



SGSA Kids Bible Study Program

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CREATION

Overview

God creates the world and creates man (Adam), then Adam sins and destroys God's original plan for man.

LESSON 1

Creation

Man Created in the Image of God (Genesis 1:1-31)

LESSON 2

Fall

Sin Entered the World (Genesis 3:1-24)

LESSON 3

Flood

Judgment for Sin (Genesis 6:9 – 9:17)

LESSON 4

Tower

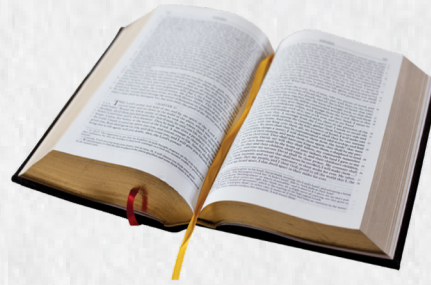
Beginning of the Nations (Genesis 11:1-9)





CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 1:1-31



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LESSON CONCEPT:

- Acknowledging God as the Creator - God is Powerful.. Because He can do anything.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God creates this earth and its heaven and all forms of life in six days.
- The creation acts of each day are described—God creates man, both male and female, in His own image and likeness.
- Man is given dominion over all things and is commanded to multiply and fill the earth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did God do in the beginning of the world?
- What did God create in today's story?
- What can we learn from today's Bible reading?
- Which Book did our story come from?
- What does this story mean to me?



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CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 1:1-31

LIFE APPLICATION:

- You can ask them to locate certain creations by pointing out the verses
- When do you personally feel that God is your power? At school? At home? etc ...
- How can we show gratitude to our heavenly father?
- Can you have the courage to stand up for what is right? After all, look what God gave up for us.
- Which Book did our story come from?
- What does this story mean to me?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Do you know how many types of Angels God has created? We know 9 types that are mentioned in St Basil's Liturgy.
- Angels, Archangels, Principalities, Authorities, Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Cherubim & Seraphim.
- We all long for the day when we will go to Heaven and be part of all God's heavenly creation and praise His name forever.

Bible Verse

"Therefore You are great, O Lord God.
For there is none like You"
(2 Samuel 7:22)

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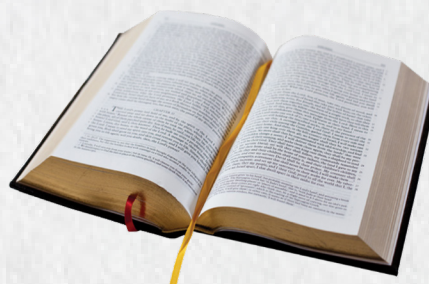
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FALL

Passage Reading Genesis 3:1-24



LESSON CONCEPT:

- Obeying God's commandments will not make me fall.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The serpent deceives Eve to partake of the forbidden fruit, then Eve gave Adam to eat.
- The roles of man and woman are explained.
- Adam & Eve are cast out of the garden of Eden.
- Eve is the mother of all living.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is a commandment?
- What made Eve eat from the tree?
- What was the serpent trying to do to Eve? and Why?
- How did she feel when she ate from the tree?
- Can a person hide from God after disobeying God's commandments?





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FALL

Passage Reading Genesis 3:1-24

LIFE APPLICATION:

- When God tells us to do something or refrain from doing certain things, it is for our own good.
- We, Like Eve, can rationalize and start making excuses for not obeying God but we will always suffer for acting in such a way.
- He made us and he knows everything about us. He knows what is good for us.
- The tempter, the devil, is still working on the world today and he will tell the same lie he told Eve.
- He will tempt us to do exactly the opposite of what God wants for our own good.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- After the fall of Adam & Eve, the human nature got corrupted. Meaning that people were leaning to do evil and disobey God commandments.
- To fix this corrupted nature, the Church mandates that any believer must be first baptized to be declared a Christian. In the baptism we get a new nature that is leaning to do good and to obey God's commandments.

Bible Verse

“Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding”
(Proverbs 3:5)

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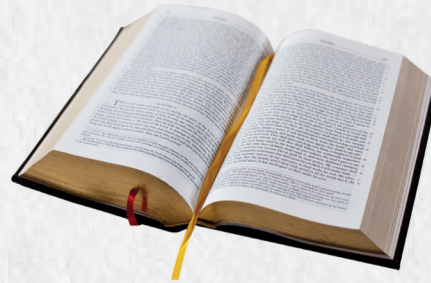
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FLOOD

Passage Reading Genesis 6:9 – 9:17



LESSON CONCEPT:

- Trusting God will protect me because I am His child.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Noah and his family spent a long time inside the ark waiting for the flood to stop.
- Even when it stopped raining Noah wasn't allowed to go outside until a long time.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How long did the rain last during the time of the flood?
- What mountain did the Ark come to rest on?
- What two birds did Noah send out to see if the land was drying up?
- What was the total time that Noah & his family & the animals were on the ark?
- What was the first thing that Noah did when he got of the ark?
- What was the rainbow a sign of?



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Passage Reading Genesis 6:9 – 9:17

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How would you feel if you have to stay in house day after day without being able to go out because God told Noah that; will you listen to what God says.
- People laughed at Noah for doing what god asked him to; will you listen to God or will you be peer pressured not to.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- We trust that through the Lord Jesus' crucifixion we were all saved.
- That's why in Church as well as in our houses we love to have the Cross everywhere around us.
- Every time we look to the cross, we say: "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today" (Exodus 14:13)

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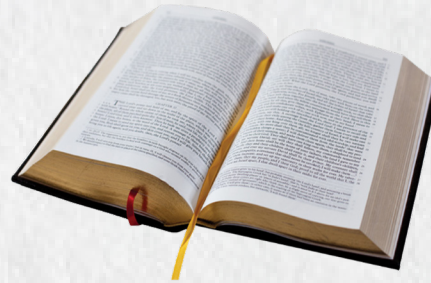
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TOWER

Passage Reading Genesis 11:1-9



LESSON CONCEPT:

- I am known to God by name.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God planned to spread out over the earth and repopulate after the flood
- People gathered to build a tower to reach up to heaven
- God intervened and stopped their plans by causing everyone to speak different language

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did the people want to build a tower?
- Why did their efforts upset God?
- What was God's response?
- What does the tower represent in our lives now?
- Do we need high towers to be known to God?



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Passage Reading Genesis 11:1-9

LIFE APPLICATION:

- We should not have an unhealthy pride.
- Good Pride is when you feel good about yourself because you have done a good job or you are part of something good that makes you feel happy.
- Bad Pride is when you think TOO well of yourself. You might think you are better than you really are if you have bad pride.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When you go to visit an old monastery in Egypt, you find something common almost in all their very old churches.
- To enter to the church you have to bow down, as the church door is not that high; and this design had a purpose.
- This is to make you remember every time when you enter to the church that you have to humble yourself before the Lord and leave your pride out of the church boundaries.

Bible Verse

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine”
(Isaiah 43:1)

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PATRIARCH

Overview

A time of godly men presiding over the growing family. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, successive generations of the same family, ruled over the Hebrew people in the earliest days of their existence.

LESSON 1 **Abraham**

Moving of Abraham to Egypt
– the start of the covenant
(Genesis 12)

LESSON 2 **Isaac**

Isaac the obedient son
(Genesis 22)

LESSON 3 **Jacob**

Jacob deceives his father to
receive the blessing (Genesis 27)

LESSON 4 **Joseph**

God is with Joseph the son and
the servant (Genesis 37)



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Abraham

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Isaac

LESSON 3
Jacob

LESSON 4
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ABRAHAM

Passage Reading Genesis 12



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LESSON CONCEPT:

- The honesty of God despite of our unfaithfulness

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God chose Abraham to be the beginning of a whole new nation that would be called God's people
- Abraham believed God & showed a true faith
- God asked Abraham to take his wife and relatives and to start traveling

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who was Abraham's wife?
- Where was Abraham living when God told him to go to a new land?
- How many descendants did God say that Abraham would have?
- Did Abraham know where he was going when God told him to leave his home country?
- If you say "I have faith", but your life doesn't change; what kind of faith is it?





LESSON 1
Abraham

LESSON 2
Isaac

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Jacob

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ABRAHAM

Passage Reading Genesis 12

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Abraham was not a perfect man who did the right thing every single time but he continued to have a living faith in God. And God kept his promises to Abraham and protected him.
- Abraham had a living faith. He trusted in God and was willing to do what He said.
- Faith means believing something to be true even if you can't see it.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The first Sunday after Resurrection is called "Thomas Sunday".
- After the Lord's resurrection, Thomas refused to believe except after he sees the print of the nails in His hands and the spear in His side.
- 8 days after His resurrection, and on "Thomas Sunday", the Lord appeared to Thomas and made Thomas see His hands and His side so he believed.
- Then Jesus said to us, all the Christian believers, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29)

Bible Verse

"For we walk by faith, not by sight"
(2 Corinthians 5:7)

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ISAAC

Passage Reading Genesis 22



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Obedience to my father gives me life.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Abraham & Sarah got a baby “Isaac” when Abraham was 100 years old.
- Abraham prepares to sacrifice Isaac.
- God kept his promise.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did God tell Abraham to do with his son, Isaac?
- What happened when Abraham was just about to kill Isaac?
- God did not really want Abraham to kill his son. Why did he ask Abraham to do it?





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LESSON 2
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ISAAC

Passage Reading Genesis 22

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Sometimes we have to sacrifice or give up things to serve God better.
- Abraham obeyed God and so should we.
- Trust God even if we don't understand what He is going to do.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- We have all learned to obey God and also to obey our Church.
- Sometimes, we do not understand clearly the benefit of a certain spiritual practice, like 'fasting' for example.
- We have to trust that obeying our spiritual mother, the Church, will give us life: 'Spiritual Life'.

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Bible Verse

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1)





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JACOB

Passage Reading Genesis 27



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LESSON CONCEPT:

The value of blessing in life.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Isaac & Rebekah had twins Esau & Jacob
- Esau was the oldest so he had the birth right.
- Esau sold his birthright to his brother irrationally.
- Jacob extracted the blessing from Esau.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who were Isaac and Rebekah's sons?
- How were Esau & Jacob different?
- What was the thing that Esau traded his birthright for?
- How did Rebekah & Jacob trick Isaac to give the blessing to Jacob
- What did Esau want to do to Jacob?





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JACOB

Passage Reading Genesis 27

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Deception is wrong and leads to hurt and anger.
- God works his plans through all kinds of people.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Every time we go to pray the Liturgy at church, Abouna would bless everyone before leaving.
- He says: "The love of God the Father and the grace of the only begotten Son, our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ, and the fellowship and the gift of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Go in peace. The Lord be with you all. Amen".

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Bible Verse

"The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22)





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JOSEPH

Passage Reading Genesis 37



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LESSON CONCEPT:

I am always with God; He will never leave me too.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jacob has 12 sons; the younger is Joseph.
- Jacob loves & favors Joseph; who is hated by his brothers.
- Joseph was sold by his brothers as a slave to traders going to Egypt.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How many sons did Jacob have?
- What two dreams of Joseph made his brothers angry?
- What did the brothers tell their father about Joseph?
- What did Joseph's dream imply?





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JOSEPH

Passage Reading Genesis 37

LIFE APPLICATION:

- We should love and appreciate our siblings and try to live in peace with them.
- Jealousy can lead to anger and hatred.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Most of our Church Martyrs were treated so violently and with clear hatred. However, as Christians, Martyrs were very loving, forgiving and even we read about many of them that they were praying to their persecutors.
- Finally, because they lived and died loving God, He also rewarded them richly in the heavens, and according to our Church we believe that they have all received what we call 'the crown of martyrdom'.
- Holy Spirit be with you all. Go in peace. The Lord be with you all. Amen".

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Bible Verse

"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life" (Joshua 1:5)



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EXODUS

Overview

The Exodus was the mass movement of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt back to the Promised Land of Canaan.

LESSON 1 Deliverance

Freedom from slavery in Egypt
(Exodus 14)

LESSON 2 The Law

God's commandments in Mount
Sinai (Deuteronomy 5:6-33)

LESSON 3 Kadesh Barnea

Consequences of rebellion
against God (Numbers 14)

LESSON 4 Forty Years of Wandering

Balaam could only bless the
Israelites (Numbers 22 to 24)





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Deliverance

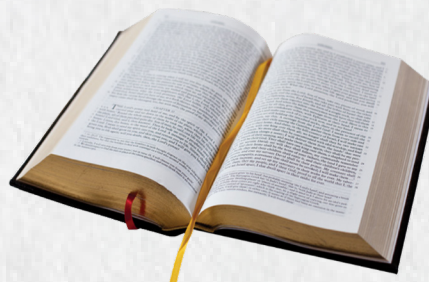
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DELIVERANCE

Passage Reading Exodus 14



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God is the only way for our deliverance.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Israel goes out of Egypt.
- Israel passes through the Red Sea on dry ground.
- The Lord overthrows the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did god harden the hearts of Egyptian Pharaoh?
- How did Israel children feel when they saw the Egyptian army marching towards them?
- How was the children of Israel saved?
- What was Moses role?
- Think of a real life situation that God's mighty hand helped you
- Which book our story comes from?
- What's today memory verse?





DELIVERANCE

Passage Reading Exodus 14

LIFE APPLICATION:

- To have faith that God's powerful hand is always there to save His children.
- What is a miracle? Have you ever seen a miracle? What is your favorite miracle from the Bible?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Having the story of crossing the red sea praised daily in the midnight praises to remind us from generation to generation with the mighty hand of God delivering his children from the slavery of sin and leading them to the Heavenly Jerusalem
- Crossing the red sea was a sign for the Baptism.

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Bible Verse

"The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." (Exodus 14:14)





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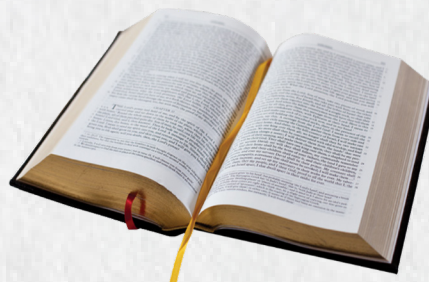
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THE LAW

Passage Reading Deuteronomy 5:6-33



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God's Commandments Enlightened My way.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Ten Commandments
- The commandments are our guide book for living the Golden Rule.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What was the name of the mountain where God gave the people the Ten Commandments? (Mount Sinai)
- To whom did God deliver the Ten Commandments, so he could tell the people? (Moses)
- What did God later write the Ten Commandments on? (Tablets of stone)





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THE LAW

Passage Reading Deuteronomy 5:6-33

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can we live with God's commandments?
- When you have to choose between being kind and being right, what do you choose and why?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Abouna and my Church Servants are here to help me learn and live by God's commandments. I have to ask them to learn and grow spiritually.

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Bible Verse

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
(Psalms 119:105)





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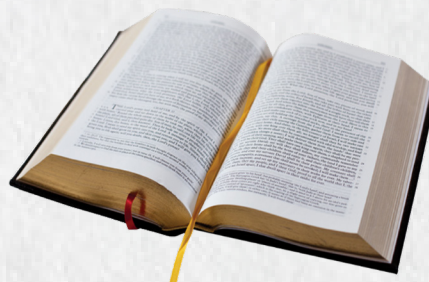
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Passage Reading Numbers 14



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ERA 9: SILENCE

ERA 10: CHRIST

ERA 11: CHURCH

ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

I should not murmur, because God's choices for me are the best ever

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Moses sends twelve spies to search the land of Canaan
- Only Joshua and Caleb give a good report of Canaan
- The adults of Israel will not enter the promised land
- The Lord slays the unfaithful spies by a plague

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How many tribes were the Israelites divided into?
- How many spies took a look at the new land?
- What did ten of the spies report?
- Who were the two spies that believed God would help Israel win the new land of Canaan?
- Because the people did not trust in the Lord, how many years would they have to wander in the desert?





KADESH BARNEA

Passage Reading Numbers 14

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How do we react in the times of stress?
- What kind of actions might we take that show that we are rebelling against God's will in our lives?
- When you are in the middle of a hard exam or an ugly discussion, do you remember or forget that God is by your side?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- To declare our faith in all what God prepares for us; every time we pray "Our Father ...", we say "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven".

ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

ERA 3: EXODUS

ERA 4: CONQUEST

ERA 5: JUDGES

ERA 6: KINGDOM

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ERA 12: REVELATION

Bible Verse

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."
(Psalms 23:1)



LESSON 1
Deliverance

LESSON 2
The Law

LESSON 3
Kadesh Barnea

LESSON 4
40 Years of Wandering

FORTY YEARS OF WANDERING

Passage Reading Numbers 14



ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

ERA 3: EXODUS

ERA 4: CONQUEST

ERA 5: JUDGES

ERA 6: KINGDOM

ERA 7: EXILE

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ERA 11: CHURCH

ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

You will always be blessed if you are the son of God.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Balaam's Donkey stopped him from going to say bad words and cursing the Israelites.
- Balaam asked King Balak to build seven altars and sacrifice animals on each.
- Balak then asked Balaam to curse the Israelites. The Lord puts different words in Balaam's mouth and caused him to bless them instead.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who was the king of the Moabites who wanted to hurt God's people?
- Who did Balak try to pay to curse the Israelites?
- What did Balaam's donkey see in her path?
- What did Balaam do every time his donkey tried to get out of the way of the angel?
- Did Balaam curse God's people like King Balak wanted him to do?





FORTY YEARS OF WANDERING

Passage Reading Numbers 14

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Try always to learn and memorize Bible verses and spiritual songs. These will keep your mind busy and will cause your words to be always words of blessing.
- The same mouth that says the words of God and the blessings should never say bad words about anyone.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Anytime we gather in Church for a liturgy or vespers of a night of praises, you find that the Church had prepared for us different prayers and hymns that are all derived from the Bible.
- In this way, our minds are always busy with good and holy thoughts.

Bible Verse

“The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.” (Psalms 121:7&8)

ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

ERA 3: EXODUS

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ERA 11: CHURCH

ERA 12: REVELATION



ERA 4

ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

ERA 3: EXODUS

ERA 4: CONQUEST

ERA 5: JUDGES

ERA 6: KINGDOM

ERA 7: EXILE

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ERA 11: CHURCH

ERA 12: REVELATION

CONQUEST

Overview

After the Israelites had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, they were at Jericho and needed to resolve to forge ahead and not shrink from their circumstances the way their fathers had done ...

LESSON 1 Jordan

A Miraculous Parting of Water
(Joshua 3 & 4)

LESSON 2 Jericho

A Miraculous Conquest of a City
(Joshua 6)

LESSON 3 Conquest

Joshua defeats the Amorites
(Joshua 9 & 10)

LESSON 4 Dominion

Caleb's portion of the promised
land (Joshua 14)



LESSON 1
Jordan

LESSON 2
Jericho

LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
Dominion

JORDAN

Passage Reading Joshua 3&4



ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

ERA 3: EXODUS

ERA 4: CONQUEST

ERA 5: JUDGES

ERA 6: KINGDOM

ERA 7: EXILE

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ERA 9: SILENCE

ERA 10: CHRIST

ERA 11: CHURCH

ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

As the son/daughter of God, I am under His protection

LESSON SUMMARY:

- After forty years of wandering in the desert, it was time to cross over the Jordan River and take the land that God had promised.
- Joshua told the priests to carry the Ark of the Covenant and begin walking into the Jordan.
- The river immediately stopped flowing. And the people started to walk through to the other side.
- To help the Israelites remember all that He had done for them, the Lord had them pile twelve large stones from the middle of the Jordan.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Which river did the Israelites have to cross to enter the Promised Land? +Jordan River
- What did the Priests carry when they crossed the Jordan River? +The Ark of the Covenant
- What happened to the rushing water of the Jordan when the priests stepped into it? +It stopped
- What did the Israelites pick up from the middle of the Jordan River? +12 stones
- Why did the Lord tell Joshua to have the men pile the twelve stones together? +So they would see it and remember what the Lord had done for them.





JORDAN

Passage Reading Joshua 3&4

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can we sanctify ourselves? What does the river Jordan represent in our lives?
- How do we feel when faced with tribulations?
- What is our strategy to overcome them? How can we stay courageous and strong?
- When you are in trouble, do you remember your previous experiences with God?
- Try to remember one incident where God's hands were carrying you.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Spiritual signs as the 12 stones, make me always remember that I am God's son (or daughter) and that I have very special protection from God (eg. wearing a cross, wearing a tunia, holding a cross in my hand while praying, ...)

Bible Verse

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalms 27:1)

ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

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ERA 4: CONQUEST

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LESSON 1
Jordan

LESSON 2
Jericho

LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
Dominion

JERICHO

Passage Reading Joshua 6



ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

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ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

God can conquer all our challenges

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The priests were to carry the ark of the covenant and marched around the city walls of Jericho. once each day for six days.
- On the seventh day they marched around the city seven times.
- After the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, the people shouted.
- Before their eyes the city walls collapsed and the soldiers overcame the city.
- Only Rahab and her family were allowed to live

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who told Joshua how to win the battle of Jericho?
- Why was Jericho so hard to fight?
- How many days did the Israelites march around Jericho?
- On the seventh day what did the Israelites do? What happened to the walls of Jericho?
- What did the Israelites do with the riches from Jericho?
- Who was saved in the city of Jericho?





LESSON 1
Jordan

LESSON 2
Jericho

LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
Dominion

JERICHO

Passage Reading Joshua 6

LIFE APPLICATION:

- When facing any challenges in our lives, first step to do is praying, and see how God can conquer all our challenges.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Jericho was a sign for Sin, and when Israelites walked around the city to destroy it, it shows the resistance against sin was the way to enter the promised land

ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

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ERA 7: EXILE

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ERA 12: REVELATION

Bible Verse

“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.” (Joshua 1:5)





LESSON 1
Jordan

LESSON 2
Jericho

LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
Dominion

CONQUEST

Passage Reading Joshua 9 & 10



ERA 1: CREATION

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ERA 10: CHRIST

ERA 11: CHURCH

ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

God gave us the authority on all his creation

LESSON SUMMARY:

- People began to fear Israel because the Lord was helping them to win.
- The people in the town of Gibeon tricked Israel.
- They asked Joshua to promise to protect them.
- Joshua did not ask the Lord's advice. When enemies attacked Gibeon, Joshua took his army and protected Gibeon.
- The battle lasted a long time because the Lord caused the sun to stand still.
- Joshua should have inquired of the Lord in the first place.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How did the Gibeonites trick Joshua and his men?
- Did Joshua ask the Lord to help him make a good decision about the Gibeonite treaty?
- What unusual things happened when the Israelite army fought Gibeon's enemies?





LESSON 1
Jordan

LESSON 2
Jericho

LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
Dominion

CONQUEST

Passage Reading Joshua 9 & 10

LIFE APPLICATION:

- The power of Prayers would do miracles.
- When you face any obstacles in your life, just kneel down and pray, the lord would change the nature for your sake.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Ask and you will be Given, God would do anything to stand beside us and support us.

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Bible Verse

“For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.” (Psalms 91:11&13)





LESSON 1
Jordan

LESSON 2
Jericho

LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
Dominion

DOMINION

Passage Reading Joshua Joshua 14



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God always rewards his faithful sons and daughters (best reward ever is the promised land which symbolizes Heaven)

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Now the people possessed all of the Promised Land.
- Caleb was an old man, but he still remembered forty-five years before when he was one of the twelve spies who had spied out Canaan.
- Because Caleb had had faith that God would help Israel conquer the land, Moses had promised him land.
- The Lord told Joshua to give the land of Hebron to Caleb.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- After they entered the Promised Land, who were the two oldest people in Canaan?
- How many parts was the land divided into?
- Who fought and beat the giants of Hebron?
- Did God's people possess all of the land that the Lord had promised?





LESSON 1
Jordan

LESSON 2
Jericho

LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
Dominion

DOMINION

Passage Reading Joshua Joshua 14

LIFE APPLICATION:

- God will reward his faithful sons and daughters with the heavenly rewards.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The church teaches us to keep praying and keep our eyes on the promised land (the heavenly Jerusalem, the reward he had prepared for us)

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ERA 2: PATRIARCH

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ERA 12: REVELATION

Bible Verse

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)



ERA 5

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ERA 2: PATRIARCH

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ERA 12: REVELATION

JUDGES

Overview

This was a dark period for the Jewish people, they lost their spiritual moorings... everyone did what was right in their own eyes. This was a “morally degraded, socially perverted and spiritually bankrupt time of almost 400 years”

LESSON 1

Cycles

? SSSS – Sin, Suffer, Supplicate, Salvation (Judges 2:11-19)

LESSON 2

Judges

? Gideon (Judges 6:1-24)

LESSON 3

Rebellion

? The failure of Israel through idolatry (Judges 17 & 18)

LESSON 4

Ruth

A Model Woman (Book of Ruth)





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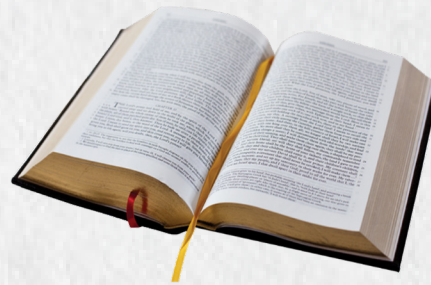
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CYCLES

Passage Reading Judges 2:11-19



LESSON CONCEPT:

I trust that God will save me if I am in trouble.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Judges Era cycle the people go through these 4 stages
- Sin, Suffer, Supplicate, Salvation
- Sin : people forget God and get away from Him
- Suffer : God will leave them without protection, so they get defeated and humiliated to their enemies
- Supplication: they start repenting and cry out to God to help them.
- Salvation : God will choose a Judge and use him to deliver the Israelites.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

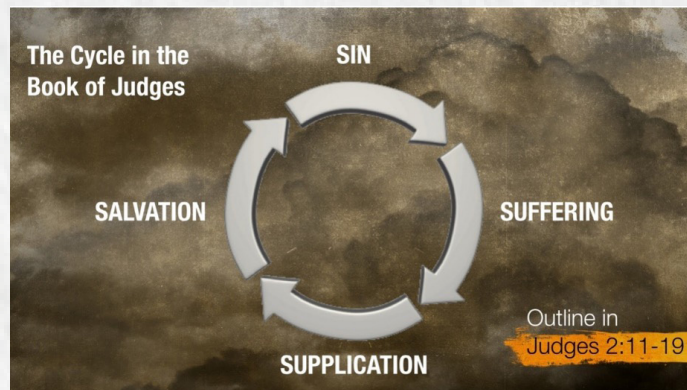
- What is the Judges Era cycle ?
- Why God was choosing a weak Judge?

CYCLES

Passage Reading Judges 2:11-19

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Discuss together the similarity of the Judges Era cycle with our actual relationship with God .
- Discuss the importance of repenting to God.



CHURCH CONCEPT:

- You may notice that we use the short prayer “Lord have mercy” extensively in Church. You may also notice that we chant it in different tunes.
- Actually, this very short prayer is telling many things. It reveals our faith in God’s mercy, it is a cry from our hearts to God asking for His protection, it is a relief to our souls that God listened to our prayers and will surely respond.
- Let us pray “Lord have mercy” in church as much as we can.

Bible Verse

“Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; when I fall, I will arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me” (Micah 7:8)



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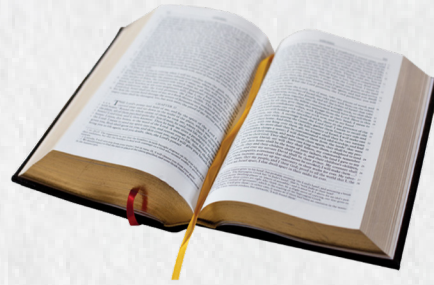
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JUDGES

Passage Reading Judges 6:1-24



LESSON CONCEPT:

God uses His young children to help others.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Israelites turn away from God again.
- God leaves them without protection so the surrounding nations start to attack them.
- The Israelites start crying out to God.
- God accepts their repentance and starts preparing Gideon to deliver the Israelites from the oppression of their enemies.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What happened when the people turned away from God?



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JUDGES

Passage Reading Judges 6:1-24

LIFE APPLICATION:

- We trust that God has many ways to rescue us.
- God is always beside us to guide us. As He appeared to Gideon, He is present by Himself in every Liturgy.
- Let us always refer to the Bible to guide us.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

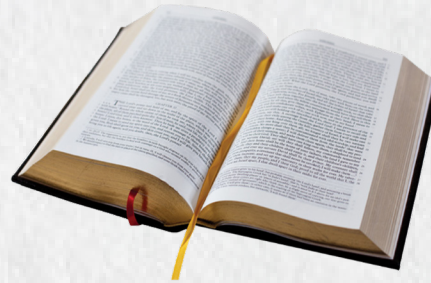
- Many times through the Liturgy we hear Abouna praying "The Lord be with you all" and he turns back and gives us a special blessing through the sign of the cross.
- This assuring prayer is also repeated extensively through the Bible. Let us rejoice every time we hear it, because it reminds us with God's love and protection for us.
- Also, let us always think how we may help all the people around us, so that we can extend God's love and protection to them.

Bible Verse

"The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!"
(Judges 6:12)

REBELLION

Passage Reading Judges 17 & 18



ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

ERA 3: EXODUS

ERA 4: CONQUEST

ERA 5: JUDGES

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ERA 7: EXILE

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ERA 11: CHURCH

ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

I do only worship God who created me, preserved me and delivered me.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Micah and his mother made idols, and hired a Levite to be a priest for the idols.
- The Danites took the idols and the priest for them, by force.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did Micah and his mother do? And why?
- Was this the first time for the Israelites to worship idols? When did they worship idols before that?
- Did they have a clear commandment from God for not to worship idols?
- Why God hates idols worshipping?
- The Danites fought with Micah to get his idols and his idols priest, are we expected to fight with each others to prove who is a worse sinner?

REBELLION

Passage Reading Judges 17 & 18

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Rebellion against God normally starts by not being faithful in following His different commandments.
- Do I prefer any person or anything over God?
- Do I thank God in my prayers for He has created me, preserved me and delivered me?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- As faithful Christians and true sons of God, we want that all people would know about God, and would come to Him to get saved.
- The Church teaches us that each one of us has a special role in reaching out to all people so they can come closer to God.
- To remind us with this mission, we all sing a hymn in Church saying "Amen. Amen. Amen. Your death O Lord we proclaim. Your Holy Resurrection and Ascension into the Heavens we confess..."

Bible Verse

"Jesus answered and said ... 'It is written: You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve'" (Luke 4:8)



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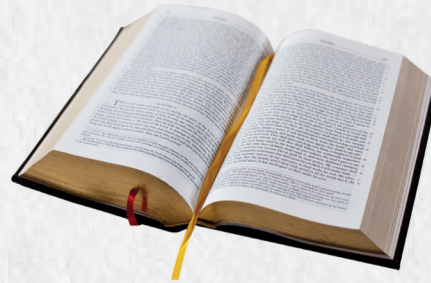
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RUTH

Passage Reading Book of Ruth



LESSON CONCEPT:

God puts in me sincere love to help all people including those who have different faith.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Ruth follows Naomi (Ruth 1)
- Ruth meets Boaz (Ruth 2)
- Ruth's redemption assured (Ruth 3)
- Boaz redeems Ruth (Ruth 4)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did Ruth do when Naomi decided to go back to her home?
- How did God reward Ruth for her sacrifice ?



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RUTH

Passage Reading Book of Ruth

LIFE APPLICATION:

- The weekly training for the child: helping people around him/her.
- We should help those who are in need even if this involves some sacrifices.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Just before the Ascension of our Lord to the Heavens, He asked His Disciples to go and preach the word to all peoples and nations.
- To date, our Church is following what the Lord had asked. Many Christians go everywhere and talk and preach to all people they can meet with.
- In many parts of Asia, Africa and Latin America our Church has a presence and is working day and night to preach the Good News.
- Let us all pray to support the efforts of all the preachers, everywhere in the world.

Bible Verse

“For wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God” (Ruth 1:16)



ERA 6

ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

ERA 3: EXODUS

ERA 4: CONQUEST

ERA 5: JUDGES

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KINGDOM

Overview

Israel wanted “total freedom” to ignore the directives of God. As a result, the Kingdom Era was a very stormy time with many ups and downs... a righteous king would prosper and an unrighteous king would falter... in the down times the nation collapsed and suffered at the hands of warring neighbors.

LESSON 1

United Kingdom

David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

LESSON 2

Divided Kingdom

The kingdom was divided when Rehoboam listened to the youth instead of listening to the elders and wise people (1 Kings 12)

LESSON 3

Northern Kingdom

God sent fire from heaven to defeat gods of Baal (1 Kings 18:19-39)

LESSON 4

Southern Kingdom

Joash king of Judah (7 years old) set his heart on repairing the house of the Lord (2 Chronicles 22:10 – 24:14)





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United Kingdom

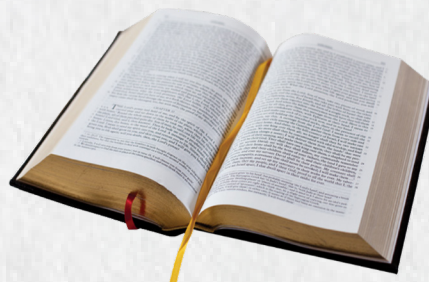
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Divided Kingdom

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Northern Kingdom

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Southern Kingdom

UNITED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 17



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LESSON CONCEPT:

My strength is in the name of God.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- David trusted God to help him even though the giant was much larger than he was.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who was the giant that made fun of God and the Israelite army? Goliath.
- Who killed Goliath? David.
- How did David kill Goliath? He used his sling to hit Goliath on the forehead with a small stone.
- How was a boy able to kill a giant? He trusted in the Lord.





UNITED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Samuel 17

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do you have any “giants” in your life? Is there something so big that you don’t see a way to overcome it? Ask God for help in meeting this enemy.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Realizing the power of our Lord’s name, part of the praises that we sing for the Saturday day was dedicated by our Church to glorify God’s name. Here are 2 examples:
- The beauty of Your holy name, is on the mouths of Your saints, O my Lord Jesus Christ, my good Savior.
- From morning to evening every day, I will praise Your holy name, O my Lord Jesus Christ, my good Savior.

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ERA 9: SILENCE

ERA 10: CHRIST

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ERA 12: REVELATION

Bible Verse

“You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts” (1 Samuel 17:45)





LESSON 1
United Kingdom

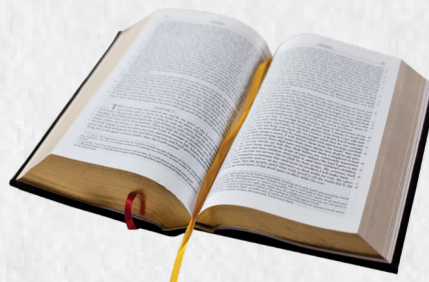
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DIVIDED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Kings 12



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LESSON CONCEPT:

My parents, church's fathers and wise servants can guide me better than my classmates or children of my age.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The kingdom was divided when Rehoboam listened to the youth instead of listening to the elders and wise people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why was the Israelite's kingdom divided? (Solomon sinned against God) The kingdom was divided into the northern and southern kingdoms.
- How many tribes were part of the northern kingdom (Israel)? (10)
- Which tribes formed the southern kingdom (Judah)? (Judah and Benjamin)
- Which king ruled over the 10 tribes? (Jeroboam)
- Which king ruled over the 2 tribes? (Rehoboam)
- What makes the southern kingdom different than the northern? (A king from David's family would be born from this kingdom who will rule forever)





DIVIDED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Kings 12

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Let's ask God to help us always to treat others well.
- If you face a problem that you cannot handle, ask your parent(s), teacher, or a trusted adult for their wise counsel. Please don't ask an inexperienced person.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Frequently, we hear at church about some saints and their disciples. Like St Pachom of the Koinonia and St Theodore his disciple, St Shenouti the Archimandrite and St Wissa his disciple.
- The discipleship of the pure Apostles to our Lord Jesus Christ is a role model that we all learn from.
- Our Church believes that 'discipleship' is the correct spiritual model that preserves Christians from stumbling. Everyone of us must be a disciple to a spiritual father who can wisely lead us to Heavens.

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Bible Verse

"For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and
in a multiple of counselors there is safety"
(Proverbs 24:6)





LESSON 1
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NORTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Kings 18:19-39



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ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

Our Lord is the true God.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God sent a fire from heaven to defeat the prophets of Baal.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who were the wicked king and queen of Israel? Ahab and Jezebel
- What did Ahab and Jezebel do that was wrong? They did not worship God and they built altars to false gods (like Baal)
- What is a prophet? Someone who holds a special message from God.
- What did Elijah ask the Baal prophets to do?
- Why did Elijah let all the people come and watch?
- After Elijah had cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood, then poured big quantities of water on it for 3 times; was it logic that a fire can start? And if a fire starts after all this, what can this prove?





NORTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Kings 18:19-39

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Obey God and trust in Him so that you can experience His blessings in your life.
- Don't be shy to declare your faith. And, when possible, talk with your colleagues and friends about God and how good He is.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- On top of every church you must find a cross. Inside the church building you find the cross everywhere. You always find Abouna holding a cross in his hand and also wearing it.
- This is because the cross is a declaration of our faith in God.
- That's why every time we do the sign of the cross or when we are wearing a cross in a necklace, bracelet or earrings; we are also declaring our faith in God.

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Bible Verse

"But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King." (Jeremiah 10:10)





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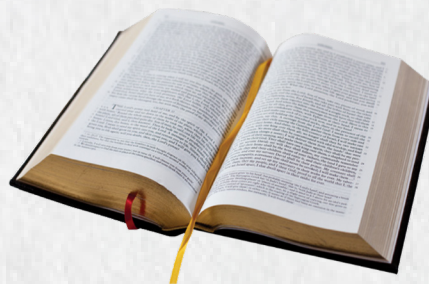
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SOUTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 2 Chronicles 22:10 to 24:14



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ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

It is rejoicing when I give to the house of the Lord.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- When evil Athaliah heard that her son, King Ahaziah (6th king of Judah), had been killed, she declared herself Queen of Judah.
- Baby Joash was hidden in the temple by his aunt so he was not killed.
- Jehoiada, the priest, took care of Joash and taught him about God. When Joash was seven years old, Jehoiada led the people in crowning Joash as the new king in Athaliah's place.
- During his reign, Joash organized the work of the temple and had it restored to its former glory.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Where did Joash's aunt hide him? In the temple
- How old was Joash when he became king? Seven
- What did King Joash do to the temple of the Lord? Repaired and restored it.





SOUTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 2 Chronicles 22:10 to 24:14

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Volunteer to serve in the church & put some of your money in the alms box.
- List the duties of a king and discuss how hard they would be for a seven years-old boy. If I am almost of the same age of Joash, what can I do to serve the Lord?
- Arrange to help repair or clean something in the church building like king Joash had the temple repaired.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church teaches us that any Christian should be actively serving the Lord; no matter his/her age, gender, level of education, being wealthy or not.
- This is simply because volunteering to serve in the house of the Lord is a pure act of love towards God and towards all his children being served. And this is the core of Christianity.
- Each one of us need to ask his/her servant or Abouna how can he/she contribute to serving God and His Church.

Bible Verse

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

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EXILE

Overview

The lesson of the Kingdom Era is that while God forgives whoever comes to Him in repentance, that doesn't change the fact that sin has consequences. These are manifested in the Exile Era.

Daniel gives leadership and encourages faithfulness among the exiles for the next seventy years.

LESSON 1 Prophecy

God sends Jonah to Nineveh to warn them to stop their evil (Book of Jonah)

LESSON 2 Prophets

Elijah, the widow of Zarephath of Sidon and her son (1 Kings 17:8-16)

LESSON 3 Exiles

The image of gold, and the 3 young men in the midst of the fiery furnace (Daniel 3)

LESSON 4 Power Changes

Elisha heals Naaman the Syrian (2 Kings 5)



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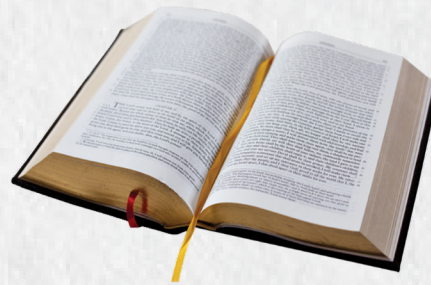
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PROPHECY

Passage Reading Book of Jonah



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God's love warns us not to sin

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jonah Runs from God, God shows compassion towards the sailors.
- God Rescues Jonah and shows compassion towards Jonah by providing a fish to deliver him.
- Jonah Obeys God, God shows compassion on the Ninevites.
- Jonah's Anger & God's Mercy, we see God's patience with Jonah

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did the Lord command Jonah to do?
- Instead of obeying God, what did Jonah do? He got on a ship headed in the opposite direction
- When Jonah was tossed overboard, why didn't he drown?
- After the fish spat Jonah out, what did Jonah do?
- What did the people of Nineveh do when they heard about God?
- When Jonah sat outside the city, what did God use to teach him a lesson?





PROPHECY

Passage Reading Book of Jonah

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Are we willing to put God first in our lives and while deciding on our actions?
- Will we try to impress other people by what we have or by who we are?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- We learn from our Church and from the Bible that we are all in need to repent and confess our sins. This applies to all Christians, including all Clergy up to the Pope. In return, God's promise is to forgive all our confessed sins forever.

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Bible Verse

"I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10)





PROPHETS

Passage Reading 1 Kings 17:8-16



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God may use the famine to warn evil people but not His faithful sons and daughters

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Elijah, the prophet of God, stopped the rain
- Elijah blessed the oil and flour in the widow's house, and they were never finished

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who were the wicked king and queen of Israel?
- What did Ahab and Jezebel do that was wrong?
- What is a prophet?
- Who was the prophet of God who said that there would be no rain?
- When the Lord hid Elijah, how did He send him food?
- When Elijah stayed with the widow, what happened to her oil and flour?



PROPHETS

Passage Reading 1 Kings 17:8-16

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we believe that God will always find a way to help us?
- How do we feel during trouble and failure? Do we feel lonely and unprotected?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Church teaches us that every baptized Christian individual has a special protection from God, being his/her heavenly Father. On the day of Baptism, God appoints a Guardian Angel to accompany the baptized person till the end of his/her earthly life.

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Bible Verse

“The bin of flour not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by Elijah”(1 kings 17:16)





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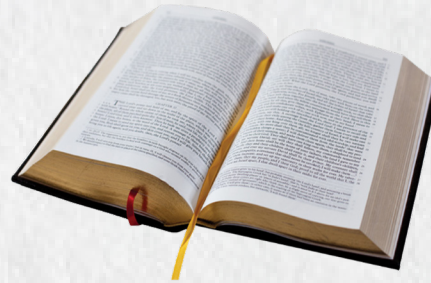
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EXILES

Passage Reading Daniel 3



LESSON CONCEPT:

God saves those who trust Him

LESSON SUMMARY:

- King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold.
- The king's law was when the music played then everyone had to bend down and worship the image of gold.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were the only ones who refused to bow down to the image of gold.
- The king punish them by throwing them into a fiery furnace

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What gold thing did King Nebuchadnezzar build?
- What was the king's law?
- Who were the only ones who refused to bow down to the image of gold?
- How did the king punish them?
- How many men were walking around inside the furnace?
- After the men came out not even smelling like smoke, what did the king order?



EXILES

Passage Reading Daniel 3

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we really see God during problems?
- How do we feel when we are surrounded by people that don't like us or are different from us?
- Do we always believe that God has a proper plan for our lives?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In different occasions, the Church asked all congregation to pray and fast for a certain number of days so that God may intervene in a certain issue, like the moving of the Mokatam mountain or before selecting a new Pope,... The result is always the same: God responds to His sons and daughters.

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Bible Verse

“Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace”
(Daniel 3:17)





POWER CHANGE

Passage Reading 2 Kings 5



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God can turn a hard heart and that is away from Him to a believing and sensitive heart

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Naaman was the captain of the army.
- He had a slave girl who loved God.
- The girl was sad when Naaman got sick.
- So, she told him about Elisha.
- He went to see Elisha.
- Elisha told Naaman, "Wash seven times in the Jordan."
- Naaman washed in the Jordan and was healed.
- He went to see Elisha!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who is Naaman?
- What disease did Naaman have?
- Who told Naaman's wife about the prophet in Israel who could heal Naaman?
- Why was Naaman angry when he got Elisha's instructions?
- How did Naaman's servants help him?
- What was the result of Naaman's obedience?



POWER CHANGE

Passage Reading 2 Kings 5

LIFE APPLICATION:

- In our modern time, do we feel that evil people are punished by God during their lifetime?
- Do we believe that sin has its consequences?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In every Liturgy, the Church prays that God may protect His children from every evil and brings to our remembrance how God protected His son king David from a very evil conspiracy: "... the enemies of Your holy Church, O Lord, as at all times, now also humiliate. Strip their vanity, show them their weakness speedily. Bring to naught their envies, their intrigues, their madness, their wickedness, and their slanders which they commit against us.

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Bible Verse

"Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth" (1 Timothy 2:4)"

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RETURN

Overview

Ezra leads the people back from exile to rebuild Jerusalem.

God has allowed his people to return from exile to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple and the city walls.

LESSON 1 Despair

God responds to Nehemiah's prayers and lets the King Artaxerxes approve Nehemiah's request (Nehemiah 2)

LESSON 2 Temple

King Cyrus command to rebuild the temple (Ezra 1)

LESSON 3 People

Ezra studies God's law and teaches it to the congregation. And, King Artaxerxes supports Ezra by a letter and some donations (Ezra 7)

LESSON 4 Walls

Rebuilding of Jerusalem is opposed but work is restored again (Ezra 4, 5, 6)



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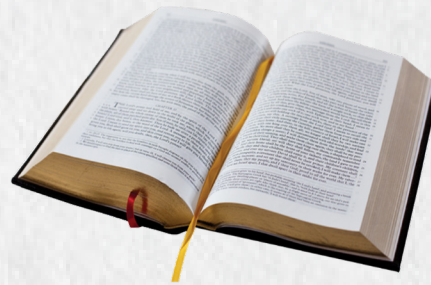
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DESPAIR

Passage Reading Nehemiah 2



LESSON CONCEPT:

God listens to the humble prayers

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Nehemiah was the cupbearer to the king.
- He was away from Jerusalem (where the temple was) but yet his heart was still there.
- He prayed a strong and humble prayer that was heard immediately.
- The king allowed him to return back to build the city walls moreover he gave him all the needed materials.
- People make fun of the workers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Are there accepted prayers & non-accepted ones?
- How did God respond to Nehemiah's prayer?
- What kind of prayers is more heard from God?
- How should I pray?
- What if God hasn't answered my prayer?



LESSON 1
Despair

LESSON 2
Temple

LESSON 3
People

LESSON 4
Walls

DESPAIR

Passage Reading Nehemiah 2

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Are you always thinking about your spiritual life & heaven?
- When do you personally feel that God is your power? At school? At home? etc ...
- Do you feel that God hears your prayers?
- What do you do when you are surrounded by people who are trying to make you desperate or making fun of you?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Jerusalem is symbol of the church in the new testament & moreover our home Heaven.
- We all long for the day when we will go to Heaven and be part of all God's heavenly creation and praise His name forever.

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Bible Verse

“THE GOD OF HEAVEN Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise & build”
(Nehemiah 2:20)





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TEMPLE

Passage Reading Ezra 1



LESSON CONCEPT:

When God promises, He will fulfill

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Lord had promised that the people would someday return to their land.
- King Cyrus commanded to rebuild the temple & he freed the Jews to return to their land.
- Some returned immediately (Zerubbabel's group) while others returned later.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What was God's promise to the Israelites ?
- What is God's promise to us in the new testament?
- When do you feel that God has forgot his promise ?
- What do you do if you felt so ?



LESSON 1
Despair

LESSON 2
Temple

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Walls

TEMPLE

Passage Reading Ezra 1

LIFE APPLICATION:

- God has promised us that he'll listen to our prayers.
- God also promised that there'll be pain in the world but he'll be with us through everything.
- God's timing is the best , just keep believing.
- God asks us to keep praying & believing in His promises.
- God is the Pantocrator, He can turn the impossible into possible --> he made king Cyrus free the Israelites.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Jerusalem is a symbol for the church , by our sin we lost our place in it & were abandoned.
- By the resurrection; God fulfilled his promise to Eve at the perfect timing & we were able to return to God's home (Church – then, Heaven).

Bible Verse

“Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments”(Deuteronomy 7:9)

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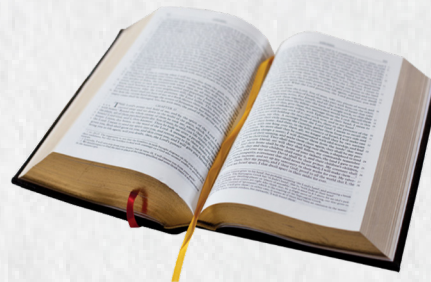
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PEOPLE

Passage Reading Ezra 7



LESSON CONCEPT:

Obedying God's commandments is a measure for our true love to Him.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Ezra studies God's law and teaches it to the congregation.
- King Artaxerxes supports Ezra by a letter and some donations.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did God gave us commandments ?
- What has He promised us if we followed His commandments?
- Are we obliged to follow God's commandments?
- Why should we follow God's commandments?
- Do we have responsibility towards people around us?
- What shall we do among surrounding people?



LESSON 1
Despair

LESSON 2
Temple

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People

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Walls

PEOPLE

Passage Reading Ezra 7

LIFE APPLICATION:

- God made the king free all the Israelites & gave them all the needed materials, money & help. God uses everything for our benefit even if it seems impossible to happen.
- Ezra gathered God's law as he wanted to teach them to his people so that they'll follow God. How do you do this among your friends?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In every liturgy that we attend, we hear different readings from the Bible.
- Psalm and Gospel in the Matins, Pauline, Catholic Epistle, Acts of the Apostles, then another Psalm and Gospel in the liturgy.
- All these readings contain God's commandments and promises. We need to focus and learn what message God is sending to me every time I go to church.

Bible Verse

"I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate
Your ways"
(Psalm 119:15)

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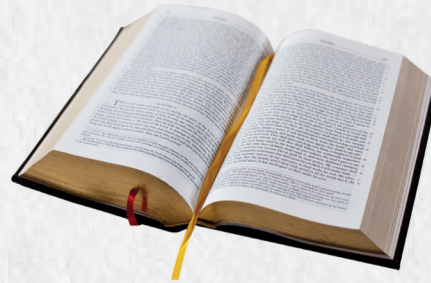
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WALLS

Passage Reading Ezra 4, 5, 6



LESSON CONCEPT:

God will not allow to disrupt the spiritual work

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The adversaries of Judah try to stop the building of the temple of the Lord God of Israel.
- The king send an order for the Jews to stop building the temple after the enemies have accused the Jewish people that they would not obey the king.
- The restoration of building the temple.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How long were the Israelites in captivity? Seventy years
- Which king allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem? Cyrus
- What did Zerubbabel rebuild? The temple
- Who travelled from Persia to Jerusalem to help the Jews learn to obey the Law of the Lord? Ezra



LESSON 1
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Passage Reading Ezra 4, 5, 6

LIFE APPLICATION:

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- I should be aware & keep focused on Heaven & not let anyone or anything to stop me from reaching my heavenly goal.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our church knows that sometimes we fall & commit sins. That's why God gave us Confession.
- Through confession, we are restored and cleansed from our sins. So, we can continue our journey & enjoy our fellowship with God.

Bible Verse

“For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish” (Psalm 1:6)

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SILENCE

Overview

The religious leaders of the Silence Era pretended to have power and they became self-absorbed. All this pride caused a pattern of religious hypocrisy that was leading to self-destruction and made this period one of the most disappointing in the nation's history.

LESSON 1

The Changing Guards

Mattathias the priest and his sons adhere to the commandment and the law (1 Maccabees 2:1-22)

LESSON 2

Political Sects

Agreement of friendship between Jews and Romans (1 Maccabees 8)

LESSON 3

Religious Sects

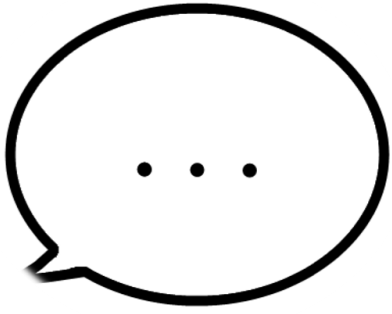
Judas, who depends on God, defeats Nicanor who depends on his army (2 Maccabees 8)

LESSON 4

Messianic Hope

The Temple purification feast (2 Maccabees 10:1-8)





THE CHANGING GUARDS

Passage Reading 1 Maccabees 2:1-22



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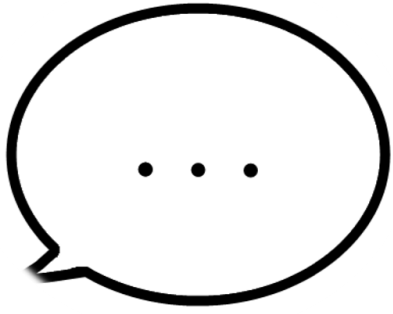
Through the life of God's children, the saints, we have a role model to follow.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Mattathias cry over the sins of Jerusalem.
- King Antiochus send his servants to force the people to burn frankincense & to depart from the law of God.
- Mattathias refuses to obey the king orders or to abandon the law & the justices of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who was Mattathias ?
- What has the king Antiochus ordered ?
- Was it easy to refuse to obey the King's orders ?



THE CHANGING GUARDS

Passage Reading 1 Maccabees 2:1-22

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What are the obstacles that I face to follow God's commandments ?
- Why should I follow God's commandments ?
- Do we have role models in the church whom we can follow ?
- Where can I know more about them ?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- During every Liturgy , we hear about one of the saints so that we can know how they lived so we can follow their steps.
- Church always provides us with stories of those who preceded us to Heaven so that we can have role models.

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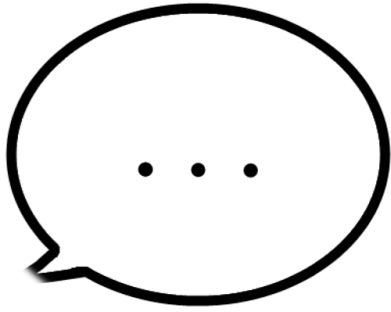
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Bible Verse

"I and my sons and my brothers will obey the law of our fathers" (1 Maccabees 2:20)



POLITICAL SECTS

Passage Reading 1 Maccabees 8



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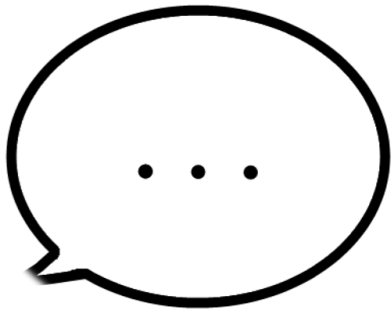
God's children resemble their Heavenly Father in their love for peace and conciliation

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Judas made a treaty with the Romans. This is the first of several diplomatic negotiations mentioned in this book.
- So Judas sent emissaries to the senate to establish "friendship and peace".
- They promised collaboration and to fight common enemies.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Was the alliance agreed upon with the Romans a good move ?
- Have the Israelites prayed to God before taking this action ?
- Were the Israelites protected from their enemies by this alliance ?



POLITICAL SECTS

Passage Reading 1 Maccabees 8

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Whom do we seek for protection when we are in trouble?
- Have you ever wished for something to happen & it turned out to be not what you wanted?
- What should we pray for before starting anything new or taking a decision?
- How can I be a “man of peace”?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- One of the most important commandments is “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39). Our Church reminds us every liturgy that we need to live in peace and love with every one. Before singing the hymn “Through the intercessions of the Theotokos St Mary...”, the Deacons asks all congregation to greet one another. So, we are always reminded to obey God’s commandment.

Bible Verse

“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men”
(Romans 12:18)

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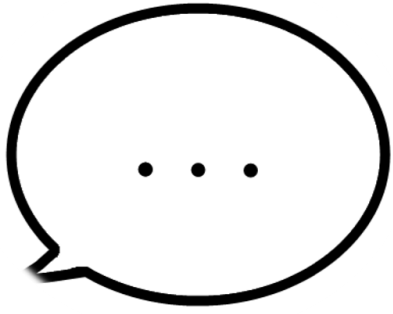
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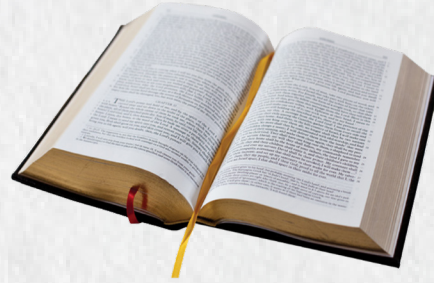
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RELIGIOUS SECTS

Passage Reading 2 Maccabees 8



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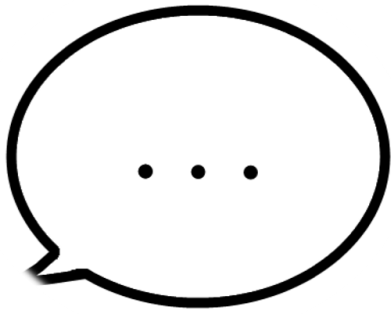
Those who trust in God are always successful

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Judas, who depends on God, defeats Nicanor who depends on his army.
- Judas prayed to God to help him in defeating the enemies.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What has Juda prayed for?
- How many men were in Judas' army?
- Who was Nicanor?
- What happened when they heard the word of advance of their enemy?
- Who won the war & what have they done?



RELIGIOUS SECTS

Passage Reading 2 Maccabees 8

LIFE APPLICATION:

- God always stand by our side. He only waits for us to start the work & do what we can do & He will complete all the rest.
- Juda gathered the army & they fought their enemies (they did their part) & even though they were so weak, God stood by their side & they were able to defeat all their enemies.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church keeps reminding us in every occasion all over the year, whenever the congregation meet together, that our meeting cannot be completed without praying together.
- Over time, we understand and we practice that all our needs and requests have to be through prayers offered to our Lord.
- Also, we experience that God responds to the Church prayers and prepares our ways to heaven.

Bible Verse

“Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass”
(Psalms 37:5)

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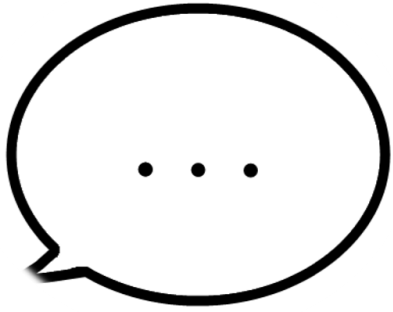
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MESSIANIC HOPE

Passage Reading 2 Maccabees 10:1-8



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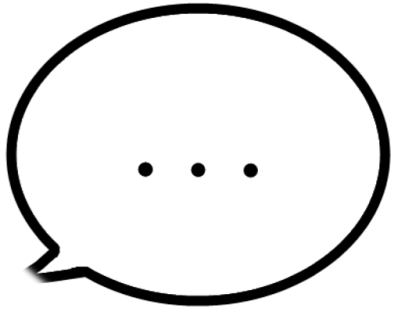
The spiritual person loves his Church and cares about its needs

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The purification of the temple (this actually happened the year before Antiochus died).
- Judas Maccabeus and his men cleansed the temple.
- They destroyed the altar and built a new one. This all happened three years to the day after Antiochus defamed it.
- The joyful celebration lasted three days.
- They determined to commemorate this celebration annually and call it Hanukkah.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who have destroyed the altar ?
- Why it was important for the Israelites to rebuild the temple ?
- What is the name of the annual celebration of the temple rebuilding ?
- Who rebuild the temple ?



MESSIANIC HOPE

Passage Reading 2 Maccabees 10:1-8

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Church is the home of God, How can we show our respect to it ?
- Why is it important to care & keep our church open ?
- How can I take care of my church ? Clean it , provide it with the supplies , make it a place where prayers & praises are always there.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Churches are built either in the shape of an ark because it is our ship of redemption from the sins of the world, or the shape of a cross to remind us of God's salvation and redemption, or the shape of a circle since God has neither beginning nor end.

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Bible Verse

"Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You" (Psalms 84:4)

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CHRIST

Overview

The Christ era covers the time since our Lord Jesus Christ took flesh, ministered and preached the Kingdom of God, was crucified, resurrected and ascended into the heavens. In this way, the Divine plan for Mankind redemption and salvation was completed.

Jesus Christ is God incarnate.

LESSON 1

The Creator

Jesus feeds the 5 thousand
(Luke 9:10-17)

LESSON 2

Forgiving Sins

Jesus accepts the repentance of
the right thief and accepts him in
paradise (Luke 23:39-43)

LESSON 3

Accepts Kneeling & Worshiping

The Wise Men worshiped baby
Jesus and presented gifts to Him
(Matthew 2:1-11)

LESSON 4

Has Power over Nature

Wind and wave obey Jesus
(Mark 4:35-41)



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THE CREATOR

Passage Reading Luke 9:10-17



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LESSON CONCEPT:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God the creator

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jesus feeds the 5 thousand:
- So many people wanted to hear Jesus preach that a crowd followed him to a remote location.
- As meal time approached, the only food that was found was a boy's lunch containing five small loaves of bread and two small fish.
- Jesus instructed the apostles to give the food to a crowd of 5000 men (in addition to women and children).
- Everyone ate as much as they wanted; moreover, there were lots of leftover fragments.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did the people do when Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee?
- What food did the boy have in his lunch?
- How many men were in the crowd that Jesus fed?
- What did the apostles fill twelve baskets with after the meal?





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Bible Verse

“So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them”
(Luke 9:17)





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LESSON CONCEPT:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God who forgives our sins.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jesus accepts the repentance of the right thief and accepts him in paradise.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How did Jesus die?
- Name three miracles that happened when Jesus died?
- How Many thieves were crucified with Jesus?
- What did the right thief asked from Jesus, and what was Jesus' reply to his request?
- What was written on the sign above Jesus' cross?
- On what day of the week did Jesus die?





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FORGIVING SINS

Passage Reading Luke 23:39-43

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Children need to know that Jesus died on the cross to save the world from sin.
- The importance of Continuous repentance.
- A cross has special meaning for Christians because it reminds of something very sad and something amazing both at the same time.
- The story of the cross is about you and me and every single person in the world.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When you get into the church and look to the east, you will find Jesus on the cross on top of the iconostasis. You will immediately notice that when Jesus was crucified, He had both His arms widely open, because He is accepting everyone repenting and returning to Him.

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Bible Verse

“Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43)





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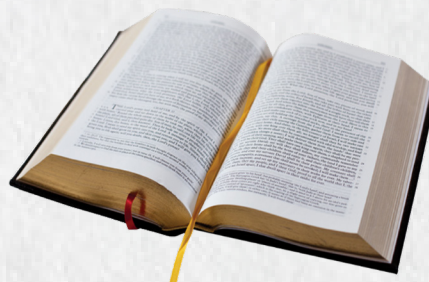
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ACCEPTS KNEELING AND WORSHIPPING

Passage Reading Matthew 2:1-11



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LESSON CONCEPT:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God and we kneel before Him and Worship Him.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Wise Men worshiped baby Jesus and presented gifts to Him:
- Wise men from the East have seen the Star, so they made a long journey bringing precious, valuable gifts to this special baby.
- King Herod tried to use the wise men to lead him to the baby but the wise men left no trail.
- Joseph and Mary took Jesus and fled to Egypt to stay safe.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Where did the wise men that brought gifts to Jesus come from?
- What is another name for wise men from the east?
- Who was the King who wanted to kill young Jesus?
- What led the Magi to Jesus?
- Name the three gifts that the Magi gave Jesus?





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Passage Reading Matthew 2:1-11

LIFE APPLICATION:

- We wise men knew that Jesus Is God, so they wanted to give Him special honor.
- You can give Jesus special honor by obeying Him and telling Him how much you love Him.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When you step into Church, make the sign of the cross, kneel before the altar and pray: "But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; in fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple" (Psalms 5:7)
- When we are in the presence of God in Church, specially at liturgy time, no one can talk or look to his/her phone. We can only pray or sing hymns. Let us also encourage all our friends to do the same.

Bible Verse

"And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him." (Matthew 2:11)

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LESSON CONCEPT:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God who has power over nature

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Wind and wave obey Jesus:
- Jesus got in a boat and told the disciples to sail to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.
- Jesus went to sleep, then a squall arose and high winds and raging waters put the boat in peril.
- Jesus slept through it all! But when the frightened disciples woke Jesus, he simply “rebuked the wind and raging waters” and everything became calm.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- While Jesus was sleeping in a boat, what was happening all around him?
- What did Jesus do to the storm when he woke up?
- What happened to the storm when Jesus told it to stop?





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Passage Reading Mark 4:35-41

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Storms are very strong but Jesus can even make storms stop.
- If we believe that God has power even over nature, should we ever feel terrified ? depressed ? annoyed ?
- If we face any problems in our life, we must have faith that God has power to calm down all the problems and give peace.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church believes that God has absolute power over nature. That's why in the liturgies, after we sing "Have mercy ...", Abouna is praying: "Grant Your people oneness of heart. Give dignity to the world, good temper to the air".

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"Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!" (Mark 4:41)



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CHURCH

Overview

The Church era covers the formation of the Christian Church by the apostles after Jesus ascension into the heavens. In His unconditional love, God accepts all nations, Jews as well as Gentiles.

LESSON 1

Praying

Prayers of St Peter and St John healed a lame man (Acts 3:1-10))

LESSON 2

Evangelism

St Philip preaches Christ to an Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-39)

LESSON 3

Sacraments

The 12 Disciples appoint 7 men to be deacons and start a new service (Acts 6:1-10)

LESSON 4

Dogma

The dogma of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through St Peter's sermon (Acts 2:14-42)





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LESSON CONCEPT:

God hears our prayers and always responds by either:
Yes / Postponed Yes / No.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Pray at all times, God will always be listening.
- Prayers can do miracles : prayers of St Peter and St John healed a lame man.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What miracle was performed and how?
- Who controls all the daily details of our lives?
- What is the proper response to a blessing ?
- What should you do if you don't get an immediate response for your prayer?





PRAYING

Passage Reading Acts 3:1-10

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Let the children talk about real life situations where God responded in different ways (Yes / Postponed Yes / No) to their prayers.
- Ask the children to help anyone one in need. At least we can help by praying for them.
- Even very young children can be taught the rudiments of prayer, such as bowing their heads, closing their eyes and speaking to God in simple phrases. As children grow, they can learn to pray more and more in accord with the big, overarching themes of the Bible.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Moses fasted and prayed for 40 days on the mount of Sinai to receive the 10 commandments, the word of God. We also fast and pray for 43 days before Christmas to receive Jesus Christ the Word of God in our hearts. But why do we fast for 3 more days than Moses did?
- This is because our Church believes that the toughest problems can be resolved by prayers.
- Lest we forget this, the Church fathers picked one of the most remarkable events when the Mount of Mokattam was moved after all the congregation have fasted and prayed for 3 days. They added those 3 days to the 40 days to form the Advent (Christmas fasting).

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LESSON CONCEPT:

Preaching upon God's call.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The most important source of knowledge is the Bible.
- If you find it hard to understand what you read in the Bible, please ask.
- Priests, servants and our parents can help us understand the Bible.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who told Philip to go to the desert road to Gaza?
- What was the Ethiopian Official doing when Philip first saw him?
- What did the Ethiopian Official want to do after Philip taught him about Jesus?
- What did you learn from today's reading?





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EVANGELISM

Passage Reading Acts 8:26-39

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Give the kids a verse to read and ask them to explain it.
- The most important source of knowledge is the Bible.
- While reading the Bible try to understand what is God's message to you.
- Sometimes the word of God is hard to understand so always ask elders to help you.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When Abouna and the deacon pray the litany of the Gospel, the deacon says "Pray for the holy Gospel". Then, Abouna and the deacon hold the Gospel between their hands and make a turn around the altar.
- The message here is that the Church is praying for the Gospel to be preached in the whole world (the turn around the altar).
- As Christians, it is important for us to Evangelize. This can be by preaching, by praying for those who don't know about God, by showing our faith through our good conduct and by our sweet and polite conversations with everyone.

Bible Verse

"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God"
(Acts 8:37)

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SACRAMENTS

Passage Reading Acts 6:1-10



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Honor and sanctity of the sacrament of priesthood
(Bishop-Priest-Deacon)

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The 12 disciples appoint 7 men to be deacons and to start a new service.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- As the church in Jerusalem was growing what problem came up?
- What service did the apostles say the believers should practice?
- What were the apostles supposed to be focused on?
- What character traits did the seven men need to have?
- Name the seven men chosen.
- How did choosing the seven men help God's Work?





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LIFE APPLICATION:

- Talk about how God has given our church leaders to serve in different ways.
- Think that one day you can be a leader like those wonderful people.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- To arrange the service in the newly established Church, our Lord Jesus Christ appointed 12 Apostles.
- Later, the Apostles (who are actually Bishops) started preaching the Gospel all around the world. And, they started appointing Priests and Deacons.
- Every rank (of the Bishops, Priests and Deacons) has different roles, duties and responsibilities in serving the Church.
- We honor our Bishops, Priests and Deacons; because their service was established by our Lord Jesus Christ, as we have learned.

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Bible Verse

Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint “ (Acts 6:3)





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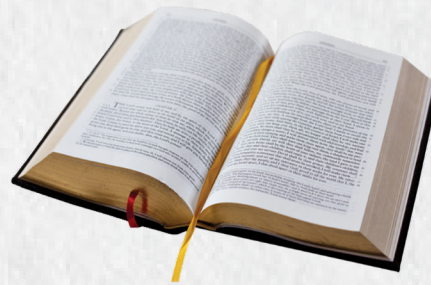
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DOGMA

Passage Reading Acts 2:14-42



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LESSON CONCEPT:

We believe that we are saved because of Jesus' death and resurrection.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The dogma of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through St Peter's sermon.
- Without resurrection there is no Christianity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Which apostle gave the first sermon, just after the Church started on the Pentecost day?
- How did St Peter convince the people that David prophesied about Jesus Christ's resurrection?
- What did Peter tell the people to do?
- How many people were baptized that day?





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LIFE APPLICATION:

- What is the meaning of resurrection in the Bible?
- What would life be like if there were no resurrection?
- Life is full of examples for resurrection: how the trees and flowers grow in spring time after we think they have died in winter / how a living chick comes out of an egg that appears to be lifeless.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- All the Church main dogmas (or beliefs) can be found in the Nicene Creed.
- We stress on Jesus resurrection: “and on the third day He rose from the dead according to the Scriptures”.
- We also stress on all the believers’ resurrection: “we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen”.

Bible Verse

“And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!”
(1 Corinthians 15:17)

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REVELATION

Overview

Last book in the New Testament, written by John the beloved while in exile at Patmos island.

This book reveals events to come leading to judgment day and reveals the rewards for those who conquer, and also reveals the glory of the heavenly Jerusalem.

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**The Groom
reveals Himself**

God loves to reveal himself to us
(Revelation 1)

LESSON 2

**Heavenly rewards to
those who conquer**

Church of Ephesus
(Revelation 2:1-7)

LESSON 3

**Revealing
things to come**

The 7 Seals (Revelation 4, 5, 6)

LESSON 4

**Heavenly
Jerusalem**

"Now I saw a new heaven and a
new earth" (Revelation 20)



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THE GROOM REVEALS HIMSELF

Passage Reading Chapter 1, focus on (Rev1:1-3)



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God loves to reveal Himself to us.
He loves to let us know Him more“.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- He is:
- The faithful witness,
- The firstborn of the dead,
- The ruler of kings on earth.
- The Alpha and Omega
- Lover of mankind
- The one who freed our sins by His blood

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Q1: Who is He?.....
- Q2: What is He revealing to me?





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Passage Reading Chapter 1, focus on (Rev1:1-3)

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How could knowing God's attributes affect my faith and trust in Him.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Church is a symbol for heaven. And, as God revealed Himself to us in the book of Revelation, also the Church brings to our minds many heavenly meanings and facts.
- The Chalice is put in a wooden box called the Ark or the Throne (it is a symbol for the heavenly creatures who carry and surround God's throne), the candles (are a symbol for all the saints who through their lives acquired many virtues and became models for us to follow), ...

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Bible Verse

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near."
(Revelation 1:3)





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HEAVENLY REWARDS TO THOSE WHO CONQUER

Passage Reading Revelation 2:1-7



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God knows our works and suffering, He rebukes gently and encourages us to repent and remember our early genuine love to Him and to others, to be able to eat from the tree of life.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Focus on the church in Ephesus.
- What was the church praised for?
- Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.
- To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is/are the problem/s of this church?
- What is the treatment?
- What is the heavenly reward for those who conquer ...(these problems)?



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Passage Reading Revelation 2:1-7

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What are our Heavenly rewards according to the Bible?
- How can we stay focused on our eternal life in Heaven with Jesus?
- Is being a Christian just enough for receiving Heavenly rewards?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- What is the “Veneration”?
- It is a number of hymns / melodies chanted in different tunes to venerate a Saint. These chanted melodies describe the faithful life of the Saint despite all the tribulations and persecutions he/she went through because of their faith.
- Yet they insisted on testifying to the Lord and never denied Him or their faith; and that’s why they are heavenly rewarded and we venerate them.

Bible Verse

“To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God” (Revelation 2:7)

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REVEALING THINGS TO COME

Passage Reading Revelation 4, 5, 6



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God loves to reveal the things to come to His faithful children and also He reveals the heavenly places He has prepared for His righteous children.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- St John goes temporarily to see heaven.
- He had seen the glorious scene, the throne, crystal sea, the heavenly rainbow, the heavenly creatures, the elders and their praises to the lamb.
- Mention the symbols of the lamb, the lion, the creatures, the elders.
- What will happen on earth (explain quickly what will happen when the first 6 seals will be opened in chapter 6 - show connection to the heavenly scene revealed in the old testament to Ezekiel 1, and the seals to Matthew 24, the future tribulation period), if time permits.





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REVEALING THINGS TO COME

Passage Reading Revelation 4, 5, 6

LIFE APPLICATION:

- God is Just.
- There is a judgment day.
- How glorious and rewarding is that day for those who love God and follow his commandments.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Through the “Bright Saturday” night, the Church is keen to describe for us what happens in heavens.
- In this night, we read the 22 chapters of the book of Revelation, because this book is all about heaven.
- Also, we go through many processions to venerate our Lord who conquered death by His own death on the cross, and took all the old testament Saints with Him and entered them to the Paradise.

Bible Verse

“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” (Revelation 4:8) “Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

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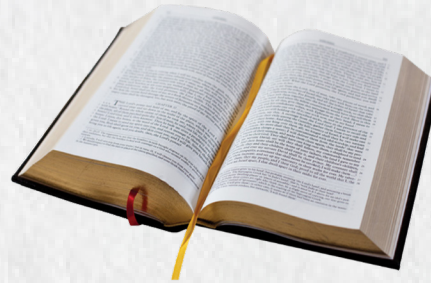
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LESSON 4

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HEAVENLY JERUSALEM

Passage Reading Revelation 20



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God reveals to us how He will help us to taste the eternal life and reign with Him in the heavenly Jerusalem.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The spiritual reign of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Satan was bonded after our Lord was crucified and resurrected.
- Satan is cast in the bottomless pit. He has no power over the sons and daughters of God.
- The first death refers to committing sins. The first resurrection refers to repenting and confessing our sins so we are forgiven.
- All the faithful and righteous believers whose names were written in the Book of life had their place in heaven and enjoy the presence of God eternally.



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HEAVENLY JERUSALEM

Passage Reading Revelation 20

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Where can we get an idea about heaven? (church)
- What do we know about the glory of the Saints who conquered evil and went to heaven? Have you heard about the apparitions of St Mary around the world?
- Compare how far do I get upset if I commit a sin versus when I lose some electronic device that I like playing with.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Every time we attend a liturgy, we go into a quick trip to heaven.
- We know that the Church is called the “house of Angels”. Through the liturgy we chant “Through the intercessions of the Theotokos St Mary...”, then “The Cherubim worship You, ...”, then after the commemoration of the Saints we chant “May their holy blessing be with us. Amen. ...”.
- In short, for the whole time of the liturgy we focus our minds that we are present in heaven with the angels and the saints and in front of the throne of God.

Bible Verse

“Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.”
(Revelation 20:6)

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Thank You!

