

# Teen Scene



## 3rd Quarter Online Activities

### Lesson 1 – God Restores Peace

As a follower of Christ, do you still struggle with peer pressure and impulsive decisions? (Taken from page 6)

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During today's story, we discuss how Jesus demonstrated His humility by riding into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt. Instead of marching into battle and taking control of all the lands as a man, Jesus fulfilled the promise of deliverance by dying for the sins of the people on the cross. The last lines of today's Scripture were meant to encourage the people who lived in exile at this time and also to warn those who would seek to harm them. God's promise of protection and care extends to us today as we navigate the uncertain world. We can ensure our safety by obediently following the Lord and praising Him.

**Think about this:** How often are you tempted in school or around your friends to participate in activities you may not want to do? It comes with being human. We're all tempted, even adults. Thankfully, we are protected by the Holy Spirit and discernment. If we know in our hearts that what we are about to do is wrong, we shouldn't do it and we should ask God for the strength to walk away.

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### Lesson 2 – Jesus Has Power Over Evil

How has Jesus demonstrated His power in your life? (Taken from page 11)

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Jesus didn't do things according to the old Laws that defined the people. He healed a wounded man in the temple on Sabbath, even though the Pharisees did not approve because they only obeyed the old Laws and not the will of God. When Jesus performed His miracles and led His disciples to follow Him, He was ushering in the arrival of the Kingdom of God. We are all in need of the deliverance Jesus Christ offers the world through His sacrifice.

**Think about this:** Even though you're a teenager you might know if you have witnessed God's power in your life, but you have. When you wake up in the morning, that's His power, when you have food to eat, that's His power, even when you think you're lonely, His power is demonstrated because with Him you're never truly alone. This week, write down all of the things God has done for you and put them in a box. Come back to it at the end of the week and read over them You'll find God demonstrating his power in your life just by searching for the little things He does.

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### Lesson 3 – Growing Strong

How can you share your faith with others? (Taken from page 15)

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We are reminded by Jesus' parable of the Sower that we are not entirely responsible for our success. Our time and energy should be dedicated to pursuits that will yield great rewards in the future while we are here on earth. It is important to cultivate a relationship with Christ if you want to prepare yourself for success.

**Think about this:** There are many things we can do to show our faith to others. We can invite them to Bible study, Sunday school, church service or even Vacation Bible School. We can also share the Word with them ourselves. If you have a favorite scripture or get daily devotionals don't be afraid to share those with your friends and others. You never know what others are going through and that scripture or devotion may be the exact thing they need to hear.

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### Lesson 4 – Good and Evil

Are you able to recognize characteristics of weeds and wheat within yourself? (Taken from page 18)

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In today's lesson, Jesus told another parable to the gathered crowd. According to Jesus' parable of the weeds, the Son of Man will distinguish between good and evil people. It will come a time when evil people will be gathered and removed from the presence of good people. Despite the existence of evil, God will be the greatest judge because He can see everything in a person's heart to accurately decide if they are "wheat" or "weeds." Because He can see everything in a person's heart, He will be able to accurately judge if they are "wheat" or "weeds." This is why we should love and praise God in spite of the existence of evil.

**Think about this:** God gives us something called discernment. Discernment means the ability to judge well. He also will grant us wisdom. Wisdom means the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment. We all know right from wrong. We should know the difference between good and evil, if we have trouble figuring out which is which, ask God to open your eyes. If something feels wrong, and you know you shouldn't be doing it, separate yourself from that act or that person. Sometimes we may be blind to others evil deeds, but God is not. This is why we should always turn to Him if we ever have any doubt.

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### Lesson 5 – Stories of the Kingdom

How do you imagine the Kingdom of heaven? (Taken from page 23)

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In today's lesson we are once again discussing parables. This time the parables describe what the Kingdom of Heaven will look like. The scripture tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a hidden treasure and someone sells everything they have just to buy the whole land! The scripture also says that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that caught every kind of fish but threw the bad ones back. All of these parables paint a defining image of how we are to live our lives in order to reap the rewards of a blessed and heavenly afterlife.

**Think about this:** We know what the Bible says what heaven will look like, but what do you image heaven will be like? We all know there is peace in heaven, and we know the Savior will be sitting at the right hand of God, but what else is there? Write down how you envision being. What's the first thing you will do when you see Jesus?

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### Lesson 6 – Life in the Spirit

Why do you seek a true relationship with God? (Taken from page 27)

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Today's scripture talks about the Fruit of the Spirit and things that are the opposite of the Fruits of the Spirit. Paul followed Jesus' example by looking at the results and qualities of a person's life to identify whether they follow God. If you live according to the Spirit, your life will bear its fruit as proof that you are a child of God. Take time every day to pray and ask the Spirit to help inform your decisions so that you can produce "good fruit."

**Think about this:** Why have you given your life to God? If you have not yet been saved, talk to your Sunday school teacher or your pastor, but for those who have, what made you want to follow Him? What struck you? Our relationship with God is the most important relationship we can have. The Lord is your salvation and your key to heaven. He is the best friend you could ever have, and when He is with you, you will truly never be alone.

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### Lesson 7 – Kingdom Living

Do you recognize God’s unconditional love, even in stressful situations?  
(Taken from page 30)

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In today’s lesson, it talks about not passing judgment on people and being a stumbling block for others. God does not want to influence people to do the wrong thing. If you start hanging around others who partake in alcohol, and you choose to do it, it wouldn’t be wise for you to tempt your younger sibling to participate in the illegal activity as well. You’re hindering them, you’ve become a stumbling block to them.

**Think about this:** God loves us unconditionally while most people in our lives love us under conditions. We are human, that’s what we do. We may think one sin is bigger than the other. That’s not true, sin is sin. In God’s eyes, we are still His children no matter what we do. People may turn away from you when you start to drift and get into some harmful things or hang around the wrong people, but God is always there, waiting with open arms for you to come back to Him.

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### Lesson 8 – Jesus Discloses the Heart’s Intent

What helps you curb your desires to remain faithful in God? (Taken from page 34)

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In today’s lesson, we discuss the characteristics of Jesus Christ. It says we should be trustworthy, we should not judge others or ourselves. For Paul, the message to new believers was simple. Instead of getting caught up in the drama and judgments of the human world, they needed to focus on true discipleship. True discipleship works to follow and copy Christ’s character and lifestyle.

**Think about this:** All people will face distractions and temptations in life. This is why, instead of spending time playing video games, on TikTok, YouTube (even though these things are fun) we should value the ways of Jesus Christ as a model for our lives. There is no harm in enjoying time with friends, and life, however we must be sure that we do not put those things in place of God. Take time to pray and ask the Spirit for guidance in how to best make wise decisions for your life.



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### Lesson 9 – The Power of God

Where do you find answers to the questions you have about your faith?  
(Taken from page 38)

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In our uncertain times, we can find peace in affirming that God is in control of the universe. He has always proven Himself to be a loving, merciful, all-knowing God that provides for all His children.

**Think about this:** When you have a question about something you don't understand in school, where do you go? Your teacher or a counselor, right? We can also go to our teachers in church when we have an issue or have questions. Challenge yourself to write down at least five questions you have about the Bible, Jesus or anything in particular about something you've always wanted to know. Ask these questions to your Sunday school teacher, youth pastor or your pastor and ask to have a sit down talk with them about what you're confused on. You can also study the Word and gather information yourself as well.

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### Lesson 10 – Challenge to Appearance

Are you comfortable inviting others to your church as a way to witness?  
(Taken from page 43)

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In today's lesson Scripture, Pharisees invited Jesus to come and eat with them. However, Jesus did not wash His hands. This was not considered to be a hygienic issue back then, but it was more about rituals and laws. Jesus challenged the Pharisee about having a true godly attitude instead of just doing things for the sake of religious appearances. This was the purpose of Jesus agreeing to having dinner.

**Think about this:** When you invite someone to your church who has never been before you may want to tell them some of the things your church does in preparation. This is just a precaution because they may witness some things they have never witnessed before. Some churches don't have music, some churches don't have children's church, some churches have a praise team with huge choirs. Every church is different. The message should always remain the same. Jesus is the way.

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### Lesson 11 – Jesus Asserts His Authority

What can you do to model love for others who may not know what it looks like? (Taken from page 47)

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Today's scripture discusses Jesus healing a man with dropsy. However, the Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath day, which was something the Pharisees looked down upon. The Sabbath was supposed to be a day of rest according to the law. However, Jesus countered by asking the Pharisees if they wouldn't try to help their children or ox if they fell into a well on the Sabbath. The Pharisees couldn't answer His question.

**Think about this:** This lesson is to show us that we should not be afraid to stand up and do what is right for people in need. Others may criticize you for acting out of what's "right" according to society, however, as believers we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters when they need it. Jesus should be our role model and we should show love and be there for those who are in need.

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### Lesson 12 – Identifying Truth

How can you participate actively in worship at your church? (Taken from page 51)

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This lesson's Scripture begins during the Jewish celebration called the Festival of Booths, also known as Sukkot. The festival, which is still honored today, is a joyful time of worship. Every religion worships differently and celebrates different holidays, what are some you celebrate at your church?

**Think about this:** Are you in the choir at your church? Perhaps the usher board? Are you an active member in children or teen church? These are all ways you can actively participate in worship at your church. You can also make a habit of helping teach the younger ones about Jesus and maybe volunteering in the kid's room and read to them. List a few ways you can help around the church to become more active at your church.

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### Lesson 13 – True Forgiveness

Are you eager to judge others or eager to show compassion? Which comes easier to you? (Taken from page 55)

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In today's lesson Jesus forgives a woman of her sins and sends the woman away with both His compassionate forgiveness and His charge that she not sin again. The grace Jesus showed is one that encouraged her to progress and grow away from sin. This is the same grace that Jesus extended to all mankind when He sacrificed Himself on the cross.

**Think about this:** If you were in a similar situation as the one in the story, which side would you be on? Would you be on the side where people are pointing, laughing, and judging this woman? Would you stay silent, but record her interaction with others making fun of her? Or would you be like Jesus and tell everyone, "Let anyone without sin, cast the first stone?" We are all sinners. Why point out someone else's sin when you don't even have yourself all the way together?