

September — October — November 2017

Unit 1 — THE BIBLE

Unit Bible Truth: The Bible is a one-of-a-kind book. God inspired men to write His message to us. This message tells us of God’s holy love and invites us to love and follow Him.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know that the Bible is unique because God inspired men to write it
- Value the Bible as a unique book that teaches us to know God and live as a Christian
- Learn how to use Bible study helps: a concordance, Bible dictionary, Bible handbook, and commentaries
- Practice regular Bible study and memorization, including memorizing the books of the Bible

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says” (James 1:22).

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Lesson 1 — The Only God-Breathed Book

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Bible Study: “Uniquely Inspired”

Bible Truth: The Bible is a one-of-a-kind book because it is God-breathed.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To know that the Bible is the inspired Word of God
- To apply God’s Word to life’s situations
- To begin to learn how to use a concordance and a Bible dictionary.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Lesson 2 — God’s Book of Love

Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:9

Bible Study: “The Story of Salvation”

Bible Truth: God’s salvation story reveals God’s love for people through Jesus Christ.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To become familiar with several biblical stories of God’s love
- To sense, and to accept God’s love for them
- To challenge one another to express God’s love to others
- To gain confidence in using available tools for Bible study

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Lesson 3 — Transformed!

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:1--23:5

Bible Study: “Josiah’s Decision”

Bible Truth: Our lives are transformed when we read and obey God’s Word.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To want to read and obey God’s Word
- To commit to more regular Bible reading and to obedience
- To use a Bible dictionary to better understand the Bible

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Lesson 4 — The Good News

Scripture: Acts 8:26-38

Bible Study: “Philip and the Ethiopian”

Bible Truth: The Bible offers the Good News to all people who will learn from it.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To learn how to use Bible study tools to find answers to their own spiritual questions and those of other people
- To be ready to share their faith with others
- To thank God for the Bible, the Good News of salvation

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Unit 2 — CREATION

Unit Bible Truth: God is the Creator and Sustainer of the world, but He shares responsibility for caring for His world with people.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Learn about God, the Creator, and discover that people are made “in His image”
- Recognize the impact that sin has on people and their relationship with God
- Accept the responsibility God gave people to help care for His world

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well” (Psalm 139:14).

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Lesson 5 — Our Great Creator

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-28; Psalm 145:1-7

Bible Study: “In the Beginning . . .”

Bible Truth: Creation reveals an awesome God.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To know what creation reveals about God
- To intentionally focus on and admire God’s creation in the everyday world

- To stand in awe of God’s greatness as revealed in creation

OCTOBER 8, 2017

Lesson 6 — I Can Trust a God Like That

Scripture: Job 38:1-11; Psalm 95:3-7; Jeremiah 10:10-16

Bible Study: “Trustworthy Creator”

Bible Truth: God’s awesome creation reminds us that we can trust Him.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To recognize how great God is by seeing His creations
- To realize that a God who can create a world, such as ours, is a God who can be trusted in everything
- To grow in personal trust in God in all of life’s situations

OCTOBER 15, 2017

Lesson 7 — Made in the Image of God

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31

Bible Study: “Made in God’s Image”

Bible Truth: God made people in His image.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Identify ways that people are different from animals
- Begin to see evidence in ourselves and others that we were created in the image of God

OCTOBER 22, 2017

Lesson 8 — Paradise Lost

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 3:23; 5:8, 18-19

Bible Study: “The Saddest Day in History”

Bible Truth: Sin separates people from God, but God loves us and provided the way to restore our relationship.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To sense the seriousness of sin
- To know the steps required for a positive relationship with God
- To establish or strengthen a relationship with God

OCTOBER 29, 2017

Lesson 9 — Take Care of God’s World

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31

Bible Study: “Responsible Rulers”

Bible Truth: God has given people responsibility to rule over and care for His creations.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To realize that concern for the created world began with God’s command to Adam and Eve

- To know what responsible stewardship over creation involves
- To choose to protect and preserve God’s creation and encourage others to do so as well

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Unit 3 — WHAT JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT GOD

Unit Bible Truth: Jesus’ parables teach us important truths about God and His kingdom.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Grow in understanding of what God and His kingdom are like, as they study four parables of Jesus
- Discover areas in their lives where they need to grow spiritually
- Appreciate the privilege of being a part of God’s kingdom
- Increasingly live as members of God’s kingdom should live

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made” (Psalm 145:8-9).

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Lesson 10 — Lost Sheep

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7

Bible Study: “Parable of the Lost Sheep”

Bible Truth: God seeks to find lost people.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To understand the connection between Jesus’ parables and our own lives
- To be able to describe God’s attitude toward the lost
- To experience the joy of having our own lives restored to God

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Lesson 11 — Unforgettable Forgiveness

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

Bible Study: “An Unforgettable Party”

Bible Truth: God’s forgiveness is available to everybody.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To explain why both Simon the Pharisee and the sinful woman needed God’s forgiveness
- To identify the effect of forgiveness upon the sinful woman
- To respond gratefully to God’s love and forgiveness

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Lesson 12 — Weeds Among Wheat

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Bible Study: “A Puzzling Parable”

Bible Truth: God’s judgment may not always be immediate, but it is inevitable.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To begin to understand that God is a fair and merciful judge
- To become aware that God is the judge, and we are not
- To understand that God will judge all people

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Lesson 13 — The Last and the First

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Bible Study: “Workers in the Vineyard”

Bible Truth: God rewards the people in His kingdom generously because He is gracious and gives us all more than we deserve.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To identify some qualities of God recognized through this parable
- To express a desire to be part of God’s kingdom
- To give thanks for God’s great gift of grace to everyone