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## TEN COMMANDMENTS 1

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LESSON # 1: IN GOD WE TRUST

Read Genesis 12:1-2

Background

Thousands of years ago, in a land that today is called Iran & Iraq, God appeared to a man named Abram (His name was later changed to Abraham) and said, **“Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you and I will make you into a great nation...”**(Genesis 12:1-2). That day God made a promise to Abram and said that He would be the God of his descendants and they would be His people.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

**1) What was the promise that God made to Abram?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 12:1-2).

**2) What did Abram do in order to get what God promised to him?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 12:4).

Abram had to trust in God to receive God’s promise. Just like God made a promise to Abraham, God has made a promise to you too. What’s cool is that this promise also happens to be a gift. But just like Abraham had to trust God in order to receive his promise, you also need to trust God in order to receive His promise to you.

**3) What is God’s promise & gift to you?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:23).

**4) How do you get this gift?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10:9).

Have you received this gift? If you haven’t, this would be a good time to talk to your Mom or Dad about it.

Good Words To Remember

**“If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).**

LESSON # 2: MOSES AND THE MIRACLES

**Read Exodus 3:6 & Matthew 22:32**

Background

The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.” By faith, Abraham obeyed and went even though he did not know where he was going. By faith, Moses believed that God would lead the people of Israel out of Egypt and into the land that God had promised to give to them.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

**1) What is faith?**

Now faith is being \_\_\_\_\_ of what we hope for and \_\_\_\_\_ of what we do not see (Hebrews 11:1).

**2) Write the two words that describe faith:**

Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**3) How do you get faith?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10:17).

God promises you eternal life if you put your faith and trust in His son Jesus Christ.

**4) Where do we find God’s Word?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**5) Fill in the blanks and circle them:**

“...have you not read what God said to you - \_\_\_\_\_ the God Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the \_\_\_\_\_ but of the \_\_\_\_\_” (Matthew 22:31-32).

You can be sure of God’s promise of eternal life through his son Jesus Christ.

**7) How can you practice having faith in God this week?**

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- \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

**“The Lord is faithful to all His promises” (Psalm 145:13)**

LESSON # 3: THE BIG TRIP

**Read Deuteronomy 6:5 & Matthew 22:37-39**

Background

Moses who was sent to be Israel’s deliverer and ruler by God Himself, led all the families of Israel out of Egypt by doing wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea. Two million people left Egypt on that day of the Exodus (meaning “exit” or “departure”) and Moses took them on a journey through the wilderness.

Three months after leaving Egypt, Moses and the Israelites came from the wilderness to the desert and camped in front of a big mountain called Mt. Sinai. God called to Moses from the mountain and said, “I want to give you some instructions that you must take to the people,” and God gave Moses the Ten Commandments:

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments to teach Israel how to love God and each other. We love God by showing that He is first in our lives and we show that by doing what He says.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

**1) What is a command?**

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**2) What are two things that Jesus says God wants you to do? (Matthew 22:37-39).**

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- \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Where does God want us to put these commands?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 6:6).

**4) How can you practice loving God this week?**

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**5) How can you practice loving others this week?**

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Good Words To Remember

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” (Deuteronomy 6:5).**

LESSON # 4: TO PRAY OR NOT TO PRAY  
“God Wants To Be #1 In Your Life”

Read Daniel 6:1-23

Background

Daniel was a Jewish person who lived in a country called Persia. He had exceptional skills and was the king’s best and favorite worker. But some of the king’s other workers got jealous of Daniel and made some evil plans against him.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) **The other administrators did not like Daniel. Why?**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 6:3).

2) **Daniel had exceptional qualities that helped him do a good job. What one thing in particular did he do to help him do a good job?**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 6:11).

3) **Daniel made a commitment to pray to God (Daniel 6:10). What does “commitment” mean?**  
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4) **What was the penalty for breaking the king’s law?**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 6:7).

5) **What did Daniel do after hearing about the penalty?**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 6:10).

Daniel was trustworthy (reliable) and neither corrupt (dishonest) or negligent (careless). He also made a commitment to God that he would have no other gods before him. Nothing - or no one - was more important than the God he prayed to and who helped him. Daniel committed to make God the most important person in his life and to worship Him alone - even if it meant being thrown into a den of lions!

6) **Name one way this week you can practice being:**

- Reliable \_\_\_\_\_
- Honest \_\_\_\_\_
- Careful \_\_\_\_\_

7) **Who is someone who you can commit to pray for this week?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“They could find no corruption in him because he was trustworthy” (Daniel 6:4 b)

LESSON # 5: JESUS IN GETHSEMANE  
"Honor And Respect Our Parents"

Read Luke 22:41-44

Background

Jesus knew that he was about to be arrested, beaten up and killed on the cross. Jesus did not want to go through this. The night before this happened; Jesus and his disciples were at a place called Gethsemane, on a mountain called the Mount of Olives.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What did Jesus say to his Father?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 22:42).

2) What are 3 reasons to honor & obey your mom or dad?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 5:16).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:1).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:20).

3) What is one responsibility your dad (or mom) has toward you?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 6:4).

4) What are 3 ways you can practice honoring your parent(s) this week?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

5) Dad (or Mom), what is one way you can practice teaching your kids God's Word this week?

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Good Words To Remember

"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord" (Colossians 3:20).

LESSON # 6: A GOOD NEIGHBOR  
“Honor God’s Name By The Way You Act Or Talk”

Read Luke 10:25-37

Background

Jewish people “despised” Samaritans (Samaritans were people who lived in Samaria, a country near Israel) because they were a different people with different beliefs and the people of Israel did not associate with them.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) How many people passed by the hurt man? \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 10:31-32).

2) What kind of men were they? \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 10:31-32).

3) What is an ambassador? \_\_\_\_\_

4) Were these men doing a good job as God’s ambassadors? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

5) Was the Samaritan God’s ambassador? Why? \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 33).

6) How can you be God’s ambassador today?  
• \_\_\_\_\_  
• \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors...”(2 Corinthians 5:20).



LESSON # 7: TIME OUT! (PART 1)  
“Take A Day Of Rest As A Gift From God And Use It Responsibly”

Read Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) Match the things that God created with the day that He made them:

- a. Sun & moon & stars (Genesis 1:14-18)
- b. Creatures according to their kinds (Genesis 1:24)
- c. The sky (Genesis 1:8)
- d. Nothing (Genesis 2:2)
- e. Land & sea, trees & plants (Genesis 1:9-12)
- f. Light (Day) (Genesis 1:3)
- g. Creatures in the sea & birds in the air (Genesis 1:20)

___ Light	1st day
___ The sky	2nd day
___ The land, sea, trees and plants	3rd day
___ The sun, moon, and stars	4th day
___ Creatures in the sea	5th day
___ Creatures according to their kinds	6th day
___ Nothing	7th day

2) What kind of work did God give to Adam?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:15).

3) What kind of attitude should you practice when you have work to do?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:23).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 2:14).

4) Do you have chores or jobs that you do? List one or two of them:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

5) How can you practice having a good attitude when you're asked to do them?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men (Colossians 3:23).”

LESSON # 8: TIME OUT! (PART 2)  
“Take A Day Of Rest As A Gift From God And Use It Responsibly”

Read Exodus 16:1-5 & Exodus 16:29-30

Background

All the people of Israel had just seen the great power of the Lord as he led them through the Red Sea on dry land with a wall of water on their right and on their left. Moses then led Israel from the Red Sea into the desert where after 3 days they came to a place called Elim where there was food & water.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) On the 7th day of creation, what did God do?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:2-3).

2) On the 7th day, the Sabbath, what were the people of Israel supposed to do?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 16:30).

3) What about farmers during planting & harvesting season, what were they to do on the Sabbath?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 34:21).

4) Why does God command us to rest?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 10:13).

God created everything in six days and on the seventh day He rested. He was refreshed and took time to reflect on what he had done. There are 3 good reasons why God commands us to rest for our own good:

1. Because He cares about us. We'll wear down if we don't rest.
2. It shows that we trust God. God will provide for our needs.
3. It shows that we love God and keep his commands.

5) What are some ways you & your family can practice keeping a day of rest?

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy...” (Deuteronomy 5:12).

LESSON # 9: MORE! MORE! MORE!  
"Be Content With What You Have"

Read Luke 18:18-30

Background

Coveting means to desire the wrong way. One way we sometimes covet is to desire things excessively, which can make us greedy.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What did the ruler in the story have?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 18:23).

2) What did Jesus ask him to do? Why?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 18:22).

3) How did the young man react to what Jesus asked him to do? Why?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 18:23).

4) Write down two things that you really like to have or collect:

\_\_\_\_\_

5) If you were asked to share or give some away, would you? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No.

If you answered "yes", then you have a good attitude about your possessions. The young man in the parable could not share his wealth. His possessions were more important than anything else to him. He was greedy. Jesus says that is wrong.

6) Jesus says to watch out and be on guard against being greedy. The amount of stuff that you have is not the most important thing in your life. What is one way that you can avoid being greedy?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:13).

7) We can share with our time, things we are good at doing, and our money. How can you practice sharing with someone this week?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

"...store up for yourselves treasure in heaven" (Matthew 6:20).

LESSON # 10: SEEK YE FIRST  
“Be Content With What You Have”

Read Genesis Chapter 2 & Genesis 3:1-7

Background

Coveting means to desire the wrong way. One of the ways we sometimes covet is by wanting things that God has placed off-limits to us.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What did God tell Adam & Eve that they could do? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:16).

2) What did God tell Adam & Eve that they could not do? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:17).

3) Which did Adam & Eve choose: \_\_\_ Obedience \_\_\_ Disobedience? (Genesis 3:6)

God puts certain things off-limits to us for our own good. We are free to make decisions but with our decisions come consequences (things that happen because of our decisions).

4) What happened because of Adam & Eve’s decision to not obey God? \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:12).

5) What are some things that are off-limits to you at your home?  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Bible says that you and I are just like Adam & Eve, and that we want things that we are told are off-limits. You have a choice to make, whether or not you choose to act on your desire.

6) Below are 4 ways that can help us from not wanting things that are off-limits. Match the answer with the Bible verse that goes best with the answer:

- 1) Think about the right thing to do before you act
- 2) Read the Bible and think about what it says
- 3) Be content with what you have
- 4) Remember that God will give you all that you need

- \_\_\_ Psalm 1:2
- \_\_\_ Proverb 30:8-9
- \_\_\_ Matthew 6:33
- \_\_\_ Philippians 4:19

Good Words To Remember

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...” (Matthew 6:33).

LESSON # 11: THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER  
“Be Content With What You Have”

Read 2 Samuel Chapter 11

Background

Coveting means to desire the wrong way. One of the ways we sometimes covet is by wanting what belongs to other people. This happened to a man named David, the same David from the story of David & Goliath. David was now the King of Israel, and he wanted a woman named Bathsheba, to be his wife.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) David saw Bathsheba and wanted to know who she was. What did he find out?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Samuel 11:3).

2) David wanted Bathsheba to be his wife, so what did he tell Joab (the army’s commander) to do to Uriah?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Samuel 11:15).

3) What was God’s reaction to what David had done?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Samuel 11:27).

David wanted what didn’t belong to him and it led to lying and stealing and even murder. That’s why God placed “Do not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor” at the end of the Ten Commandments. Because not being content with what you have can lead to breaking all of the other nine commandments.

4) What is one way you can avoid wanting to take what belongs to other people?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4:11).

5) The Bible says that God will meet all of your needs (not all of your wants). How can you practice thanking God for the blessings you have now?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

LESSON # 12: HANDLE WITH CARE  
“Respect The Property Of Others”

Read Romans 12:9-21 & 13:8-10

Background

People steal for many different reasons, none of which are right:

- Peoples’ hearts are not clean.
- Some people are not content with what they have & they want more - sometimes without wanting to wait for it or work for it.
- Some people have strayed from God’s commands.
- Some people don’t care about others feelings.
- Some people don’t trust that God will provide for them.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What are ways that you can avoid stealing from others?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:9-11).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:9).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 12:18).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 2:4).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4:11).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4:19).

2) How can you practice being responsible with other people’s property?

Keep them in a safe place; treat it as very precious.

3) How can you practice being responsible with other people’s time?

\_\_\_\_\_

4) How can you practice being respectful toward your:

- Family \_\_\_\_\_
- Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Friends \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“Love does no harm to its neighbor” (Romans 13:10).

LESSON # 13: WELL DONE!  
“Respect The Property Of Others”

Read **Matthew 25:14-30**

Background

Many times Jesus uses stories to illustrate what He is teaching. The Parable (or story) of the Talents teaches us that God expects us to use the abilities He has given us so that we do a good job with whatever He asks us to do.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

**1) In the Parable, the master called his servants together. What did he do then?**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:14).

**2) In the Parable, why is the master happy with two of his servants?**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:21).

**3) How does the master describe the third servant who does not use his abilities?**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:26).

**4) The Bible says that you have certain abilities according to what God has given to you. What are some things that you can do well?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5) Take two or three abilities that you have and write down how you can practice using them responsibly:**

- At Home \_\_\_\_\_
- At School \_\_\_\_\_
- In Activities \_\_\_\_\_
- At Church \_\_\_\_\_

God wants you to be responsible and use the abilities that He has given to you. He wants you to do the best job that you can with whatever you are given to do. If you are faithful with a few things, then you can be faithful with many things, and God will be able to say to you, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Good Words To Remember

**“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men” (Colossians 3:23).**

LESSON # 14: REMEMBER THE LORD YOUR GOD  
“Respect The Property Of Others”

Read Deuteronomy Chapter 8

Background

The people of Israel are just about to enter the land promised to them by God after wandering in the desert for 40 years. Moses now warns the people not to forget how God fed, clothed and protected them for those 40 years.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

**1) Why did God test Israel in the desert?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 2).

**2) What was waiting for Israel in the Promised Land?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (verses 7-9).

**3) What did Moses tell the people of Israel to do in return for God’s goodness?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 10).

**4) What was Moses concerned about when Israel got to the Promised Land?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 11).

**5) What is one way that you can keep from stealing honor that belongs to God?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 18).

**6) How can you practice giving praise to God in your:**

- Family \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Classroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Friendships \_\_\_\_\_
- Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

**“Remember the Lord your God...” (Deuteronomy 8:18).**



LESSON # 15 IT'S MORE BLESSED TO GIVE  
"Respect The Property Of Others"

Read Mark 12:41-44

1) In the Parable, why was the widow's offering pleasing to God?

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Special Fun Activity

Three ways to give are with our: Time, Abilities, & Money. In the chart below, list any giving that you currently do, & then challenge yourself to use your time, abilities or money to give in a new area. For example: I can use my ability in math to help a classmate at school, or I can give some of my money to my Sunday School class mission project.

**I can give with my abilities:**

- @ home by \_\_\_\_\_
- @ school by \_\_\_\_\_
- @ church by \_\_\_\_\_
- in the community by \_\_\_\_\_

**I can give with my time:**

- @ home by \_\_\_\_\_
- @ school by \_\_\_\_\_
- @ church by \_\_\_\_\_
- in the community by \_\_\_\_\_

**I can give with my money:**

- @ home by \_\_\_\_\_
- @ school by \_\_\_\_\_
- @ church by \_\_\_\_\_
- in the community by \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

**"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:25).**

LESSON # 16: MY GOD'S BIGGER THAN YOUR god  
"God Wants To Be #1 In Your Life"

Read 1 Kings Chapter 18

Background: Ahab was the king of Israel, and he was a very wicked king. Ahab did more to make God angry than any other king before him. Ahab married a girl named Jezebel, the daughter of a king in a neighboring country, and at her urging he began to worship her country's god: Baal. Not only that, Ahab told all the people of Israel to worship Baal. God was very angry with Ahab, and sent the prophet Elijah to talk with king Ahab.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) Why was God so angry with king Ahab?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 18:18).

2) What did Elijah tell the people of Israel?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 18:21).

3) What did Elijah suggest to prove who was the true God?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 18:22-24).

4) Who won the contest? How?

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 18:38).

The first commandment is: "You shall have no other gods before me." Elijah challenged king Ahab and the prophets of Baal to a contest, and the Lord God of Israel proved that only He is God, and that Baal was not a god at all. When the people saw what God did that day, they realized that they had forgotten about Him and they remembered that only the Lord is God.

Sometimes it's easy to forget about God. We get busy with school, homework, friends, and activities, and we forget that we need to spend time with God too. School and friends and activities are all important. But God never wants them to become so important to us that we forget to spend time with Him.

6) How can you practice spending time with God every day?

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- \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only" (Matthew 4:10).

LESSON # 17: STATUE OF LIMITATIONS  
“Worship God Only In The Ways He Has Told Us To”

Read Joshua Chapter 23:6-8 & Chapter 24:1-27

Background

The people of Israel had been slaves to the Egyptians for 400 years, when God told Moses to lead the people out of Egypt. After they left Egypt, the people were disobedient to God, and because of their disobedience, God did not allow them to enter the land that He promised to give to them until 40 years later. When it was time, Joshua led the people into the land of Canaan, the “Promised Land,” and God helped the people of Israel drive out the nations that were living in this land that He was now giving to Israel. As the nation of Israel settled into their new land, Joshua warned the people not to worship the gods of the nations around them, and to worship God only.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) Joshua told the people of Israel to make a choice, to serve God or not. What choice did Joshua & his family make?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 24:14-15).

2) The Bible says that one thing that can take your attention away from God is greed. What other kinds of things (idols) can take your attention away from God?

3) Let’s say that you got \$1 for your allowance. How can you honor God with that \$1? How can greed cause you not to honor God with that \$1?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

4) What can happen when people make things more important than God or even forget about God? (See if you can find an example in the newspaper).

What if God was not important to your parents and they forgot about Him? Do you think God would be important to you? What about when you have children - do you think God will be important to them? You see, if parents do not teach their children about God, it can affect many generations of that family. That’s why God says, “Do not make other things more important than me” (Exodus 20:5-6).

5) How can you practice making God the most important person in your life?

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- \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

LESSON # 18: IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE  
“Worship God Only In The Ways He Has Told Us To”

Read Daniel Chapter 3

Background

In about 600 BC, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and attacked it. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were three of many Jewish young men from the royal family and nobility that were captured and carried off to Babylon where they were trained to serve Nebuchadnezzar throughout his kingdom. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego served Nebuchadnezzar well, and were appointed as administrators over the province of Babylon.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What was the order that Nebuchadnezzar gave concerning the image he set up?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 3:6).

2) What was Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego’s response to the king’s order?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 3:16-18).

3) What did Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego’s response show to Nebuchadnezzar?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 3:28).

Shadrach Meshach and Abednego showed their loyalty to God by not serving or worshipping the golden image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up. They knew that worship is reserved for God alone.

A loyal friend is someone who is your friend every day - even if you’re not having a very good day. God is a loyal friend.

4) How is God a loyal friend to you and to all people?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:8).

5) How can you be loyal to God every day:

- By Yourself \_\_\_\_\_
- With Your Friends \_\_\_\_\_
- In Your Church \_\_\_\_\_
- In Your Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

LESSON # 19: GOOD AS GOLD  
“Honor And Respect Our Parents”

Read Proverbs 3:13-15, Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) Kids, list 3 of your most valuable possessions. How can you be wise with them?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2) Dads (Mom), list 3 of your most valuable possessions. How can you be wise with them?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

3) Read Deuteronomy 6:5-7. Give an example of 4 ways that your dad or mom can teach you when you're together.

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4) What is one reason to respect your dad and your mom?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 1:8).

5) How can you practice honoring your dad or your mom today:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“Listen, my son to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching” (Proverbs 1:8).

LESSON # 20: WELCOME HOME! (PART 1)  
“Honor And Respect Our Parents”

Read Luke 15:11-33

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What are examples of how the younger son behaved irresponsibly?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs 12).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs 13).

2) What are examples of how the younger son behaved responsibly?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs 17).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Vs 20).

3) Kids, what responsibilities do you have at home?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

4) How can you be responsible with each one this week?

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

5) Dads (Mom), what are some responsibilities that you have at home?

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- \_\_\_\_\_
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6) How can you be responsible with each one this week?

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart...” (Colossians 3:23).

LESSON # 21: WELCOME HOME! (PART 2)  
“Honor And Respect Our Parents”

Read Luke 15:11-33

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What responsibilities do you think that the father wanted his son to learn?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2) What responsibilities do you think your parents want you to learn?

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

3) Why is it important for your parents to be dependable with their responsibilities?

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4) Why is it important for you to be dependable with your responsibilities?

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5) Dads, how can you be dependable with your responsibilities at:

- Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Work \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_

6) Kids, how can you be dependable with your responsibilities at:

- Home \_\_\_\_\_
- School \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...” (Colossians 3:17).

LESSON # 22: STICKS AND STONES  
“Respect The Lives Of Others”

Read Matthew 5:21-22

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What did Jesus say is worse than murder?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 5:21-22).

2) Why do you think that Jesus would say it is bad to be angry with someone?

• \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 29:22).

• \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:19).

3) What’s one of the quickest ways to cause someone to become angry?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 15:1).

4) What does the Bible say that our words should do?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:29).

5) What does encouragement mean?

\_\_\_\_\_

6) Who is one person you know that needs to be encouraged this week?

\_\_\_\_\_

7) What is one thing that you can do to encourage this person during the week?

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Memory Verse

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs...” (Ephesians 4:29).



LESSON # 23: IT'S GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU  
"You shall not murder"

Read Acts 3:1-10

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What do you think that the crippled man wanted from Peter and John?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 3:2-5).

2) How did the man respond when he was healed?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 3:8-9).

3) To encourage means to give hope, courage or confidence. What are three ways that you can encourage someone?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 12:25).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16:25).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:17).

4) Who can you say a kind word to this week to encourage him or her?

\_\_\_\_\_

5) Who can you pray for this week to encourage him or her?

\_\_\_\_\_

6) What can you do for someone to encourage him or her this week?

\_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

"But encourage one another daily..." (Hebrews 3:13).

LESSON # 24: WHAT'S IN A NAME  
“Don’t misuse the name of the Lord your God”

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What does God tell you about Himself with His Name?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 34:6-7).

2) What does the name Jesus mean?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 1:23).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 1:21).

3) What can your name tell people about you?

\_\_\_\_\_

4) What does being an ambassador mean?

\_\_\_\_\_

5) Who does the Bible say that Christians are ambassadors for?

\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 5:20).

6) How can you practice being Jesus’ ambassador today:

At School \_\_\_\_\_  
At Church \_\_\_\_\_  
At Home \_\_\_\_\_  
At Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors...” (2 Corinthians 5:20).

LESSON # 25: HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY  
“Live truthfully”

Read Zechariah 8:16

Opportunities To Explore The Bible

1) What is important to God in the way that we live and treat each other?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Zechariah 8:16)

2) Why is it important to God that you live truthfully?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:6).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:5).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 51:6).

3) Why does the Bible say not to lie?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 13:10).

4) Lying hurts a person’s reputation. What characteristics helped Daniel live truthfully?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 6:3-5).

5) Lying places a heavy burden upon people. How did God’s power change Zacchaeus?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 19:1-9).

6) Why do insulting and teasing words and lies hurt so much?

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7) Instead of hurting people what should our words do?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:29).

When we live truthfully, we reflect God’s character. When we lie, we only hurt others and hurt ourselves. This is why God says to you, “Live truthfully.” It’s the best policy.

Good Words To Remember

“...Love does no harm to its neighbor” (Romans 13:10).

LESSON # 26: TEN WAYS TO BE TOTALLY COOL

Read Exodus 20:3-17

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

**1) What are two competing standards of what is right, good and acceptable?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 10:2).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:160).

**2) How are they different?**

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**3) Match these ten ways to be totally cool with their meaning:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ You shall have no other gods before me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ You shall not make for yourselves idols
- \_\_\_\_\_ You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Honor your father and mother
- \_\_\_\_\_ You shall not murder
- \_\_\_\_\_ You shall not commit adultery
- \_\_\_\_\_ You shall not steal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do not lie
- \_\_\_\_\_ You shall not covet anything that belongs to anyone

- a) *Encourage and help others*
- b) *Honor others so you will be honored*
- c) *Be thankful*
- d) *Rest and think about what God has done for you*
- e) *Get to know God by spending time with Him*
- f) *Choose to please God rather than others*
- g) *Live truthfully*
- h) *Do what is good for others*
- i) *Remain pure in your body, thought, word, and action*
- j) *Be Jesus' personal representative in everything you do*

**4) Do the Ten Commandments themselves help you to live God's ways?**

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**5) How then can you live the way the Ten Commandments tell you?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 3:16).

Good Words To Remember

**"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly..." (Colossians 3:16).**

THANKSGIVING  
A TIME FOR THANKS & FOR GIVING

Read **Psalm 105:1-2**

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

**1) Where does everything you have come from?**

*The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it (Psalm 24:1).*

**2) What has God given to us?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:16)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:10)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 2:9).

**3) How can you be thankful even in difficult circumstances?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 50:20).

We have lots to be thankful for. But the second part of ThanksGIVING is the giving. The Bible says, **“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion [because you have to], for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).**

Since Thanksgiving opens up the “Holiday Season,” it’s a time when we naturally look for ways to give (Question 4 is an extension of Exploring The Bible Lesson 15).

**4) How can you practice using your abilities, your time, and your money to give?**

**A brand new way I can use my abilities to help others**

- In my community is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Outside my community is: \_\_\_\_\_

**A brand new way I can use my time**

- In the community is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Outside my community is: \_\_\_\_\_

**A brand new way I can use my money**

- In the community is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Outside the community is: \_\_\_\_\_

Good Words To Remember

**“Make known among the nations what [the Lord] has done” (Psalm 105:2).**

CHRISTMAS

Read **Luke 2:1-7**

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

**1) When did Christmas begin?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 1:26).

**2) God had a test for Adam & Eve. What was God's test?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:15-17).

**3) What happened because of Adam's disobedience?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:12).

**4) What has God done about this?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (John3:16).

Jesus called God "daddy. Jesus reminds us that what God wants is a real personal relationship with you, much like a loving father wants with his son or daughter

When we sin, we commit an offense against God. Because we're human, only a person could pay the penalty. But the offense is infinite because the offense is against an infinite God, and only God Himself could pay the penalty. That's why God sent His Son Jesus to do just that. Jesus, 100% human, lived a sinless, perfect life. Jesus, 100% God, has the capacity to take the sins of all and remove them from us.

When Jesus died, he took upon himself all the wrongs that you and I have done or ever will do. These wrongs have kept you separated from God. But the moment you decide to ask Him into your life, you are no longer separated from God. Jesus is the "Way" back to God that was promised to you long, long ago.

There is so much more to the story. But perhaps now, during this Christmas season, especially as gifts are exchanged, you will remember the greatest gift ever given - one given by God to all of us - Jesus Christ. He is the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Merry Christmas from Practice Ministries!!

Good Words To Remember

**"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God" (1 Corinthians 5:21).**

EASTER

Read **John 3:16**

Background

On the night of the Last Supper, after Jesus broke bread and gave it to his disciples, and took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

**1) What did Jesus ask God to do three times in the Garden of Gethsemane?**

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**2) After Jesus was arrested, what did the Roman soldiers do to Jesus in the palace?**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 27:27-31).

**3) As Jesus was being crucified, what types of things did people say to him?**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 27:38-44.)

**4) What was Jesus' response?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 23:34).

Traditionally, the daily sacrifice at the temple in Jerusalem happened at 3:00 in the afternoon, including the day of the Passover. At that time, the priest stood at the highest point of the temple and blew the shofar, or ram's horn as a signal that they were ready to sacrifice the lamb. As Jesus hung on the cross, He heard the piercing blast of the shofar carry across the city. Jesus recognized that the time of His sacrifice had come. As the priest killed the Passover lamb, Jesus looked up into heaven and said, **"It is finished!" (John 19:30)**. At that moment, the Passover lamb and God's substitute - Jesus - our Passover Lamb - died at 3:00 p.m.

"It is finished!" And it is finished. There is nothing that you can add to God's salvation. It's God's gift to you. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away your sins and the sins of the world. Have you asked God's Son to forgive you for your wrong actions and attitudes? Have you accepted Jesus into your life as your Savior?

Good Words To Remember

**"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).**

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2Chronicles 7:14).

Write a prayer for the people of our country. There are 5 groups listed below to help you:

1. Government: For God to help them make good decisions and stand by them  
Federal, state, local leaders, military services
2. Churches & Ministry Organizations: For truth to be upheld  
Your pastors, congregation, denomination, organizations that help your family
3. Businesses & Industries: To reflect Godly influences, and value truth & decency  
Entertainment, media, industries (pick one or two)
4. Families: To live by Biblical truth  
Parents, kids, extended families, broken families, neighbors, friends
5. Ourselves: For renewal, moral strength

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Good Words To Remember

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us” (1 John 5:14).



## STORY TIME

The thought of “telling your story” – how Jesus Christ came into your life, can be a little uncomfortable. Perhaps you’re afraid of failing or that you won’t know what to say. But if Jesus Christ is in your life, you do have a story to tell, and learning how to tell your story may be just what it takes to bring the good news of Jesus Christ into someone’s life.

So, here we go...if you’ve never thought much of how to tell someone your story, here are some ideas and suggestions for putting your story together.

### Conversion

If you remember a specific time, place or event when you accepted Jesus Christ into your life, then perhaps “conversion” fits best. If conversion fits best, try shaping your story around these questions:

- What was your life like before you invited Jesus into your life?
- What led (events, conversation, etc.) you to accept Jesus as your Savior?
- How and when did you receive Christ as Savior? As Lord?
- How has Jesus changed your life?

### Journey

If your faith seems more like a journey, then perhaps “Spiritual Journey” fits best. Try these questions:

- What have been some key events in which God has worked in your life?
- What experiences, circumstances or people helped develop your faith in Christ?
- How would your life be different without Jesus? (i.e.: lifestyle, attitudes, priorities, relationships, etc.).

### Sharing The Gospel Through Your Story

Try fitting these questions in your story:

- How do you understand God’s purpose in creation? (Ephesians 1:5)
- How do you understand your purpose in life? (Matthew 22:27-29)
- How have you experienced sin in your life? (John 14:15)
- What are (were) the consequences of that sin? (Isaiah 59:2).
- How did you put your faith in Jesus Christ (the solution)? (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- How have you been reconciled to God (what were the results)? (Romans 5:11).
- What role has the church or others played for you? (1 Corinthians 12:27)

### Putting Your Story Together

- What elements of your story might be interesting to someone else?
- What Bible verses might you include under each of the previous questions?
- What experiences in your life can form illustrations to help you tell your story?
- Write your story as if you were telling someone else
- Keep it between 3-5 minutes

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In the spaces below, write out your testimony – your story - of how you invited Jesus

