



SGSA Kids Bible Study Program

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CREATION

Overview

God creates the world and creates man (Adam), then Adam sinned and deviated from God's original plan for man.

LESSON 1

Creation

Man Created in the Image of God (Genesis 1)

LESSON 2

Fall

Sin Entered the World (Genesis 3)

LESSON 3

Flood

Judgment for Sin (Genesis 6:9 – 7:24)

LESSON 4

Tower

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





CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 1



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LESSON CONCEPT:

- God loves me and prepared everything before creating me in His image (with full authority)

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God prepared everything before creating us.
- He created us in His image (with full authority).
- Other points to cover:
- God created them male & female. Servants can open a discussion on the marriage (if it seems fitting).
- “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..” (verse 26); not in other people likeness.
- God saw it was “ Very good”, these days people complain about how they look (too fat, skinny, short, tall, they hate their hair colour, feel ugly, not smart, etc).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- If we are expecting a new baby, how do mom and dad prepare everything for the baby before he/she comes? (link to how God created everything before Adam and Eve)
- As God created us in His own image, do we really look like Him in our behavior (how we talk, what we watch and listen to)?
- What can we learn from today’s Bible reading?
- Which Book did our story come from?
- What does this story mean to me?



CREATION

Passage Reading Genesis 1

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Is it easy to identify what is right and what is wrong?
- Do we sometimes choose to do the “wrong”? Why?
- Does God hate me for my wrong deeds / sins?
- What do I do when I fall?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When a baby is baptized, he/she is clothed in white.
- This reminds us that God has originally created us all (man and woman) in His image and likeness.
- As God is fully pure, the white clothing reminds us that this baptized baby has regained his/her original pure nature.

Bible Verse

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”
(Gen1:27)

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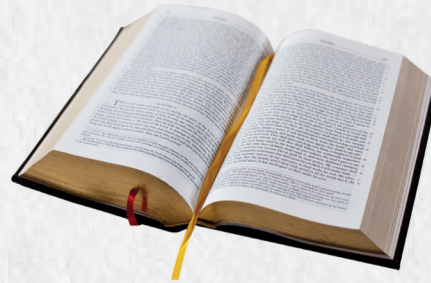
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FALL

Passage Reading Genesis 3



LESSON CONCEPT:

Good and Evil... Your Freedom... Your Choice!

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Temptation and Fall...
- My reference / guide is God's words (bible), I shouldn't give my ears or eyes to someone/ something to fill it with temptations (friends, TV, electronics, ...etc).
- Sin pollutes their / our hearts, minds, eyes, tongues, ... etc
- Adam and Eve didn't confess their sins, but rather Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent. Be accountable for your deeds and bear the consequences of your choices whether good or bad.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who should I ask to make sure? (Bible, parents, father of confession)
- Why do I, sometimes, do evil things by choice and not follow God's commandments (like Eve, link it to the Fall story). Do I think it's cool or do I want to show off? Lack of knowledge? Not strong enough to say No?
- Is God unfair to let Adam and Eve leave Eden's garden?



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FALL

Passage Reading Genesis 3

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How to differentiate good and evil?
- God gave us (Adam & Eve) the free will. Why? How to use it?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In order to help and guide me in my way for heaven, the Church has set references for me, if I ever get confused:
- My Holy Bible, where God's commandments and promises can be found.
- My Father of confession, who will guide me and absolve me from my sins.
- My Spiritual guide, who can be a Servant whom I love and trust. He/She can also spiritually guide me.

Bible Verse

"I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." Psalm 16:8

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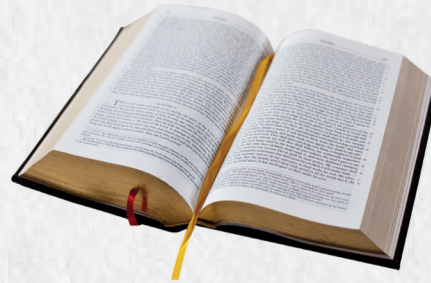
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FLOOD

Passage Reading Genesis Gen 6:9 – 7:24



LESSON CONCEPT:

- God works with me to save me

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Men turn to wickedness, the earth is filled with violence, and all flesh is corrupted.
- The Flood is coming, but God establishes His covenant with Noah, who builds an ark to save his family and various living creatures.
- Noah was a righteous man living in a corrupted world. He was different. He wasn't a follower, he didn't follow everybody, he only did what was right. He believed in God's words

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- In your opinion, what was the reaction of Noah's neighbors and friends? Did Noah tell them about God's plan?
- How can we have a heart like Noah?
- Why did God ask Noah to build an ark? couldn't He simply create an ark for Noah in a glimpse of an eye?
- Sometimes God wants us to work with Him and take a share even if He does all the hard work by Himself.
- Just as when He asked Peter to throw the net in the water and catch the fish, although He had prepared the fish for him, but He still wanted Peter to do his part.



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FLOOD

Passage Reading Genesis Gen 6:9 – 7:24

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Noah trusted the word of God, regardless of the thoughts of his neighbors and friends. Can we also stand up for our beliefs ?
- Do we trust God's promises ?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- As Christians, we believe that, as the early Church Fathers have said: "there is no salvation outside the Church".
- That's why some churches are built in the form of an ark. This remind us that those who are inside and are faithfull will be saved from the evil in the world.
- Remember: when you go to attend a liturgy, Sunday school, Bible study,.. that you "come and bring others".
- "Others" can be your siblings, relatives, neighbors, or friends. Remember that we are all created in the image of God, and we are all invited to His kingdom.

Bible Verse

"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13)

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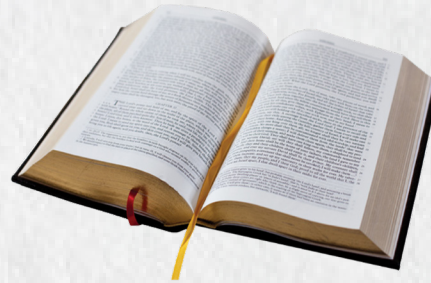
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TOWER

Passage Reading Genesis 11:1-9



LESSON CONCEPT:

- Anything should be made to glorify the Lord. I should not work towards my own glory.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Until that time, all people were talking same language.
- God has previously ordered the people to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.
- They decided to remain in one place, build a city and a tower whose top is in the heaven (a challenge tone to God). May be it was the beginning of star worship.
- God decided to confuse their language to stop them from proceeding into an evil life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How can man qualify to get to heaven? (through his holy and righteous life and not through a tower)
- Is it acceptable to challenge the Lord? We know that when we obey God, this always turns to be for our good.
- Why do you think people started to worship different idols and went away from worshipping the true God?



TOWER

Passage Reading Genesis 11:1-9

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do I prioritize God in my life? Am I keen to follow his commandments? And do I, personally, strive to stop sinning?
- Do I really enjoy the day in which I attend a liturgy and partake of the holy communion?
- Do I feel uncomfortable if some of my friends start joking in an ungodly way?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Many Church prayers help me to glorify God. Let us pray together with deep understanding to every word:
- The cherubim worship You, and the seraphim glorify You, proclaiming and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your holy glory.

Bible Verse

“But ‘He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.’ For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.” (2 Corinthians 10:17-18)

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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**

Lot & Abraham – The war of Sodom – Melchizedek
(Genesis 13, 14)

LESSON 2 **Isaac**

Rebekah the bride of Isaac
(Genesis 24:1-27)

LESSON 3 **Jacob**

Jacob and the opened Heaven
(Genesis 28)

LESSON 4 **Joseph**

Joseph's brothers in Egypt
(Genesis 42, 43, 45)





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ABRAHAM

Passage Reading Genesis 13, 14



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LESSON CONCEPT:

- Blessed are the peacemakers – God protects His people.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Lot and Abraham:
- What was the cause for the strife / conflict?
- What did Abram do to resolve this strife?
- What did Abram gain? (blessings and God's promise Gen 13: 14-17)
- The war of Sodom + Melchizedek:
- Abram as a peace-maker, why did he go for a battle?!
- Again, what did Abram gain? (Gen 14: 18-20)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- If you were Abraham, what would you do to resolve the strife?
- Are you a peacemaker? How can I be one? If my friends had a fight, should I take parties or be a peacemaker?
- How do you stand for the right / fairness / stop bullying?





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ABRAHAM

Passage Reading Genesis 13, 14

LIFE APPLICATION:

- When choosing, do I leave the best to my siblings / friends?
- Do I choose anything, buy anything or even eat first, to make sure I had the best before anyone else?
- I'll pray this week and ask God to help me to be a peacemaker.. also, I'll do my best to resolve any misunderstanding between my friends or my siblings.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- During the liturgy, Abouna prays many times for us to be filled with peace: "Peace be with you all", and we reply "And with your spirit".
- Also, we sing a hymn saying "O King of peace, grant us Your peace, establish for us Your peace, and forgive us our sins". So we know from this hymn that true peace comes from our Lord Jesus Christ.
- And before we leave a liturgical service, Abouna says: "Depart in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you all".
- Indeed, the peace of the Lord is our protection.

Bible Verse

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9)

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LESSON CONCEPT:

Children of God can influence and change the life of others

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Lord's blessings for Abraham in his new land.
- Abraham asked his servant to travel to take a wife for Isaac from his original land.
- Abraham's servant trusted in his master's Lord (because he was living with Abraham, he learned a lot about God the Lord).
- Meeting Rebekah.
- The servant blessed the Lord (verses 26 & 27).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- At the time of Abraham, and when God started to talk to him, all the surrounding nations were pagan. What are the different situations that demonstrate the faith of Abraham's servant in the Lord?
- Does everyone deal with me see the light of Jesus in me?
- Do I help others.. cheerfully?





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ISAAC

Passage Reading Genesis 24:1-27

LIFE APPLICATION:

- I'll pray this week and ask God to show me how I can be helpful to others.
- I'll be helpful to my family, friends, and classmates.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our church always encourages us to be friends with the saints and the martyrs, and we call them our intercessors or our patron saints.
- The idea behind this is that friends influence each other.
- So, we expect our lives to be influenced and changed to be like these bright examples, our patron saints.

Bible Verse

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."
(Matthew 5:16)

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Passage Reading Genesis 28



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Heavenly comfort during trouble

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Jacob and the opened Heaven:
- Obeying his parents to get a wife
- The journey (travel was not easy back then, walk all day and take rest at night)
- The dream
- The comfort
- The vow

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are the blessings that Jacob received through his extended life after he obeyed his father Isaac?
- Do you believe that God is aware of all our troubles and is willing to help and comfort us? Can you give some examples?





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Passage Reading Genesis 28

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What is my source of comfort? Talking to a friend or playing games?
- What about talking with my best and closest friend, Jesus?
- Make sure to talk to Him every night (through prayers and reading the Bible) and ask Him to give you guidance and comfort..

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In many Churches, you may find this verse painted or engraved on the Iconostasis: "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" (Gen 28:17).
- It is a good practice that every time when I enter into the Church, I make the sign of the cross, and I pray the following: "Hail to the Church, the house of the angels", then if possible, I proceed to the altar (center or side one) and worship God.
- This will help me feel a true heavenly comfort.

Bible Verse

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)

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JOSEPH

Passage Reading Genesis 42, 43, 45



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Forgiveness is a power; never a weakness

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Please provide a quick intro about Joseph, and what his brothers did with him earlier.
- Joseph's brothers in Egypt (they didn't know him, and he didn't disclose himself to them so they will not get afraid and to give him the chance to know the news of his father and Benjamin indirectly).
- Joseph's forgiveness for his brothers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Actually, the intention of Joseph's brothers was to kill him, and Joseph knew it. Years later, he is in full power in Egypt and he can take revenge. But, what was his reaction?
- He forgave them, realizing that God had sent him to Egypt for a reason.
- He was concerned about their own repentance and salvation, and that's why he dealt with them as we have seen.
- He was concerned about their wellbeing and how they can survive the famine and asked them to live in Egypt with all their own families.





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Passage Reading Genesis 42, 43, 45

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Is it easy to forgive?
- Let's pray this week asking God's help to be able to forgive.
- Also, I'll watch myself this week and be quick in forgiving others.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In every liturgy, after Abouna prays the reconciliation prayer, the deacon alerts the congregation saying: "Great one another with a holy kiss... Offer in order. Stand with trembling..."
- The intention of the Church here is to remind us to forgive anyone who wronged us and reconcile with anyone whom I may be in anger or in dispute.
- The main reason being "Forgiveness is Power", and it opens me the way to grow spiritually.

Bible Verse

"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37)

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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 5:1 – 6:13)

LESSON 2 **The Law**

God's commandments in Mount Sinai (Deuteronomy 8)

LESSON 3 **Kadesh Barnea**

Place of rebellion against God
(Numbers 14)

LESSON 4 **Forty Years of Wandering**

Consequences of rebelling against God
(Numbers 22, 23, 24)





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Deliverance

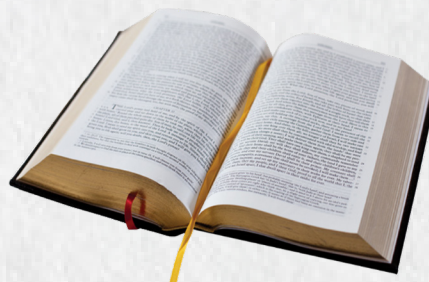
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DELIVERANCE

Passage Reading Exodus 5:1-6:13



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LESSON CONCEPT:

I need to remember that God always keeps His promises.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Brief background about the Israelites in Egypt after Joseph, and how they turned to be slaves
- God promised salvation to Israel.
- Moses meets with Pharaoh different times.
- Pharaoh's reaction.
- Moses returned to God with the problem.
- God's promise of deliverance (deliverance assured).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How did Pharaoh react when Moses asked him to release the Children of Israel?
- How did the children of Israel feel? why?
- Why is it important to return to the Lord when we face a problem?





DELIVERANCE

Passage Reading Exodus 5:1-6:13

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What do you do when you find that someone at school intends to annoy you? Do you pray for him/her?
- Do you trust that God will find a way, and will guide your steps?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In the Gospel of St John, our Lord promised: "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him." (John 6:54-56)
- And, because our Church believes in all of our Lord's promises; we find this beautiful reminder in the confession prayer towards the end of the liturgy: "...given for us for salvation, remission of sins, and eternal life to those who partake of Him..."

Bible Verse

"I will take you as My People, and I will be your God"
(Exodus 6:7)

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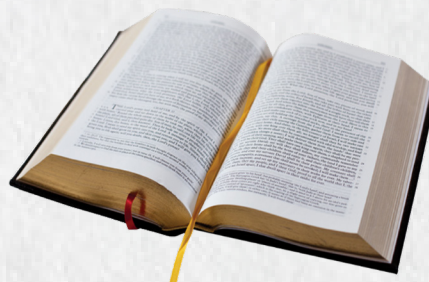
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THE LAW

Passage Reading Deuteronomy 8



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LESSON CONCEPT:

It is my turn to always keep His commandment

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Commandments' brief reminder (may refer to Det 5):
- Shall have no other gods, only the Lord our God.
- Shall not take the name of the Lord our God in Vain.
- Honor our father and mother.
- Love one another (New commandment, John 13:34).
- The commandments:
- They are for us to live with not just to memorize.
- Accepting them is a declaration for accepting our partnership with Jesus Christ and that we love Him.
- Guide us to walk in His way.
- Blessings for those who obey God's commandments.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are the main signs and signals we see in the street (speed limits, Red signals, stop sign, school zone, buckle up, Exits on the Highway ..)
- Why do we have them? Are they to take our freedom or for our benefit? Can you imagine our streets without them?
- They are mainly to guide us and protect us (even if sometimes we don't really like them)





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THE LAW

Passage Reading Deuteronomy 8

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Are the Lord's Commandments heavy on my heart? And do I feel that they are practical nowadays?
- For this week: Let's include the memory verse in our morning and evening prayer.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- One of the many blessings that we enjoy in our Church, because of the presence of our blessed Fathers, the Priests, is that we get the chance to understand our Lord's commandments, if we struggle with any of them.
- The following verse is describing this amazingly: "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 2:7).

Bible Verse

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

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ERA 2: PATRIARCH

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ERA 4: CONQUEST

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Passage Reading Numbers 14



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ERA 2: PATRIARCH

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ERA 4: CONQUEST

ERA 5: JUDGES

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ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

Saints' intercessions are protecting us, and accepted by God.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Numbers 13: The 12 spies returned from spying the land of Canaan. 10 of them falsely reported that the Israelites will never be able to conquer the Canaanites. Only 2, Caleb and Joshua, reported faithfully and declared their faith in the Lord who will give the land to the Israelites as He promised.
- The people complained against Moses and Aaron, more importantly they rebelled against God. Moreover, they wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb.
- God was about to destroy all the Israelites because of their disbelief in Him.
- Moses prayed to the Lord and interceded asking the Lord to forgive the people. And the Lord accepted his intercession.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are the reasons that may lead someone to declare his/her disbelief in God? (Arrogance, Ego, ...)
- What is the role of an intercessor?
- What is the importance of faithfully reporting any event, if I was asked?





KADESH BARNEA

Passage Reading Numbers 14

LIFE APPLICATION:

- It is always a good spiritual practice to visit a monastery and learn about new saints. Everyone must have at least 1 patron saint that he/she asks for their intercession in different situations.
- When someone asks you to pray for them, please take it seriously. If you fear not to remember them when you stand to pray later, then as soon as they ask you to pray for them, take a moment to pray in your heart for them in a few seconds. This is how we all practice to intercede and pray for each other.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church teaches us the importance of the saints' intercession by arranging a special hymn for this purpose.
- In the beginning of the liturgy of the word, we sing the "hymn of the intercessions"; where we ask for the intercessions of different saints so that they pray for us that the Lord grant us the forgiveness of our sins.
- Here is an example: "Through the intercessions of the Theotokos Saint Mary, O Lord grant us the forgiveness of our sins".

Bible Verse

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us"
(Hebrews 12:1)

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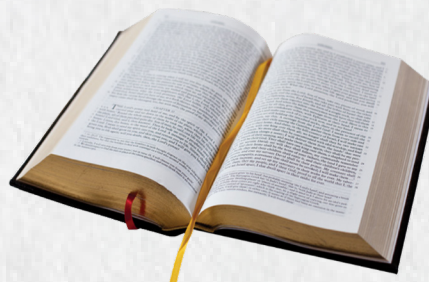
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FORTY YEARS OF WANDERING

Passage Reading Numbers 22, 23, 24



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ERA 3: EXODUS

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ERA 12: REVELATION

LESSON CONCEPT:

Beware of the “love of money”.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Balak the king of the Moabites sends messengers to Balaam, who was known to be a prophet, to go to Balak and curse the Israelites. Balak hoped to conquer the Israelites if they were cursed by a prophet. Balak offered Balaam a good fortune in return.
- Balaam said he will only talk with what God reveals to him, but he turns to make every effort to try to curse the Israelites to get the money from Balak.
- After an apparition of an angel to him in the way, and 3 different trials to curse the Israelites, he could only bless them as commanded by the Lord.
- Driven by the love of money, Balaam gave Balak a bad counsel to let the Israelites sin so that they can be conquered (Numbers 31:16 & Revelation 2:14).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why was Balak so afraid of the Israelites?
- What was the source of the Israelites power?
- Why is it bad to fall in the “love of money”? (discuss the memory verse)
- Do you know another character from the Bible who perished because of his love to the money? (Judas Iscariot)





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FORTY YEARS OF WANDERING

Passage Reading Numbers 22, 23, 24

LIFE APPLICATION:

- The best way to oppose the sin of “money loving” in our lives is to learn and practice its opposite virtue.
- Let us always think of what we can give to others:
- We can give some care and attention to a friend in trouble.
- We can give some money to a needy person.
- We can volunteer for any required service.
- Our reference will be: “Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35)

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church prays for everyone who participates in an offering.
- This is the litany of the oblations: “Remember, O Lord, those who have brought to You these gifts, those on whose behalf they have been brought, and those by whom they have been brought. Give them all the heavenly reward.”
- Let us all participate in our Church offerings.

Bible Verse

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Timothy 6:10)

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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

The Defeat of Canaan (Joshua 9)

LESSON 4 Dominion

Finalizing Dominion (Joshua 17)



LESSON 1
Jordan

LESSON 2
Jericho

LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
Dominion

JORDAN

Passage Reading Joshua 3&4



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God is ready to perform wonders (spiritually); if we, His sons and daughters, are sanctified.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Joshua's call for sanctification.
- The crossing starts by following the Ark of the Covenant (God).
- Crossing the river is the beginning of the new life.
- Crossing Over: Stepping in (3: 14 – 17)
- God is our leader, we follow Him.
- Faith (stepping into the water first, then it stopped).
- The two sets of Twelve Memorial stones (4: 1 – 10).
- Crossing Over: Stepping out (4: 10 – 14)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How can I be sanctified? (repentance)
- What is our promised land?
- Why do we get baptized? (death and resurrection in and with Jesus, new birth by the Holy Spirit.. New life) – remember the 3 days mentioned in the beginning of Ch 3?





LESSON 1
Jordan

LESSON 2
Jericho

LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
Dominion

JORDAN

Passage Reading Joshua 3&4

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do I follow the ark of covenant in my life? What could be the “memorial stones” in our life these days? (may be when I see the baptism room in our church, when I see the Cross..)
- For this week, I’ll thank God everyday for His grace to have me as His son/daughter

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Every time we attend a liturgy, and we see Abouna and the deacons dressed in white tonyas, we remember this call of Joshua: “Sanctify yourselves”.
- By the end of the liturgy, Abouna prays: “The Holies for the holy. Blessed be ...”. The “Holies” are the Body and the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the “holy” is everyone of us being ready for the communion.
- Also, when we partake of the “Holies”, we get the power to continue to live in this state of purity.

Bible Verse

“Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.”
(Joshua 3:5)

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LESSON 1
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LESSON 2
Jericho

LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
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JERICHO

Passage Reading Joshua 6



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Our Faith... Our victory

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God's instructions to Joshua.
- Joshua and the people obeyed God's instructions.
- The Ark, the priests, the trumpets.
- 6 days... nothing happens.
- The 7th day...
- Jericho is taken and destroyed.
- Only Rahab and her household were saved.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What was the usage of the City Walls?
- If you want to have victory over another city, and they have walls, how can you bring down the walls? (show pictures for some unrealistic ideas). Can you think of other ways?
- What if I say: you just need to walk around the city walls and shout! Will you believe me?





LESSON 1
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LESSON 2
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LESSON 3
Conquest

LESSON 4
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JERICHO

Passage Reading Joshua 6

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we have walls (obstacles) in our journey to the promised land? What can be these obstacles?
- Do we have faith that can bring them down? What should we do exactly to overcome the obstacles?
- How can we grow our faith?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The only thing that can explain why all the martyrs preferred to loose their earthly lives but not do deny their Christianity is FAITH.
- Their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the heavenly Jerusalem, in all the promises that they learned from the Bible, this faith was the source of their strength and power.
- Final result? They are enjoying heaven and are living forever with God. That's why in their commemorations, the church prays a veneration and the Synaxarion is read so that we can take some time to hear their stories and learn for ourselves.

Bible Verse

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

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CONQUEST

Passage Reading Joshua 9



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LESSON CONCEPT:

- Always ask God's opinion, and you will never be deceived

LESSON SUMMARY:

- After the inhabitants of Gibeon heard of the Israelites' conquests, they feared for their lives.
- They decided to deceive Joshua and the Israelites and convince them they came from a very far away location.
- Joshua and the Israelites believed them without asking God, and made a covenant of peace with them.
- Later, the play was uncovered and Joshua made them woodcutters and water carriers for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Normally, Joshua would ask the Lord before taking any decision. Why didn't he in this story?
- What is another famous incident when a couple fell in sin after a deceit? (Adam & Eve)
- What is the difference between submitting to God out of fear (like the people of Gibeon)? Or out of love (like Mary and Martha)? Who will benefit more?





CONQUEST

Passage Reading Joshua 9

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What should be my lines of defense to overcome the devil deception? (God's commandments, My Father of confession, My Parents, My servant,...)
- I need to build a habit to ask for God's opinion: let us have one verse, out of my daily reading in the Bible, to think about it and use it in my prayers during the day to get used to God's language and words.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Altar in our Church represents the throne of God, or the presence of God.
- We often see some of the congregation attending a liturgy giving Abouna a folded paper to put it on the Altar.
- It is a nice practice to put our prayers / problems / sicknesses / important decisions / ... in a paper on the Altar.
- Abouna unfolds every paper, reads it, and prays for the person who gave it to him.
- God responds very clearly to you when you put your request on the Altar, because this was presented directly to Him.

Bible Verse

"You pushed me violently, that I might fall, but the Lord helped me." (Psalms 118:13)

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Passage Reading Joshua Joshua 17



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Spiritual courage and strength increase the eternal inheritance

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Promised Land refers spiritually to the Heavenly Jerusalem. And, here we see 2 very bright examples:
- Zelophehad's daughters: they showed a distinct level of faith because while they were still in the wilderness, they asked for an inheritance with their cousins. They showed full faith and confidence in God's promises. And now they have reached the Promised Land and they receive their inheritance.
- Ephraim and Manasseh were united together and asked for more land. This unity pleases God's heart, and Joshua is asking them to fight to get their extra land (this represents our spiritual warfare). And he asked them to cut the wood down (meaning to get rid of any unfruitful matters) to prepare the land for all what is fruitful afterward.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who can be other examples for Faith in the Bible? (Hebrews 11)
- Why is Faith so important for our spiritual growth? (Hebrews 11:6)
- What are the most 2 important commandments in the New Testament? (Matthew 22:37-39) That's why love and unity between Ephraim and Manasseh were very pleasing to God.





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DOMINION

Passage Reading Joshua Joshua 17

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How far should we be diligent and faithful in our spiritual life?
- Do you think all people in heaven will be at the same spiritual level? No, the more you get closer to God here the more you will enjoy eternally. "For one star differs from another star in glory" (1 Corinthians 15:41)
- Let us focus on the 2 most important commandments of the New Testament and make every effort to show our love and dedication to God, and also to show and practice our love to all our brothers and sisters, the sons and daughters of God.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Every time I come to the church and get a chance to listen to a sermon or sit with my Father of confession or have a discussion with my servant; this is a real opportunity offered to me by God to grow spiritually.
- It is very important to learn a spiritual concept and apply it to my life, as this proves how faithful I am and prepares me to my heavenly inheritance that the Lord has prepared for me.

Bible Verse

"The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation." (Psalms 118:14)

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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 3:7-15)
Deborah (Judges 4 & 5)

LESSON 2

Judges

Gideon (Judges 6)

LESSON 3

Rebellion

The failure of Israel through immorality (Judges 19)

LESSON 4

Ruth

Ruth & Naomi (Ruth 1 & 2)



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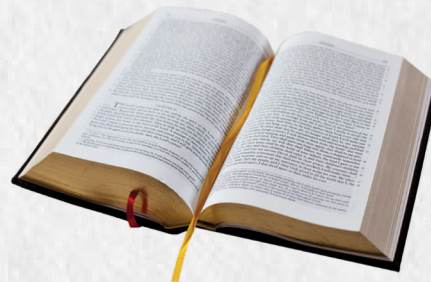
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CYCLES

Passage Reading Judges 3: 7-15 | 4 & 5



LESSON CONCEPT:

Despite my enemies, God can save me when I repent and follow Him

LESSON SUMMARY:

- SSSS
- Sin
- Suffer
- Supplication
- Salvation
- Deborah & Barak
- The Song of Deborah

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Can you think of suffering examples due to sin?
- How do you see them? Punishment or consequence?
- What happens upon their repentance? What does God's protection mean?
- Who is Deborah in our life who encourage us to repent and rise? (church)
- Do you have a strong friend or old brother that makes you feel protected when you are in his presence?



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CYCLES

Passage Reading Judges 3: 7-15 | 4 & 5

LIFE APPLICATION:

What do we do when we Sin?

Why do we confess?

Do you have a father of confession?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- What are the 7 sacraments of the church?
- What's the meaning of Sacrament?
- 4 out of the 7 sacraments are called "Redemptive Sacraments". This is because they are a must for our redemption. These are: Baptism, Chrismation, Confession & Eucharist.

Bible Verse

"Thus let all Your enemies perish, O Lord! But let those who love Him be like the sun when it comes out in full strength" (Judges 5:31)



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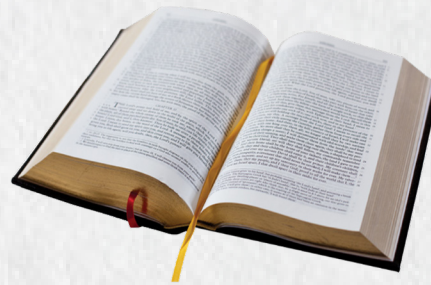
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JUDGES

Passage Reading Judges 6:36-40



LESSON CONCEPT:

Be alert to accept God's gifts and grace; otherwise it will turn to others who deserve it. (the fleece represents me - water represents God's grace and gifts - the surrounding represents other people).

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The Medianites oppressed the Israelites.
- The Angel of the Lord (God the Son) appears to Gideon and asks him to save Israel by his might.
- Gideon asks the Lord to send dew only on the fleece but not the ground around.
- The next night, he asked for the opposite.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Who is Gideon?
- What is the meaning of what happened to the fleece? (see lesson concept)
- Was Gideon ready to work with God? What about myself?



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JUDGES

Passage Reading Judges 6:36-40

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What are some gifts that you received from God? Do we all get the same gifts? Why?
- How can I be a good Leader & not a follower?
- Pick good friends to encourage each other to do good.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

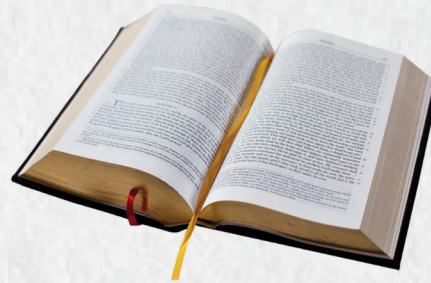
- Our Church teaches us that all the believers together form the body of Christ.
- However, in the body there are different organs with different functions. And, every organ is useful to the body.
- It is not only the gift that I have received from God is useful for the church, but also all the other gifts received by all my brothers and sisters (the other organs of Christ's body) are important and useful for the church.

Bible Verse

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."
(Revelation 3:20)

REBELLION

Passage Reading Judges 19



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LESSON CONCEPT:

We should keep ourselves always clean and Holy because we are the children of the King of kings and He is Holy

LESSON SUMMARY:

- A Levite went to bring back his concubine (some sort of marital relationship that was known at that time), from her father's house.
- In their way back, they spent the night in a city belonging to the tribe of Benjamin.
- The people in this city were very evil and were not clean and holy as the Lord commanded His people to be.
- They were living in complete immorality and they committed adultery with the concubine; and finally she was dead.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes (Judges 17:6)
- How do we know what's right & what's wrong?
- If I am not sure, whom should I ask?
- If everyone is doing something, does that mean it must be right?

REBELLION

Passage Reading Judges 19

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What helps me to keep myself clean?
- The society might normalize any sin at any point of time. But we, as Christians, our reference remains God's commandments and not the society.
- I must always remind myself that: "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29)

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Do you know that God dwells in every Christian by His Holy Spirit?
- "The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" (John 14:26)
- The Holy Spirit is always alerting us & reminding us with every commandment.

Bible Verse

"Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16)



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RUTH

Passage Reading Ruth 1 & 2



LESSON CONCEPT:

We are accepted and blessed in Jesus Christ

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Brief intro on Naomi's family.
- Ruth devotion to Naomi and her faith in Naomi's God (Ruth 1:16)
- Ruth as an indication for the Christian Church (from Gentiles).
- Jesus can fulfil our needs through Eucharist:
- Whenever thirsty go to the vessels and drink (Ruth 2:9)
- We are invited to eat from the bread (Ruth 2:14)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How do you see Ruth decision to go with Naomi? Was it reasonable?
- Did God accept her in His people?
- From (Ruth 2:8-9), what were the commandments to Ruth? How do you relate this to you?



LESSON 1
Cycles

LESSON 2
Judges

LESSON 3
Rebellion

LESSON 4
Ruth

RUTH

Passage Reading Ruth 1 & 2

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Serving Others starting with my family at home.
- Think about others before thinking of oneself.
- Am I ready to get out of my comfort zone to help others?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Whatever you do/serve , you do it to God Himself:
"Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You a drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick or in prison and come to You? And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly I say to you inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren you did it to Me."
(Mathew 25:37-40)

Bible Verse

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.." (Psalm 19:14)

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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

The Israelites ask for a king
(1 Samuel 8:4-22)

LESSON 2

Divided Kingdom

Jeroboam in the Northern Kingdom tried to simulate the house of God and the rites as in Jerusalem in the Southern Kingdom (1 Kings 12)

LESSON 3

Northern Kingdom

Naboth the Jezreelite refused to sell his vineyard to Ahab
(1 Kings 21:1-22)

LESSON 4

Southern Kingdom

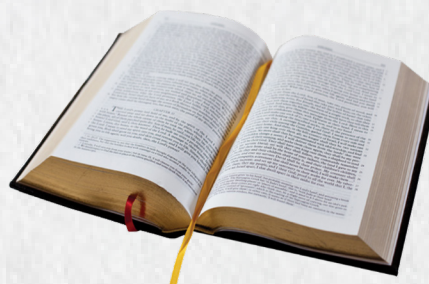
Josiah king of Judah listens to the word of God with a humble and tender heart, so God has saved him and his people (2 Chronicles 34)





UNITED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Sam 8: 4-22



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Who is my King?

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Israel demands a king (rejected God and Samuel's sons)
- Samuel was displeased, but didn't respond, and went to seek God's guidance
- God answered their request, but with a warning for its consequences
- Israel insisted on their request, they
- Wanted to be like all other nations (verse 20)
- Wanted to see physical leader in war!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Did the Israelites really need a physical king to lead them in wars? Who was their leader when they crossed the Red sea or the Jordan river?
- To be like others, do I seek other kings and gods?!
- What could be other kings in my life that consume most of my resources / energy / attention?
- Who is your King?
- In my spiritual war against sin, do I trust Jesus my king?



UNITED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Sam 8: 4-22

LIFE APPLICATION:

- During this week, repeat these verses every prayer, and use your name instead of “Jacob”...
- “You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob. Through You we will push down our enemies; Through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me. (Psalm 44: 4-6)
- Be watchful what your heart and mind are busy with?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- To remind us always that only the Lord is our King, the Church had put together a hymn during the 6th hour of Good Friday that says:
- Remember me O my Lord when You come into Your kingdom...
- Remember me O my King when You come into Your kingdom...
- Remember me O Holy One when You come into Your kingdom.

Bible Verse

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!
You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength”
(Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

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LESSON 1
United Kingdom

LESSON 2
Divided Kingdom

LESSON 3
Northern Kingdom

LESSON 4
Southern Kingdom

DIVIDED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Kings 12: 12-33



ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

ERA 3: EXODUS

ERA 4: CONQUEST

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LESSON CONCEPT:

Where is my Heart?

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Rehoboam roughness and unwise decision on how to rule the people.
- Israel revolt against Rehoboam.
- Selecting Jeroboam to be the king for the northern 10 tribes.
- God's word not to fight against their brethren.
- Jeroboam build two gold calves, and instituted local worship, so the people wouldn't go to Jerusalem.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do you agree with Rehoboam approach to deal with the people? What would you do differently if you were him?
- Why did Jeroboam create these two gold calves?
- Do we have gold calves in our life that prevent us from going to Jerusalem? (e.g. Games? Sports? Jokes? Specific friends?)
- Do we sometimes celebrate some events wrongly (e.g. Christmas or Easter)?





LESSON 1
United Kingdom

LESSON 2
Divided Kingdom

LESSON 3
Northern Kingdom

LESSON 4
Southern Kingdom

DIVIDED KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Kings 12: 12-33

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do you obey your parents & your father of confession?
- Who do you ask when you seek an advice?
- Can you differentiate between good advice & bad advice?
- Can we all pray this week and ask God to give us wisdom?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- What are our trusted references?
- I follow my Church's faith and the teachings of the Apostles and the Fathers appointed by the Lord.
- I go to His consecrated Church to worship and search the Scriptures to verify any strange teaching heard from outside.

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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
United Kingdom

LESSON 2
Divided Kingdom

LESSON 3
Northern Kingdom

LESSON 4
Southern Kingdom

NORTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Kings 21: 1-22



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:

My heart's desires

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Ahab's evil desire to own Naboth vineyard. Naboth refused to sell his vineyard to Ahab (commitment to the Lord commandment to keep the inheritance of his father)
- Ahab sadness, and Jezebel evil plan to get rid of Naboth
- The Lord condemns Ahab and send him Elijah to announce the just judgement

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- In your opinion, why did Ahab have this obsession with owning Naboth's vineyard? Was it a good desire?
- If you were Naboth, would you sell or keep the vineyard? Why?
- What do you think about Jezebel's plan? It seems she was trying to help! Is it always right to help my friends, regardless of what they want to achieve?
- Some people may object God's justice and see such condemnation as harsh! Can you imagine our world without justice? Would it be a good place to live in?





NORTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 1 Kings 21: 1-22

LIFE APPLICATION:

- This week let's pray every night to get guidance from the Lord to guide us and our hearts' desire.
- Before pursuing any new idea or activity, I have to ask myself a very important question: will this drift me away from heaven?
- As I do care for my heavenly inheritance, I must also help my family and friends to reach the same place.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church teaches us through the Bible that I should not let go my heavenly inheritance (Heavenly Jerusalem):
- "The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me." (Leviticus 25:23)
- "Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown" (Revelation 3:11)
- This is why our fathers the Martyrs never hesitated to offer their lives when they felt that their heavenly inheritance was endangered in any form.

Bible Verse

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 57: 7)

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LESSON 1
United Kingdom

LESSON 2
Divided Kingdom

LESSON 3
Northern Kingdom

LESSON 4
Southern Kingdom

SOUTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 2 Chronicles 34



ERA 1: CREATION

ERA 2: PATRIARCH

ERA 3: EXODUS

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LESSON CONCEPT:

My Compass (listening to God's word enlighten my way & show me my mistakes to repent).

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Josiah became a king when he was 8 years old.
- He was young, but he was strong in faith.
- When he was 16 years old, he started seeking God.
- When he was 20 years old, he cleansed Judah & Jerusalem from the idols.
- When he was 26 years old, he started repairing the house of God.
- When the book of law was found, king Josiah took the responsibility to keep the commandments.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- When you were 8 years old, what was/were your biggest achievement(s) ?
- Do you think now at your age of 10-11, would you be able to manage a big company with lot of employees?
- What about being a president?
- When you have the choice, do you always choose to do what your parents taught you?





SOUTHERN KINGDOM

Passage Reading 2 Chronicles 34

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Who is your role model?
- Do we always listen carefully to God's word? How do we use it in our life?
- Can we pray this week to accept God's words and humble ourselves?
- If I discover that I have sinned at any time, I need to repent and confess to regain my pure status.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The Church is always concerned about our spiritual health.
- She nourishes us with the words of life (the Bible), because listening to God's words humbly, enlightens my way and show me my mistakes to repent, help me how to correct them and saves me. This is what happened with king Josiah (in 2 Chronicles 34).
- After being purified by repentance and confession, the Church offers me Eucharist (compare to 2 Chronicles 35) to abide in Christ.

Bible Verse

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path... I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law. You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word." (Psalm 119: 105, 113, 114)

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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 extended Hezekiah's life and promised to defend the city (Isaiah 38:1-8, 17-20)

LESSON 2 Prophets

Elijah, King Ahaziah and the 3 captains of 50 (2 Kings 1)

LESSON 3 Exiles

Daniel and the 3 young men obey God, and get chosen to serve in the king's palace (Daniel 1)

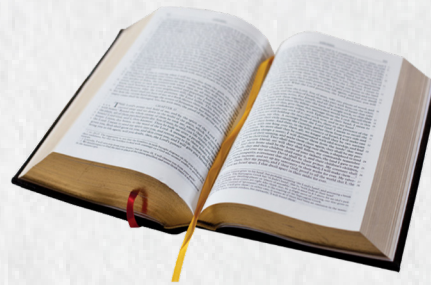
LESSON 4 Power Changes

The Syrian army surrounds the city where Elisha lives to capture him (2 Kings 6:8-23)



PROPHECY

Passage Reading Isaiah 38:1-8, 17-20



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God in His love saves the faithful man and his family/ city/community from evil

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Isaiah's prophecy about Hezekiah's death.
- Hezekiah's prayer to the Lord.
- God's answer to his prayer.
- Isaiah's prophecy on his life extension and saving the city.
- Hezekiah was a good king and he chose to follow the steps of his grandfather David who pleased God.
- Hezekiah praises the Lord (verses 17, 19, and 20)
- Notes:
- Same readings/story is also included in 2 Kings 20: 1 -11
- For contrast, we may read 2 Kings 17: 1-4 (the Northern Kingdom captivity to Assyria) – example for people who are away from God's protection.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why do we pray?
- What if we don't get our wishes answered?
- Can the prayer change my life?
- Who do we follow? Who is my role model?
- Can you name someone who was a blessing to his/ her community / family? (St. Augustine and Saint Monica)



PROPHECY

Passage Reading Isaiah 38:1-8, 17-20

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Remember to pray every morning & night.
- Let's all pray together this week for the sick people whom we know, either family or friends.
- Always remember to thank God in your prayers for something specific that you feel God's hand behind it.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church arranged 7 prayers in the book of Agpeya to pray daily, so all over the day we have times to pray. But why is this?
- Jesus told His Disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray & never give up (Luke 18:1-8)
- Jesus himself prayed to His Father.
- Jesus taught His Disciples how to pray.

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Bible Verse

“Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; incline Your ear to me; in the day that I call, answer me speedily.” (Psalm 102: 1,2)



PROPHETS

Passage Reading 2 Kings 1



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God rejects all the prayers of the proud.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- King Ahaziah was injured but didn't come to God to ask for healing, instead he went to ask the idols.
- Elijah informs the king's messengers that the king will die because of this.
- The king sends him 2 captains of 50 with their soldiers to capture Elijah. They talked to Elijah in arrogance, so they were punished severely for not believing in God and His power.
- The 3rd captain of 50 was humble, and Elijah went with him to meet the king and informed him with his fate.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did some people worship idols? Who is dwelling in the idols? And what is his purpose?
- Why does God hate arrogance and pride?
- Do you find a connection between arrogance and idol worshiping?
- On the same level, do you find an obvious relationship between humility and worshiping God?



PROPHETS

Passage Reading 2 Kings 1

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Humble yourself before the Lord. Note that pride leads to self deception & spiritual blindness.
- A humble person is continuously growing spiritually. Watch for your spiritual growth and discuss it with your spiritual father.
- Pray consistently for all those who don't believe in God, because they are in great spiritual danger, concerning their eternal lives.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The concept of good prevailing over evil or God defeating Satan is clearly mentioned in the Bible.
- Our Church dedicated 1 night every year to explain this clearly. This is through the reading of the Book of Revelation on Bright Saturday.
- "And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon (Satan); and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer." (Revelation 12:7-8)

Bible Verse

"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble"
(James 4:6)

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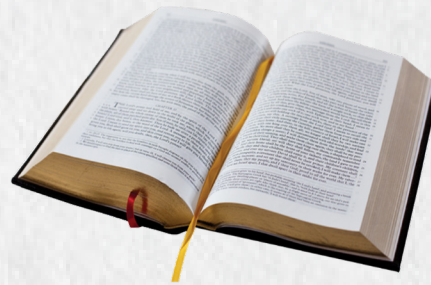
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EXILES

Passage Reading Daniel 1



LESSON CONCEPT:

God gives success to those who adhere to Him, whatever the surrounding circumstances looked like.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Daniel and the three young men feared God more than anyone even the king.
- They didn't give themselves an excuse to eat and drink from the King's food.
- Because of their spiritual faithfulness, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- If a person is in captivity, how can you imagine his/her daily life under a set of rules?
- How far can our spiritual faithfulness change solid hearts and rules?
- Why did the exile happen?
- If Daniel and the 3 young men were righteous, why did God permit that they go to the exile?



EXILES

Passage Reading Daniel 1

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do we obey God's commandments because we fear Him or because we love Him?
- Do we sometimes try to find excuses not to follow Him? (e.g., I don't like vegetables, so I can't fast... it is very hard for me)
- Do we always believe that God has a proper plan for our lives?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- To help us grow spiritually, our Church prepared for us a spiritual path to follow.
- This includes the Sacraments, studying the Bible, different prayers, liturgies, ...etc
- To benefit from this spiritual meal, I need to obey the Church (through my spiritual father) and live in fellowship with all my brothers and sisters, to form a one complete body for our Lord.

Bible Verse

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

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LESSON 1
Prophecy

LESSON 2
Prophets

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Power Changes

POWER CHANGE

Passage Reading 2 Kings 6: 8-23



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LESSON CONCEPT:

God faces the evil person by Himself and spoils all his plans.

We are protected by God!

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Elisha reveals repeatedly to the king of Israel where the Syrians are coming from to attack the city.
- The king of Syria thought there was a traitor in his army.
- When he knew that Elisha is the one revealing his plans, he ordered to capture him.
- His plan has completely failed because God is protecting his man Elisha.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is the punishment of a soldier who committed treason in a war? Why?
- Do you believe that God sends His angels to keep you safe?
- What do you think is more powerful and more effective, war or love? (refer to the last part of the passage)



POWER CHANGE

Passage Reading 2 Kings 6: 8-23

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do you pray and thank God for your guardian angel?
- What should you do when you feel worried or scared?
- Living under God's protection, I have a responsibility towards anyone of my family or friends who is shaken and need to be assured.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our God is so loving for us that He appoints to each Christian person a guardian angel to accompany and protect him/her from the day this person is baptized till he/she goes to heaven.
- Through the history of the Church, some of the Saints used to see and talk to their guardian angels.

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Bible Verse

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him."
(Psalm 28:7)

ERA 8

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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

Haggai encourages the people to build the temple (Haggai 1)

LESSON 2

Temple

Worship restored in Jerusalem (Ezra 3:1-7)

LESSON 3

People

Ezra teaches God's law to the congregation (Nehemiah 8)

LESSON 4

Walls

Repelling devil's attempts to disrupt the spiritual work (Nehemiah 6)



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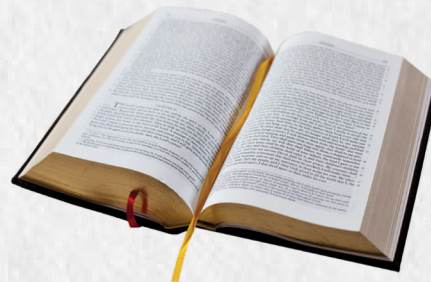
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DESPAIR

Passage Reading Haggai 1



LESSON CONCEPT:

The children of God always encourage the weak to become spiritually strong.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God sends a message through Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua the high priest.
- God doesn't like the laziness of the Israelites in leaving the Lord's house ruined.
- God promises to bless His people if they do their best in rebuilding His house.
- Zerubbabel, Joshua, and the congregation listen to Haggai and decide to build the Lord's house.
- God sends them another message saying: "I am with you".

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- The ruined house of the Lord can be the physical church and can represent also our souls being a temple for God.
- Understanding this, why is it important to make sure the house of the Lord is well built?
- Is it important to decorate it? What does that mean for our souls?
- Verse 8: what is the meaning of:
- "Go up to the mountains"? i.e. Let your heart be busy with the heaven ☐ God, the saints, ...
- "Bring wood and build the temple"? i.e. when we put our trust in the power of His cross (the wood), then we can spiritually build our souls (the temple).



LESSON 1
Despair

LESSON 2
Temple

LESSON 3
People

LESSON 4
Walls

DESPAIR

Passage Reading Haggai 1

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do I have true spiritual friends who encourage me if one day I am lazy to come to the church?
- On the other hand, am I a good spiritual friend to others and do I encourage my friends to rejoice in the Lord?
- Let us pray this week for our friends that our Lord help them and ourselves to grow spiritually. We can also agree to attend a liturgy together and get communion.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Everyone is encouraged to do his/her best when they know their peers could achieve something good.
- For this reason, our Church have put together a book that we call the "Synaxarion". In this book, we read every day one or more stories about a saint or a martyr.
- These saints or martyrs were just humans like us, and reading their spiritual achievements encourages us to follow their way, and join them in heaven.

Bible Verse

"Comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all" (1 Thessalonians 5:14)

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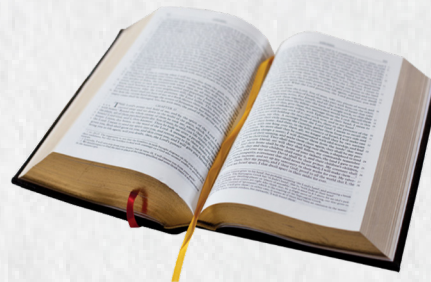
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TEMPLE

Passage Reading Ezra 3:1-7



LESSON CONCEPT:

How blessed is the spiritual commitment and growth.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- After the Israelites returned to Jerusalem, they had to restore and rebuild everything: their houses, the building of the temple, the altar, and the walls of the city.
- Joshua the high priest led the people in restoring and rebuilding the altar, so they can offer their morning and evening offerings.
- They also kept the Feast of Tabernacles.
- They restored their worship services even before rebuilding the temple as a physical building.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- God's work should be completed first and must be prioritized in our lives. Think about a situation when you will do so..
- What are our morning and evening offerings? Do we have a personal altar?
- Verse 3: what should we do if we feel insecure because of any events or circumstances around us? (set the altar = hold unto God and pray)



LESSON 1
Despair

LESSON 2
Temple

LESSON 3
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Walls

TEMPLE

Passage Reading Ezra 3:1-7

LIFE APPLICATION:

- The communication with God is through prayer to talk to Him, and the Bible to receive His messages to me. A daily time allocated for prayer and reading the Bible is essential.
- Sometimes we face new challenges, in these times we need to pray more and ask our Lord to intervene. As a caring and loving Father, He always hears and responds.
- Note that the more I pray and spend time with God, I grow spiritually.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Remember every time you sit with your father of confession to review your spiritual cannon.
- The Church provided us with this tool to help us to be committed and to grow in our spiritualties.
- My spiritual cannon should cover many aspects like: prayers, Bible reading, fasting, serving others, taking communion,

Bible Verse

“But showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments” (Exodus 20:6)

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PEOPLE

Passage Reading Nehemiah 8



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Obedying the commandments is a measure for our true love to God.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The walls of Jerusalem are now rebuilt, and the people are ready to hear the word of God.
- Ezra teaches God's law to the congregation.
- The people understood that the exile was because of their ancestors' sins, and wept in true repentance.
- Ezra and Nehemiah ordered the people to rejoice because they understood the law and repented.
- On the next day, they followed the law in celebrating the Tabernacle feast.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What happens to our life if we remain away from our Bible for a long time?
- Verses 5 & 6: How should we respect the word of God and read it with full reverence?
- Verse 8: it is not enough that we just read our Bible, something more is needed, what is it?
- Verses 10 & 17: How can obeying God's law impact my life? (...do not sorrow...great gladness...)





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PEOPLE

Passage Reading Nehemiah 8

LIFE APPLICATION:

- My consistent daily reading in the Bible is nourishing my soul and is the main source of peace and joy in my life.
- Think of one of your friends who doesn't come to the Bible study, and ask him/her to join you every week to study the word of God.
- Select a verse every day from your Bible reading, and try to apply along your day.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- We find in our Church that the Bible is read from a specific location called the "LECTERN". Normally, it is in a higher level than the believers chorus assembled in the nave of the church - verses 4 & 5.
- Also, we all stand up when the gospel (the word of God) is read - verse 5.
- At the end of the reading we glorify the Lord saying "Glory be to God forever" - verse 6.
- Then, Abouna starts to explain what was read, in a sermon, so that the believers are edified - verses 7 & 8.

Bible Verse

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me" (John 14:21)

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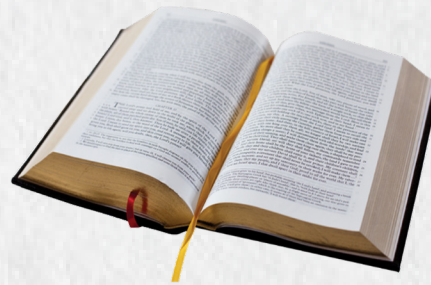
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WALLS

Passage Reading Nehemiah 6



LESSON CONCEPT:

God will not allow to disrupt the spiritual work.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The enemy is trying to stop the building process and progress by all means:
- Try to prevent installing the doors
- Try to harm or kill the responsible
- Try to use rumors of rebellion
- Try to scare the person in charge then to portray him as a coward
- Try to use others (relatives) to stop the work
- However, nothing stopped Nehemiah as he believed that the work was done by God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What was the usage of the walls?
- Is there any benefit from city walls if they are broken or damaged?
- What are our spiritual walls?
- What kind of resistance we may have while building them?



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Passage Reading Nehemiah 6

LIFE APPLICATION:

- We need to be faithful in our spiritual life, check with my father of confession what I need to work on and listen to him.
- If I am enjoying the spiritual growth (building) of my soul, then I have a responsibility to invite others to join me. Think of a friend or a colleague whom you can invite to come with you to attend a liturgy and Sunday School class.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- When our Church is starting a new project, we normally realize very quickly that the cost is enormous and the effort needed is huge.
- But in full faith, every individual of the Church congregation tries to contribute with whatever they can provide: either money or time or effort.
- After the project is completed, once more we experience this beautiful verse: "...this work was done by our God..." (verse 16)

Bible Verse

You are Lord of all, and there is no one who can resist your majesty" (Esther 13:11)

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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

The good father Mattathias recommended to his sons to adhere to the law and the commandment (1 Maccabees 2:49-64)

LESSON 2

Political Sects

King Antiochus commanded Lysias to destroy the temple, and the people cried to God to save them (1 Maccabees 3:27-60)

LESSON 3

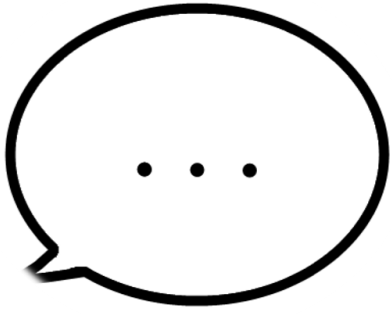
Religious Sects

After the death of his brothers, Simon promised to lead the people and redeem them (1 Maccabees 13:1-10)

LESSON 4

Messianic Hope

Hliodorus tried to steal the treasury of the temple but has completely failed (2 Maccabees 3)



THE CHANGING GUARDS

Passage Reading 1 Maccabees 2:49-64



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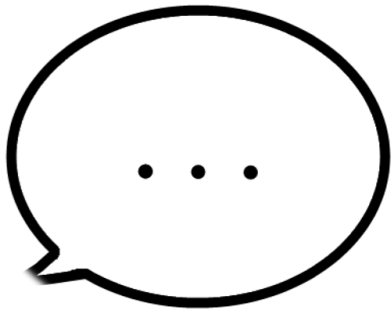
God in His love sends us the spiritual Fathers and guides.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Silence Era:
- God didn't talk through prophets during this period (last prophet was Malachi) for nearly 400 years.
- The book of Malachi was completed in 397 BC, starting this period of silence, until the angel's announcement of the birth of John the Baptist in 4 BC (Luke 1:11-17).
- Also, God was preparing to speak His greatest and most powerful Word to mankind: Jesus.
- Spiritual and faithful parents kept guiding their children through the way of the Lord.
- In this Chapter, the good father Mattathias recommended to his sons to adhere to the law and the commandment.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What do you usually do when you hear about a new nice game from one of your friends? [trust their opinion and recommendations and seek to get it as well]
- What is common between all these people mentioned in this part we read (Joseph, Caleb, David, Daniel...)? [They all were faithful to God and believed and trusted Him]
- Why is it important to listen to our spiritual fathers? [Guide us in the way of the Lord, they are like the coach in the game... listening to them help us improve and achieve our goals]



THE CHANGING GUARDS

Passage Reading 1 Maccabees 2:49-64

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Every time I attend a sermon in a liturgy or a Sunday school class or a Bible study, I must take on a new spiritual concept or practice.
- For this week, I can select a Biblical character and spend some time reading about him/her and studying how they lived in a way that pleased the Lord to learn from them.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our church is very rich with her saints and also the spiritual fathers and guides.
- It is important to learn from them and to follow their steps in our way to heaven.
- There is a biblical reference for this practice: "If you do not know, O fairest among women, follow in the footsteps of the flock" (Song of Solomon 1:8)

Bible Verse

"Joseph, in the time of his anguish, kept the commandment, and he was made ruler of Egypt"
(1 Maccabees 2:53)

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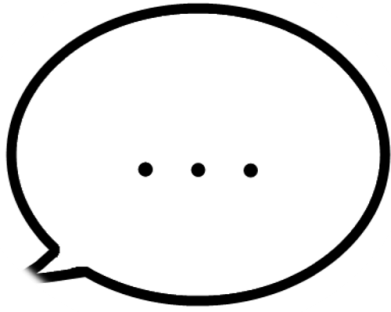
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POLITICAL SECTS

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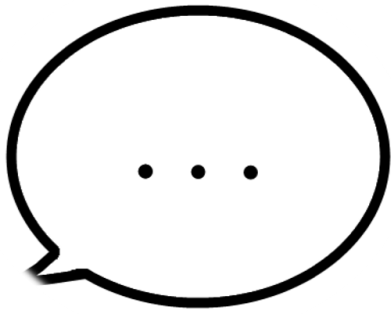
True God's children are completely realizing who is their source of power.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Judas Maccabeus leads the Israelites in different battles and conquers their enemies.
- King Antiochus decides to go to Persia to take tributes and gather much money while he orders Lysias to lead the army and crush Judea and Jerusalem. He wanted Lysias to establish foreigners in the place of the Israelites.
- Lysias' army consisted of 40,000 men and 7,000 horsemen.
- All the Israelites gathered in Mizpah to pray. They fasted, clothed themselves with haircloth and they asked for the Lord's mercy and for His assistance to them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- When a country is preparing for war, what could be the different preparations that they go through?
- What about us, when we face troubles or challenges?
- Is it ok to ask my parents/siblings/friends for help?
- Is that enough?
- As believers we still have a very reliable and powerful resource to help, assist and support us.
- This is our Heavenly Father who is our true source of power.



POLITICAL SECTS

Passage Reading 1 Maccabees 3:27-60

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Let us bring any problem or trouble that we, or our beloved, are facing before God first in our prayers. Then, we may ask others for help; and think in a suitable resolution.
- Every time I come to church, I need to take few minutes to stand before God and put between His hands all my worries and problems, trusting that He listens and responds.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In every liturgy, and right after the Holy Spirit sanctifies the bread and wine to be the Body and the Blood of our Lord, the Church is praying what we call the litanies.
- These are prayers for the peace of the Church, the fathers, the clergy, asking for God's mercy, the place, the air, the water and the plants of the field, and finally the oblations.
- Since our Lord Jesus Christ is present with His Body and Blood at this time, then we ask for all what we want because we know who is our source of power whom we should address.

Bible Verse

"How shall we be able to stand before their face, unless you, O God, assist us?" (1 Maccabees 3:53)

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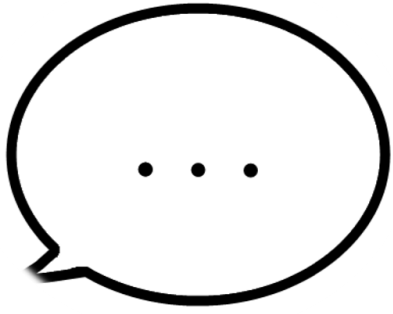
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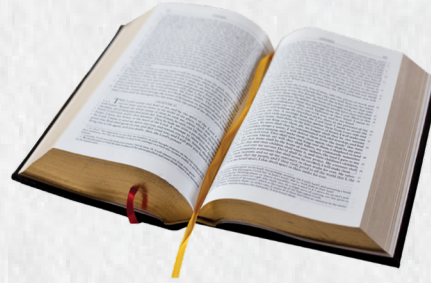
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RELIGIOUS SECTS

Passage Reading 1 Maccabees 13:1-10



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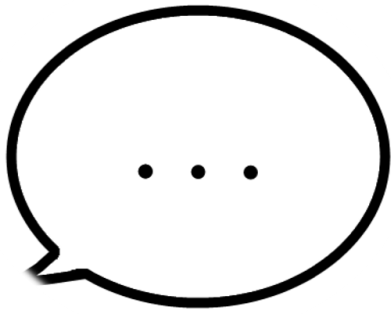
Practical application for the sacrificing love.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Simon, the last of Mattathias' sons, gathers all the people in Jerusalem to prepare to stop Trypho, the commander of their enemies, who is coming to destroy the people and the city.
- The people were terrified but Simon exhorted them saying that, like his father and brothers, he will defend the city and the people, even if this would cost him his own life.
- The sacrificial love that Simon showed assured the people and they started to complete the walls of Jerusalem and fortify the city all around to be ready for the coming battle.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- If a city or a country is expected to get into war, in your opinion, how should the people prepare themselves?
- What could be the different feelings of the people in this city?
- Why is it important spiritually, to complete the walls and fortify the city all around? (The city being my own soul and the war being fighting evil)
- Who sacrificed Himself to save us and guaranty for us an everlasting life? How should we respond to all His unconditional love?



RELIGIOUS SECTS

Passage Reading 1 Maccabees 13:1-10

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Don't get upset if someone didn't recognize any service you provided them. This is "Sacrificial Love".
- If you were asked to help a colleague in studying, please accept happily. This is "Sacrificial Love".
- If you were asked to help your mom with preparing and/or serving the food while you had other stuff to do, please help her with a big smile. This is "Sacrificial Love".

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The symbol for the highest level of "Sacrificial Love" that humanity had ever known is the cross.
- That's why, as Christians, we love to relate ourselves to the cross, we love to have the cross around us everywhere: inside and outside our churches, we wear it, we have it in our cars, we kiss it in the hands of the priests, ...
- In short, we are filled with peace and comfort when we look to our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross, because we realize how much He loved each and every one of us.

Bible Verse

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

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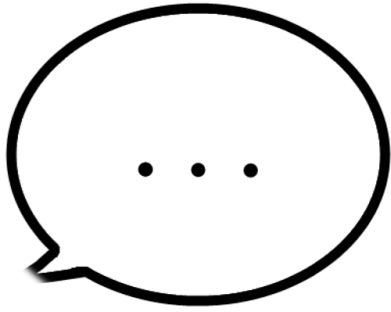
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MESSIANIC HOPE

Passage Reading 2 Maccabees 3



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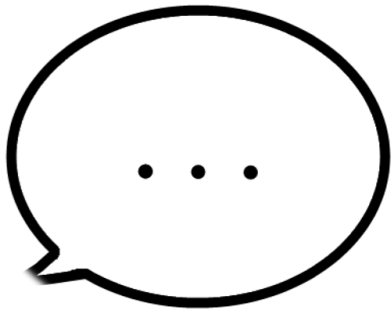
God is fully capable to put an end to evil and the devil.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- In the time of Onias, the high priest, the overseer of the temple, called Simon, went to Apollonius the governor and informed him that the treasury in Jerusalem is full of money and the king can take it all.
- The king sent Heliodorus with an army to take the money of the treasury. Onias informed Heliodorus that part of the money pertained to a noble man, and the rest is a deposit for widows and orphans.
- Onias and all the people cried to the Lord to save the place.
- Heliodorus was confronted by the mighty power of God and 2 angels who scourged him.
- When he was about to die, Onias prayed and offered a sacrifice on Heliodorus' behalf and he lived after he was about to breathe his last.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- When you hear some unusual news (slander) about someone whom you know, how should you react?
- "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" (Genesis 28:17). Discuss the reverence that is due to God's house.
- Why do we ask for the prayers of the saints and the fathers (Bishops or Priests) for us? Is that something important?



MESSIANIC HOPE

Passage Reading 2 Maccabees 3

LIFE APPLICATION:

- I am not alone while facing evil and troubles. I will pray and my heavenly Father will protect me.
- I can also ask for the intercession of the saints, and the prayers of the godly people around me.
- God will never allow evil to defeat me. Even, at the time of trouble, He turns it into special spiritual growth and blessing for me as long as I am clinging to Him. (Open for examples and discussion)

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The advent period is 43 days (the fasting period before nativity feast), why?
- 40 days are commemorating Moses' fast to receive the word of God on mount Sinai (the OT law). Similarly, we are preparing to receive Jesus Christ, the Word of God, born in a manger (our hearts).
- The 3 extra days commemorate when Coptic Christians fasted before moving the mount of Mokatam.
- Our Church added these 3 fasting days for every year's advent, so we may never forget that "God is fully capable to put and end to evil and the devil".

Bible Verse

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper"
(Isaiah 54:17)

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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 turns water to wine in the wedding at Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-11)

LESSON 2

Forgiving Sins

Jesus accepts the repentance of a sinful woman and forgives her sins (Luke 7:36-50)

LESSON 3

Accepts Kneeling & Worshiping

Simon Peter kneels before Jesus Christ after catching a big number of fish (Luke 5:1-11)

LESSON 4

Has Power over Nature

Jesus walks on the sea (John 6:16-21)



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The Creator

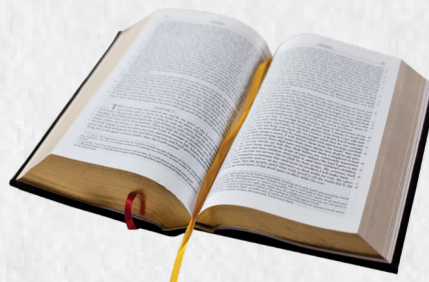
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THE CREATOR

Passage Reading John 2:1-11



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LESSON CONCEPT:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God the creator.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The wedding invitation.
- St. Mary's intercession / request to Jesus to save the day.
- St. Mary's direction to the servants "Whatever He says to you, do it".
- Jesus turns water to wine.
- The master of the feast praised the new "good" wine.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What do we learn about St Mary from what she said and did in this wedding?
- What if the servants didn't do whatever Jesus said to them?
- If you were one of them, what would you be thinking of while putting just water in the water pots (while you know you need Wine not Water!)
- Was this a chemical reaction? Or a true creation for new material?





LESSON 1
The Creator

LESSON 2
Forgiving Sins

LESSON 3
Accepts Kneeling & Worshiping

LESSON 4
Has Power over Nature

THE CREATOR

Passage Reading John 2:1-11

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Remember to ask for the saints' intercession when you pray, when you need help in anything, your intercessor saint will pray for you & support you.
- Is it possible that there could be no Creator for this world?
- What should I think of when looking around and seeing all creatures and the beautiful nature?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Church selected a number of Psalms talking about God's creation in details and how all the creation glorifies the Lord; and used these psalms as parts of the praises prayers that all believers can pray everyday.
- Also, the 3 youths when they were saved from the fiery furnace, they started praising God, mentioning all the creation that also glorifies the Lord. And, again, this became part of the daily praises that we pray.

Bible Verse

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." (Psalm 19:1)

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LESSON 1
The Creator

LESSON 2
Forgiving Sins

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Passage Reading Luke 7:36-50



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LESSON CONCEPT:

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

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Simon's invitation.
- The sinner woman action, and Simon's thoughts.
- Jesus' parable on the creditor and two debtors.
- Simon's polite reception of Jesus into his home had no warmth of real welcome.
- Jesus accepts the repentance of a sinful woman and forgives her sins.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did Simon invite Jesus?
- Why did Jesus accept the invitation?
- What did Simon do wrong?
- Why was this woman forgiven?
- What did Jesus mean by the creditor and the debtors? Who and what do they represent?





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LIFE APPLICATION:

- What about me? How do I meet Jesus in the Eucharist? With what heart... Simon's or the repentant woman's heart?
- Do we sometimes compare ourselves to other people, like Simon!?
- Confession: I am sure we all have father of confession; can we make sure we all see our father of confession regularly?

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross, has completed our redemption and is offering salvation to each and every one of us.
- Salvation provided by Christ is essential for us to reach heaven.
- Through our lives, we stumble and sin and go astray from the Heaven's way.
- To readjust our way again and have our sins forgiven, our Church provided us with a very important sacrament: "Repentance and Confession".
- When we repent and confess, we hear with this sinful (but repentant) woman: "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Bible Verse

"Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." (Luke 7:50)

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Passage Reading Luke 5: 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 multitude followed the Lord to hear his teaching.
- The Lord asked Simon to Launch out into the deep to catch fish.
- Simon stated they laboured in vain, but he trusted and obeyed Christ.
- They caught a great number of fish.
- Peter fell down at Jesus' knees, and declared that he doesn't deserve to host Jesus in his boat.
- Jesus called them to be His disciples.
- They forsook their boats and everything to follow Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Peter could have come with many excuses...
- What would he say?
- What about You, what would you say?
- Why Did Peter fell down at Jesus' knees? Does he really want Jesus to get out of the boat?
- What does it mean to catch men? And how?





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Passage Reading Luke 5: 1-11

LIFE APPLICATION:

- What can you forsake for Jesus this week?
- What can you do this week to launch into the deep with Jesus?
- Let's have the habit of kneeling before Jesus our Lord every morning (Prostration = Metania).

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- It is an essential part of our worship whether in home or in Church to kneel to the ground before the Lord. This is what we call "Prostration" or "Metania".
- During the Great Lent, and as we fast, the Church teaches us to accompany our prayers and our fasting with more and more metanias.
- Every weekday matins, we worship before the Lord in metanias with multiple litanies (prayers).
- Also, during the 12th hour of Good Friday, we do 400 metanias.
- Metanias are a way to express our repentance and humbling ourselves before the Lord whom we worship.

Bible Verse

"When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"
" (Luke 5:8)

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Passage Reading John 6:16-21



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LESSON CONCEPT:

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

LESSON SUMMARY:

- This miracle followed the miracle of the feeding of the five thousands.
- Jesus sent the disciples in a boat back to the “other side” of the Sea of Galilee.
- Night fell and the sea arose as the ship became caught in a wind storm.
- The disciples were alone and afraid!
- Jesus watched the disciples as they rowed across the lake. His eyes were on them all the time. And, in the due time, He came to them walking on the water.
- Jesus assured the disciples saying: “It is I; do not be afraid” (verse 20)
- Once they received Jesus into their boat, they arrived to their destination safely.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why did Jesus allow the wind storm to happen? What wind storms do we experience in our life?
- Is “depending on God” means to live in a careless way, and to refuse to take any responsibility? (verse 19)
- When the disciples had Jesus in their boat, they finally felt safe, and reached their destination. How can we get Jesus in our boat?





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Passage Reading John 6:16-21

LIFE APPLICATION:

- “And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them”, what are some examples for “dark times”?
- Do we think we are alone in these times? Or do we believe that Jesus is with us always?!
- Facing a serious trouble, and when we have no solution, and almost no hope; at this very time, Jesus says “Don’t Be Afraid , I am here”! How do you relate this to a difficult experience you had?
- Always remember that Christ is the King of Peace, whenever I am worried or afraid from anything, I have to lift up my heart and mind and pray to Jesus.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Because we believe that our Lord Jesus Christ has power over nature, we ask Him in our prayers (in the litanies during liturgies) to bless:
 - The air of heaven,
 - The fruits of the earth,
 - The waters of the river,
 - The seeds, the herbs and the plants of the field.
- Also, the priest prays the following: “Raise them to their measure according to Your grace. Give joy to the face of the earth. May its furrows be abundantly watered and its fruits be plentiful. Prepare it for sowing and harvesting ...

Bible Verse

“They saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. But He said to them: It is I; do not be afraid.” (John 6:19-20)

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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

Church prayers freed St Peter from prison (Acts 12:1-17)

LESSON 2

Evangelism

God calls St Paul to preach to the Gentiles (Acts 13:2-12 & 16:6-10)

LESSON 3

Sacraments

The Confirmation / Chrismation Sacrament (Acts 8:5-17 & 19:1-7)

LESSON 4

Dogma

St Stephen witnessed to Jesus Christ and clearly worshiped Him till his last breath (Acts 7:2-60)





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Praying

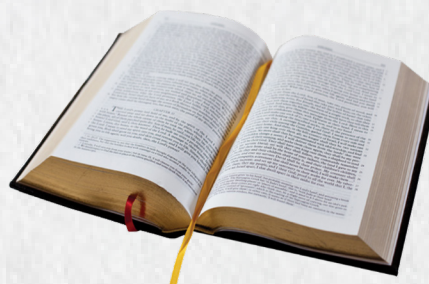
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Passage Reading Acts 12:1-17



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LESSON CONCEPT:

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

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Herod killed James.
- Herod arrested Peter, and was planning to kill him.
- Constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.
- An angel of the Lord came to Peter (and light shone in the prison).
- The angel freed Peter, and led him outside the prison.
- Peter realized that he was not dreaming, and went to where the church were gathered (Mary's house, St. Mark's mother).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why God didn't save James in the same way as Peter? (The church prayed for both of them ... why God responded differently?)
- Do you think Peter was worried or afraid, or was having real inner peace? Why?
- Should we continue praying even if we don't get what we ask for?
- What are the different missions for angels that we have seen through the Bible?





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PRAYING

Passage Reading Acts 12:1-17

LIFE APPLICATION:

- When you hear bad news or rumors, you shouldn't worry because God is in control. Rejoice always, Pray always!
- Pray for one another. Let's pray for others, let's ask God to heal the sick & comfort who's in pain.
- Some problems around us like wars whether physical or against beliefs need to be confronted by prayers. Let's act proactively and pray for such problems.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- The main activity of the Church is to pray, and to teach every believer how to pray.
- In church, we learn to pray liturgies, agpeya, praises, hymns, saints' venerations, ...
- All church sacraments are practiced through prayers.
- Simply, prayers are very important because it is our direct communication with God.

Bible Verse

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

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EVANGELISM

Passage Reading Acts 13:2-12 & Acts 16:6-10



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Preaching upon God's call.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The church in Antioch and its prophets / teachers were praying and fasting.
- The Holy Spirit directed them to send out Barnabas and Paul (Saul) to preach to the gentiles (Paul's First Missionary Journey).
- They went to preach in Cyprus, and met with Sergius Paulus.
- A false prophet called Bar-Jesus (Elymas the sorcerer) resisted them.
- St Paul warned Elymas to return from his ways, letting him realize his internal darkness (Elymas was temporary blind, not seeing the sun for a time). Sergius believed & was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.
- Paul's second missionary journey: The Holy Spirit guided them not to preach the word in Asia but to go to Macedonia (concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What do you think of the power of prayer and fasting?
- Letting Elymas be a blind, is this a punishment or a wake-up call?
- How does the Holy Spirit talk to us / guide us these days?
- Why was St Paul successful in his preaching and evangelism journeys?
- Why was St Paul willing to face troubles (like Elymas) while preaching? (he was sent and supported by the Holy Spirit)





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EVANGELISM

Passage Reading Acts 13:2-12 & Acts 16:6-10

LIFE APPLICATION:

- How can I guide others to Jesus? Can I be a living gospel?
- Can I take every chance to mention God's name and glorify him?
- If I have a friend eager to know more about God, invite him/her to come to the church and meet with God.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- An important mission for the Church is to preach the Gospel (the glad tidings – i.e. the redemption and salvation offered by our Lord Jesus Christ) to everyone.
- Some missionary trips are arranged for this purpose.
- Some services like homeless outreach are also a way to talk about God to those who don't know Him.
- As believers, we have a role to participate in these services, and to welcome and include any new members who join our church.

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Bible Verse

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see
your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
(Mat 5:16)





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LESSON CONCEPT:

The Confirmation sacrament grants all the Holy Spirit gifts to the baptized person.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Christ is preached in Samaria by Philip.
- When the people believed in Christ, they were baptized, including Simon the sorcerer (first sacrament).
- Peter and John went to Samaria to complete the second sacrament (i.e. confirmation)
- “then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit”
- Paul came to Ephesus (in his third missionary journey)
- Early Christians / believers were called “disciples” or followers of “the Way”.
- Paul baptized them (first sacrament).
- Then, he laid hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit (second sacrament).
- “they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is a sacrament? How many sacraments do we have in Church?
- What is the main effect of the Baptism sacrament?
- What is the main effect of the Confirmation sacrament?
- How is it being delivered these days in our church?





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LIFE APPLICATION:

- “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23)
- As Christian, and with God’s grace, I have to watch myself if I am lacking any of the Spirit’s fruit.
- During this week, let’s all deal with our families and friends with kindness and gentleness.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- For each one of the 7 sacraments of our church, there is a biblical reference.
- We also know that our Lord Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, was repeatedly appearing to His disciples and talking to them.
- According to the holy tradition, this is the time when the Lord Jesus taught His disciples all the details about the sacraments, how to pray liturgies, the rites, ...

Bible Verse

“And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied” (Acts 19:6)

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LESSON CONCEPT:

We worship Jesus Christ as we believe in His Divinity.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Stephen was one of the seven deacons chosen to serve.
- Stephen's faith and ministry.
- Stephen was accused of blasphemy.
- Stephen answering the high priest & the crowd, reminding them how God worked for their salvation starting with the call to Abraham, and how Israel resisted the Holy Spirit.
- St. Stephen witnessed to his faith in Jesus Christ till his last breath:
- "the Just One"
- "Jesus standing at the right hand of God" (i.e. His power and glory)
- "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
- "Lord, do not charge them with this sin."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What was the main reputation of St. Stephen?
- Full of faith (Acts 6:5 & 8)
- Was he afraid in front of the crowd? Why?
- He had real faith – he knew where he is going
- From the long speech of Stephen, why is it important to be well rooted in the Scriptures?
- To understand the salvation plan and believe in Christ





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Passage Reading Acts 6 & 7

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Do I have such strong faith? What should I do to grow my faith?
- In current time, do I need to give witness to my faith and to Christ? How?
- Practice: For this week, I'll repeat the following verse daily, but I'll use my name instead of Stephen. "And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6:8).

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- What is Eucharist? Eucharist is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Why do we take communion (Eucharist)? Given for us for salvation, remission of sins, and eternal life to those who partake of Him (from the liturgy).
- Since those 3 specific gifts cannot be granted except by God; this implies that Jesus Christ must be God.

Bible Verse

"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59)

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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 reveals the glory of the heavenly Jerusalem.

LESSON 1

**The Groom
reveals Himself**

Who is Jesus Christ?
(Revelation 1)

LESSON 2

**Heavenly rewards to
those who conquer**

Church of Smyrna
(Revelation 2:8-11)

LESSON 3

**Revealing
things to come**

The 7 Trumpets
(Revelation 8 to 14)

LESSON 4

**Heavenly
Jerusalem**

Heaven's glory
(Revelation 21)





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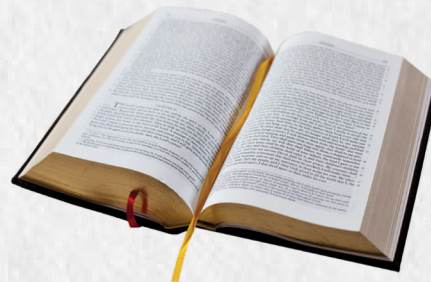
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THE GROOM REVEALS HIMSELF

Passage Reading Revelation 1



LESSON CONCEPT:

God reveals Himself and His plans to His faithful servants.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Who is Jesus Christ? And what is He revealing to me about Himself? (verses 4, 5 & 8)
- The One who is and who was and who is to come.
- The faithful witness.
- The firstborn from the dead.
- The ruler over the kings of the earth.
- The One who loved us (the lover of mankind).
- The One who washed us from our sins in His own blood.
- The Alpha and the Omega.
- The Beginning and the End.
- The Almighty.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- For whom is Jesus a witness? (God the Father, He made us to know the Father)
- Why is He the firstborn from the dead? (because He rose with a glorified body – never happened before)
- Why do we take Eucharist? (to wash our sins in His blood)
- What are the limits of God's love? (Endless, and covers everything – He is the Alpha and Omega – The full range of alphabet of the language used to describe God's love)
- Where is mankind in God's mind? (He is the lover of mankind, and this is the proof: He is the Beginning, i.e. He is their creator; and He is the End, i.e. the One who took flesh to redeem them)





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THE GROOM REVEALS HIMSELF

Passage Reading Revelation 1

LIFE APPLICATION:

- I am dedicating a daily time for my Bible. This is very important to grow my knowledge of God.
- If I read something in the Bible and could not understand it; I must ask my parents, my servant or Abouna. It is very important to understand what I read.
- Let us pray this week that God reveals Himself to all those who are away from Him, to touch their hearts and redirect them towards heaven.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Note how important is the word of God in our Church:
- Every liturgy, we have 5 different readings from the Bible through the liturgy of the word: The Pauline epistle, the Catholic epistle, the Acts of the Apostles, a Psalm, and a Gospel.
- In the great lent time, we add other readings from the OT.
- Moreover, all the wording of the liturgy is extracted from the Bible.

Bible Verse

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.” (Revelation 1:3)

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HEAVENLY REWARDS TO THOSE WHO CONQUER

Passage Reading Revelation 2:8-11



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LESSON CONCEPT:

Be faithful unto death ... He knows everything.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- God sees and knows the sufferings of the church in Smyrna.
- God testifies that they are spiritually rich.
- God reveals that the tribulation will remain for 10 days. Meaning, in a prophetic way, it will continue for the next 10 Roman emperors – Historically, started by Nero and ended by Diocletian.
- God asks them to remain faithful until death, because there will be a heavenly reward.
- Those who conquer cannot be hurt by the second death (eternal death and being separated from God).

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 2:8-11

LIFE APPLICATION:

- From a Christian point of view, getting into tribulation is an opportunity to draw nearer to God. If you, or a loved one, are suffering in any way, turn this suffering into a material for your prayers.
- When we pray for someone who has a problem or is suffering, never suggest a solution to the Lord, just ask for help and support, and pray: "let it be according to Your will".

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Historically, when the church was persecuted and Christians were martyred in large numbers, the result was unexpected: the church grew and became stronger.
- As for the martyrs, the Church honors them and we name our churches and our sons and daughters after them.
- We believe that as they loved Christ and accepted to lose their lives but not to deny Him, the same way, Christ loves them so much and hears their prayers and their intercessions on our behalf.

Bible Verse

"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life ... He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death" (Revelation 2:10-11)





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LESSON CONCEPT:

God helps His bride (us/ the Church) to withstand and win in different challenges. He loves when we hold to Him while persevering in our spiritual battles.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- The 7 Warnings (the seven trumpets).
- Read (Ch. 8), while highlighting the salvation intercession of Jesus (the Lamb), in verses 3 & 4; and explaining quickly what are these warnings about.
- Give a hint on the 5th and 6th trumpets, the Anti-Christ, in Ch. 9.
- And, how God looks at him in Ch. 10 and 11.
- Continue the story briefly towards the coming of Christ (7th trumpet) in Ch. 11.
- The symbol of the woman and the dragon Ch. 12.
- Her fight with the dragon Ch. 12.
- Her fight with the Anti-Christ Ch. 13.
- Then, rejoicing in Ch. 14.





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LIFE APPLICATION:

- Part of the Anti-Christ war against the Church and the believers is to normalize and legalize different sins. The goal being to deviate us from our way to heaven.
- The only way to resist this plan is to draw closer to God.
- Take every opportunity to pray, to read your Bible and study it and understand it, to attend liturgies and take communion, to attend praises and meditate in God's love, power and protection to mankind.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- In Noah's Ark, only those who were inside the ark were saved.
- We also believe that those who are inside the Church and grow their relationship with God everyday will be saved.
- One of the early Church Fathers stated: "There is no salvation outside the Church".
- To remember this, some of our churches are built in the shape of an ark.

Bible Verse

"These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God." (Revelation 14:4-5)

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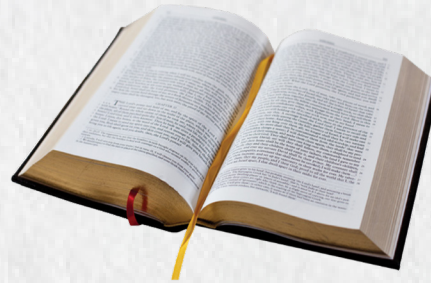
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HEAVENLY JERUSALEM

Passage Reading Revelation 21



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LESSON CONCEPT:

I am longing to live forever in the new Heavenly Jerusalem that God had revealed.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Description of the heavenly Jerusalem, our new kingdom and our new church (verses 1 to 7):
- Eternal dwelling
- In the presence of the heavenly groom
- No sorrow no pain no crying
- God makes all things new
- The glory of the new Jerusalem because of God's presence in it (verses 22 to 26).
- Who is permitted to enter and who will be denied entry (verse 27).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is the primary goal of our life here on earth? (to reach heaven)
- What is the glory awaiting us with Jesus in Heavenly Jerusalem?
- Can we live a glimpse from heaven here on earth? (personal talks with the Lord, loving each other, our communion together...)





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LIFE APPLICATION:

- Come to attend praises in church (Saturday night). When you praise God, you join the angels in their main job.
- Never lie again, do you know why? “But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie ...” (verse 27).
- Think of the main virtue of the saint whom you love the most, and learn it, to join him/her in heaven.

CHURCH CONCEPT:

- Church is God’s house, and is heaven on earth.
- If you like to imagine how heaven looks like, come to the church early, or remain in it after the liturgy, and sit by yourself to pray and take a tour in it.
- You will find that heaven is full of saints.
- Our Lord Jesus Christ is its glory.
- You will feel peace and joy and no worry, exactly like in heaven.
- Try to do the same in different churches or in the monastery, to learn more and more about heaven.

Bible Verse

“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.” (Revelation 21:6-7)





Thank You!

