

December — January — February 2017-18
Unit 1 — CHRISTMAS PROMISES

Unit Bible Truth: The birth of Jesus shows us that God always keeps His promises.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Understand that Jesus' birth fulfilled God's promise to send a Savior and also fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies
- Realize they need to know Jesus personally, and accept Him as their Savior if they have not already done so
- Trust God to keep His promises
- Begin to share their faith joyfully with others

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: "God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9).

DECEMBER 3, 2017

Lesson 1 — Waiting Takes So Long!

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; Isaiah 7:14; Deuteronomy 7:9

Bible Study: "God . . . the Ultimate Promise Keeper"

Bible Truth: Jesus' birth shows us that God faithfully keeps His promises.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To know that God always keeps His promises
- To praise God for His faithfulness
- To focus on God's promises to us.

DECEMBER 10, 2017

Lesson 2 — The Wait Was Worth It!

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3; 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Matthew 1:1, 6, 16; Luke 2:1-7

Bible Study: "God Is Faithful"

Bible Truth: We can trust God with the future because God keeps His promises.

Goals:

To help preteens . . .

- To know that Jesus fulfilled God's promises to Abraham and David
- To share with God their hopes and fears about the future
- To express trust in God's faithfulness

DECEMBER 17, 2017

Lesson 3 — Let's Not Wait to See Him!

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-3; Jeremiah 33:12-15; Matthew 1:1-6; Luke 2:8-20

Bible Study: "Let's Go to Bethlehem"

Bible Truth: God wants us to share the joyful news about Jesus with others.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To understand that the normal response to knowing Jesus is a joy that needs to be shared
- To feel joy when thinking about the birth of Jesus
- To share the joy of Jesus' birth with others

DECEMBER 24, 2017

Lesson 4 — A Long Journey to See a King

Scripture: Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1-23

Bible Study: "Wise Men Still Seek Him"

Bible Truth: It's not enough just to know *about* Jesus--we need to *know* Him personally.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To explain the difference between knowing *about* Jesus and *knowing* Him personally
- To seek a personal relationship with Jesus if they do not have one now
- To praise Jesus for making it possible to have a personal relationship with God

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Unit 2 — JOSEPH: LESSONS FROM THE SCHOOL OF LIFE

Unit Bible Truth: Trust in God enables people to survive and to deal with the tough situations life often brings.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Realize that even good people face difficult, even unfair situations
 - Grow in the confidence that no matter what happens, God is with them and is working to bring good out of bad situations
 - Seek God's help responding with love and forgiveness to those who wrong them
- Verse-a-Month Club Verse:** "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).

DECEMBER 31, 2017

Lesson 5 — Problems at Home

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-36; 39:1-2; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Bible Study: "Trouble in Jacob's Family"

Bible Truth: Sinful attitudes and actions hurt families.

Goals

To help preteens. . .

- To realize that wrong attitudes and actions damage family relationships
- To identify family problems preteens face
- To suggest attitudes or actions that will help preteens get along with their families

- To seek to make things right with family members if there are problems

JANUARY 7, 2018

Lesson 6 — A Problem in Potiphar’s House

Scripture: Genesis 39; Psalm 119:9-16, 29-32; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Hebrews 4:15-16

Bible Study: “Trouble in Egypt”

Bible Truth: God enables His people to resist temptation, no matter what the situation.

Goals

To help preteens. . .

- Realize that though strong temptations surround us, we can resist them and refuse to sin
- Identify ways preteens can resist or flee temptations
- Commit to obeying God, no matter how strong the temptation

JANUARY 14, 2018

Lesson 7 — Alone in Prison

Scripture: Genesis 39:20--41:52; Romans 8:28

Bible Study: “From Prison to Palace”

Bible Truth: God is with us, and He works to bring good out of difficult times.

Goals

To help preteens. . .

- Realize that God can bring good out of the difficult times we face
- Know assurance verses, such as Romans 8:28, which strengthen faith in God during difficult times
- Rely on God’s promises and continue trusting Him when dealing with a difficult time

JANUARY 21, 2018

Lesson 8 — A Chance to Get Even

Scripture: Genesis 41:41--45:28; 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Bible Study: “Joseph Refuses Revenge”

Bible Truth: God’s people refuse revenge and seek to mend broken relationships.

Goals

To help preteens. . .

- Realize that Christians struggle with feelings of resentment and anger toward those who have mistreated them
- Realize that faith in God and obedience to Him enables Christians to do their part to mend broken relationships
- Seek God’s help in regaining trust and mending relationships, rather than getting even

JANUARY 28, 2018

Lesson 9 — A United Family

Scripture: Genesis 46:1-7, 26-34; 47:1-11; 50:15-26; Colossians 3:12-15

Bible Study: “A Happy Reunion”

Bible Truth: God expects us to forgive those who wrong us.

Goals

To help preteens. . .

- Realize that Christians must forgive those who have wronged them
- Understand what forgiveness means: a change of attitude that results in a lifetime process of treating the person with love and acceptance
- Commit to a lifestyle of forgiveness and love toward others, with God's help

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Unit 3 — STEWARDSHIP CHOICES

Unit Bible Truth: Christians are caretakers, not owners, of the resources God has entrusted to us.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Understand what it means to make Christ the Lord of their lives
- Discover what it means to be a steward of the resources God has entrusted to them
- Want to use their abilities, money, and possessions to serve God
- Begin to make choices based on Biblical guidelines for Christian stewardship

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33).

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Lesson 10 — Who's First?

Scripture: Matthew 19:16-26; Exodus 20:3, 17

Bible Study: “The Poor, Little, Rich Man”

Bible Truth: Christians must put God first in their lives.

Goals

To help preteens. . .

- Know why Christians must put God first
- Examine personal priorities
- Commit to putting God first

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Lesson 11 — Don't Bury That Talent

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Peter 4:10

Bible Study: “Use It or Lose It”

Bible Truth: God expects His people to use their abilities to serve Him.

Goals

To help preteens. . .

- Know that abilities are gifts from God to be used for His glory
- Identify God-given abilities in ourselves and others
- Explore ways to use abilities to serve God and others

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Lesson 12 — Don't Be a "Fool"

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21; 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Bible Study: "The Parable of the Rich Fool"

Bible Truth: God wants us to place our trust in Him, not in possessions.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Recognize the dangers of greed
- Realize that loving money, not money itself, leads to sin
- Begin to develop a Christian attitude toward money and possessions

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Lesson 13 — My Body, a Temple?

Scripture: Psalm 139:13-16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 6:11-14

Bible Study: "What Does the Bible Say?"

Bible Truth: Christians should honor God in the ways they care for and use their bodies.

Goals

To help preteens. . .

- Realize that our bodies do not belong to us; they are to be God's dwelling place
- Choose to honor God by avoiding substances and actions that harm the body
- Choose to care for and use the body in ways that honor God