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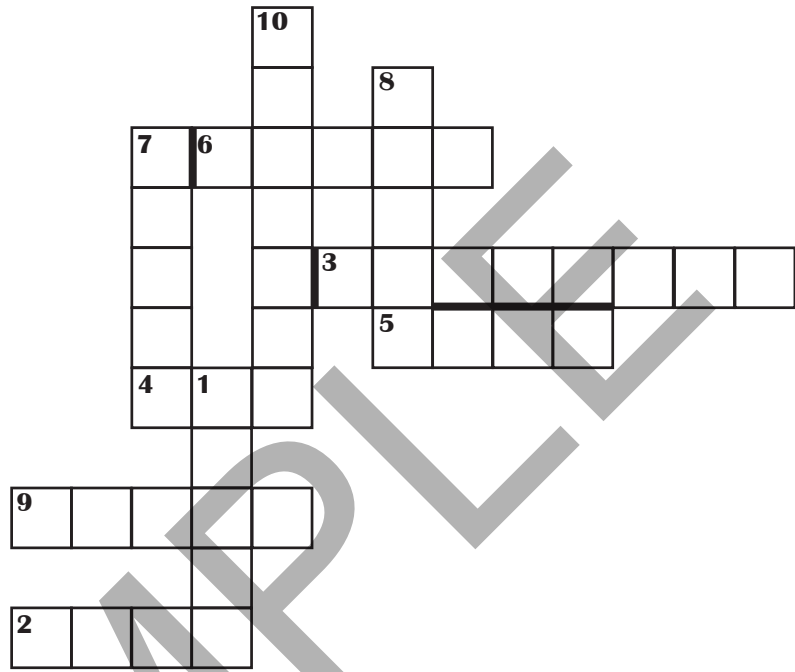
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Chapter 1: PROLOGUE TO THE GOSPEL STORY

Based on chapter 1 in the multimedia book

Make a word Puzzle Prologue to The Gospel Story



1. When God created the world, it was perfect. Humankind was created in the (1) _____ of God to (2) _____ over and subdue the earth.
3. God had a relationship with Adam and Eve that was (3) _____ and not like that with any other creature.
4. What broke the relationship between God and humankind?
5. After the death of Abel, who was the righteous person born of Adam and Eve?
6. How did God judge and destroy the world during Noah's time?
7. What was God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3? How were the 'families on earth' going to be blessed through Abraham? Who was a descendant of Abraham who would become the Messiah?

8. Who did God use to bring the Israelites out of Egypt after they had settled there for 430 years?

9. God promised He would send a Messiah. From which tribe of the Israelites would He come from?

10. Who built the Temple of Jerusalem?

The Numbers Game

(a) 430	(b) 1500	(d) 40	(e) 7	(c) 12	(f) 10	(g) 39	(h) 27
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11. State the significance of these numbers in relation to the Bible.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____ and _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

12. The Old Testament is divided into the following sections. State the number of books in each section.

- _____ books of Law
- _____ books of History
- _____ books of Poetry
- _____ Major of Prophets
- _____ Minor of Prophets

13. The New Testament is divided into the following sections. State the number of books in each section.

- _____ Gospels
- _____ of History
- _____ Letters or Epistles
- _____ Prophecy

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Chapter 2: THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS FORETOLD

Based on chapter 3 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

God has a plan for our lives. Nothing is impossible for God.

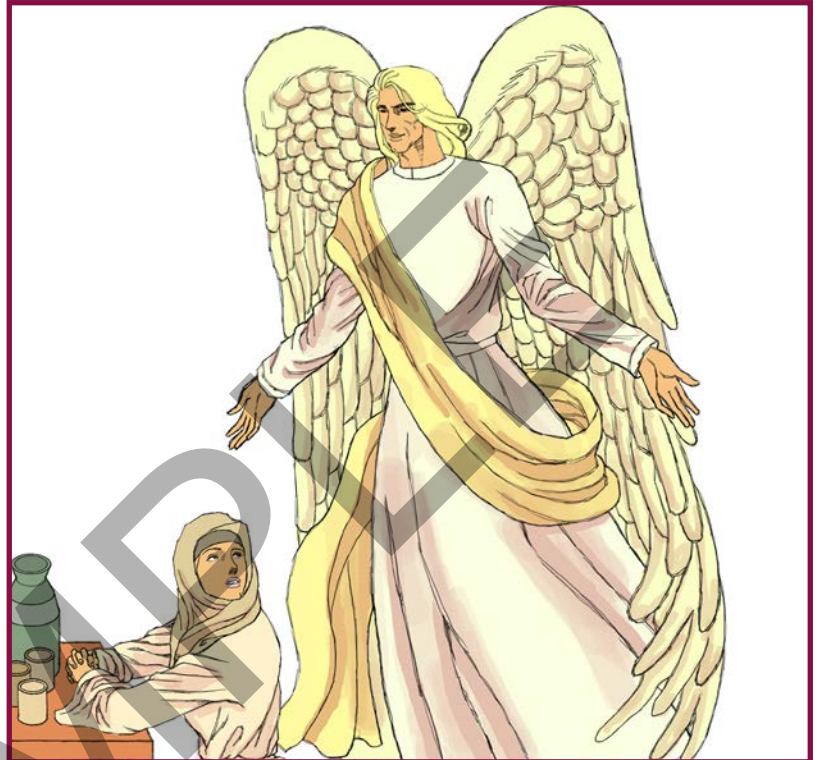
Application:

1. That you will thank God that He has chosen you even before you were born and that He has a special purpose for your life.
2. That you will trust that God is faithful and will always keep His promises to you.

Bible Reference: Luke 1:5-45, 57-66

Key Verse:

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her. Luke 1:38 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

Identify the difference between Zechariah and Mary’s encounter with the angel. Use Bible references.

Zechariah			
1.	What the angel said	Consequences for Zechariah	Zechariah’s response

Mary

2.

What the angel said	Consequences for Mary	Mary's response

3. What were the signs given to Zechariah & Elizabeth and Mary concerning the miracle that was about to happen?
4. How are John and Jesus related?
5. Why do you think God chose Mary to bear His son?
6. Read Luke 1:67-80. Imagine you are Zechariah. How would you explain to your son all that the angel had said would happen to him and what his mission in life was? Use additional paper if you need to.

2. Application

1. In light of what the angel said in Luke 1:26-38, what does the Bible promise about God being faithful in keeping us in His plan?
2. How should we respond to this knowledge? What changes should we make in our lives?

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Chapter 3: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Based on chapter 4 and 5 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus the Messiah is given to all people, of high and low status.

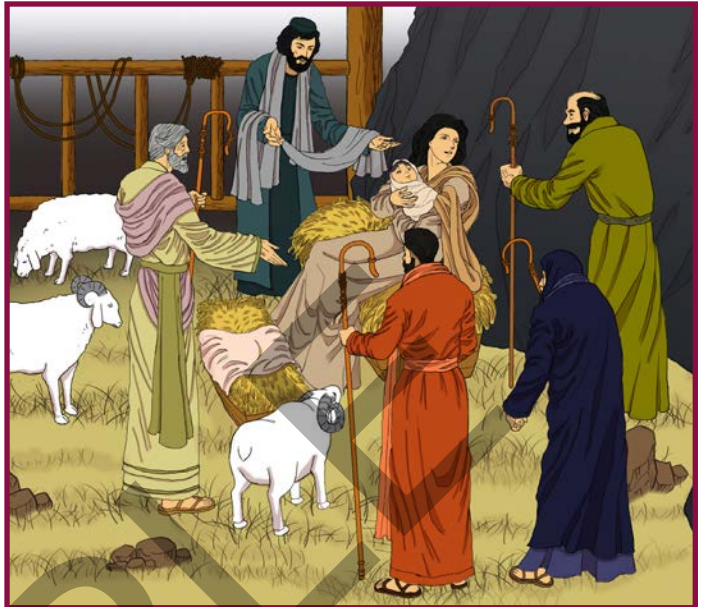
Application:

That you will choose to obey God at all times.

Bible Reference: Matthew 1:18-25,
Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 2:1-18

Key Verse:

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
Luke 2:1 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

Compare the message about Jesus that came to Joseph, the shepherds, the Magi and Herod.

	How was the message given	Content of the Message	Response
Joseph			
Shepherds			
Magi			
Herod			

1. What blessings did the Magi and the shepherds receive?
2. What was Joseph's blessing?
3. Why do you think the shepherds were frightened when the angel appeared to them?
4. How did the shepherds feel when they found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger?
5. What did the Magi do when they saw the child?
6. What were the gifts that the Magi brought for the baby?
7. Which prophet of the Old Testament had prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem? Google the name of this prophet and see how many years ago did the prophet live?

2. Application

1. If we have been given an instruction that we know is very important what should we do? Share a time when you had such an experience.

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Chapter 4: THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION

Based on chapter 6 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus did not have to be baptised because He had no sin. But He was obedient to God in letting John baptise him. Worship God and obey Him only.

Application:

1. That you will imitate Jesus' example and be obedient to follow what God wants you to do.
2. That you will take steps to know God's Word so that it can help you in times of temptation.

Bible Reference: Luke 3:1-22,
Matthew 3:13-17, 4:1-11

Key Verse:

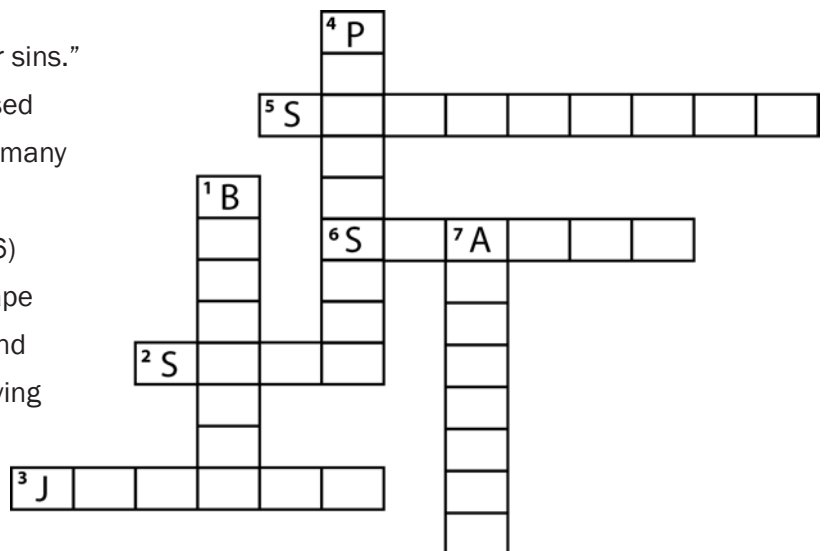
Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

1. Fill in the crossword puzzle with the correct words from John's sermon.

"Turn away from your sins and be (1) _____ and God will forgive your sins."
They confessed their (2) _____ and he baptised them in the (3) _____. When John saw many (4) _____ and (5) _____, he said to them, "You (6) _____! Who told you that you could escape from the punishment God is about to send? And don't think you can escape punishment by saying that Abraham is your (7) _____."



2. What happened after Jesus was baptized and came out of the water?

3. The Temptation

	Devil said	Jesus said
First Temptation		
Second Temptation		
Third Temptation		

2. Application

1. How would John's command to three groups of people be applied to people who desire to serve God today? (e.g. people who are working in community service, people who are civil servants, business men/women, police, politicians?)
 - Be willing to share
 - Be honest
 - Do not extort
2. Using the example of Jesus, how can we prepare ourselves to withstand temptation when it comes to us?

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Chapter 5: MAKING FISHERS OF MEN

Based on chapter 8 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

It was not because of their qualifications but their faith and willingness to follow Him that led them to follow Jesus.

Application:

To realize that God looks at your heart and not your abilities as you follow Jesus.

Bible Reference: Luke 5:1-11, 27-32, 6:12-16, John 1:43-51

Key Verse:

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7b (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

1. Who brought Jesus to meet Simon?
2. Name the first four disciples of Jesus. What was their profession?
3. What did Jesus do for the fishermen before calling them to be His disciples?
4. What did Peter say after Jesus performed the miracle?
5. What was Levi's profession?
6. What was Jesus' response to those who complained when He ate and drank with the tax collectors?
7. What did Jesus do before choosing the 12 disciples?

8. List out the 12 disciples and find the words in the box.

- 1) Simon _ _ _ _ _
- 2) _ _ _ _ _ son of Zebedee
- 3) _ _ _ _ _ son of Zebedee
- 4) A _ _ _ _ _
- 5) P _ _ _ _ _
- 6) N _ _ _ _ _ a.k.a Bartholomew
- 7) Matthew _ _ _ _ _
- 8) T _ _ _ _ _
- 9) _ _ _ _ _ son of Alphaeus
- 10) _ _ _ _ _ the Zealot
- 11) _ _ _ _ _ a.k.a Thaddaeus
- 12) _ _ _ _ _ Iscariot

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A	S	P	O	I	N	B	V	G	Y	A	O
A	I	A	J	O	Y	P	A	L	M	A	H
N	M	I	J	A	A	E	A	E	B	C	N
A	O	K	E	E	M	T	S	V	L	I	M
T	N	F	O	N	G	E	A	I	H	Y	C
H	P	R	E	S	L	R	S	A	X	S	A
A	A	H	L	M	J	H	Y	R	A	U	R
N	K	K	I	U	N	B	M	M	J	I	M
I	T	E	C	L	N	M	O	A	U	S	D
E	O	N	B	F	I	H	J	U	D	A	H
L	Y	R	T	E	T	P	O	O	E	A	V

2. Application

1. Given the former profession of these disciples, what can we learn about the way God calls His people, what qualifications are needed and how does He prepare His people for tasks that will soon be given to them?
2. How can we prepare ourselves for a time when we might be called, or given the opportunity, to do something with a greater value and longer lasting impact than what we are doing currently?
3. What do you think God has called you to do?

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Chapter 6: THE POWER TO HEAL AND TO FORGIVE SINS

Based on chapter 9 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus cares deeply for those who are suffering and rejected by others and has the authority to forgive sins.

Application:

That you will seek to be compassionate to those who are rejected by others.

Bible Reference: Matthew 4:23-25, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:12-16

Key Verse:

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

1. Jesus went all over _____, teaching in the _____.
2. What was the leper saying as he was going through the crowd towards Jesus?
3. Why did the people quickly step back from the leper?
4. What did the leper do and say when he saw Jesus? What was Jesus' response?
5. What happened when Jesus stretched out His hand and touched the leper?

6. What did Jesus tell the leper to do after he was healed? Why?

7. When Jesus came to Capernaum, many people followed to listen to Him and see Him perform miracles. What were the intentions of the teachers of the Law when they came to listen to Jesus?

8. When Jesus saw the faith of the four men that lowered their friend down through the roof on a mat, what did He say?

9. What did Jesus say to the paralysed man and what did the man do after he was healed?

2. Application

1. In what way can we be like the four friends who lowered their paralysed friend down through the roof?

2. Have we been in a situation where we responded like the teachers of the Law who instead of being helpful, were more critical and judgmental? How can we avoid doing that?

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Chapter 7: THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Based on chapter 10 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Blessed are those who do what is right in God's eyes. God desires His people to live in ways that pleases Him.

Application:

1. That you will be encouraged to know that you are blessed as you do what is right in God's eyes.
2. That you will act on living in ways you know will please God.

Bible Reference: Matthew 5:3-48

Key Verse:

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

1. What does the word 'blessed' mean? Look up the dictionary and find another word to replace it in the context of these verses

2. What a Blessing

Read Matthew 5:3-12. The complete the beatitudes by drawing a line to match the correct halves together.

God blesses those who are poor and who realise their need for Him

for they will be shown mercy

God blesses those who mourn

for the kingdom of heaven is theirs

God blesses those who are humble

for they will see God

God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice

for they will be called children of God

God blesses those who are merciful

for the kingdom of heaven is theirs

God blesses those whose hearts are pure

for they will inherit the earth

God blesses those who work for peace

for they will be comforted

God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right

for they will be satisfied

3. What did Jesus say about making peace with our brother when we come to worship God?
(Matthew 5:23-24)

4. What did Jesus say about the way to respond to our enemies? (Matthew 5:43-44)

5. What did Jesus teach about how we should treat others (Matthew 7:12)

2. Application

1. What does it mean to be the salt and light of the earth?

2. What kind of sacrifices might we have to make when one becomes salt and light of the earth?

3. How can we adopt the blessed characteristics as described by Jesus?

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Chapter 8: FAITH, POWER AND AUTHORITY

Based on chapter 11 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus is Lord over all things including illnesses, the forces of nature and evil spirits.

Application:

That you will entrust your fears of sicknesses or evil spirits to Jesus because He has authority over all things.

Bible Reference: Matthew 8, Mark 4, 5

Key Verse:

“They were terrified and asked each other, ‘Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him.’” Mark 4:41 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

Read Matthew 8:5-15

1. From the story, what do we learn about the Centurion?
2. Why did Jesus praise the Centurion's faith? What did the Centurion understand and had confidence in that made Jesus say what he said in Matthew 8:10?
3. What was the result of the Centurion's faith?

Read Mark 4:35-41

From where Jesus and the disciples were at that time, going “across to the other side of the lake” meant they were going to a Gentile (non-Jewish) province.

4. What does this show about the ministry of Jesus?
5. What was Jesus doing during the storm?
6. What did Jesus do about the storm?

Read Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39

7. Describe the man Jesus and His disciples met when they got ashore.
8. How did the man address Jesus? What does this show about the man's knowledge? How do you think he had this knowledge?
9. What was the reaction of the people who witnessed the event and others who later heard about what happened?
10. What did Jesus do for the demon-possessed man?
11. Read Matt 8:5 - 15, (from the NIV Bible) and make a sentence from the words.

healed.
have to
roof.
say
do
my
will
deserve
be you
COME
servant
WORD,
under
I
my
But
the
just

Answer: _____

2. Application

1. How can we have faith like the Centurion?
2. How can we show gratitude like the man who was healed of demon-possession?
3. What blessing have we received from God in our lives and what can we do to show our gratitude?

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Chapter 9: JESUS HEALS A WOMAN AND A DAUGHTER

Based on chapter 12 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus calls us to have faith in Him even when we are faced with the unbelief of others around us.

Objective:

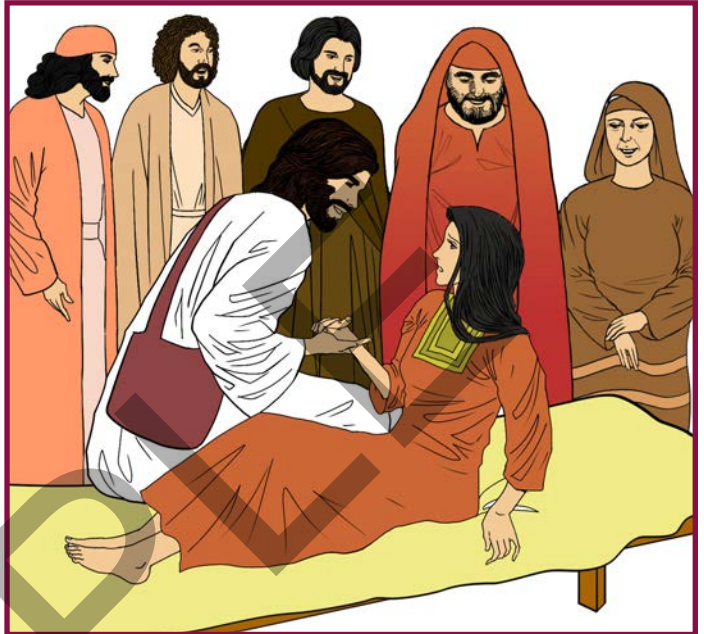
That you will learn to place your trust in God even when others around them do not believe.

Bible Reference:

Mark 5:21-43

Key Verse:

Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."
Mark 5:36.

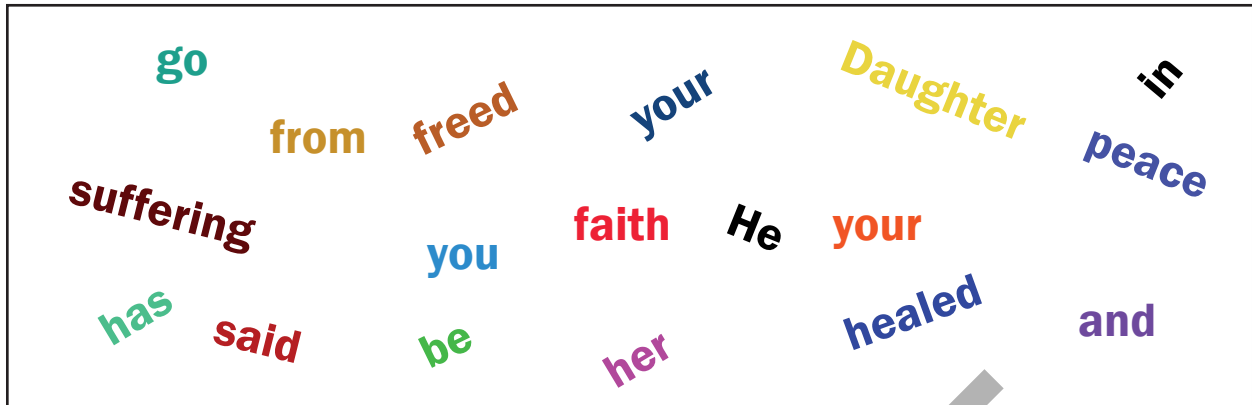


1. Understanding the Story

Read Mark 5:21-43. Then fill in the blanks with the right words.

1. When Jesus arrived at the other side of the lake, one of the synagogue rulers named _____ came to meet him.
2. He fell at Jesus' feet and pleaded with Jesus to go and put his hands on his _____ who was very ill.
3. Jesus went with the synagogue ruler and a large _____ of people followed them.
4. As Jesus went, a woman who had suffered terribly from severe _____ for _____ years came up to Jesus and touched his cloak.
5. Jesus told the woman that her _____ had made her well.
6. Some men came from the synagogue ruler's house and told him that his girl was _____ .
7. Jesus told the synagogue ruler not to be afraid but just _____ .
8. Jesus took only the parents and his three disciples, Peter, James and _____ into the room where the child was lying.
9. Jesus took the little girl by the hand and asked her to stand up. She got up at once and started _____ around.

10. Read Mark 5:30 - 34 (NIV) and make a sentence from the words.



2. Application words

1. The woman was healed because of her faith but in secret
 - a) Why did Jesus want her healing to be known?
 - b) Besides physical healing, what other healing did she need?
 - c) What can we do to help people who are suffering from something that makes society want to distance themselves?
2. Jairus was a synagogue leader. Jesus was not liked by the established leaders.
 - a) What made Jairus go publicly to Jesus for help?
 - b) Why did Jesus not rush immediately to Jairus' house?
 - c) When the men came from Jairus' house and told him that his daughter was dead, what did Jesus tell him?
 - d) The people who were crying loudly in Jairus' house laughed at Jesus, what did Jesus do?
 - e) What was Jesus teaching Jairus and his disciples?

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Chapter 10: FEEDING THE GREAT CROWD

Based on chapter 13 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus is concerned for our physical well-being.

Application:

That you will praise God for caring for your physical needs.

Bible Reference: Matthew 14, John 6

Key Verse:

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
Psalm 23:1 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

Read Matthew 14:1-12

1. Why did Herodias hate John the Baptist?
2. How did Herodias take her revenge on John the Baptist?
3. Why did Herod not refuse the request to kill John?

Read Matthew 14:13-21 and John 6:1-15

4. Why did Jesus want to go to a remote place?
5. From the passage, describe several ways Jesus tested and trained His disciples when He fed the great crowd.
6. Read the passage from John. After people saw the miracle, what did they intend to do with Jesus?
7. Why did Jesus slip away when He saw what the crowd wanted to do with Him?

8. Who said these words:
- a. "That is why miraculous powers are at work in him."
 - b. "It is not lawful for you to have her"
 - c. "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist."
 - d. "It would take half a year's wages ..."
 - e. "It's a ghost!"
 - f. "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late."
 - g. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish."

2. Application

1. What should Herod have done when requested by Salome for John's head? How can we avoid falling into such situations?
2. Like the small boy's five loaves and two fish, even small offerings can be used by God for the good of many people. What are we willing to bring to God? Share an incident when you did something to help in a situation.
3. What can we do when we have taken a step of faith (stepped into the water) but later find it hard to deal with trouble (start to sink)?

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Chapter 11: THE REVELATION AND THE TRANSFIGURATION

Based on chapter 14 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus is the Messiah promised from the Old Testament sent by God to suffer and die for the sins of the world.

Application:

We are called to put our faith and trust in Jesus. In doing so we have to set aside our selfish desires and obey His teachings.

Bible Reference: Matthew 16:13-28; 17:1-13

Key Verse:

Matthew 16:26 "And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?"



1. Understanding the Story

1. Name 3 prophets who were associated with Jesus and mentioned by the disciples.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. Who did Peter think Jesus was?

3. Who did Jesus say gave Peter that knowledge?

4. Find all the words spoken by Jesus in verse 25. (Find only those written in boxes.)

If would after me, he must

and and me.

According to the Bible, following Jesus is not easy at all. It means full commitment, risk of life, and no turning back. But the reward is greater than anything existing on earth – which is ETERNAL LIFE.

Q	U	H	M	Z	U	J	P	O	K	G	M
T	P	I	X	B	U	E	C	A	F	J	X
H	Z	S	Q	U	S	A	N	N	I	M	N
K	I	X	D	I	N	D	F	Y	E	G	H
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5. Peter’s Mountain Top Experience

Read Matthew 17:1-13. Imagine Peter talking to the other disciples after Jesus had died and been raised from the dead, and describing his experience up the mountaintop. Fill in the word puzzle by completing the sentences blow:

By the time Jesus, (1-down)_____, (2-cross)_____ and I reached the top of the mountain, we were very tired. We sat down to rest for a while and then suddenly a (3-down)_____ came over Jesus. His face shone like the (4)_____ and his clothes became dazzling (5)_____. Imagine our shock when we saw him talking to (6)_____ and (7)_____. I quickly told Jesus that we could make (8)_____ tents for them if He wanted.

Then a (9)_____ spoke. “This is my own dear (10)_____ with whom I am well pleased. (11)_____ to Him” We were so terrified that we fell on our faces.

2. Application

- Matthew 16:26 “What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” (NIV) What do you think this verse means and how can we apply it in our lives?

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Chapter 12: COMPASSION, GRACE AND HUMILITY

Based on chapter 15 and 16 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus teaches us to love and help others who are in need regardless of their race, gender and differences in outlook

Application:

That you will make efforts to care for others who are in need regardless of how different these people might be to you.

Bible Reference: John 4:1-26 & Luke 10:25-37
Luke 18:9-14 & John 8:1-11

Key Verse:

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

Read John 4:1-26

1. How did Jesus start the conversation with the Samaritan woman?
2. What did Jesus already know about the woman?
3. If the Pharisees and teachers of the Law (as described in our earlier lessons) were present at the situation, write down how you think they would have reacted when they heard the conversation between Jesus and the woman?

Read Luke 10:25-37

4. Imagine you witnessed the incident described in the story of the Good Samaritan. How would you describe it to your friend using whatsapp? Write a whatsapp message on your phone and send it to your friend.

4. Having read the above story, describe then, who is our neighbour?

Read Luke 18:9-14

5.

Question	Pharisee	Tax Collector
1. Where did they go to pray		
2. Who did they work for		
3. How did they pray		
4. Who asked for forgiveness		
5. Who received forgiveness		

Read John 8:1-11

6. What sin had the woman committed?

7. What was the punishment for the adulterous woman according to the Law and what was Jesus reply to her accusers?

8. What was Jesus teaching the people, the pharisees and the woman?

2. Application

1. How might one see a similar situation of the Good Samaritan in today's time? Describe a time when you have experienced or witnessed something similar. e.g. helping someone of a different social class

Read John 8:3-11 & Luke 18:9-14

2. Describe a time when you might be tempted to pass judgment on someone who was sorry they had done something wrong. Does a person deserve a second chance if they are sorry?

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Chapter 13: PARABLES OF JESUS - THE LOST AND FOUND

Based on chapter 17 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

1. Jesus is the good shepherd. He comes and looks for those of us who are lost. But, we must be willing to follow Him.
2. God is like the father of the prodigal son who loves us so much that He welcomes us back with much rejoicing when we return to Him.

Application:

1. That you will praise and thank God for rejoicing over you as you go back to Him.
2. Even though you know that God loves you and is always waiting for you to go back to Him, you must never take it for granted.

Bible Reference: Luke 15

Key Verse:

In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

Read Luke 15:1-7

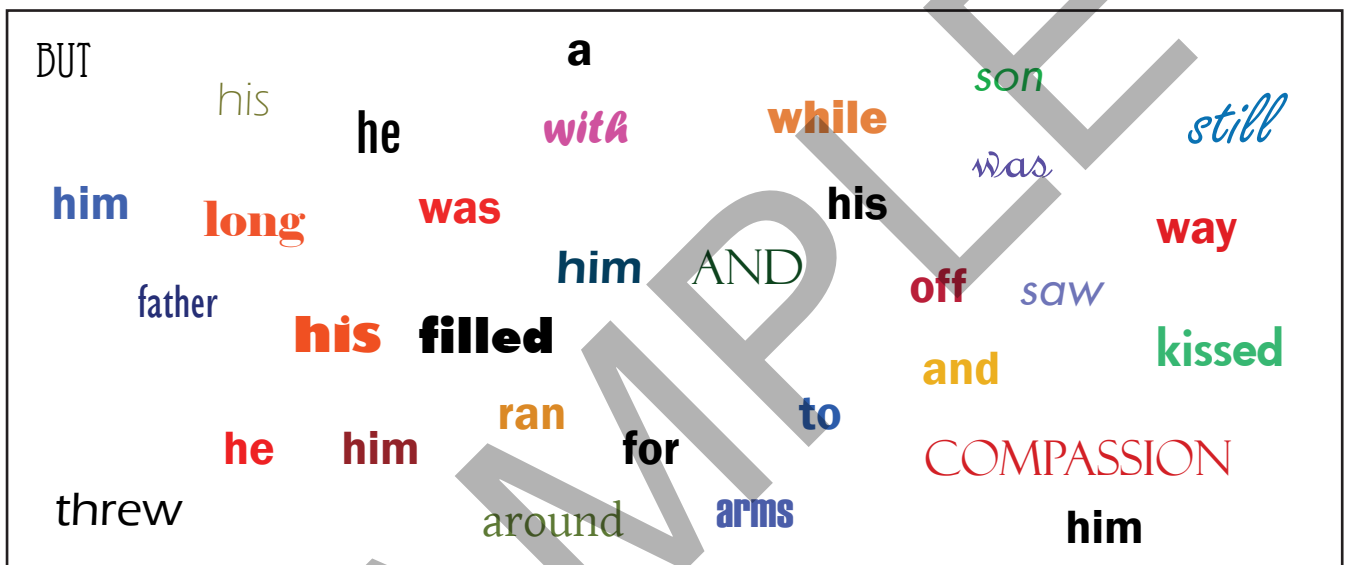
1. What did the Pharisee say about Jesus?
2. Who does Jesus compare the good shepherd with?
3. Who are the many respectable people who do not need to repent in the story?

Read Luke 15:11-31

4. Who did the Pharisee think the prodigal son referred to in the story?

5. Why were the Pharisees unhappy with the teachings of Jesus?

6. Make a sentence with these words.



2. Application

1. After the prodigal son realized his mistake, what did he do? What can we learn from that?

2. What was Jesus teaching his disciples and the people around Him?

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Chapter 14: JESUS AND LAZARUS

Based on chapter 18 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes and puts their faith in Jesus, will receive forgiveness and be given eternal life.

Application:

That you will trust God to raise you to life again when Jesus comes back and that you will live with Him forever.

Bible Reference: John 11

Key Verse:

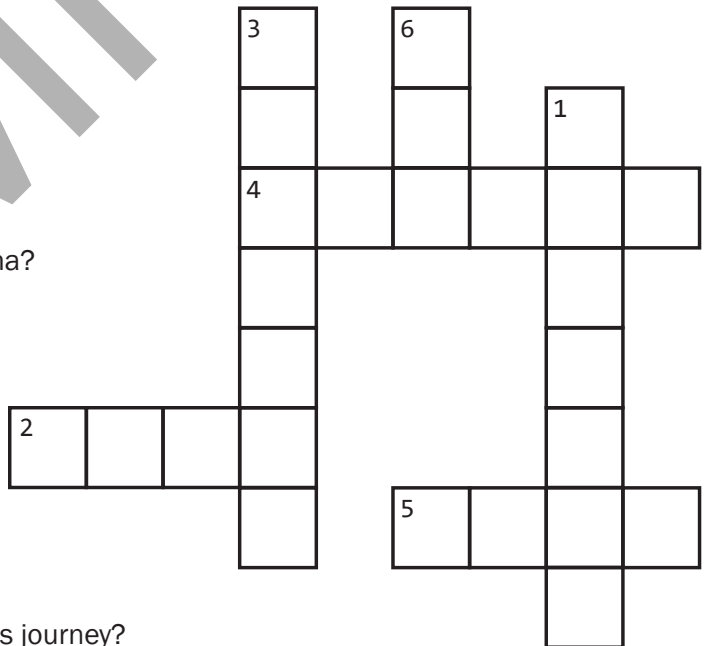
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die. John 11:25 (NIV)



1. Make a world puzzle

Read John 11:1-53

1. Who was the brother of Mary?
2. Who was the eyewitness telling this story?
3. What was the name of the village of Mary and Martha?
4. Who said "Let us go, that we may die with him."
5. How many days had Lazarus been dead when Jesus arrived at his village?
6. How many days did Jesus delay before He started His journey?



Read John 11:17-53

7. What did Martha say to Jesus when she saw Him and how did Martha show her faith in Jesus by what she said?

8. What did Jesus say to Martha and what was His question to her?

9. What was Martha's response?

10. Describe the scene of Lazarus coming out of the grave and the reaction of the people and the disciples in a short paragraph.

11. From that day on, what did the Jewish authorities plan to do? Why?

2. Application

1. Jesus waited for two days before He started His journey to Bethany. Can you remember a time when you prayed for something and God seemed to make you wait for an answer to your prayer? Think of a time when you had to wait for something you wanted - how did the wait benefit you?

2. Martha had to make a decision; to allow the tomb to be opened, to prove her faith in Jesus. When was the last time we believed in something so strongly that we had to do something which other people may have criticised us for but we still went ahead? Describe a struggle you went through or are currently going through to hold on to what you believe in.

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Chapter 15: JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS

Based on chapter 19 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

1. When we are truly sorry for the wrong things we have done, we will show it in our actions.
2. God will forgive and restore us when we come back to Him.

Application:

That you will show through your actions when you are sorry for the wrong things you have done.

Bible reference: Luke 18:35-43, 19:1-9

Key Verse: A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. Matthew 12:35 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

Read Luke 18:35-43

1. When the blind man was told “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by”, what did he do?
2. What did the people in the crowd ask the blind man to do?
3. What was the blind man’s response to the people?
4. When Jesus heard the blind man, what did He do and say?

Read Luke 19:1-9

5. Describe Zacchaeus’ physical appearance and his job. How do you think people perceived him?

6. Why was Zacchaeus eager to meet Jesus?

7. If you were an eyewitness in the crowd, describe in one or two paragraphs how the meeting between Zacchaeus and Jesus played out. (You can use very simple English)

8. Who do you think were the 'sinners' invited to the party that Zacchaeus threw for Jesus?

9. How did Zacchaeus show his sincerity in wanting to repent of his past sins and change for the better?

10. Why do you think Jesus said "Salvation has come to this house today"?

2. Application

1. Compare the similarities between the blind man and Zacchaeus. What similar need did they both have and what can we learn from them?

2. Who received blessings in this story? Did the self-righteous people receive any blessings? How do we become like the self-righteous people in today's world and how can we avoid it?

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Chapter 16: JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

Based on chapter 21 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

1. Jesus is the King of kings who came to earth to reign as king in our lives and not as an earthly ruler.
2. God sent Jesus into the world not to condemn us but to save us from our sins because He loves us.

Application: That you will allow Jesus to reign as King in your life.

Bible reference: Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 3, 12

Key Verse:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

Read Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:39-44.

1. Why were there many pilgrims coming to Jerusalem from Galilee and other parts of Israel?
2. Jesus entered Jerusalem sitting on a donkey. Which prophecy did He fulfill?
3. What did the crowd of people do when Jesus was entering Jerusalem?
4. What did the Pharisees tell Jesus to do?
5. What was Jesus' response to the Pharisees?

6. What did Jesus prophesy about Jerusalem?

Read Mark 11:15-19; John 3:1-21

7. From this passage, what did Jesus do at the Temple?

8. Why did the chief priests and other teachers of the Law hate Jesus?

9. What was Nicodemus' understanding of who Jesus was?

10. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus had to happen before he could see or enter the kingdom of God?

2. Application

1. What does being born again mean to us? Why do we need to do to be born again? Write down what it means to you personally.

2. The Temple was a very important part of the national religious life of the Jews during the time of Jesus. In the New Testament, Paul compares the Temple with our body (Refer to 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). How is our body like the Temple of God and if so, what does it mean for us?

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Chapter 17: THE LORD'S SUPPER

Based on chapter 22 and 23 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus calls us to follow His example of lovingly and humbly serving one another with a servant's heart.

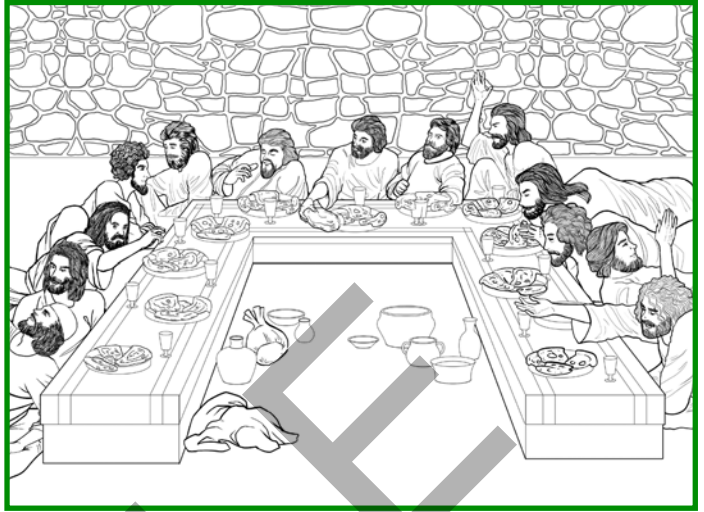
Application:

1. That you will follow Jesus' example of serving others with a servant's heart.
2. That you will understand why the shedding of Jesus' blood is able to take away your sins.
3. That you will choose to follow God even when there is difficulty.

Bible reference: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 13, 18

Key Verse:

A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

a. Questions

Read Matthew 26:14-16, John 13:1-38, Mark 14:22-24

1. Which disciple wanted to betray Jesus and how much was the price of betrayal?
2. What did the priests claim will happen if the people were to follow Jesus and rebel against them?
3. What Jewish feast were they about to celebrate?
4. What did Jesus begin to do when He took off His outer garment and wrapped a towel around His waist?
5. Why were the disciples sad?

6. What did Jesus do as a sign to show the disciples the one who was going to betray Him?

Read Mark 14:27-31, Matthew 26:47-56

7. While Jesus was still speaking, what happened?

8. What did Simon Peter do when the men came and arrested Jesus?

9. What did the disciples do when Jesus was arrested?

10. What did Jesus say was the meaning of eating the bread and drinking the wine for Christians?

11. Read Mark 14:35-36. What was the significance of the prayer of Jesus? Do you think Jesus knew what suffering He would soon have to go through?

12. Why did the Temple guards and the soldiers come to arrest Jesus by night? How were they helped by Judas Iscariot?

2. Application

1. What did Jesus do for His disciples before they took part in the Passover meal? What was He teaching His disciples? What can we learn from this and how can we apply it today?

2. Jesus healed the servant of the High Priest whose ear had been cut off by Peter. What does this teach us?

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Chapter 18: THE TRIAL OF JESUS

Based on chapter 24 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

We must not be afraid to stand up for what is right even if the people around us do not agree with us.

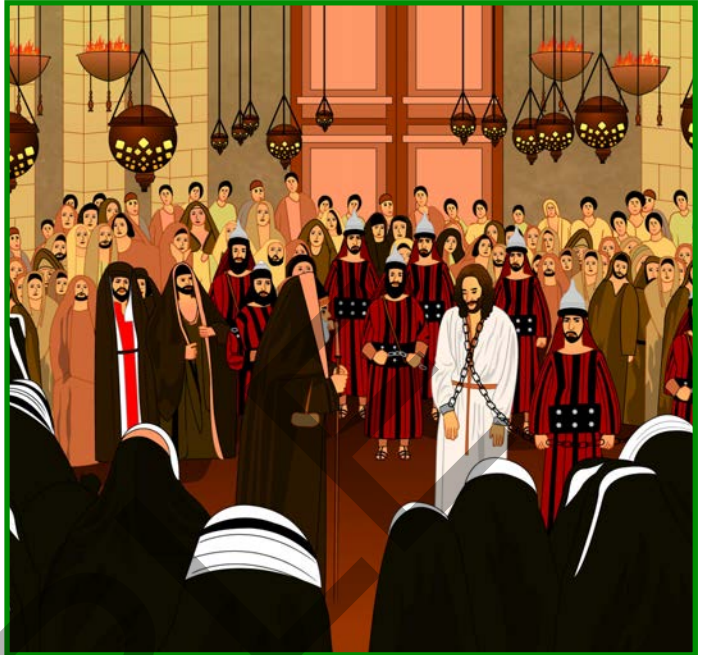
Application:

That you will stand up for what is right even if the people around you do not agree with you.

Bible reference: Mark 14, John 18, Matthew 27

Key Verse:

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult.
On the contrary, repay evil with blessing.
1 Peter 3:9a (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

Read Mark 14:53-72; Matthew 27:1-5

1. Where did the Temple guards bring Jesus to? Who were there waiting for them?
2. From the description given in the passage, how fair do you think the trial was? Read Mark 14:66-72
3. How many times did Peter deny that he knew Jesus? Why did he break down and cry after that?
4. What did Judas do when he heard that Jesus was condemned?

Read John 18:28 - 19:16

5. Why did the Temple guards bring Jesus to Pilate, the Roman Governor?

6. Read Luke 23:1-2. What were the 3 accusations that the Jews made against Jesus to Pilate?
7. What did Pilate say to the people after he had questioned Jesus?
8. Who did the crowd want to release instead of Jesus?
9. What did the soldiers do after Jesus was whipped?
10. What did the people say which finally forced Pilate's hand in making the decision?

2. Application

1. When we know that we have done something wrong and feel guilty about it, what should we do? The approach Judas took was wrong and led to death. How can we repent and make amends like Zacchaeus did?
2. Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent of the charges brought against Him by the High Priest. What did he do to show that he had been pressured in making the decision to execute Jesus? As the person who had the final authority what should he have done? When we know the truth about something, how can we stand up for it?

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Chapter 19: THE CRUCIFIXION

Based on chapter 25 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

1. His suffering and death is the final and only sacrifice that is acceptable to God.
2. Prophecies are fulfilled.
3. The people who receive forgiveness are those who acknowledge Him and ask for mercy, like the robber being crucified next to Him.
4. The proud Pharisees and robber who mocks Jesus do not receive forgiveness.

Application:

1. That you will learn from Jesus' example on the cross, when He asked His Father to forgive those responsible for His crucifixion, and to forgive those who have hurt you.
2. That you will thank God for sending Jesus to pay for our sins and to receive Jesus into your life as Lord and Saviour.

Bible reference: Matthew 27:32-56, Mark 15:21-47, Luke 23:26-56, John 19:17-42

Key Verse:

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

1. How did Jesus show His compassion for the people who crucified Him? (Luke 23:34)
2. What were the words that were written above Jesus on the cross?
3. Compare and contrast the response of the two bandits beside Jesus.
4. What did Jesus promise the bandit who asked that Jesus remember him ?

Read John 19:23-27

5. What did the soldiers do with His clothes?

Read Matthew 27:45-54

6. What happened at noon in the whole country?

7. How long did the darkness last?

8. What were the last words spoken by Jesus before He died on the cross?

9. What happened to the curtain hanging in the Temple after Jesus died?

10. Why do you think the Roman army officer was terrified and proclaimed, "He was really the Son of God!"?

11. Who were the two men who helped with the burial of Jesus?

2. Application

1. In the passages in this lesson, review the attitudes the different people had for Jesus while He was suffering; the soldiers, the Jewish leaders, the crowd. Who was the one person who received forgiveness from Jesus that is mentioned? What was this person's attitude toward Jesus and what did he do that led to his forgiveness?

2. When we have done wrong what is the right thing to do and how do we do it? Share some examples of how you had wronged someone close like your parents, relatives or a close friend, and what did you do after that to make things right?

3. What does the death of Jesus mean to you? How should we now live our lives in response to the fact that Jesus died on the cross willingly and sacrificially for us?

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Chapter 20: THE RESURRECTION AND THE LAST BREAKFAST

Based on chapter 26 and 27 in the multimedia book

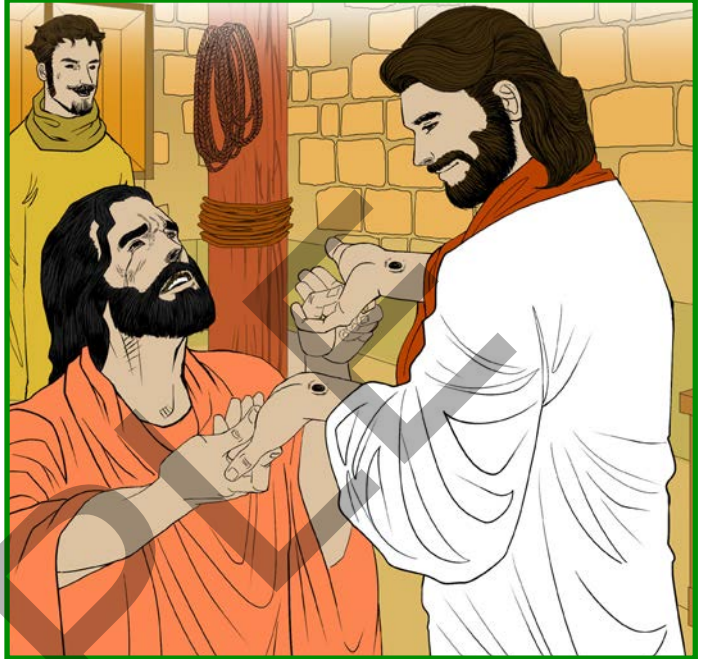
Bible Truth:

1. God raised Jesus from the dead just as He had promised in His word given to the prophets.
2. God loves us so much that He does not give up on us even though we have disappointed Him at times.

Application:

1. That you will be encouraged to know that God has the power to fulfil all that He has promised in His word.
2. That you will be assured that God loves you so much that He will always forgive you when you repent.

Bible reference: Matthew 27-28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, 21



Key Verse:

1. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Acts 2:32 ^(NIV)
2. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Psalms 103:8 ^(NIV)

1. Understanding the Story

Read Matthew 28:1-10

1. Who were the 3 ladies who went to Jesus' tomb early on Sunday morning and what did they want to do?
2. Describe in your own words what happened after that.

Read John 20:3-29

3. Which two disciples raced to the tomb and who arrived first?
4. Describe what they saw inside the tomb?
5. Why was Mary Magdalene crying?
6. What did Jesus tell Mary to do?

7. How did the disciples feel when they saw Jesus?
8. What does the story tell about the character of the disciple Thomas?

Read John 21:1-14

9. What were the disciples doing before they met Jesus on the shore?
10. What did Jesus say to Simon Peter 3 times in front of the other disciples? Why?

2. Application

Read Matthew 28:11-15

1. What was the response of the following people to the news about the resurrection?
 - i. The Jewish priests and leaders
 - ii. The Jewish people in general
 - iii. The disciples when they were first told that the tomb was empty.

What can we learn from this?

2. What did Jesus say to Thomas that was recorded as an encouragement to us?
3. How did Jesus encourage Simon Peter and prepare him for his future mission? How does it encourage us?
4. What were the first recorded words and last recorded words which Jesus said to Peter directly? Change those words to modern words. What words do you think God may use to speak to us?

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Chapter 21: THE GREAT COMMISSION AND EPILOGUE TO THE GOSPEL STORY

Based on chapter 28 and 29 in the multimedia book

Bible Truth:

Jesus' last words to His disciples were to go out into the world and bear witness to what He has done. They are to teach people to become disciples.

Application:

That you will take to heart Jesus' command to witness to others about what He has done for you.

Bible reference: Matthew 28:11-20, Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:9-11

Key Verse: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)



1. Understanding the Story

Read Matthew 28:16-20, Luke 24:44-52, Acts 1:10-11

1. What did Jesus instruct His disciples to do before He ascended to heaven?
2. What did He promise them?
3. How many days did Jesus spend with His disciples after His resurrection before His ascension?
4. Write down a summary of what Jesus taught His disciples during that time.

5. What did the angels say to the disciples after Jesus had ascended to heaven and how did it encourage the disciples?

6. What was the objective of Luke in writing his report the Gospel of Luke? Give Bible verses.

7. What was the objective of John in writing his testimony which became the Gospel of John? Give Bible verses.

2. Application

1. Why did Jesus choose 12 disciples to be witnesses and to receive special training? When we look at our lives, what do you think were some special privileges or blessings that you have received and how do you think you have to use them for the benefit of your family, friends and your community?

2. If we have witnessed something which could positively affect the lives of our friends, what should we do?

3. What has impressed you after learning the Gospel Story? Share what you have learnt.

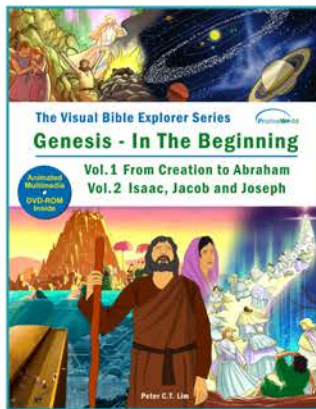
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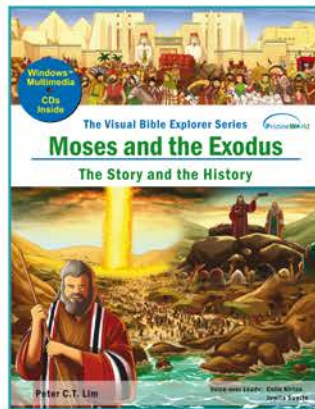
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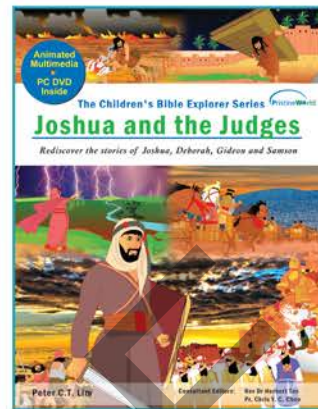
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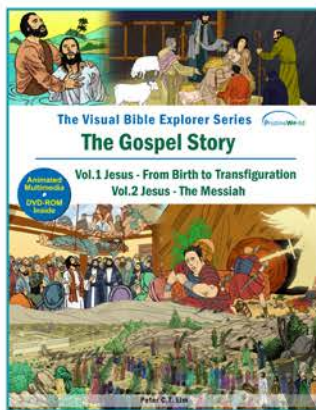
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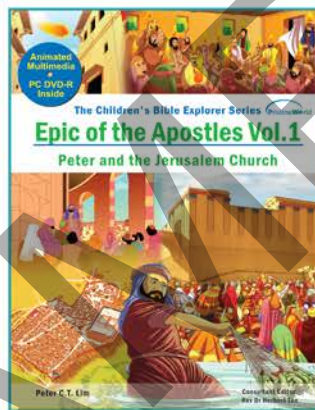
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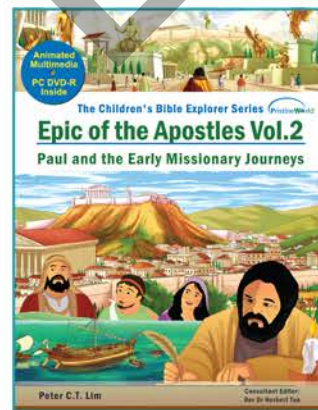
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