

Preteen Scope and Sequence

March — April — May 2018

Unit 1 — JESUS--GOD'S SON--OUR SAVIOR

Unit Bible Truth: Jesus made our salvation possible when He died on the Cross and was raised from the dead.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Know that Jesus, God's Son, came to fulfill the plan of salvation
- Understand that Jesus endured unfair trials and death on a cross, but God raised Him from the dead to be their living Savior
- Realize who Jesus is and ask Him to be their Savior

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die" (John 11:25-26a).

MARCH 4, 2018

Lesson 1 — Who Is That Man on the Donkey?

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Bible Study: "Hosanna!"

Bible Truth: Jesus brings hope and joy to those who trust in Him.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To understand the true source of joy behind our Palm Sunday celebrations
- To begin to experience the joy that Easter brings to those who trust in Jesus

MARCH 11, 2018

Lesson 2 — Who Is Praying So Intently?

Scripture: Luke 22:39-62

Bible Study: "Your Will Be Done"

Bible Truth: Prayer strengthens Christians and can help them deal with difficult situations.

Goals:

To help preteens . . .

- To recognize the importance of prayer especially during difficult situations
- To follow Jesus' example and seek strength through prayer

MARCH 18, 2018

Lesson 3 — Who Is This Man on the Cross?

Scripture: Matthew 27:32-66

Bible Study: "Earth's Darkest Day"

Bible Truth: Jesus Christ, God's Son, suffered and died on the Cross for our sins.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To realize that Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross was for our sins
- To appreciate what it cost Jesus to save us from sin
- To repent of sin and seek salvation as the Holy Spirit leads

MARCH 25, 2018 (Palm Sunday)

Lesson 4 — Who Is the Living Savior?

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-20

Bible Study: "He Is Risen!"

Bible Truth: Jesus rose from the dead and is our living Savior.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To begin to understand the importance of the truth that Jesus is a living Savior
- To experience joy because Jesus is risen from the dead
- To share the joy of Christ's resurrection with others

APRIL 1, 2018 (Easter)

Lesson 5 — Who Is Coming Again?

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Bible Study: "Celebrate Jesus' Return"

Bible Truth: Jesus is coming again.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To realize that the promise of Christ's second coming brings hope and joy to Christians
- To consider whether or not we are ready for Christ's return
- To feel concern for others who are not ready for Christ's return

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Unit 2 — Ten Commandments--Our Relationship to God

Unit Bible Truth: God gave the Ten Commandments to help His people live in right relationship with Him and with other people.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Understand that God gave His people the Ten Commandments to show them how to live as His
- Realize that gratitude and love motivate us to keep God's commandments
- Want to please God as they feel increased love for Him
- Grow in the ability to keep the Ten Commandments with God's help

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: "‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’" (Matthew 22:37-39).

APRIL 8, 2018

Lesson 6 — Moses--Why Rules?

Scripture: Exodus 19:1--20:21; Matthew 5:17-20

Bible Study: “Mountain Mandates”

Bible Truth: We obey God’s commandments to express to Him our gratitude and love.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To realize that as Christians we don’t keep the commandments out of fear or duty, but because we love God
- To examine our attitudes toward the commandments and identify any needed changes
- To begin memorizing the commandments

APRIL 15, 2018

Lesson 7 — First Things First

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-3; Mark 12:28-34

Bible Study: “God First”

Bible Truth: God wants to have first place in our lives.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To explore some of the things in life that can inappropriately take first place in our lives
- To grow in understanding that putting God first in our lives is essential to our relationship with Him
- To ask for God’s help in putting Him first in our lives

APRIL 22, 2018

Lesson 8 — The Power of Words

Scripture: Exodus 20:7; Matthew 5:33-37; 12:33-37; Ephesians 4:17-32; Colossians 3:1-11

Bible Study: “Sticks and Stones”

Bible Truth: God wants us to honor Him in all of our speech.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To know that God’s name is special and must be treated with respect
- To sense the importance of avoiding any type of harmful speech
- To evaluate our speech to see whether or not it shows respect to God and others.

APRIL 29, 2018

Lesson 9 — Take a Break

Scripture: Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 12:1-13

Bible Study: “The Sabbath Rest”

Bible Truth: Because He loves us, God has given us one day a week for rest and worship.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To grow in understanding that a weekly day of rest is a special gift from God
- To identify ways we can use Sunday as God intended.
- To examine how we spend our Sundays and make any needed changes.

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Unit 3 — Ten Commandments--Our Relationship to Others

Unit Bible Truth: God gave the Ten Commandments to help His people live in a right relationship with Him and with others. Jesus taught that love enables us to keep all the commandments.

Unit Goals

To help preteens . . .

- Understand that God gave His people the Ten Commandments to show them how to live as His
- Understand how love for God and for others enables us to keep all the commandments
- Grow in their ability to show Christian love in their relationships with God and others

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).

MAY 6, 2018

Lesson 10 — Parents--We Need Them

Scripture: Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-3

Bible Study: “Me? Obey My Parents?”

Bible Truth: God has commanded children to honor and obey their parents.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To discover what it means to *honor* one’s parents
- To identify specific ways to honor parents
- To ask God’s help in developing good relationships with parents

MAY 13, 2018

Lesson 11 — Get a Grip on Anger

Scripture: Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-22; Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32; James 1:19-20

Bible Study: “Dangerous Anger”

Bible Truth: God expects us to control our anger so it does not lead to sin.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To recognize influences in our world which dull our sensitivity to anger and violence
- To understand when anger becomes sinful

- To find ways to control thoughts and actions, so they do not lead to violence

MAY 20, 2018

Lesson 12 — Pure and Simple

Scripture: Genesis 1:27-31; 2:20-24; Exodus 20:14; Psalm 119:9-16; Matthew 5:27-28; Ephesians 5:1-7; Philippians 4:8

Bible Study: “Purity Counts”

Bible Truth: God commands us to be pure in our thoughts and actions.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To begin to develop a Christian understanding of sexuality
- To identify influences that encourage impure thoughts
- To develop guidelines for resisting temptations
- To make a commitment to purity in thoughts and behavior

MAY 27, 2018

Lesson 13 — What Is Integrity?

Scripture: Exodus 20:15-17; Mark 12:28-34; Hebrews 13:5

Bible Study: “Don’t Steal, Lie, or Covet”

Bible Truth: God’s people are to be contented and live honestly.

Goals

To help preteens . . .

- To understand why stealing, lying, and coveting harm our relationships with God and with others
- To commit to a life of honesty and integrity
- To make things right if there has been stealing or lying