

September — October — November 2018

Unit 1 — Chronicles of a “Wise Man”

Unit Bible Truth: Knowing, loving, and obeying God are the secrets of true wisdom.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand that wise people live in obedience to God
- Realize that God will help us know how to live wisely
- Desire to obey God at all times
- Seek and accept God’s direction and help
- Give God the best they have in devotion and service

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him” (Deuteronomy 13:4).

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

Lesson 1 — The Wise King

Scripture: 1 Kings 3; 4:20-34; James 1:5

Bible Story: “The King Makes a Choice”

Bible Truth: True wisdom comes from God.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Learn about one of the three major kings of ancient Israel — Solomon
- Know what true wisdom is
- Express a desire to seek God’s wisdom
- Learn how to make good decisions based on God’s ways

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Lesson 2 — The Godly King

Scripture: 1 Kings 5:1 — 6:1; 8:1-30, 62-66

Bible Story: “Solomon Builds a Temple”

Bible Truth: God deserves the best we can give Him.

Goals:

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know why God deserves their best in love and service
- Identify ways they can give their best to God
- Express the desire to give God their best

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Lesson 3 — The Disobedient King

Scripture: 1 Kings 9:1-9; 11

Bible Story: “Disobedience Leads to Disaster!”

Bible Truth: Disobedience breaks our relationship with God.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that disobeying God breaks our relationship with Him and brings other serious consequences
- Identify ways they can remain faithful to God
- Ask God for forgiveness if they have disobeyed

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Lesson 4 — The King’s Foolish Son

Scripture: 1 Kings 12:1-24

Bible Story: “Rehoboam Refuses Good Advice”

Bible Truth: When we fail to follow godly advice, we do things that hurt others and ourselves.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Identify and compare good versus bad sources of advice
- Grow in the ability to distinguish good advice from bad advice
- Commit to seeking wise counsel rather than following the crowd

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Unit 2 — Conversation with God

Unit Bible Truth: Jesus has given us an example of how to pray.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand Jesus’ teachings about prayer
- Memorize and understand the Lord’s Prayer
- Honor God when they pray
- Feel more comfortable talking with God

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (*Matthew 6:9-13*).

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Lesson 5 — Praise God

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-10

Bible Story: “Your Most Important Conversation”

Bible Truth: Our prayers should include praises to God.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Discover what Jesus taught about prayer
- Become acquainted with the basic prayer model of the Lord’s Prayer

- Realize that praise is an essential part of prayer
- Begin to add praise to their prayers

OCTOBER 7, 2018

Lesson 6 — Bring Your Requests

Scripture: Matthew 6:7-8, 11; 14:13-21

Bible Story: “Jesus Feeds the Need”

Bible Truth: When we pray we can ask God for what we need.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God wants them to ask Him for what they and others need
- Sense that God cares about their needs and provides for them
- Bring prayer requests to God regularly

OCTOBER 14, 2018

Lesson 7 — Seek and Give Forgiveness

Scripture: Matthew 6:12, 14-15; 18:21-35

Bible Story: “The Greatest Debt”

Bible Truth: Prayer is a time to ask for forgiveness and for help to forgive others.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that God expects them to follow His example and to forgive others
- Understand that if a Christian disobeys God, he or she should ask for forgiveness right away
- Pray for forgiveness and for help to forgive others

OCTOBER 21, 2018

Lesson 8 — Ask for Strength and Protection

Scripture: Matthew 6:13; John 16:1-4; 17:6-15

Bible Story: “Jesus Prays for His Disciples”

Bible Truth: Prayer gives us strength to face temptation and evil.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize God can help them deal with temptation and persecution
- Begin to understand the importance of depending on God rather than on our own strength
- Trust God for strength to overcome temptation and for protection from evil

OCTOBER 28, 2018

Lesson 9 — Remember Others

Scripture: John 17:20-26

Bible Story: “When Jesus Prayed for Us”

Bible Truth: God wants us to pray for others.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that it is important to pray for others as Jesus did
- Begin to understand what it means to intercede for others in prayer
- List and regularly pray for the needs of others

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Unit 3 — Daniel: Lessons in Courage

Unit Bible Truth: We honor God when we courageously stand for what is right.

Unit Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Recognize that trust in God is the foundation for a Christian’s courage
- Realize that trust in God comes from knowing Him
- Commit themselves to honor God, no matter what the consequences
- Ask for God’s help when facing challenges to their faith

Verse-a-Month Club Verse: “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13).

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Lesson 10 — Stand Up for Your Beliefs!

Scripture: Daniel 1

Bible Story: “What’s Wrong with the King’s Food?”

Bible Truth: We honor God when we obey Him.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Understand why Daniel refused to eat the king’s food
- Realize the importance of having strong biblical beliefs about right and wrong
- Want to take a stand for God, even in difficult situations
- Begin to learn how to appropriately take a stand for God

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Lesson 11 — Trust God!

Scripture: Daniel 2

Bible Story: “The King’s Dream”

Bible Truth: The courage to trust God comes from knowing Him.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Realize that the more we know God, the better we can trust Him
- Want to grow in their relationship with God
- Identify ways they can get to know God better
- Consider how they can trust God in everyday situations

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Lesson 12 — Stand Up for God!

Scripture: Daniel 3

Bible Story: “We Won’t Bow Down”

Bible Truth: Strong trust in God gives us courage to stand up for Him, no matter what happens.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Know that God is greater than any situation they may face
- Realize that they may not know what God will do, but they can trust Him anyway
- Ask God for help to trust Him in every situation

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Lesson 13 — Honor God!

Scripture: Daniel 6

Bible Story: “Daniel Faces the Lions”

Bible Truth: We honor God when we continue to do right when others oppose us.

Goals

To help middle elementary children . . .

- Identify their most important beliefs
- Determine to stand up for their beliefs, even when others oppose them
- Affirm their trust in God