

Middle Elementary Scope & Sequence

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.

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- 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 3 — Armed and Ready

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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"

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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