



A Note to Parents

The curriculum we will be using this year is *He Has Spoken By His Son: New Testament Stories for Young Children*. This is a chronological teaching of New Testament stories with the aim of acquainting your child with our great, big God.

Each story is told with an attempt to answer the question, “What does this say about God?” God is presented as the main character in each story rather than Mary, Peter, Lazarus, or Paul.

Key doctrinal themes will be emphasized such as: Jesus is my friend; Jesus is God; and Jesus is the only Savior.

Each child will receive a chronological coloring book of New Testament stories to take home at the end of the study (some churches may send the coloring page home each week). The coloring book features a coloring page for each lesson, along with the God-centered story title and Scripture references for ongoing review of what your child has learned.

In addition, your child will be encouraged to memorize simple Bible verses called Foundation Verses (published by Truth78). The verses do not always correspond to the curriculum themes, but they are verses preschoolers can memorize and store up in their hearts. Therefore, it will be helpful to give your child a simple explanation of the meaning of the verse.

Although the Foundation Verses will be introduced and reviewed in class, it is imperative that parents help their children learn them. You can do this simply by stating the verse one phrase at a time and asking your child to repeat each phrase. As each phrase is learned, add the next phrase until the verse is complete. Then use the verse in everyday life. Review the verses daily so they are not forgotten. There is a list of the verses at the end of this note. In addition, Foundation Verses Resources include full-color illustrations for each verse and are available through Truth78.¹

Recognizing that parents are the primary faith nurturers of their children and that the opportunity and time to nurture your child in the classroom is limited, your teacher will send home a parent page each week with the story title, Scripture reference/s, and key themes for the lesson. Each page provides you with suggested discussion questions to help reinforce and build on the truth presented in class. Suggested answers are included in [brackets]. The purpose of the parent pages is to help you and your child interact with the Bible story and personally respond to the truths in the Scripture passage/s. This is best done if you yourself are familiar with the Bible story and have gleaned some truth from it that is meaningful to you.

The actual time with your child will probably take only a few minutes, partly due to young children’s inability to sit still for an extended amount of time. This will vary with your child’s age and temperament, but it will be helpful to prepare for the time with your child:

1. Be familiar with the Bible story (read it for yourself).
2. Glean some truth from it that is meaningful to you and understandable to your child. It is important to both stay true to the intent of the Scripture passage and to share it from your heart.
3. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you and your child.

The Questions and Responses section is intended to be only a guide. Usually just one aspect of the story is highlighted, though many other truths could be focused on. It is important to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit in discerning which aspect of the story God wants you to discuss with your child. Because young children

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can be easily confused, we recommend that your presentation of truth be very simple. Be aware that much of your spiritual conversation with your young child will probably take place “when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deuteronomy 6:7b).

May God bless your efforts to guide your child in truth. May you love God and become strong in faith.

May you establish a testimony to your child “of the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,
that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

—Psalm 78:2-7 (ESV)

**Below are the Foundation Verses that correspond
to each lesson of *He Has Spoken By His Son*.**

Lesson	✓	Foundation Verse
1		Luke 18:27b
2		John 3:16
3		Psalms 100:1-2
4		Psalms 100:3
5		Psalms 100:4
6		Psalms 100:5
7		James 4:7-8a
8		Review
9		Review
10		Proverbs 3:11-12
11		Romans 12:21
12		Review
13		1 Peter 5:7
14		Proverbs 15:1
15		Deuteronomy 6:5
16		Review
17		Psalms 118:24
18		Leviticus 19:18b

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19		Review
20		Luke 6:38
21		Psalms 119:10
22		James 1:19b
23		Review
24		Proverbs 16:24
25		Hebrews 13:5
26		Proverbs 17:17a
27		Review
28		Philippians 2:3
29		Philippians 2:14
30		1 Peter 5:8
31		Romans 3:23
32		Romans 6:23
33		Review
34		Review
35		1 Corinthians 13:4
36		1 Corinthians 13:5

Lesson	✓	Foundation Verse
37		1 Corinthians 13:6
38		1 Corinthians 13:7
39		Review
40		Ephesians 6:10
41		Proverbs 1:10
42		2 Corinthians 10:17
43		Proverbs 29:11
44		Review
45		Psalms 119:11
46		Review
47		Philippians 4:11b
48		Philippians 4:13
49		Philippians 2:4
50		Review
51		Review
52		Psalms 36:5

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He Has Spoken By His Son

Scope and Sequence

He Has Spoken By His Son continues where *He Established a Testimony* left off to teach young children about the greatness of God through the New Testament. Children are shown the heart of God and how He speaks to people through His Son Jesus. The 52 New Testament story references are arranged chronologically, and key themes, which build a foundation to know and love God, are emphasized repeatedly to reinforce the concepts with children.

Lesson 1: God Hears Zechariah's Prayer and Promises Him a Son

Luke 1:5-25

God made a promise to Zechariah and Elizabeth to send them a son. This son was chosen by God for a special mission.

Foundation Verse: Luke 18:27b

Lesson 2: The Coming of the Savior Is Announced

Luke 1:26-80; Matthew 1:18-25

An angel announced the birth of Jesus to Mary. God kept His promise to send a Savior to save His people from their sins.

Foundation Verse: John 3:16

Lesson 3: Good News of Great Joy!

Luke 2:1-38

God's promise to send a Savior was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. The shepherds found Jesus as the angels told them, and Simeon lived long enough to see Jesus. God's salvation in Jesus is for all people and is the source of great joy.

Foundation Verse: Psalm 100:1-2

Lesson 4: Wise Men Worship Jesus

Matthew 2

Wise men followed the star seeking to worship Jesus. God warned Joseph and sovereignly protected Jesus from King Herod, who could not thwart God's plan.

Foundation Verse: Psalm 100:3

Lesson 5: Jesus Amazes the Teachers in His Father's House

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus is God and man. He understood that He came to do the work His Father sent Him to do. He humbly submitted to His parents, but He is supreme and superior to all men.

Foundation Verse: Psalm 100:4

Lesson 6: John Is Sent by God to Prepare the Way for His Work

Matthew 3

God sent John to preach a message of repentance and to prepare the way for the work of Jesus. At the baptism of Jesus by John, the Holy Spirit came on Jesus, and God expressed His pleasure in His Son.

Foundation Verse: Psalm 100:5

Lesson 7: Jesus Defeats Satan with the Word

Matthew 4:1-11

Satan tempted Jesus three times in the wilderness. But each time Jesus fought his temptations with the Word of God. Jesus, the Son of God, the Son of man, is holy and righteous.

Foundation Verse: James 4:7-8a

Lesson 8: Jesus Chooses His Disciples

John 1:35-51

Jesus, God's promised deliverer, chooses who follows Him.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 9: Jesus' First Miracle Shows He Is God

John 2:1-11

God is all-powerful and can do anything. Jesus is God. We should respond to Jesus in faith.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 10: Zeal for His Father's House: Jesus Cleanses the Temple

John 2:13-22

Jesus felt very strongly that God's house (the temple) should be a place of worship and not a place of profit-making business. God should be rightly worshiped. God hates sin and punishes it because He is holy.

Foundation Verse: Proverbs 3:11-12

Lesson 11: Jesus Takes Away Sickness and Disease: Jesus Heals a Leper, a Servant, and a Mother-in-Law

Matthew 8:1-17

In God's mercy, love, power, and authority, Jesus healed the sick and cast out demons. Jesus marveled at the faith of the centurion (Gentile) while failing to see the same kind of faith in the Jews.

Foundation Verse: Romans 12:21

Lesson 12: "Your Sins Are Forgiven": Jesus Heals the Body and Soul

Mark 2:1-12

As highest authority, Jesus can forgive sin.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 13: Jesus Calms the Storm with a Word

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus was man and slept in the boat during the storm. Jesus is all-powerful and controls all things—He can command the wind and sea.

Foundation Verse: 1 Peter 5:7

Lesson 14: Jesus Shows His Power to Heal:

Jesus Heals a Little Girl and a Woman

Mark 5:21-43

Jesus healed a woman who had faith that He could heal her. Jesus told Jairus not to fear but to believe, and He brought Jairus' daughter back to life. Jesus has the power to heal disease and is stronger than death. Jesus is pleased when we have faith in Him.

Foundation Verse: Proverbs 15:1

Lesson 15: Jesus, The Bread of Life, Provides Bread for 5,000

Mark 6:34-44; John 6:1-14, 22-35

Jesus fed 5,000 men plus women and children with just five loaves and two fish. Sadly, most of the people were more interested in the physical bread than in the eternal life that Jesus, the Bread of Life, came to give. God's provision is satisfying and abundant. Jesus is more important than bread; He gives eternal, spiritual life.

Foundation Verse: Deuteronomy 6:5

Lesson 16: The Son of God Walks on Water

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus could walk on water because He is God and has all power and authority. Peter walked on the water toward Jesus until he looked at the wind and began to doubt. Man must have faith in order to please God.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 17: Jesus Is the Son of the Living God: God Shows Peter Who Jesus is; Jesus Is Transfigured

Mark 8:27-30; Matthew 16:13-20; Matthew 17:1-8

Only God can show us that Jesus is His Son, the Savior.

Foundation Verse: Psalm 118:24

Lesson 18: Love God and Love Your Neighbor: Jesus Tells a Story About a Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus answers a lawyer who wanted to know how to inherit eternal life and tells him a story about a good Samaritan. God wants your whole being (heart, soul, and mind) to be devoted to Him. Those who love God will love their neighbor.

Foundation Verse: Leviticus 19:18b

Lesson 19: The Light of the World Gives Light to Blind Eyes: Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

John 9

Jesus came to do the works of the Father. Jesus is sovereign and has the power to give sight to the blind. The faith of the blind man pleased Jesus. Jesus is the light of the world who came to give spiritual sight to the blind.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 20: Jesus Receives Little Children

Mark 10:13-16

Though His disciples tried to turn children away from coming to Jesus, Jesus welcomed the children. Jesus welcomes all who come to Him. His Kingdom is for the childlike—characterized by trust, openness, receptivity, and humility.

Foundation Verse: Luke 6:38

Lesson 21: Jesus Seeks the Lost: Jesus Tells Stories about a Lost Sheep and a Lost Coin

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus told stories to show that He pursues those who belong to Him and will go to great lengths to rescue them.

Foundation Verse: Psalm 119:10

Lesson 22: A Faithful Father Welcomes Back His Lost Son

Luke 15:11-32

God is a loving Father who welcomes His sinful but repentant children. God forgives sin and welcomes those who repent.

Foundation Verse: James 1:19b

Lesson 23: Seeing the Glory of God: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

John 11:1-44

God's glory was displayed in Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Believing in Jesus leads to eternal life.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 24: Jesus Has Mercy on Blind Bartimaeus

Luke 18:35-43; Mark 10:46-52

Jesus was pleased with Bartimaeus' faith and healed his eyes. Jesus' miracles bring glory to God. He is all-powerful, and nothing is too hard for Him. Just like Bartimaeus, we should praise God for being great and merciful.

Foundation Verse: Proverbs 16:24

Lesson 25: Jesus Came to Seek and to Save Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus came to seek and save sinners like Zacchaeus. A true encounter with Jesus brings about recognition of sinfulness and causes the ungodly to pursue righteousness.

Foundation Verse: Hebrews 13:5

Lesson 26: Jesus Is Worthy to Be Anointed with Costly Perfume

John 12:1-8; Mark 14:3-9

Mary anointed Jesus with costly perfume out of love for Jesus. Jesus is more valuable than anything else in the whole world.

Foundation Verse: Proverbs 17:7a

Lesson 27: “Blessed Is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!”: Jesus Rides Triumphantly into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-44

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey while the crowd praised Him. Jesus is worthy of praise from all creation. Yet He wept over Jerusalem because He knew that the Jews would reject Him and Jerusalem would be destroyed. God knows about everything, and it all happens as God says it will.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 28: Jesus Observes the Passover with His Disciples

Luke 22:7-34; John 13

Jesus washed the disciples' feet. He came to serve others and to show that true greatness and happiness comes from serving others. Jesus showed the disciples through the Lord's Supper that He would die, and His blood would cleanse them. But not all would be saved, as Judas would betray Him.

Foundation Verse: Philippians 2:3

Lesson 29: Jesus Accepts the Father's Will

Matthew 26:36-56

Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane asking that the suffering on the cross would be lifted from Him. Jesus submitted to the Father perfectly, allowing Himself to be arrested, knowing He would die on the cross.

Foundation Verse: Philippians 2:14

Lesson 30: Peter Denies Jesus

Luke 22:54-62

Peter denied three times that he knew Jesus. Jesus knew beforehand that Peter would deny Him. Because we are sinners like Peter, we need a Savior.

Foundation Verse: 1 Peter 5:8

Lesson 31: “Let Him Be Crucified!”

Matthew 27:11-26

The crowd wanted Jesus to be killed even though Jesus did nothing wrong. Everything that happened was a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

Foundation Verse: Romans 3:23

Lesson 32: “King of the Jews”

Matthew 27:27-44; Luke 23:26-38

Jesus is the King of both the Jews and the whole world. Jesus suffered greatly as sinful men mocked and crucified Him.

Foundation Verse: Romans 6:23

Lesson 33: Jesus’ Last Words

Luke 23:33-49; John 19:25-30; Mark 15:33-39; Matthew 27:45-56

Jesus is God’s promised deliverer. He took the punishment for sinners and accomplished what He came to do. Those who trust in Jesus receive forgiveness.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 34: Jesus’ Friends Bury Him

Matthew 27:57-66; John 19:38-42

Jesus was killed and buried—He was truly dead, and His tomb was guarded by His enemies. Jesus’ enemies are God’s enemies and fight against His purposes.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 35: “He Has Risen, As He Said!”

John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-15

Jesus is more powerful than death and it could not defeat Him. Jesus rose from the dead; this is good news!

Foundation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4

Lesson 36: Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus died, rose again, and is a living Savior. Not believing that Jesus died and rose again is foolish. The Holy Spirit can open peoples’ eyes to see Jesus.

Foundation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:5

Lesson 37: Jesus Appears to Thomas

John 20:19-29

Thomas had to see and touch Jesus to believe that He rose from the dead. Jesus desires people to believe in Him without doubting and He will bless them.

Foundation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:6

Lesson 38—Part 1: Jesus Appears by the Sea; Part 2: Jesus Goes to Heaven

John 21:1-14; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:4-11

Jesus appeared to the disciples by the sea and provided fish beyond their expectations. Jesus returned to heaven but promised to send the Holy Spirit.

Foundation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:7

Lesson 39: Power from on High

Acts 2

The Holy Spirit came and filled the disciples at Pentecost just as Jesus had promised. The Holy Spirit gives believers power to live and speak for God, His Word, and His truth. Knowing Jesus and believing in Him brings about a genuine change in what people believe and what they do.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 40: The Holy Spirit Gives Healing Power and Boldness to Peter and John

Acts 3:1-4:31

A man lame from birth was healed in the name of Jesus. Peter and John clearly taught that the power to heal comes from God, not people. The miraculous work of the Holy Spirit causes people to praise God. It is right to obey God and boldly tell others about Jesus.

Foundation Verse: Ephesians 6:10

Lesson 41: God Punishes Two Who Lied to Him

Acts 4:32-5:11

Ananias and Sapphira decided to deceive the apostles and lie about their offering. In pretending to be more generous than they really were, they lied to God. Man cannot love money and trust God at the same time. Because God is holy and righteous, He punishes sin.

Foundation Verse: Proverbs 1:10

Lesson 42: “We Must Obey God Rather Than Men”

Acts 5:12-42

The apostles kept teaching about Jesus even though they were put in prison. They refused to hide the truth about Jesus but spoke boldly to others. Obeying God is of supreme importance. The Holy Spirit gives boldness to believers to speak about Jesus.

Foundation Verse: 2 Corinthians 10:17

Lesson 43: “Do Not Hold This Sin Against Them”

Acts 6-7

Stephen was full of grace and power, and the Holy Spirit did wonders through Stephen. When Stephen told the people about God’s faithfulness and their stubborn rebellion against God, they were so angry they stoned Stephen. In his natural state, man is sinful and he resists God’s Holy Spirit repeatedly. But those who trust in God will live forever in heaven with God.

Foundation Verse: Proverbs 29:11

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Lesson 44: God's Gifts Cannot Be Bought with Money

Acts 8:1-24

Simon tried to buy the gift of the Holy Spirit, but the gift of God cannot be bought with money. The Holy Spirit is given freely to believers by God.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 45: God Sends Philip to Guide an Ethiopian

Acts 8:26-40

God sent Philip to tell an Ethiopian man about salvation in Jesus. God's salvation in Jesus is for all peoples in all nations. Those who believe should be baptized.

Foundation Verse: Psalm 119:11

Lesson 46: Jesus Speaks to Saul

Acts 9:1-9

Saul, even though he was religious, resisted God, but Jesus pursues those who belong to Him.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 47: Saul, a Chosen Instrument of God

Acts 9:10-19a

Jesus is all-powerful and causes the ungodly to pursue God. He chooses people to be His instruments—to tell others about Jesus and show them how great God is.

Foundation Verse: Philippians 4:11b

Lesson 48: Saul Preaches Boldly in the Name of the Lord

Acts 9:19b-31

God changed Saul, causing him to believe in Jesus, and Saul boldly spoke to others about Jesus, the Son of God. The Holy Spirit gives boldness to those who believe in Jesus, as well as comfort, encouragement, and help.

Foundation Verse: Philippians 4:13

Lesson 49: God Hears Cornelius' Prayers

Acts 10

God heard Cornelius' prayers and showed Peter that He accepts anyone from any nation who trusts in Him. He alone is to be worshiped.

Foundation Verse: Philippians 2:4

Lesson 50: The Lord Sends an Angel to Rescue Peter

Acts 12:1-19

God rules over all things, and He is all-powerful. King Herod, guards, and prison cells could not stop God's purposes. God answered the believers' earnest prayers and rescued Peter according to His own plan and purposes.

Foundation Verse: Review

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Lesson 51: God Saves a Jailer

Acts 16:16-34

God sent Paul and Silas to prison so they could tell a jailer about Jesus. The only way to be saved from God's punishment for sin is by believing in the Lord Jesus. Belief in God brings great joy.

Foundation Verse: Review

Lesson 52: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Revelation 21-22

God will make a new heaven and earth. Those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will be in heaven.

Foundation Verse: Psalm 36:5

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Lesson 1

God Hears Zechariah's Prayer and Promises Him a Son

(Luke 1:5-25)

What does this say about God and man?

- Faith pleases God. (Zechariah and Elizabeth trusted God, believed His Word, and offered sacrifices just as God had commanded Moses.)
- Man can come to God only according to God's will and plan.
- God communicates with man. (An angel told Zechariah God's plan; God heard Zechariah's prayer and responded.)
- God is faithful; He always does what He says He will do. (He keeps His promises and fulfills His prophecies.)
- Jesus Christ is God. (See Luke 1:16-17. John prepares God's people for the Lord Jesus.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ God sent an angel to Zechariah to give him a message from God. Where can we find messages from God? (Explain to your child the importance of reading God's Word to see what God says is important.)
- ❓ Why should Zechariah and Elizabeth have trusted God when He promised them a son? (He is faithful. He always does what He says.) Can you trust God to be faithful for you?
- ❓ Is there anything you need to trust God for in your life? (Pray together about it.)

Foundation Verse

- Luke 18:27b—"What is impossible with man is possible with God." (ESV)
- Luke 18:27b—"What is impossible with man is possible with God." (NIV)

Lesson 2

The Coming of the Savior Is Announced

(Luke 1:26-80; Matthew 1:18-25)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is faithful. He always does what He says. (God was fulfilling His promises about the Deliverer—Luke 1:26-36). God fulfilled His promise to Zechariah, and John was born—Luke 1:57. God fulfills all His prophecies—Matthew 1:22.)
- God communicates with man.
- God is sovereign. (He chose Mary to be the mother of the Savior.)
- God is loving, merciful, and gracious. (Jesus would deliver sinners from the punishment they deserved.)
- Jesus Christ is God. (Jesus is the Son of God—Luke 1:32. Jesus was not conceived by a human father but by the power of the Holy Spirit—Luke 1:35.)
- Jesus Christ is man. (Jesus was Mary's son.)
- Jesus Christ is holy and righteous. (Because He is God's Son, He did not inherit Adam's sinful nature.)
- God is all-powerful. (God caused Mary, a virgin, to conceive a child by the power of the Holy Spirit. God gave Elizabeth a child in her old age. Nothing is impossible with God—Luke 1:37.)
- Man must have faith in order to please God and to be saved. (Mary trusted in the Lord and accepted God's will for her to be the mother of the Savior—Luke 1:38.)
- Man is a sinner. He needs God and is helpless to save himself. (See Matthew 1:21.)
- Jesus will reign forever.

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- ❓ God told Joseph that Jesus would save His people from their sins. Why do we need to be saved from our sins?
- ❓ Can we save ourselves? (No, only God can save us.)
- ❓ Do you have any sins you want to ask God to save you from? Pray together.

Foundation Verse

John 3:16—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (ESV)

John 3:16—"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." (NIV)

Lesson 3

Good News of Great Joy!

(Luke 2:1-38)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is sovereign. God rules over all things. (God put Caesar Augustus in power. God ruled over the census that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. He ruled over the timing of the birth of Jesus. He ruled over who the earthly parents of Jesus would be, etc.)
- God keeps His promises. (Jesus was born as God foretold—Luke 2:7. The shepherds found Jesus just as the angels had told them—Luke 2:16-17. Simeon lived long enough to see Jesus as God had promised him—Luke 2:26-28.)
- God communicates with man. (Angels appeared to the shepherds. Simeon prophesied.)
- Jesus' coming glorifies God.
- Faith pleases God. (Mary and Joseph followed God's command. They brought Jesus to the temple to present Him to the Lord and offer a sacrifice according to the law given to Moses.)
- God's salvation in Jesus is for all peoples. (See Luke 2:10, 30-32.)
- God's salvation in Jesus is the source of great joy. (See Luke 2:10.)

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- ❓ Many people were very excited and happy when Jesus was born. What made this baby more special than any other baby in the world?
- ❓ Did Jesus come to save just a few people—maybe those who actually saw Him? (No, He came to save all who believe in Him, even those who have never seen Him.)
- ❓ Are you happy that Jesus came to save people from their sins? (Thank God together for sending Jesus.)

Foundation Verse

- Psalm 100:1-2—Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!
²Come into his presence with singing! (ESV)
- Psalm 100:1-2—Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. ²Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. (NIV)

Lesson 4

Wise Men Worship Jesus

(Matthew 2)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is faithful. He always does what He says.
- Prophecies are fulfilled. (See Matthew 2:6, 15, 23.)
- God is sovereign.
- Herod could not prevent Jesus from fulfilling God's purpose.
- God communicates with man.
- God knows everything. He knew Herod's plans.

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ God spoke to Joseph and the wise men in dreams. How does God speak to you? Do you listen to Him? (Make sure your child understands that the main way God speaks to us is through His Word.)
- ❓ The wise men worshiped Jesus. Why did they worship Jesus? Do you want to worship Jesus, too? (Pray with your child and ask God to give your child a heart of worship for Him.)
- Sing some worship songs together.

Foundation Verse

- Psalm 100:3—Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his, we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (ESV)
- Psalm 100:3—Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. (NIV)

Lesson 5

Jesus Amazes the Teachers in His Father's House

(Luke 2: 41-52)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is God. ("My Father's house"—Luke 2:49.)
- Jesus is man. (He grew up as a man in a human body—Luke 2:52.)
- Jesus is humble. (He submitted to His parents—Luke 2:51.)
- Jesus is supreme. (His wisdom is superior to all men—Luke 2:47.)

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- ? Jesus was wiser than the teachers in the temple. Would you like to learn about God and know the Bible really well? How can you do that?
- ? Jesus knew why His Father had sent Him to earth. Was Jesus obedient to God? Do you want to ask Jesus to help you obey God?
- Pray and ask Jesus to be your teacher.

Foundation Verse

- Psalm 100:4—Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! (ESV)
- Psalm 100:4—Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (NIV)

Lesson 6

John Is Sent by God to Prepare the Way for His Work

(Matthew 3)

What does this say about God and man?

- God communicates with man. (John preached God's message of repentance and forgiveness.)
- Man is a sinner. (John's message was one of repentance—turning from sin and turning to God.)
- God is faithful. (God always does what He says He will do.)
- Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in John. (Man must have faith in order to please God and be saved—Matthew 3:5, 6, 8.)
- Jesus is God. (See Matthew 3:3, 11, 17.)
- Jesus is holy and righteous. (Jesus was perfect in God's sight—Matthew 3:17.)

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ Do you know what it means to confess your sins and to repent? Why did these people need to confess sins and repent? Do you have any sins to confess or anything you need to repent of? (Pray together.)
- ❓ Who can save us from our sins? Does being baptized save us? (Only Jesus can save us from our sins.)

Foundation Verse

- Psalm 100:5—For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (ESV)
- Psalm 100:5—For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (NIV)

Lesson 7

Jesus Defeats Satan with the Word

(Matthew 4:1-11)

What does this say about God and man?

- Satan fights against God and His will. Satan is a liar and a deceiver.
- Jesus Christ is man. (He became hungry and was tempted. See Matthew 4:2).
- Jesus Christ is God.
- Jesus is holy and righteous. (He did not sin. He obeyed God in everything.)
- Man needs God. (See Matthew 4:2.)
- God is faithful. (God sent angels to minister to Jesus.)
- God is all-powerful and is the highest authority. (Satan left when Jesus commanded him to leave.)

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ Imagine being as hungry as Jesus was—He hadn't eaten for 40 days. You would be so hungry that you would be weak, and you could hardly stand it! Would it be tempting to turn the stones into bread so you could eat?

God's Word is more important than bread. It keeps your soul alive, while bread only keeps your body alive. We need God more than anything else. We should not love anything more than God and His Word. (Name some specific things that we sometimes love more than God.)

- Pray: Ask for God's grace to cause both of you to love God more than anything else.

Foundation Verse

- James 4:7-8a—Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. (ESV)
- James 4:7-8a—Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God, and he will come near to you. (NIV)

Lesson 8

Jesus Chooses His Disciples

(John 1:35-51)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is sovereign. (Jesus chooses those who follow Him.)
- Jesus is God's promised Deliverer. (Jesus is the Lamb of God—John 1:36; Jesus is the Messiah—John 1:41.)
- God knows everything. (See John 1:48.)
- Jesus is God.

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ John the Baptist called Jesus “the Lamb of God.” What were lambs for, in the Old Testament times? (Refer to the story of the Passover and the Passover Lamb.) What did this mean about Jesus? (His blood saves sinners.)
- ❓ Jesus' disciples followed Him. Do you want to follow Jesus? Discuss what it means to follow Jesus.
 - Pray: Ask God to choose your child to follow Jesus.

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 9

Jesus' First Miracle Shows He Is God

(John 2:1-11)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is all-powerful. He can do anything.
- Jesus is God.
- Jesus' miracles show He is God, and we should respond with faith in Jesus.

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ If Jesus can turn plain water into wine, can He do anything? Is there anything He can't do?
- ❓ What are some examples of God's power that you have seen or heard about?
- ❓ Jesus' disciples believed in Him when He did this miracle (see verse 11). Do you want to believe in Jesus, too?
Ask God to cause you to believe in Jesus.

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 10

Zeal for His Father's House: Jesus Cleanses the Temple

(John 2:13-22)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is worthy of worship.
- God hates sin because He is holy. (The people showed disrespect for God by making His house a place of trade instead of worship—they loved money more than they loved worshiping God. See John 2:14-16.)
- Sin must be punished. (See John 2:14-16.)
- Jesus is God's promised Savior. (See John 2:19-22.)

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ How does God feel about sin? (He hates sin; it makes Him angry.)
- ❓ Do you ever sin? (Yes, everyone sins.) Explain that sin is valuing (loving) anything more than you value (love) God. Perhaps share with your child some of your own struggles with sin. Make it clear that sin is not just the big, obvious things like stealing, lying, or uncontrolled anger, but also things like wanting your own way all the time, or things that can be hard to see such as when you like anything more than you love God.
- Pray about your sins and your child's sins. Ask God to forgive them.

Foundation Verse

- Proverbs 3:11-12—My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, ¹²for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights. (ESV)
- Proverbs 3:11-12—My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, ¹²because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. (NIV)

Lesson 11

Jesus Takes Away Sickness and Disease: Jesus Heals a Leper, a Servant, and a Mother-In-Law

(Matthew 8:1-17)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is merciful and loving. (Jesus healed the sick.)
- Faith pleases God. Man must have faith in order to please God. (See Matthew 8:10.)
- God punishes sin. (See Matthew 8:12.)
- God is all-powerful and is the highest authority. (Jesus cast out demons and healed diseases.)
- God keeps His promises. (Prophecy is fulfilled. See Matthew 8:17.)

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ Jesus healed many people of diseases and cast out demons. Is Jesus more powerful than any disease? Is He more powerful than demons? (Yes; He has authority over all things.)
- ❓ Since God is more powerful than anything else, is it smart to disobey Him or try to work against Him?
- Share some other examples of God's power, authority, mercy, and love, either from the Bible or from personal experience.

Foundation Verse

- Romans 12:21—Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (ESV)
- Romans 12:21—Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (NIV)

Lesson 12

“Your Sins Are Forgiven”: Jesus Heals the Body and Soul

(Mark 2:1-12)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is the highest authority. (He can forgive sins. See Mark 2:10.)
- Man must have faith in order to please God; faith pleases God. (See Mark 2:5.)
- Jesus is God. (See Mark 2:7.)
- God is all-powerful. (He can heal diseases.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ We all sin. (Discuss some personal sins.) Who can forgive sins?
- ❓ Do you want your sins to be forgiven?
- Pray. Ask Jesus to forgive your sins. (Be specific.)

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 13

Jesus Calms the Storm with a Word

(Mark 4:35-41)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is man. (He was asleep in the boat during the storm. He got tired.)
- Jesus is God. (God is the highest authority.)
- God is all-powerful and controls all things. (Even the wind and the sea obey Him.)
- Faith pleases Jesus; unbelief does not please Jesus.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ If you went outside on a very windy day and told the wind to stop blowing, would it stop? How about if I (parent) told the wind to stop blowing, would it stop? How would Jesus make the wind and the wave be calm just by talking to them? (Jesus is God—everything must obey Him.)
- ❓ Would you like to know somebody that powerful? (Talk about what it means to know God.)
- Discuss what it means to have faith and to have no faith (see verse 40). Contrast simply knowing about God to putting your trust in Him.

Foundation Verse

- 1 Peter 5:7—casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (ESV)
- 1 Peter 5:7—Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (NIV)

Lesson 14

Jesus Shows His Power to Heal: Jesus Heals a Little Girl and a Woman

(Mark 5:21-43)

What does this say about God and man?

- Faith pleases Jesus.
- Jesus is all-powerful. (He can heal disease and is stronger than death.)
- God is the highest authority. (He has authority over disease and death.)
- Jesus is God.
- God knows everything. (See Mark 5:30.)

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ If someone was sick, would that person get well just by touching you? Or, if you were very sick, would you get well just by touching your mom's or dad's clothing?
- ❓ Do you know anybody who, if someone died, could tell a dead person to get up and the dead person would get up? (If possible, demonstrate the futility of this, by killing a fly or something, and commanding it to fly away.) Do you know anybody with that much power?
- Jesus is that strong. Jesus is God. We do not need to be afraid of sickness, pain, or even death when we believe in Jesus (see verse 36). Jesus loves it when we trust Him.

Foundation Verse

- Proverbs 15:1—A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (ESV)
- Proverbs 15:1—A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (NIV)

Lesson 15

Jesus, the Bread of Life, Provides Bread for 5,000

(Mark 6:34-44; John 6:1-14, 22-35)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is merciful and loving. (See Mark 6:34—"he had compassion on them." He provided for the needs of the crowd.)
- Jesus is God.
- God's provision is satisfying and abundant. (See John 6:13 and Mark 6:42-43.)
- Jesus is all-powerful. (He fed 5,000 with five loaves and two fish.)
- Man is a sinner. He needs God and cannot save himself.
- Jesus is the only Savior. (Jesus is more important than bread. He is bread for our souls—bread feeds physical life and doesn't last. Jesus gives us eternal, spiritual life. The most important thing is to believe in Jesus—John 6:29.)

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ Take out a peanut butter sandwich and an apple, or some similar simple lunch. Ask: If you brought your lunch—a peanut butter sandwich and an apple—to (the church, the park, or some large place) where there were lots and lots of people, thousands of people, and tried to feed all the people there with your lunch, could you do it?
- ❓ How about if you shared that lunch with only 100 people? Would they get enough to eat? How about if you shared it with 10 people? Would they get enough to eat? Would there be anything left over?
- ❓ Jesus took one person's lunch and made it enough for 5,000 people! That's many more people than can fit even into our church building. We would need maybe [guestimate a number] buildings that big to fit that many people! (Or use some other example to get across the point that 5,000 people is a huge number of people.) Jesus is very powerful, isn't He?
- ❓ But Jesus said there was something even better than feeding all those people. He said He Himself was bread from heaven, and those who believe in Him will live forever. Do you want to live forever—with Jesus?

Foundation Verse

- Deuteronomy 6:5—You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (ESV)
- Deuteronomy 6:5—Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (NIV)

Lesson 16

The Son of God Walks on Water

(Matthew 14:22-33)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is God. (See Matthew 14:33.)
- God is all-powerful. (Jesus can even walk on water.)
- Jesus has authority over all.
- Man must have faith in order to please God.

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ When you play in the water in the summer, can you stand or walk on top of the water? Have you ever seen anybody do that? Can water hold people up while they're walking? Why could Jesus walk on water? (Discuss how Jesus/God is so powerful, has authority over everything, so He can even make water hold Him up while He is walking.)
- Pray: Ask God to show you in some specific way how powerful He is (perhaps in a particular situation you are facing right now).
- Sing a song or hymn about God's power.

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 17

Jesus is the Son of the Living God: God Shows Peter Who Jesus Is; Jesus Is Transfigured

(Mark 8:27-30; Matthew 16:13-20; Matthew 17:1-8)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is man.
- Jesus is God.
- Jesus is God's promised Savior. Jesus is the Son of the Living God. (See Matthew 16:16.)
- Only God can give us faith in Jesus.
- God communicates with man. (God spoke out of the cloud.)

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ How bright is the sun? Can you look right at it, or is it so bright that it hurts your eyes?

On the mountain, Jesus' face shone as bright as the sun. That was God showing a little of His glory—showing how great He is. Try to imagine something even brighter than the sun, brighter than a million lightbulbs. God's glory is brighter than that.

- ❓ Do you want to see some of God's glory? Even though Jesus is not physically with us, God has ways of showing His greatness to His people. This week, ask God to show you how great He is. Ask Him to give you faith that Jesus is the Savior.

Foundation Verse

- Psalm 118:24—This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (ESV)
- Psalm 118:24—The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. (NIV)

Lesson 18

Love God and Love Your Neighbor: Jesus Tells a Story About a Good Samaritan

(Luke 10:25-37)

What does this say about God and man?

- God wants your whole being (heart, soul, and mind) to be devoted to Him. (See Luke 10:27.)
- If we love God, we will love our neighbor.
- God desires us to be merciful to those in need.
- Man is a sinner and needs a Savior.
- To inherit eternal life, you must truly love God.

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ The Bible tells us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. What are some ways you love yourself? (Possible answers could include: eat when I'm hungry, put Band-Aids® on my owies, make sure I have good toys to play with, don't want to be left out of something fun, etc.)
- ❓ What are some ways you can "love your neighbor as you love yourself"? (Use answers to the first questions to get ideas for how to love others. Try to go beyond the simplistic "share my toys" idea. If possible, get an idea on something specific to do for a particular person.)

Only God can give you true love for Him and for others. Let's pray that God will give you a heart to love Him and others.

Foundation Verse

- Leviticus 19:18b—... you shall love your neighbor as yourself: (ESV)
- Leviticus 19:18b—... love your neighbor as yourself. (NIV)

Lesson 19

The Light of the World Gives Light to Blind Eyes: Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

(John 9)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is all-powerful; nothing is too hard for Him. (Jesus can give sight to the blind.)
- God is good and merciful. (Jesus healed the blind man.)
- Faith pleases God. (The blind man trusted Jesus. You may also want to make the following points: It is worse to *not* see who Jesus is and to *not* believe in Him than it is to have blind eyes; not believing in Jesus is true blindness. Jesus seeks out people to worship Him and believe in Him—John 9:35-38.)
- God is sovereign; He is in control of everything. (God is in control even of man's blindness—John 9:3.)
- All things serve God's purposes; God works all things for His glory—to show His greatness and worth. (The man's blindness served to display the works of God—John 9:3.)
- Man needs God.
- Everything Jesus did was for the purpose of glorifying God.
- Jesus is the light of the world who came to give spiritual sight to the blind.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Close your eyes. Imagine that it is dark like that all the time and you can never see your mom and dad, your friends, trees, snow, pretty flowers, butterflies...That would not be fun, would it? What could be worse than being blind? (Note: If your child is blind, you can skip this part. The purpose here is not to lament the tragedy of blindness, but to lead the child to understand the greater tragedy of spiritual blindness.)
- ❓ There is something worse than being blind—lots and lots worse! Do you know what it is? If you never knew Jesus—who He is and what He's done—if you cannot "see" Jesus or believe in Him, that is far, far worse than having blind eyes. (Discuss, as the Holy Spirit leads.)
- Pray: Ask God to cause you to see Jesus and believe in Him.

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 20

Jesus Receives Little Children

(Mark 10:13-16)

What does this say about God and man?

- God's Kingdom is for all kinds of people—children as well as adults.
- God's Kingdom is for the childlike (characterized by trust, openness, receptivity, and humility).
- God welcomes all those who come to Him.

Questions and Answers

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ When you go to other people (to play with them or tell them something, etc.), do they always want you to be with them? Do they ever tell you, "I'm too busy to talk with you right now" or "I don't want to play with you"?
- ❓ Did Jesus do that to these children? Did He say, "I'm too busy" to these children? His disciples tried to send the children away, but Jesus "took them in His arms." He held them and blessed them.
- ❓ Do you think Jesus ever turns away those who come to Him? (No, Jesus always, always welcomes those who come to Him for His blessing.)

Foundation Verse

- Luke 6:38—"give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." (ESV)
- Luke 6:38—"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (NIV)

Lesson 21

Jesus Seeks the Lost: Jesus Tells Stories About a Lost Sheep and a Lost Coin

(Luke 15:1-10)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus pursues those who belong to Him and will go to great lengths to rescue them. (See Ezekiel 34:11-16.)
- God rejoices when a sinner repents.

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ Let's pretend you are the sheep in this story, that gets lost. You wandered away, and now you can't find your way back. Then you fall into a deep hole, and you can't get out. It starts to rain, it's cold, and then you see a pack of wolves standing around the pit. Who can rescue you? Will the wolves rescue you? Can another sheep rescue you? No, only the shepherd can rescue you.
- ❓ What is it like being apart from God? (Discuss some of the terrors in store for those apart from God, both in this life and in eternity.) It's a lot like being a lost sheep!

But if you belong to God, then just like the shepherd in the story, God will come after you and find you and kill the wolves and take you out of the deep hole. He will rescue you.

- Pray: Ask God to be your Shepherd and to always rescue you and come after you when you're lost.

Foundation Verse

- Psalm 119:10—With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! (ESV)
- Psalm 119:10—I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. (NIV)

Lesson 22

A Faithful Father Welcomes Back His Lost Son

(Luke 15:11-32)

What does this say about God and man?

- God rejoices when a sinner repents.
- God forgives sin and eagerly welcomes those who repent.
- Man is sinful.
- God is faithful.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ? Sometimes you disobey too. (Give some examples.) If you are truly sorry and tell me you are sorry, what do I do? Do I say, "I don't want you to be my child anymore?" (Discuss how happy parents are when their children come to them like the younger son did.)
- ? Are there ways that people can run away from God? Discuss various ways people can "run away" from God. Be sure to include things to which your child can relate and emphasize heart attitudes as well as actions.
- ? Is God like the father in this story? Does He welcome those who have run away from Him and then come back to Him? (This is called repentance. God forgives sin and delights to welcome those who repent. Express how much God rejoices to do this.)
- ? Have you been "running away" from God in some way? Pray together. Tell God you're sorry and ask Him to welcome you back.

Foundation Verse

- James 1:19b—let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger (ESV)
- James 1:19b— Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, (NIV)

Lesson 23

Seeing the Glory of God: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

(John 11:1-44)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is sovereign. (He can use even sickness and death for His glory—John 11:4.)
- Faith in Jesus will give you eternal life. (See John 11:26.)
- Jesus is God's promised Savior. (See John 11:27.)
- Jesus is the source of eternal life. (Jesus is the resurrection and the life—John 11:25.)
- God is the highest authority. (He has authority even over death.)
- Believing Jesus glorifies God. (See John 11:40.)
- All things work to God's glory.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- Everyone will die someday. Everyone in our family, all our friends, all of us will die. (Perhaps discuss previous experiences with death; explain death, if necessary.)
- ❓ Is it kind of scary to think about that? Does it make you feel sad?
- ❓ Jesus said (read from John 11:25-26): "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." Does that mean that if you or I believe in Jesus that we won't die? No. Everyone will die someday, but those who believe in Jesus, when they die, will go to heaven and live forever there with Him.
- ❓ Should we be afraid to die? (Only if we don't believe in Jesus.)
- Pray: Ask God to cause you to believe in Jesus.

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 24

Jesus Has Mercy on Blind Bartimaeus

(Luke 18:35-43; Mark 10:46-52)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is merciful and loving.
- God is all-powerful; nothing is too hard for Him. (He can give sight to the blind.)
- Faith pleases God and benefits us. ("Your faith has made you well"—Luke 18:42.)
- Jesus' miracles bring glory to God. (See Luke 18:43.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Let's pretend you are sick and there's only one doctor in the world who can make you well. You see him walking down the street. This is your only chance to get well! Wouldn't you want to call out to him, "Doctor! Doctor! Please make me well!"?

That's what Bartimaeus did. He believed Jesus could make him see, so he called out to Him. This is what Jesus called faith. When we call out to Jesus, believing He is the One who can help us, that's called prayer.

- ❓ Bartimaeus needed to be able to see. What do you need? Let's call out to Jesus and ask Him for that. Faith is believing that Jesus will do what is best.

Foundation Verse

- Proverbs 16:24—Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. (ESV)
- Proverbs 16:24—Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. (NIV)

Lesson 25

Jesus Came to Seek and to Save Zacchaeus

(Luke 19:1-10)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus pursues those who belong to Him. (See Luke 19:7, 10.)
- Jesus came to seek and save the lost. (See Luke 19:10)
- A true encounter with Jesus brings about recognition of one's sinfulness.
- True repentance is turning from sin.
- Jesus changes the hearts of those who come to Him. (Jesus is all-powerful and causes the ungodly to pursue righteousness. See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Do you remember the story that Jesus told of the shepherd searching for the lost sheep and how we learned that God is like that shepherd?
- ❓ Here Jesus says that He came to "seek and to save the lost" (verse 10). Who in this story was lost?
- ❓ Zacchaeus was lost. But he wasn't in a deep pit, he hadn't fallen off a cliff like a lost sheep might. How was he lost?

Zacchaeus was apart from God and Jesus went after him.

- Thank God that He comes after those who are lost and thank Him that He has found you.

Foundation Verse

- Hebrews 13:5—Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (ESV)
- Hebrews 13:5—Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (NIV)

Lesson 26

Jesus Is Worthy To Be Anointed with Costly Perfume

(John 12:1-8; Mark 14:3-9)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus, who is God, is more valuable than anything else in the whole world. (Jesus is more valuable than the perfume, which cost about a year's wages.)
- Jesus is worthy of our love and worship.
- Jesus knows all things. (He knew the heart of Judas. He knew He would be killed.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

Note: These questions are based on the situation of the child's father working for an employer and earning wages to support the family. If your family situation is different, simply change the wording to reflect your situation, or use a different example.

- ? When Daddy goes to work, what does he do? (Describe his job briefly.) Daddy earns money doing [his profession]. Money buys the food we eat, pays for the house we live in, and buys the clothes we wear.
- ? Let's pretend we took all the money Daddy earned for a week and bought only one thing with that money. Would it be something pretty important? How about if we took all the money he earned for four weeks and bought only one thing? How about if we took all the money Daddy earned for a whole year and bought just one thing? Would that one thing be something very, very important and very valuable?
- ? This perfume the woman used to pour on Jesus cost all the money that someone earned in a year. It was very important and very, very valuable. If you had perfume like that, would you use it on a dog—or a doll? No, it's too valuable to use that way. Would you use the whole bottle on just one person, all at once? Only if that person was very, very important and very, very valuable to you—more important and valuable than the perfume.
- Jesus is more valuable than anything else in the world. (Discuss.)

Foundation Verse

- Proverbs 17:17a—A friend loves at all times... (ESV)
- Proverbs 17:17a—A friend loves at all times... (NIV)

Lesson 27

“Blessed Is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!": Jesus Rides Triumphantly into Jerusalem

(Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-44)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is worthy of praise from all creation. (See Luke 19:37-38, 40 and Mark 11:9-10.)
- God knows everything. (Jesus knew about the colt and the destruction of Jerusalem.)
- Everything happens as God says it will; God fulfills all His purposes.
- God is faithful; He always does what He says He will do. (See the fulfillment of the Zechariah 9:9 prophecy.)
- Jesus is King.

Questions and Responses

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- ❓ Many people were really happy when they saw Jesus riding on the donkey toward Jerusalem. They were so happy that they couldn't help shouting! That should have made Jesus happy, too, right? But the Bible says (read Luke 19:41): "And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it." Jesus was crying. Here all these people were shouting and praising God because of all the miracles Jesus had done—and Jesus wept! What made Him weep?

Jesus wept because there were so many people that did not understand who He was and what He came to do. He came from God to show His people the way to peace with God, yet many did not believe.

- Let's ask the Lord to cause us to believe, and to cause the people we know who don't believe in Jesus, to believe in Him.

Foundation Verse

- Review week.

Lesson 28

Jesus Observes the Passover with His Disciples

(Luke 22:7-34; John 13)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus knows all things. (See John 13:1, 3, 11, 38 and Luke 22:13, 21, 34.)
- Everything happens as God says it will. (The prophecy of Psalm 41:9 is fulfilled here. See John 13:2, 21-27 and Luke 22:22.)
- God is sovereign. (See John 13:3.)
- Jesus came to serve us and to be an example to us of humble service. (See John 13:12-17 and Luke 22:27.)
- Happiness comes from humbly serving others. (See John 13:17.)
- Jesus forgives sin and died to purchase salvation for sinners. (Washing the disciples' feet was a symbol of spiritual cleansing—John 13:8-10. Jesus knew it was His hour to die on the cross—John 13:1.)
- Jesus is supreme and the highest authority. (He is Teacher and Lord—John 13:13.)
- God hates sin; sin must be punished. (See Luke 22:22b.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Jesus washed the disciples' feet. This was a job for servants, not for Jesus. What did Jesus show the disciples when He washed their feet? (Jesus was kind and loving. He served others. True greatness and happiness comes from serving others.) How can you help others?
- ❓ Jesus wanted to eat the Passover meal with His disciples. Do you remember about the first Passover in Egypt? (Discuss how God provided a way to escape His punishment through the blood of the Passover lamb. See Exodus 12-13.) The blood of the lamb kept them safe. The lamb died instead of them.
- Jesus would die on the cross, and His blood can save us from God's punishment. Jesus died in the place of sinners. He took the punishment that we should have. Trusting in Jesus is God's way of giving us an escape from His punishment for our sins. Our sins can be forgiven because Jesus died for us. (Read Luke 22:20.)
- Discuss what it means to sin, to have sins forgiven, to trust (believe) in Jesus. Pray together.

Foundation Verse

- Philippians 2:3—Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (ESV)
- Philippians 2:3—Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, (NIV)

Lesson 29

Jesus Accepts the Father's Will

(Matthew 26:36-56)

What does this say about God and man?

- Everything happens as God says it will. (See Matthew 26:56.)
- Jesus submitted to the Father perfectly.
- Jesus suffered for sinners.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Do you remember the Bible verse, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Ephesians 6:1)? Do you like to obey your mom and dad? Sometimes would you rather do something else than what mom and dad tell you to do? (Discuss how it is good to obey even when you don't feel like it.)
- ❓ There is someone that it's more important to obey than Mom and Dad—God. Does anyone obey God all the time? No one obeys God perfectly all the time—except Jesus.
- ❓ What is Jesus praying about in the garden? God is telling Jesus it is time for Him to do something very important: People are going to come and arrest Him, and then kill Him. It's going to hurt lots and lots—more than any of your “owies” have hurt. Do you think this was easy for Jesus to do? (No, it wasn't easy, but He obeyed gladly, not grudgingly.)

Foundation Verse

- Philippians 2:14—Do all things without grumbling or disputing, (ESV)
- Philippians 2:14—Do everything without grumbling or arguing, (NIV)

Lesson 30

Peter Denies Jesus

(Luke 22:54-62)

What does this say about God and man?

- Man is sinful.
- Because we are sinful, we need a Savior.
- Jesus knows everything. (Jesus told Peter beforehand that he would deny Him—Matthew 26:34. Jesus knew that Peter denied Him.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Peter had been with Jesus a long time. Why would he say that he did not know Jesus? (Talk about 1 Peter 5:8.)
- ❓ Being safe and not getting hurt or arrested was more important to Peter than letting others know that he was Jesus' disciple. Peter wasn't valuing Jesus most of all. Peter was a sinner. Why did Peter go out and "weep bitterly" (cry)?
- ❓ What about us? Are we sinners—like Peter—or are we better than him? Do we always value God most of all? The Bible says we are all sinners. (Read Psalm 14:3 or Romans 3:23. Discuss what this means.)
- Pray together, confess your sins.

Foundation Verse

- 1 Peter 5:8—Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (ESV)
- 1 Peter 5:8—Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (NIV)

Lesson 31

“Let Him Be Crucified!”

(Matthew 27:11-26)

What does this say about God and man?

- Man is sinful. (The crowd wanted Jesus to be killed.)
- Because we are sinful, we need a Savior.
- God knows everything and always does what He says. (The prophecy of Isaiah 53:7 is fulfilled as Jesus was silent before His accusers.)
- Jesus suffered. (See Matthew 27:26 and Isaiah 53:3.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ What does it mean to be crucified? (If you have a cross, look at it together. Briefly and carefully describe crucifixion, making sure your child understands it was a way to kill criminals.)
- ❓ Was Jesus a bad man? Was He a criminal? What did He do to deserve to be killed?
- Everyone is a sinner. (Discuss Romans 3:23. Help your child to see that he or she is a sinner and deserving of God's punishment.)

Foundation Verse

- Romans 3:23—for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (ESV)
- Romans 3:23—for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (NIV)

Lesson 32

“King of the Jews”

(Matthew 27:27-44; Luke 23:26-38)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is the King of the Jews (God’s chosen people) and of the whole world.
- Man is sinful. (Man mocked and crucified Jesus.)
- Because we are sinful, we need a Savior.
- Jesus suffered greatly.
- Jesus loves sinners. (He was willing to take the punishment of sinners. He asked His Father to forgive those who were mocking and crucifying Him.)
- God is the highest authority; He is in charge of all things.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ What is a king? (Some possible answers: A king rules his people; he has authority over them; he takes care of his people; he is their leader; he is the most important person in the kingdom; etc.)
- ❓ Jesus was called “King of the Jews.” (Define “Jews” if necessary.) Is He King of only the Jews? (No, He is King of all. Read or paraphrase Isaiah 49:6.)
- ❓ Discuss crucifying the King—the One who has never sinned, who is the Son of God. Who deserves punishment? Who deserves death—Jesus or those who are sinners (all of us)?

Foundation Verse

- Romans 6:23—For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (ESV)
- Romans 6:23—For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

Lesson 33

Jesus' Last Words

(Luke 23:33-49; John 19:25-30; Mark 15:33-39; Matthew 27:45-56)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is righteous, perfect, and sinless. (See Luke 23:41.)
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus is God's promised Deliverer.
- Jesus is eager to forgive sinners who call on Him. (See Luke 23:43.)
- Jesus' death has supreme significance. (The earth shook; the temple curtain was torn in two; there was darkness; etc.)
- Jesus bore the punishment for the sins of His people.
- Jesus is the highest authority. (See Luke 23:42-43.)
- In dying, Jesus accomplished what He came to do. ("It is finished"—John 19:30.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Suppose the daddy of a little boy tells him to do something (e.g., pick up his toys, feed the dog, etc.). If the little boy doesn't do it (disobeys), does he deserve to be punished (e.g., maybe he is not allowed to play with his toys for a while)?
- ❓ Did Jesus deserve the punishment of being crucified? (Read or paraphrase Luke 23:41.) No, Jesus never sinned. He is perfect; He never sinned, not even one time.
- ❓ Are we sinners? Does sin deserve punishment? (Discuss "sin" as needed. Explain that the punishment for sin is death. Explain that Jesus took the punishment for sin on Himself, although He Himself never sinned so that those who trust in Him can be forgiven.)

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 34

Jesus' Friends Bury Him

(Matthew 27:57-66; John 19:38-42)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus was killed and buried.
- Jesus was truly dead. (He wasn't just sleeping. He was dead like any other person who has died. He would only be buried if He were truly dead.)
- The enemies of Jesus are enemies of God and fight against God and His purposes. (The Pharisees posted a guard at the tomb and sealed the tomb with a large rock.)
- No one can stop God's purposes.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Jesus was dead. Can dead people get up and walk away? No, dead bodies can't do anything.
- ❓ The Pharisees knew that Jesus said He would rise from the dead. They didn't believe He would do that, but they thought His followers might come and take away His body and try to tell people Jesus had risen from the dead. So they had someone guard the tomb, and they also sealed the tomb. Do you think Jesus would rise from the dead like He said He would? Could a guard and a seal on the tomb stop Him from coming to life again?
- ❓ Is anything too hard for Jesus? Jesus can do anything. (Discuss some of the things that Jesus does.)

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 35

“He Has Risen, As He Said!”

(John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-15)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is all-powerful. He is more powerful than death. Death could not defeat Him.
- Jesus rose from the dead, and this is good news. (It made His friends and disciples glad—Matthew 28:8.)
- Jesus always does what He says He will do. (He did “as he said”—Matthew 28:6.)
- God is so powerful that all the attempts of man cannot stop God from accomplishing what He wills. (The guard and the large rock sealing the tomb did not keep Jesus from rising again or from leaving the tomb.)

Questions and Answers

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Who is the strongest person you know? (Discuss what makes this person strong, such as being able to lift heavy things.) There are some people in the world even stronger than (name the person) people who can lift hundreds of pounds. But even the strongest people in the world will someday die. Can they make their bodies alive again? (No, death is stronger than even the strongest person.)
- ❓ Jesus died. Did His body stay dead? Did somebody else come along and make Him alive? (No, Jesus is God’s Son, and God is stronger than death! Jesus became alive after He was dead.)
- Discuss what good news Jesus’ resurrection is. Thank God for Jesus’ resurrection and what it means to you.

Foundation Verse

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-5a—Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. (ESV)
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-5a—Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.⁵ It does not dishonor others, (NIV)

Lesson 36

Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus

(Luke 24:13-35)

- Jesus rose from the dead!
- Not believing that Jesus died and rose again is foolish.
- Jesus is our teacher and is the best teacher of the Scriptures.
- We can only see Jesus for who He really is when the Holy Spirit opens our eyes.
- Being with Jesus affects our hearts and changes us. ("Were not our hearts burning within us?"—Luke 24:32.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ What did people use for travel before we had cars? They walked or maybe rode on animals such as camels, donkeys, or horses. This gave them a lot of time to talk together. What were the two men in the story talking about?
- ❓ When Jesus started walking with them, did they know He was Jesus? Were they blind? No, they weren't blind—they could see Jesus, but they did not recognize Him. They didn't recognize Jesus because God had not shown them the truth about Jesus.
- ❓ People without God, without the Holy Spirit, can't understand the truth of the Bible. They can't truly believe that Jesus is God's Son, that He died and rose again and is living. They can't believe that Jesus is the most precious person, the greatest treasure. Who can help them to see who Jesus truly is? (only God, the Holy Spirit)
- Pray: Ask God to show you who Jesus truly is. Pray for others who do not know Jesus.

Foundation Verse

- 1 Corinthians 13:5b—It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;. (ESV)
- 1 Corinthians 13:5b—it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. (NIV)

Lesson 37

Jesus Appears to Thomas

(John 20:19-29)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus rose from the dead; Jesus is a living Savior.
- Faith pleases God. (See John 20:29.)
- God blesses those who believe in Jesus.
- “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”
- You do not have to physically see or touch Jesus before you can believe in Him.
- Jesus desires us to believe in Him without doubting.
- Jesus knows everything.
- He knew what Thomas said even though He was not there (John 20:25).

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ If a friend of yours told you that he had a cookie that was bigger than a plate, would you believe him? Would you think he was joking? What if you went to your friend’s house and you saw the cookie—and it really was bigger than a plate?! You would have to believe in that cookie when you could see it and touch it! Thomas did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw Him and touched Him. Then he couldn’t doubt any longer!
- ❓ But have you seen Jesus? Can you touch Him with your hand like you can touch a dog, or a baby?
Some people could see and touch Jesus—and still not believe He is God. But the Holy Spirit can help us to “see” Jesus with our spirits, and believe in Him, even when we cannot see Him with our eyes or touch Him with our hands.

Foundation Verse

- 1 Corinthians 13:6—it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (ESV)
- 1 Corinthians 13:6—Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. (NIV)

Lesson 38, Part 1

Jesus Appears by the Sea

(John 21:1-14)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus has authority over everything—even fish.
- Jesus provides for His followers, even beyond what they expect. (Jesus provided a large catch of fish, breakfast.)
- Jesus is God. (“they worshiped Him”—Luke 24:52)
- Believing in Jesus brings great joy.
- Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to His followers. (See Acts 1:8.)
- The Holy Spirit gives power. (See Acts 1:8.)
- The good news about Jesus will be told in the whole earth. (See Acts 1:8.)
- Jesus will return again!
- God is sovereign over all things. (God alone knows the time of Jesus’ return—Acts 1:7.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ In the story you heard, what were the disciples doing all night? Did they catch any fish? What did Jesus tell them to do?
- ❓ What happened when they threw out their nets when Jesus told them to? What does this tell you about Jesus? Jesus knows everything! Jesus is powerful!
- ❓ What else does Jesus know? What else can He do? Let’s thank Jesus for knowing everything and being all-powerful. Let’s thank Jesus for being a living Savior!

Foundation Verse

- 1 Corinthians 13:7—Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (ESV)
- 1 Corinthians 13:7—It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (NIV)

Lesson 38, Part 2

Jesus Goes to Heaven

(Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:4-11)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus has authority over everything—even fish.
- Jesus provides for His followers, even beyond what they expect. (Jesus provided a large catch of fish, breakfast.)
- Jesus is God. (“they worshiped Him”—Luke 24:52)
- Believing in Jesus brings great joy.
- Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to His followers. (See Acts 1:8.)
- The Holy Spirit gives power. (See Acts 1:8.)
- The good news about Jesus will be told in the whole earth. (See Acts 1:8.)
- Jesus will return again!
- God is sovereign over all things. (God alone knows the time of Jesus’ return—Acts 1:7.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Where did Jesus go when He left His disciples? (up to heaven)
- ❓ If Jesus is in heaven, it must be a wonderful place. It is such a happy place because Jesus is there! Do you want to go to heaven some day?
- ❓ The angel told the disciples a promise. Someday, Jesus will come back from heaven! Will you be glad to see Him?
- ❓ The people that will be glad to see Him are the ones who love Him now, before He comes again. Do you love Him now?

Foundation Verse

- 1 Corinthians 13:7—Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (ESV)
- 1 Corinthians 13:7—It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (NIV)

Lesson 39

Power from on High

(Acts 2)

What does this say about God and man?

- The Holy Spirit is powerful.
- God is sovereign and gives the Holy Spirit to whom He pleases when He pleases.
- The gift of the Holy Spirit is for all those who believe. (It is not just for the people in Bible times, but for all whom the Lord calls to Himself, in all lands and all times.)
- God keeps His promises and fulfills prophecies. (See Acts 2:16-21 and the fulfillment of Joel's prophecies.)
- God forgives the sins of those who believe in Jesus.
- The work of the Holy Spirit amazes people.
- Knowing Jesus and believing in Him brings about repentance (a genuine change in what you believe and what you do).
- When you believe in Jesus, you should be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Knowing Jesus makes you happy. (See Acts 2:46.)
- The Holy Spirit gives believers power to live and speak for God, for His Word and Truth.
- Man must have faith to be saved and to please God.
- Man is a sinner; he needs God and is helpless to save himself.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ? (Ask your child to say something.) Do you know which language you are speaking? (English) All the words we speak are part of a language called English. (Adjust these questions according to which language you speak or how many languages you and your child know.) How about German (or other language you and your child do not know)? Can you speak German? Do you think I can? (No, I have never learned that language.)
- ? Now the apostles and the other followers of Jesus in this story were speaking of God's mighty deeds in other languages—languages they did not know! How could they do that? Can you or I, without taking lessons or listening to the language a lot, speak in a language we don't know? (It takes a very long time to learn a language, often years.) The Holy Spirit caused them to speak in other languages. God knows all the languages in the world, and He could do this! (Discuss if desired.) He did this so all the people could hear about Jesus in their own language.
- ? Was the Holy Spirit only given to the disciples on Pentecost? No, the Holy Spirit is for every person who is trusting in Jesus as Savior. (See verses 38-39.) He helps people to trust in Jesus and changes their hearts. He helps Christians understand the Bible, fight sin, and share the good news about Jesus.

Foundation Verse

- Review week

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Lesson 40

The Holy Spirit Gives Healing Power and Boldness to Peter and John

(Acts 3:1-4:31)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is merciful and loving, and so are His followers.
- God is all-powerful. (He can heal a lame man.)
- God is the highest authority. (He has authority over sickness.)
- The miraculous work of the Holy Spirit causes people to praise God. (See Acts 3:8-9)
- The power to heal comes from God, not from people. (See Acts 3:12.)
- Jesus is God's promised Deliverer. (See Acts 3:22-24.)
- Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved. (See Acts 4:12.)
- The Holy Spirit gives boldness to believers to speak of Jesus.
- It is right to obey God even if it displeases others. (See Acts 4:19.)
- God deserves all praise, honor, and glory.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ (Discuss the incident of the lame man being healed and Peter speaking to the people.) Hey! Wait a minute! Is this Peter saying all these things about Jesus? Wasn't he the one who, before Jesus was killed, told people that he didn't even know Jesus? (Refer to Matthew 26:69-75 and Luke 22:54-62.) What happened to Peter?
- ❓ Remember how the Holy Spirit caused people to speak in languages that they didn't know? The Holy Spirit does much more than that. The Holy Spirit can change people and make them speak about Jesus—like Peter. (Discuss various ways the Holy Spirit can change people; give examples of specific people, including yourself.)
- Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to change you, too.

Foundation Verse

- Ephesians 6:10—Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. (ESV)
- Ephesians 6:10—Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. (NIV)

Lesson 41

God Punishes Two Who Lied to Him

(Acts 4:32-5:11)

- God knows everything. (He sees what is in your heart—the good and the bad (Acts 5:4)—and always knows when you lie and when you tell the truth.)
- Man cannot love money and trust God at the same time.
- Because God judges sin, we should fear Him.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Ananias and Sapphira had a secret that nobody else knew. (Discuss what they did.) Do you ever have a secret—maybe something you did that nobody saw, or something you think that you’ve never told anybody? We all have secrets sometimes.

But there was somebody who knew Ananias and Sapphira’s secret. (God knew, and God told Peter.) Ananias and Sapphira were trying to keep their secret, not only from Peter and the apostles—they were trying to trick God. They did not admit their secret, but God knew exactly what they were doing.

- ❓ Can you ever keep a secret from God? No, God always knows what you are doing. What about things you just think about? Does God know what you’re thinking? Mom and Dad and other people may not know what you’re thinking, but God can and does see all that we do and all that is inside us—good and bad.
- ❓ Are there any secret sins you want to tell God now? (Read I John 1:8-10; discuss and pray.)

Foundation Verse

- Proverbs 1:10—My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. (ESV)
- Proverbs 1:10—My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them. (NIV)

Lesson 42

“We Must Obey God Rather than Men”

(Acts 5:12-42)

What does this say about God and man?

- The Holy Spirit can cause miracles to be worked through those who believe in Jesus.
- God is all-powerful. (He is stronger than prison gates—Acts 5:19, 23.)
- Obeying God is of supreme importance. (It is more important than obeying men—Acts 5:29.)
- The Holy Spirit gives boldness to believers to speak about Jesus and all He has done.
- God gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him.

Questions and Answers

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Why were Peter and the others put in prison/jail? How did they get out of prison/jail? What did they do after they got out of prison/jail? No one can stop what God is doing! He is all-powerful!
- ❓ Peter and the others did what was right even when it was hard. They obeyed God. How can you obey God? (Talk about God’s commands and what it means to obey God’s Word.) Who can help you to obey God?
- ❓ What do you know about Jesus? (Make sure your child knows not only what Jesus did but also what Jesus is like—loving, powerful, all-knowing, etc.) Who can you tell about Jesus? Let’s pray that you will obey God and that you will tell others about Jesus.

Foundation Verse

- 2 Corinthians 10:17—“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (ESV)
- 2 Corinthians 10:17—But, “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” (NIV)

Lesson 43

“Do Not Hold This Sin Against Them”

(Acts 6-7)

What does this say about God and man?

- The Holy Spirit gives power for believers to serve other people. (See Acts 6:3.)
- The Holy Spirit gives power to pray and preach God’s Word.
- God is sovereign and rules over all. (God guides His people in ways that fulfill God’s complete plan—Acts 7:1-50).
- God is not confined by space. He is so big there is nothing man can make that could contain all of God. (See Acts 7:48-50.)
- Man is sinful. (In his natural state, man resists God’s Holy Spirit repeatedly, and even religious people are prone to that sin. See Acts 7:39-43, 51-53.)
- When we call on the Lord, He hears us. (See Acts 7:55-60.)
- Those who trust in God will live forever in heaven. (See Acts 7:55-56.)
- Trusting God and being filled with the Holy Spirit does not mean we will not suffer.
- Only God has the authority to forgive sin. (See Acts 7:60.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ What is the best thing in the whole world? (Some possible answers: Jesus, God, knowing God...) God is the greatest, the most wonderful Person in all the world. So knowing God and trusting Him is the greatest thing! (Discuss.)
- ❓ One thing God gives those who trust in Jesus is the Holy Spirit. Who in this story had the Holy Spirit? (Stephen. Read or paraphrase Acts 6:5,8.) The Holy Spirit was causing him to do wonderful things. (The Bible doesn’t say exactly what he did, just that he was performing “great wonders and signs among the people.”)
- ❓ What happened to Stephen in this story? Some men stoned him (briefly describe what this means), and he was killed. (Discuss how trusting Jesus and having the Holy Spirit does not mean you will not suffer, but suffering does not take away the greatness of knowing God.)
- ❓ What did God show Stephen when he was being stoned? (God showed Stephen the glories of heaven. Explain to your child that God was showing Stephen the wonderful life he would have in heaven with Him.)
- Pray: Ask God to give you courage and ability to trust God even when suffering. Thank God for the gift of eternal life to all who are trusting in Jesus.

Foundation Verse

- Proverbs 29:11—A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back. (ESV)
- Proverbs 29:11—Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end. (NIV)

Lesson 44

God's Gifts Cannot Be Bought with Money

(Acts: 8:1-24)

What does this say about God and man?

- The power of God is greater than any other power. (The Holy Spirit can give power to heal the lame and paralyzed, and to deliver from demons—Acts 8:7).
- Neither the Holy Spirit nor any of God's gifts can be bought with money.
- You cannot love money and trust God at the same time.
- When you believe in Jesus, you should be baptized. (See Acts 8:12.)
- God freely gives the Holy Spirit to believers. (See Acts 8:17.)
- God acts in response to prayer. (See Acts 8:15, 24.)
- Man is sinful and needs forgiveness for his sin. (See Acts 8:22.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Let's pretend you want a [name a toy that your child especially likes], and I said you could get it. How would you get it? Would you go to the store and ask them to just give it to you? No, you have to pay money to buy a [name of toy]. And if Mom and Dad need a [chair, food, table, car], do the people in the store just give it to us? No, we have to pay for it with money. Even if someone gives us a gift, that person had to buy the gift with money. What about God's gifts? Can we pay for them with money? Simon wanted the gift the apostles had—to lay hands on people and they would receive the Holy Spirit. He wanted it so much, he offered them money to get it! Can money buy a gift from God?
- ❓ If money can't buy God's gifts, is there another way to "buy" them (deserve them)? Maybe if we act really good and nice, we will deserve God's gifts? Maybe if you always obey Mom and Dad, and share your toys? Or if you never got mad and go to church a lot? We can never pay for God's gifts! We can never deserve them, no matter how nice and good we behave. We are never good enough to deserve God's gifts. Jesus paid for the gifts we have from God by dying on the cross for our sins. We can pay nothing. We can only receive God's gifts with trust and thanks.
- Let's thank God for His gifts—especially the gift of sending His Son to die for sinners.

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 45

God Sends Philip to Guide an Ethiopian

(Acts 8:26-40)

What does this say about God and man?

- The Holy Spirit guides Jesus' followers to those who need to hear the good news about Jesus.
- Jesus had to suffer to accomplish God's purpose. (See Acts 8:32-33.)
- God is sovereign over all things. (God planned and accomplished the meeting between Philip and the Ethiopian.)
- When you believe in Jesus, you should be baptized.
- God's salvation in Jesus is for all peoples, all nations.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- The stories we read in the Old Testament (the part of the Bible that is about the time before Jesus was born) show us that the Lord chose the people of Israel to be His people. The people of Israel (Jews) were all part of Abraham's family.
- ❓ Jesus was an Israelite—a Jew. He suffered and died to save His people from sin (Matthew 1:21). Did Jesus only come to save Jews? Are the people in Abraham's family the only people who are God's people?
- ❓ Where was the man from whom Philip talked to? Was he from Israel? (No, he was from Ethiopia. But God chose this man from Ethiopia to be one of His people.)

(Read or paraphrase Luke 2:10.) Jesus came to save His people from sin—not Jews only, but all who believe in Jesus and trust Him to save them from their sins.
- ❓ Do you want to believe in Jesus and be one of God's people?

Foundation Verse

- Psalm 119:11—I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. (ESV)
- Psalm 119:11—I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (NIV)

Lesson 46

Jesus Speaks to Saul

(Acts 9:1-9)

What does this say about God and man?

- God communicates with man.
- God is all-powerful; nothing is too hard for Him. (He can blind the seeing. He can save those who resist Him.)
- Man is sinful. (Saul, even though he was religious, resisted God.)
- Jesus pursues those who belong to Him.

Questions and Responses

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? If you had a dog that you loved very much, and it ran away from you and got out of the yard, would you run after it and chase it until you got him back? Because the dog is yours, he belongs to you, and you love it, you would go after that dog and not stop until you got him in your arms.

? But what if there was a squirrel in your yard, and that squirrel ran across the street and into another yard? Would you go after that squirrel? No, because that squirrel doesn't belong to you.

In this story, there is someone who belongs to Jesus, but that person doesn't even know he belongs to Jesus! Saul thinks Jesus is his enemy, and he was even trying to hurt the people who followed Jesus. But Jesus went after Saul, just like you would chase after your dog. (This analogy is not perfect, because we do not have control over the runaway dog and might not ever catch it; whereas God always has control over His children, and they will never escape Him.) Jesus knocked Saul to the ground, spoke to him, and made his eyes blind. Saul couldn't run away any longer when he realized who Jesus was and that he belonged to Him.

- Discuss various things God may do to keep us from running away from Him. Tell some things God has done to get a hold of you.

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 47

Saul, a Chosen Instrument of God

(Acts 9:10-19a)

What does this say about God and man?

- God communicates with man.
- God is all-powerful; nothing is too hard for Him. (He can give sight to the blind—Acts 9:18.)
- God is sovereign. (He chooses people to be His instruments.)
- God changes people.
- Jesus is all-powerful and causes the ungodly to pursue God. (When someone, like Saul, sees Jesus as He really is, he is changed.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ (Have ready: a hammer, an eggbeater, a screwdriver, and a pen—or other items may be substituted.) If I needed to pound a nail into a board, what would I use? (Discuss what an “instrument” is—something we use to accomplish a task or job. Give examples.)

God had something He wanted done. He wanted the Gentiles and kings and Israel to know Him—and to know the good news about salvation in Jesus. He was going to use an “instrument” to do this, and that instrument was Saul. He chose Saul to be His special messenger to tell people about Him.

- ❓ There is a big difference between God and us. We both use tools or instruments to get something done. But could I pound a nail into a board without a hammer? Could I write a message on paper without a pen or pencil? I need some tool, some instrument to do those jobs. I can't do them without an instrument. Does God need instruments or tools to do what He wants done? No, God is so big and so powerful that He doesn't need any instruments. He doesn't need anything. But He chooses people to be His instruments—He gives us special jobs to do so we can show others His greatness.

- ❓ Do you want God to choose you to be His instrument—to show others how great God is?

Foundation Verse

- Philippians 4:11b—...I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. (ESV)
- Philippians 4:11b— ...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. (NIV)

Lesson 48

Saul Preaches Boldly in the Name of the Lord

(Acts 9:19b-31)

What does this say about God and man?

- God changes hard hearts. (Saul was changed—Acts 9:21, 26-28.)
- The Holy Spirit gives boldness to those who believe in Jesus.
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- God is sovereign. (He sovereignly saved Saul, changed Saul's heart, exposed the plot to kill Saul, caused Barnabas to defend Saul, motivated the disciples in Jerusalem to accept Saul, etc.)
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to comfort, to encourage, and to help. (See Acts 9:31 and John 14:26.)
- The Lord is to be feared. (See Acts 9:31.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Can you change a dog into a cat or a goldfish? (No, a dog will always be a dog. We cannot change things like that.)
- You heard the story about Saul. God would not let Saul continue to be His enemy. He brought Saul into His family and changed Saul. God didn't change Saul into something different like a bunny or a cat. He changed Saul's heart. He changed Saul from someone who tried to hurt Jesus' followers into someone who told everyone about Jesus. (Give other examples, such as how God changed Peter from being someone who was afraid to say that he knew Jesus to being someone who was brave enough to go to jail for telling others about Jesus.)
- ❓ How about you and me? Do we need to be changed by Jesus? We haven't done the same things as Saul, but have we run away from God in our own way? (Everybody runs away from God; we all need to be changed by Jesus.)
- Ask Jesus to pursue (come after) you when you turn away from Him, and to change you—to give you a heart that loves Him. Ask Jesus to make you brave to tell others about Jesus.

Foundation Verse

- Philippians 4:13—I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (ESV)
- Philippians 4:13—I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (NIV)

Lesson 49

God Hears Cornelius' Prayers

(Acts 10)

What does this say about God and man?

- Salvation in Jesus is for all peoples of all nations. (See Acts 10:34-35.)
- The gift of the Holy Spirit is for all who believe. (See Acts 10:44-45 and Acts 2:39.)
- Everyone who believes in Jesus has his sins forgiven. (See Acts 10:43.)
- Those who believe in Jesus should be baptized.
- Jesus is the only means of salvation.
- The Holy Spirit can guide believers very specifically. (God led Cornelius through a vision of an angel. God gave Peter a vision.)
- God alone is to be worshiped. (See Acts 10:25-26.)
- God hears us when we pray.

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ If you have a special friend coming over to your house to play with you, what do you do when your special friend arrives? Do you turn away and act as if your friend is not there? (No, you would greet your friend, show your friend you're glad to see him, invite him in, and do something fun with him. That's called welcoming your friend and accepting your friend into your home.)
- ❓ God also welcomes people. (Read Acts 10:34-35.) What people does God welcome or accept? (Discuss what it means to fear God and do what is right, noting that doing what is right is not working to earn God's favor, but is rooted in trust in God.)
- ❓ Some people in Peter's time thought that God only accepted or welcomed the Jewish people. But God accepts all people from all nations who have faith in Him. Do you have faith in God? Do you want God to accept you?

Foundation Verse

- Philippians 2:4—Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (ESV)
- Philippians 2:4—not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (NIV)

Lesson 50

The Lord Sends an Angel to Rescue Peter

(Acts 12:1-19)

What does this say about God and man?

- God is sovereign. (He is in control of all circumstances, whether death—Acts 12:2—or deliverance from prison.)
- All circumstances bring glory to God, though in different ways.
- Believing in Jesus does not mean believers will not suffer. (James was killed—Acts 12:2, and Peter was imprisoned—Acts 12:3.)
- God is all-powerful. (He is stronger than chains and prison walls, kings and guards.)
- God responds to prayer. (See Acts 12:5, 11-12.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ (Go to a locked door that needs a key to unlock it. Do not unlock it.) Let's go outside. (Try to open the door.)
What's the matter? Why doesn't this door open? (Wait.) Oh! I need to unlock the door with a key! (Take key out, unlock the door, and open it.)
- ❓ Jails are locked up, too. The doors are much stronger than this door and harder to open. The prisoners don't have the keys, so they can't get out of jail. Peter was a prisoner in jail. He was inside some locked doors, and he also had two chains locked on him. His friends were praying to God that God would somehow rescue Peter. Could God get Peter out of jail? Did God have the keys to the jail?

God didn't have the keys, but He is stronger than any locked doors or chains. Chains, locked doors, and prison guards could not stop God from rescuing Peter.

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 51

God Saves a Jailer

(Acts 16:16-34)

What does this say about God and man?

- Jesus is the highest authority. (He has authority over demons—Acts 16:18.)
- Jesus is all-powerful. (He is stronger than prison doors and prison chains—Acts 16:26.)
- The only way to be saved (from God's wrath) is by believing in the Lord Jesus. (See Acts 16:31.)
- Those who believe in Jesus should be baptized.
- Believing in God brings great joy. (See Acts 16:34.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ What are jails for? (People who break laws are locked up in jail.) They can't get out unless the person with the keys unlocks the doors and lets them out.
- ❓ Is jail a fun place to be? Do you think Paul and Silas were feeling pretty good after having been beaten and then sitting in jail with their feet in the stocks? (Describe what stocks are.)
- ❓ What were Paul and Silas doing while they were in jail? (praying and singing hymns) Why weren't they grumbling and mad? (They were happy about Jesus. They trusted Jesus. Jesus/the Holy Spirit helped them to trust Jesus.) Paul and Silas knew Jesus. No matter what other people did to hurt them, Jesus could not be taken away from them. That's why they could sing praise to God even after being beaten and locked up in jail.
- ❓ How were the jail doors opened? (an earthquake) What did the jailer think? (He thought that all the people in the jail had escaped and run away.) But the people did not run away. Paul and Silas did not run away—God had sent them to tell the jailer about Jesus.
- ❓ What did the jailer ask Paul and Silas? (how he could be saved) What did Paul and Silas tell him? (believe in Jesus) The jailer needed to be set free from the punishment for his sins. Only Jesus could take his punishment.
- ❓ Do you want to be free from sin, like Paul and Silas and the jailer?

Foundation Verse

- Review week

Lesson 52

“Come, Lord Jesus!”

(Revelation 21-22)

What does this say about God and man?

- God will make a new heaven and a new earth.
- God Himself shall live with men. (See Revelation 21:3.)
- In heaven there will be no pain or death. (See Revelation 21:4.)
- God freely gives new life to those who desire it and trust in Jesus. (See Revelation 21:6 and 22:17.)
- God punishes sin; the just punishment for sin is death. (See Revelation 21:8.)
- God is glorious. (The light He gives is brighter than the sun—Revelation 21:23.)
- Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will be in heaven. (See Revelation 21:27.)
- Jesus will come again, this time to judge everyone. (See Revelation 22:12.)
- God always does what He says. (“These words are faithful and true...”—Revelation 22:6.)
- God is all in all; He is the beginning of all and the end of all. (See Revelation 21:6 and 22:13.)

Questions and Responses

Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- ❓ Have you ever gotten hurt? Has something happened that made you sad? Has anyone you loved ever died? Have you ever been sick? (Discuss various sufferings and painful things we can go through. Be sure to go beyond scraped knees and sniffly noses.)
- ❓ What will heaven be like? (Read Revelation 21:3-4.) No more pain or death or crying! (Discuss how wonderful that will be.)
- ❓ Who will be in heaven? What do we have to do to get to heaven? Do we have to pay someone to get into heaven, like we pay someone to (go to the zoo, ride at the amusement park, etc.)? (Read Revelation 22:17.) “Let the one who is thirsty come.” Have you ever been thirsty? Do you remember how good a glass of cold water tastes when you’re very thirsty? Does this mean that those who get thirsty for a drink of water or juice will get into heaven? (No, those who are thirsty for God—those who want Jesus—will go to heaven. Discuss as much as you want to about heaven, God being with us, etc.) And we do not have to pay someone money to get into heaven. It’s free!
- ❓ Are you thirsty for Jesus? Do you want to be with Him forever?

Foundation Verse

- Psalm 36:5—Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. (ESV)
- Psalm 36:5—Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. (NIV)