story: “Paul Shares the Good News in Jail”

Bible Truth: God is with His people when they suffer for sharing the Good News.

Goals:

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that missionaries sometimes face opposition as they share the Good News
- Realize that in difficult situations God helps His people witness through their actions
- Ask for God’s help to witness bravely
- Pray for missionaries in world areas where persecution is strong

JUNE 18, 2017

Lesson 3 — The Great Debate

Scripture: Acts 17:13-34

Bible Story: “Paul Shares the Good News in Athens”

Bible Truth: Being religious is not the same as knowing God personally.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Recognize that everyone needs to know Jesus as Savior
- Feel concern for unsaved people everywhere
- Pray that unsaved people will come to know the Savior
- Share Jesus with unsaved friends and family members and pray for missionaries

JUNE 25, 2017

Lesson 4 — Paul Tells His Story

Scripture: Acts 26

Bible Story: “Paul Tells His Story”

Bible Truth: God’s people are called to witness in many kinds of situations.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that Paul eagerly shared his personal testimony wherever he was
- Gain confidence in telling the story of how they came to know God
- Ask God to show them when and how to share their story with others
- Receive Jesus as Savior if they have not previously done so

JULY 2, 2017

Lesson 5 — Shipwrecked, But Saved

Scripture: Acts 27

Bible Story: “Shipwrecked, But Saved”

Bible Truth: Sometimes we witness through our courage in a hard situation.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that, like Paul, missionaries face many dangers
- Ask God to protect missionaries from danger and to give courage when facing danger
- Continue to support missions through the activities of their church

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Unit 2 — God’s Power Revealed

Unit Bible Truth: Jesus’ miracles show God’s great power.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that Jesus’ miracles reveal God’s great power and compassion, and that Jesus is the Son of God
- Begin to understand that God uses miracles to accomplish special purposes
- Grow in their confidence in God’s power and love
- Increasingly trust God in all of life’s experiences, even when He chooses not to perform a miracle
- Praise and thank God for His love, His power, and His help

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us” (Ephesians 3:20, NIRV).

JULY 9, 2017**Lesson 6** — Power Over Demons**Scripture:** Mark 5:1-20**Bible Story:** “A Pig Herder’s Tale”**Bible Truth:** God has power over evil.**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God’s power is greater than evil power
- Realize that God is continually working to destroy evil
- Believe that God will someday destroy all evil completely
- Pray for people whose lives are being destroyed by evil

JULY 16, 2017**Lesson 7** — Power Over Sickness and Disease**Scripture:** Luke 17:11-19**Bible Story:** “A Leper’s Story”**Bible Truth:** God has power over disease.**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that God can take away sickness and disease
- Realize that all healing is the result of God’s power, even when He chooses to use doctors and medicine as part of the process
- Thank God for health and for healing of sickness
- Pray for sick people, trusting God’s care for them

JULY 23, 2017**Lesson 8** — Power Over Death**Scripture:** John 11:1-44**Bible Story:** “A Friend’s Funeral”**Bible Truth:** God’s power is greater than the power of death.**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God has power to give life to dead people
- Realize that Jesus’ power over death gives Christians hope for eternal life
- Feel confident that those who trust in Jesus will live forever with Him after they die
- Feel hope, even in sorrow, when Christian loved ones die

JULY 30, 2017**Lesson 9** — Power Over Sin**Scripture:** Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12**Bible Story:** “Life’s Ups and Downs”**Bible Truth:** God has power to forgive and take away sins.**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that our greatest need is to have our sins forgiven
- Know that God can and wants to forgive our sins
- Ask God to forgive their sins and receive Jesus as Savior if they have not yet done so

- Pray for people who need their sins forgiven

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Unit 3 — Son of Thunder . . . Apostle of Love

Unit Bible Truth: A personal relationship with Jesus helps selfish people become loving people.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Become familiar with the important New Testament writer, John
- Know that Jesus can help us change from uncaring to loving persons
- Understand that Jesus gave us the greatest example of God’s love
- Desire to follow Jesus’ example of love for others
- Seek God’s help to be loving

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35).

AUGUST 6, 2017

Lesson 10 — Son of Thunder

Scripture: Luke 9:51-56, Matthew 4:19

Bible Story: “Respond in Love”

Bible Truth: Jesus wants His followers to respond with love and kindness to people who mistreat them.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand what Christian love is
- Want to follow Jesus’ example of love and kindness to those who act unkindly
- Ask for God’s help to be kind to those who mistreat them

AUGUST 13, 2017

Lesson 11 — Who Gets to Be First?

Scripture: Mark 9:33-37; 10:35-45

Bible Story: “The Greatness of Servanthood”

Bible Truth: Jesus wants His followers to serve others rather than always thinking about themselves.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Recognize the characteristics of selfishness
- Realize that to Jesus, serving others is more important than being first
- Identify ways to replace selfishness with love and kindness

AUGUST 20, 2017

Lesson 12 — A Lesson in Love

Scripture: John 19:17-27

Bible Story: “Jesus’ Lasting Love”

Bible Truth: Our relationship with Jesus helps us become loving people.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Recognize that Jesus is the best example of a loving person
- Realize that Jesus’ love changes people
- Ask Jesus to help them become more loving

AUGUST 27, 2017

Lesson 13 — Apostle of Love

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

Bible Story: “Living in God’s Love”

Bible Truth: God’s Word teaches us what we need to know about love.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Discover what God’s Word teaches about love
- Want to obey the Bible’s teachings about love
- Seek a personal relationship with Jesus if they have not experienced this
- Become more loving in attitudes, words, and actions