

**March — April — May 2018**  
**Unit 1 — Easter Declarations**

**Unit Bible Truth:** At Easter we celebrate Jesus our Savior, whom God raised from the dead.

**Unit Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand how the Easter events show that Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior of the world
- Feel grateful for all that Jesus endured to provide salvation
- Believe in Jesus as Savior or affirm a previous commitment
- Celebrate what Jesus, our living Savior, has done for them

**Verse-a-Month Club Verse:** “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

**MARCH 4, 2018**

**Lesson 1** — Praise for the Savior

**Scripture:** Zechariah 9:9; Luke 19:28-40

**Bible Story:** “At Last — A Savior!”

**Bible Truth:** Jesus came to be our Savior.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that Jesus’ triumphal entry fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy that showed what the Messiah would be like
- Look forward to celebrating Palm Sunday
- Praise God for Jesus our Savior

**MARCH 11, 2018**

**Lesson 2** — The Savior Prepares to Suffer

**Scripture:** Luke 22:7-27

**Bible Story:** “The Last Supper”

**Bible Truth:** Jesus’ Last Supper reminds us that He came to suffer and die for our sins.

**Goals:**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know what Jesus said about His mission as the Savior
- Realize that though Jesus is God, He came to serve and to save us
- Consider ways they can obey Jesus’ instructions to serve others

**MARCH 18, 2018**

**Lesson 3** — The Savior is Arrested

**Scripture:** Matthew 26:36-68

**Bible Story:** “A Long Night”

**Bible Truth:** Jesus accepted the fact that He would have to suffer greatly to save people from sin.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Begin to grasp how much Jesus suffered to save people from sin
- Feel grateful to Jesus for His love and for His obedience to God’s plan
- Grow in love for Jesus

### **MARCH 25, 2018**

**Lesson 4** — The Savior Is Crucified

**Scripture:** Luke 23:26-56; Mark 15:39; Isaiah 53:5

**Bible Story:** “He Suffered for All”

**Bible Truth:** Jesus suffered and died on the Cross so that all people could be forgiven of their sins.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know what Jesus endured at His crucifixion
- Be grateful that Jesus willingly suffered and died for them
- Express thanks that Jesus made their salvation possible
- Receive Jesus as Savior if they have not yet done so

### **APRIL 1, 2018 Easter**

**Lesson 5** — The Savior Is Risen

**Scripture:** Luke 24:1-12; Acts 2:22-24

**Bible Story:** “The Resurrection Story”

**Bible Truth:** The Resurrection proves that Jesus has power over sin and death.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know why the Resurrection is important to our Christian faith
- Celebrate the joy of the Resurrection
- Praise God for raising Jesus from the dead

### **APRIL 8, 2018**

**Lesson 6** — The Savior Lives

**Scripture:** John 20:10-31

**Bible Story:** “Seeing Jesus”

**Bible Truth:** Jesus’ appearances after His resurrection help us believe that He is God’s Son, our Savior.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that Jesus’ appearances after His resurrection helped His followers believe in Him
- Choose to believe what the Bible teaches — that Jesus is the risen Savior
- Commit their lives to Jesus their living Savior

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## **Unit 2 — Pathway to the Promised Land**

**Unit Bible Truth:** God has made it possible for people to live in freedom from sin.

## Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know how God used His mighty power to rescue His people from slavery in Egypt
- Want to be free from sin so they are free to serve God
- Seek the freedom God offers

**Verse-a-Month Club Verse:** “The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation” (Exodus 15:2).

### APRIL 15, 2018

**Lesson 7** — The Trustworthy God

**Scripture:** Exodus 2:23 — 4:17

**Bible Story:** “Why Me, Lord?”

**Bible Truth:** God enables His people to do more than they think they can do.

#### Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that when God asks His people to do something He enables them to do it
- Grow in their trust that God will help them do anything He asks them to do
- Be willing to accept assignments God gives them even if they feel inadequate
- Realize that God often provides helpers to enable His people to do His work

### APRIL 22, 2018

**Lesson 8** — The Powerful God

**Scripture:** Exodus 5 — 6:1; 7 — 11

**Bible Story:** “God’s Great Power”

**Bible Truth:** There is no power that is greater than God’s power.

#### Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God’s power is greater than any other power in the universe
- Rely on God’s presence and power when they encounter fearful situations
- Feel awe as they consider God’s great power

### APRIL 29, 2018

**Lesson 9** — The Redeeming God

**Scripture:** Exodus 12:1-40; 13:14 — 15:2

**Bible Story:** “Freedom from Slavery”

**Bible Truth:** God wants to free everyone from the slavery of sin.

#### Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know how God freed the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt
- Identify similarities between the Hebrew’s slavery and slavery to sin
- Thank God for providing Jesus to free them from sin

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## Unit 3 — God’s Top Ten

**Unit Bible Truth:** The Ten Commandments teach us how to live in right relationship with God and people.

### Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that God gave the Ten Commandments because He loves us
- Recognize that the Ten Commandments give clear guidelines for living in right relationship with God and others
- Know and obey the Ten Commandments

**Verse-a-Month Club Verse:** “You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet” (Exodus 20:3-17).

### MAY 6, 2018

**Lesson 10** — God First!

**Scripture:** Exodus 19:1-8; 20:1-6; 32:1-35

**Bible Story:** “Putting God First”

**Bible Truth:** God’s people choose to put Him first in their lives.

### Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know why God deserves first place in people’s lives
- Identify ways people today put “idols” ahead of God
- Feel grateful for all that God has done for them
- Determine to put God first in their lives

### MAY 13, 2018

**Lesson 11** — It’s Sunday — Now What?

**Scripture:** Exodus 16:1-5, 13b-31; 20:8-11; 31:12-17; Isaiah 58:13-14

**Bible Story:** “Keeping the Sabbath”

**Bible Truth:** God’s people honor Him by respecting His name and His day.

### Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand why Christians treat God’s name and day with respect
- Identify practices that either honor or dishonor God’s name and day
- Ask God to help them become more sensitive to the ways they treat His name and day

### MAY 20, 2018

**Lesson 12** — Honoring Others God’s Way

**Scripture:** Exodus 18; 20:12-14

**Bible Story:** “Honor Others”

**Bible Truth:** God's people honor their parents and respect the rights of others.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God cares about how they treat other people
- Review what it means to honor one's parents
- Realize that if people dishonor their parents, murder, or commit adultery, they hurt God, themselves, and others
- Commit themselves to God's plan for right relationships

**MAY 27, 2018**

**Lesson 13** — Caution! Danger Ahead

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:15-17; Joshua 6:15-19; 7:1-26

**Bible Story:** "Consequences of Disobedience"

**Bible Truth:** God's people choose not to steal, lie about others, or covet.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God commands His people to be honest, truthful, and content
- Discover why stealing, lying, and coveting damage their relationships with God and others
- Ask God to help them keep all the Commandments

**June — July — August 2018**  
**Unit 1 — God’s Faithful Followers**

**Unit Bible Truth:** We can trust and obey God.

**Unit Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand that God faithfully helps His people
- Desire to obey and serve God
- Trust God to help them overcome their weaknesses

**Verse-a-Month Club Verse:** “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).

**JUNE 3, 2018**

**Lesson 1** — Life’s Biggest Choice

**Scripture:** Joshua 23:1 — 24:27

**Bible Story:** “Joshua’s Farewell”

**Bible Truth:** God wants us to choose to serve Him.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Begin to understand what it means to “serve the Lord”
- Identify ways they can serve the Lord
- Determine to serve the Lord

**JUNE 10, 2018**

**Lesson 2** — Courage When It Counts

**Scripture:** Judges 4 — 5

**Bible Story:** “A Courageous Leader”

**Bible Truth:** Courage comes from knowing that you are following God.

**Goals:**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know how Deborah encouraged others to follow God
- Grow in their courage as they trust in the Lord
- Identify ways they can demonstrate their trust in God

**JUNE 17, 2018**

**Lesson 3** — The Reluctant General

**Scripture:** Judges 6; Philippians 4:13

**Bible Story:** “God Helps Gideon”

**Bible Truth:** When God asks us to do something hard, He gives us the strength to do it.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God works through ordinary people to do extraordinary things
- Realize that God is trustworthy
- Ask God to help them trust Him, so they can do what He asks them to do

## JUNE 24, 2018

### **Lesson 4** — Torches, Trumpets, and Trust

**Scripture:** Judges 7

**Bible Story:** “The Incredible Shrinking Army”

**Bible Truth:** God accomplishes His will through those who trust and obey Him.

#### **Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know how God helped Gideon to do a humanly impossible task
- Identify things God might ask them to do
- Believe that God will help them to do what He asks
- Trust God to help them do whatever He asks

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## **Unit 2 — Jesus Said It — I’ll Do It**

**Unit Bible Truth:** Jesus teaches us how God’s people should live.

#### **Unit Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount
- Recognize the importance of obeying Jesus’ teachings
- Commit to follow Jesus’ teachings
- Seek God’s help to live as Jesus teaches them

**Verse-a-Month Club Verse:** “In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 7:12).

## JULY 1, 2018

### **Lesson 5** — Enemies--You’ve Gotta Love ‘Em

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:38-48

**Bible Story:** “Love Your Enemies”

**Bible Truth:** Jesus teaches us to love everyone, even those who mistreat us.

#### **Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know what Jesus teaches about how to treat others
- Identify ways to show love to their enemies
- Ask God to help them love those who mistreat them
- Pray for their enemies

## JULY 8, 2018

### **Lesson 6** — Worry?--Don’t Bother!

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:25-34

**Bible Story:** “Trust God’s Provision”

**Bible Truth:** Jesus teaches us to trust God and not to worry.

## Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that when we put God first, He will supply our needs
- Understand that when worries come we can turn to God
- Commit to turning their worries over to God

## JULY 15, 2018

**Lesson 7** — The Giver of Good Gifts

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:7-12

**Bible Story:** “God’s Good Gifts”

**Bible Truth:** Jesus teaches us to pray for God’s good gifts and to share them with others.

## Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that God loves and cares for them
- Understand that they must persist in prayer for God’s good gifts
- Seek God’s gifts and share them with others

## JULY 22, 2018

**Lesson 8** — Up the Narrow Path

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:13-14

**Bible Story:** “Narrow and Wide Paths”

**Bible Truth:** Jesus teaches us to follow Him even when others don’t.

## Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know the difference between life on the narrow path and life on the wide path
- Want to follow Jesus on the narrow path
- Choose to follow Jesus on the narrow path if they haven’t already done so

## JULY 29, 2018

**Lesson 9** — Be Wise, Not Foolish

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:24-29

**Bible Story:** “Learn from Jesus”

**Bible Truth:** Jesus teaches us that wise people live by His teachings.

## Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that Jesus’ followers must put His teachings into practice
- Want to live as Jesus teaches
- Ask God to help them obey Jesus’ teachings

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**Unit Bible Truth:** The armor of God helps us to stand strong against evil.

**Unit Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize there is evil greater than the bad things they see and experience in this world
- Identify the pieces of God's armor and how each one helps us stand against evil
- Recognize that God is greater than any evil
- Believe that with God's power they can resist any temptation or sin
- Rely on the resources, including prayer, that God has provided for overcoming evil

**Verse-a-Month Club Verse:** "Put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand" (Ephesians 6:13).

**AUGUST 5, 2018**

**Lesson 10** — The Belt and the Breastplate

**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:14; Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 2:18

**Bible Story:** "Jesus' Temptation"

**Bible Truth:** Standing strong against evil requires a commitment to truth and a decision to do right.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Begin to understand the meaning of the Belt of Truth and the Breastplate of Righteousness
- Know that Jesus resisted temptation
- Realize that when they build their lives on God's truth and His righteousness they can stand strong against temptation
- Ask God to help them resist temptation

**AUGUST 12, 2018**

**Lesson 11** — The Sandals and the Shield

**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:15-16; Acts 18:1-11

**Bible Story:** "Paul's Faith Is Tested"

**Bible Truth:** We can trust God to be with us at all times.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Begin to understand the meaning of the Sandals of the Gospel of Peace and the Shield of Faith
- Realize that Paul trusted God during a difficult situation
- Understand that God's presence can strengthen them to do His will
- Increasingly trust God when they face difficult situations

**AUGUST 19, 2018**

**Lesson 12** — The Helmet and the Sword

**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:17; Acts 8:26-40

**Bible Story:** "An Ethiopian Seeks the Truth"

**Bible Truth:** Salvation is a gift from God.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Begin to understand the meaning of the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit
- Understand that they can find answers in God's Word
- Desire to study and learn from God's Word
- Seek salvation
- Realize the importance of telling others about God and His gift of salvation

**AUGUST 26, 2018**

**Lesson 13** — Prepare With Prayer

**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:18-20; James 5:13-20

**Bible Story:** "All About Prayer"

**Bible Truth:** God answers prayer.

**Goals**

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand that prayer is a necessary resource in their struggle against evil
- Identify others for whom they can pray
- Name situations for which they can pray
- Pray for one another