



STUDENT JOURNAL

YEAR 2

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Purpose

This *Student Journal* is designed for you to review what you learn on a Sunday morning as you learn from *Generations of Grace*. A review is written out of each weeks lesson and there is a place for you to take notes during Sunday school.

As a way of review during the week, there is a weekly outline of passages to read that relate to each week's lesson. As you read through those passages write down things you have learned and prayer requests, questions, or other concerns that you can take to the LORD or ask your parents about.

As you study the story of the Bible through *Generations of Grace*, use this journal to not only review but also pray. You may not always understand the world in which you live so pray that you would grow in trusting God's sovereign purposes (Jam 5:14-15; 1 Pet 4:12-13). Pray for strength and comfort in the trials that you and your family may face (1 Cor 1:3-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Phil 4:6-7; 1 Pet 5:7; Rom 8:28).

Pray for your friends and that you would have good friendships (Prov 17:17; 1 Cor 15:33). You can pray for salvation (Rom 10:1-2), for wisdom (Job 1:5; Col 1:9-12; 1 Thess 5:21-22; Jas 1:5), for understanding of Scripture, (Prov 2:1-5; 2 Tim 3:13-17).

Pray that you and your family will grow in the knowledge of God (1 Thess 5:23-24; Eph 1:18-21; Phil 1:9-11; Col 1:9-11). Pray for physical and spiritual protection (Prov 18:10; Rom 15:30-31; Eph 6:10-18).

Remember, in life, it's not when all else fails—pray—but before all else fails—PRAY!

May this journal help you to understand Christ, be warned, and to grow in all wisdom so that you might be mature in Christ (Col 1:28).

Schedule

Date Week

_____ Week 1: God requires obedience

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_____ Week 13: God's sovereignty in the book of Ruth

_____ Week 14: God gives Israel a prophet and judge

_____ Week 15: Israel rejects God as King

_____ Week 16: Saul disobeys God

_____ Week 17: God sees David's heart

_____ Week 18: David fights for God's honor

_____ Week 19: God gives David a friend

_____ Week 20: God judges between David and Saul

_____ Week 21: God makes David king

_____ Week 22: God's covenant with David

_____ Week 23: God forgives David

_____ Week 24: God gives Solomon wisdom

- _____ Week 25: God's glory fills the temple
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- _____ Week 27: God punishes Jeroboam
- _____ Week 28: Elijah and the prophets of Baal
- _____ Week 29: God is glorified by protecting Judah
- _____ Week 30: God punishes Judah
- _____ Week 31: God shows mercy to Jonah and Nineveh
- _____ Week 32: God uses Esther to protect the Jews
- _____ Week 33: God uses Daniel to interpret the king's dream
- _____ Week 34: God protects Daniel's friends
- _____ Week 35: God humbles Nebuchadnezzar
- _____ Week 36: God judges Belshazzar for his pride
- _____ Week 37: God delivers Daniel from the lions' den
- _____ Week 38: God brought about the restoration of the temple
- _____ Week 39: God guided Israel to repentance
- _____ Week 40: God led Nehemiah to rebuild the wall
- _____ Week 41: Israel refused to be ruled by God
- _____ Christmas Week 1: A Son of Man is born in Bethlehem
- _____ Christmas Week 2: The Son of Man is presented in Jerusalem
- _____ Christmas Week 3: The Son of Man is identified in the temple
- _____ Easter Week 1: The Son of Man anticipates His Death
- _____ Easter Week 2: The Son of Man is crucified
- _____ Easter Week 3: The Son of Man is resurrected



Featured Songs

Music is a powerful tool God created to glorify Himself and to help us enjoy Him. The words to songs can engage our minds and help our memory. Over the course of the year, learn the songs belong. These songs correspond to what you are learning in *Generations of Grace*.

Weeks 1-3	Take My Life and Let It Be
Weeks 4-9	O Worship the King
Weeks 10-13	Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners
Weeks 14-17	My Jesus, I Love Thee
Weeks 18-23	May the Mind of Christ, My Savior
Weeks 24-26	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Weeks 27-30	All Creatures of Our God and King
Weeks 31-32	It Is Well with My Soul
Weeks 33-37	Come, Thou Almighty King
Weeks 38-41	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Christmas	O Little Town of Bethlehem
Easter	Hallelujah! What a Savior

This week's dates: _____

Week 1: God requires obedience • Deuteronomy 4:1–40

Central Truth

God blesses those who obey His commands.

Lesson Summary

As Israel prepared to cross the Jordan into the promised land, Moses spoke his last words to them. He began with a sermon recalling God's relationship with Israel over the last forty years, and he showed that Israel's relationship with God should produce faithful obedience. This obedience was the path to blessing. But since God is invisible, the temptation to create visual representations of God in the form of idols would be strong. They needed to guard themselves against this sin and follow God's commands so they would live happily in the land.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The principles Moses preached to Israel apply to all believers. Just as Israel was redeemed from Egypt in order to serve God through obedience, so all believers were redeemed from sin in order to serve Christ through obedience. Just as Israel was called to obey in response to the deliverance God had already accomplished, so believers are called to obey in response to the deliverance Christ has already accomplished. And just as Israel would be blessed for obedience, so believers often experience blessing when they submit to Christ's commands.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Deuteronomy 4:40 below.

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whom you can be praying for here.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Obey God's law in order to be blessed • Deuteronomy 4:1-8

TUESDAY

Do not forget God's word by turning to idols • Deuteronomy 4:9-31

This week's dates: _____

Week 2: God calls Israel to love through obedience • Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Central Truth

Love the Lord by loving His Word.

Lesson Summary

Moses' second speech to Israel before his death focused on God's commandments. But before explaining God's commandments, Moses explained the motive and goal of keeping God's commandments: love for God. He urged the people to remember that the LORD, and the LORD alone, was their God. In response to His love for them, they were to love Him with all of their being. To do this, they needed to make God's word the center of their hearts and lives.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The only one who has ever perfectly fulfilled the law to love the LORD with heart, soul, and might is Jesus Christ. All others have a divided heart—divided between love for self and God. But Jesus supplies those who trust in Him with a new heart, allowing them to love God as they should.

Key Verse

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Devotion to God alone • Deuteronomy 6:4

TUESDAY

Devotion with all of your being • Deuteronomy 6:5

This week's dates: _____

Week 3: God creates the heavens and the earth • Deuteronomy 28:1–68

Central Truth

Obedience leads to happiness and life, disobedience leads to sadness and death.

Lesson Summary

Moses' second speech to Israel before his own death focused on God's commandments. He began by explaining that love is the motive and goal of keeping God's commandments. Now he concludes by showing the results of obedience and disobedience. Those who obey will experience blessing in every aspect of life. Those who disobey will experience failure in every aspect of life. These are the natural results of either holding onto or turning away from God, who is the only source of life.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Human hearts are naturally rebellious. Even though we know sin will make us miserable, we choose to disobey. Because of our disobedience, we are under the curse of death. But God sent Jesus to suffer the curse of death for us. If we belong to Him, we are set free from the curse and cannot be condemned. Once we are set free, we enjoy the blessings of Christ through obedience.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Deuteronomy 28:2, 15 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*The principles of blessing and cursing •
Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 13-15, 20*

TUESDAY

God blesses obedience • Deuteronomy 28:1-14

This week's dates: _____

Week 4: God calls Joshua to be His servant • Joshua 1:1–9

Central Truth

Servants of the Lord courageously trust in God and love His Word.

Lesson Summary

Now that Moses was dead, Israel desperately needed a new leader. God chose Joshua, a man who had proven to be a faithful leader as Moses' assistant for nearly 40 years. But no man is capable of carrying out his God-given mission by his own strength. So God strengthened Joshua in three ways: He confirmed His promise about the land, He promised His presence with Joshua, and He commanded Joshua to meditate on God's law and obey it. By trusting God, Joshua could have courage to face any enemy who came against him.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Joshua and Jesus share the same name: "The LORD is salvation," but Jesus is actually the LORD Himself, not just a human being used by the LORD. He is the chosen servant whom the Father was pleased to crush. He thought carefully about God's law and sought to obey it, exhibiting strength and courage in the face of much greater difficulty. Jesus is the great and final leader of God's people, leading them into a heavenly land that lasts forever. As the people confidently followed Joshua to victory, we may with much greater confidence follow Jesus our Lord and Savior.

Key Verse

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God called Joshua to be His servant • Joshua 1:1-2

TUESDAY

God confirmed His promises to Joshua • Joshua 1:3-5

This week's dates: _____

Week 5: God approves Rahab's faith • Joshua 2:1–24

Central Truth

God saves those who have true faith in Him.

Lesson Summary

After encouraging Joshua with His words (Josh 1:2–9), God encouraged Joshua with the report brought back by the two spies sent to scout out Jericho: the hearts of the Canaanites had melted with fear (2:23–24). God was already winning the battle by taking away the courage of Joshua's enemies. So as Israel heard this book shortly after Joshua's death, the message was clear: God is trustworthy to save. He gives grace to those who come to Him (Rahab), and He gives victory over all enemies (Jericho).

Spotlight on the Gospel

By God's grace, the Messiah was one of Rahab's descendants (Matt 1:5). Because of Rahab's faith, the Messiah would one day be born and offer salvation to all. But this salvation comes only to those who have faith like Rahab's—faith that is rooted in clear knowledge of God, devoted to God alone, coming to God for mercy, producing actions that honor God, and reaching out to others to bring them to salvation as well.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Joshua 2:11 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Rahab protected the spies • Joshua 2:1–7

TUESDAY

Rahab's actions were motivated by her faith • Joshua 2:8–16

Rahab was promised safety • Joshua 2:14, 17-22

WEDNESDAY

Rahab's testimony encouraged Joshua • Joshua 2:22-24

THURSDAY

By faith Rahab did not perish • Hebrews 11:31

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 6: God reveals His might at the Jordan • Joshua 3:1 – 5:1

Central Truth

God reminds us He is powerful and able to keep His promises.

Lesson Summary

God could have provided a normal crossing of the Jordan, but He chose to lead Israel across the tangled flood plain during the middle of flood season so that they could clearly see God's power at work. By damming up the Jordan and bringing His people across, God also struck fear into the hearts of the Canaanites. After the crossing, Israel followed God's instructions and built a memorial to remember His mighty power.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The God who brought the people across the Red Sea is the same God who led them across the Jordan River. We can trust the gospel because God keeps His promises. Just as God displayed great power when He led Israel into their promised land, so Christ displays great power when He leads believers into the kingdom of God (Col 1:13). In response, Christians, like the Israelites, should remember Christ's matchless power, and they should fear Him and obey Him.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Joshua 4:24 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*God prepared Israel to learn from the miracle at the Jordan •
Joshua 3:1-13*

TUESDAY

God miraculously stopped the Jordan River • Joshua 3:14-17; 4:10-18

This week's dates: _____

Week 7: God gives Jericho to Israel • Joshua 5:13–6:27

Central Truth

God fights for those who obey Him.

Lesson Summary

Before the attack against Jericho, the LORD met with Joshua, reminding him that Joshua's first priority was to worship the LORD as the One in charge. Then the LORD gave Joshua specific but strange instructions. Israel followed these instructions obediently, and the LORD miraculously defeated Jericho despite its strong walls and locked gates. Jericho was totally destroyed. Only Rahab, her family, and their possessions were spared. Through all of this, the LORD proved faithful to bring Israel into the land.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The battle of Jericho reveals both God's hatred of sin and His mercy towards repentant sinners. Rather than shake our fists at God, like the inhabitants of Jericho, we must, like Rahab, return to God and seek His mercy. Only then will we find safety and protection from God's great wrath against sin.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Joshua 6:2 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

The preparation: God came to Joshua • Joshua 5:13–6:5

TUESDAY

*The battle: Joshua and Israel obeyed God's instructions •
Joshua 6:6–20*

This week's dates: _____

Week 8: God judges Achan's sin • Joshua 7:1-26

Central Truth

God takes sin seriously.

Lesson Summary

By God's presence, Joshua had led Israel to victory over Jericho. Soon after, however, Israel was defeated at Ai, showing that God was no longer with Israel to fight for them. God would no longer fight for Israel because Israel had sinned. So Joshua followed God's instructions, found out that Achan was the one who sinned, and put Achan to death along with all his family and animals. Once the sin was dealt with, God turned from His wrath and fought for Israel once again.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God takes sin seriously. So much so that God sent His only Son to rescue sinners. On the cross God poured out His wrath over sin on Jesus so that all those who trust in Him will no longer experience God's righteous anger over sin. As Christians our sin still provokes God's anger, but His anger does not condemn us. Instead, His anger brings pain into our lives in order to draw us back to Him. When we repent, we enjoy His presence once again.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Joshua 7:1 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God was not present to give victory • Joshua 7:1-5

TUESDAY

God explained why He was not present • Joshua 7:6-15

This week's dates: _____

Week 9: God is chosen by Israel • Joshua 23:1–24:29

Central Truth

God's people are those who make a definite choice to serve Him.

Lesson Summary

At the end of his life, after leading Israel into Canaan, Joshua gave two speeches to the people. In these speeches, he reminded them of God's faithfulness in the past and God's promise for the future. He urged them to respond by choosing to serve God alone. To do this, they needed to get rid of all their idols. Although that generation worshiped the LORD, the following did not, quickly abandoning the exclusive worship of their God.

Spotlight on the Gospel

As Joshua urged Israel to respond to God's grace by serving Him, so believers are to respond to the grace of Christ by serving Christ. Also, as Joshua urged Israel to reject idols, so believers are to be daily renewed in their commitment to Christ rather than conforming to the idols of this world. Though Christ has freed believers from condemnation, the believer who fails to continually uproot the idols still in his heart will fall short of God's purpose to glorify Christ with his life.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Joshua 24:15 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*Joshua urged Israel to continue the conquest by faith in God •
Joshua 23:1-16*

TUESDAY

Joshua reminded Israel of God's blessings of grace • Joshua 24:1-13

This week's dates: _____

Week 10: God is rejected by Israel • Judges 1:1–3:6

Central Truth

God's anger burns against those who reject Him.

Lesson Summary

After Joshua and the older generation died, the next generation rejected God. Instead of driving out the Canaanites, they let them stay in the land. Even though God rebuked them for this, they did not repent. Because they rejected Him, God stopped fighting for them and instead sent enemies to fight against them. God still had compassion on them and sent judges to save them from their enemies, but Israel continued in their sin.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God's anger burns against all men, because all men have rejected God. However, the pity God felt for sinful Israel is the same compassion that motivated Him to send Christ to die for His enemies. All who entrust themselves to Christ stop being God's enemies and instead become His friends. Since Jesus also broke the power of sin when He died and rose again, Christians should not let sin control them anymore. They should not be conformed to the world's standards, but instead be transformed by Christ's power within.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Judges 2:12 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Israel rejected God • Judges 1:1–36

TUESDAY

God rebuked Israel • Judges 2:1–5

This week's dates: _____

Week 11: God uses Gideon to deliver Israel • Judges 6:1–8:34

Central Truth

God delivers through imperfect people.

Lesson Summary

Because of their sin, Israel suffered 7 years of oppression by the Midianites. Even though they did not repent, God had compassion on them. He called Gideon to be their deliverer. Although Gideon had many flaws, he did believe God, and God worked through him to destroy the Midianites. Even then, Israel did not turn to God. They enjoyed rest while Gideon lived, but this rest would be the final period of peace enjoyed by Israel in the book of Judges.

Spotlight on the Gospel

As God had compassion on Israel when they sinned, so God has compassion on sinners today. But God has sent a much better deliverer than Gideon. He sent His perfect Son, who by His perfect death defeated sin and death. Now anyone who believes in Jesus can be set free from sin and find rest in God.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Judges 7:2 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God's justice against sinful people • Judges 6:1-10

TUESDAY

God's patience with a fearful leader • Judges 6:11-40

This week's dates: _____

Week 12: God uses Samson to deliver Israel • Judges 13:1 – 16:31

Central Truth

God delivers His people even when they do not deserve it.

Lesson Summary

Samson is the last deliverer in the book of Judges. During his time, Israel did not even bother asking God for deliverance, and Samson used his incredible God given strength to fulfill his own desires. While this led to ongoing slavery for Israel and to misery and death for Samson, it did not prevent God from accomplishing His purpose. God used even Samson's sinful desires to fight powerfully against the Philistines, eventually using Samson to destroy the Philistine idol and all the Philistine leaders.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God had chosen Israel as the nation through whom all nations would be restored to God, so despite Israel's sin, God kept rescuing them. And through Israel came a deliverer much greater than Samson. Like Samson, Jesus was born to an obscure family in a miraculous way. Like Samson, Jesus' greatest victory came through His own death. But unlike Samson, Jesus never sinned, and He brings complete and unbroken rest to those He came to deliver.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Judges 16:28 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God set Samson apart to deliver Israel • Judges 13:1-25

TUESDAY

God gave sinful Samson power to deliver Israel • Judges 14:1-15:20

This week's dates: _____

Week 13: God's sovereignty in the book of Ruth • Ruth 1:1–4:22

Central Truth

God is sovereign to bless His people.

Lesson Summary

In the dark days of the judges, the story of Ruth shines with hope. Although Naomi felt like God was against her, God used her troubles to bring Ruth back to Israel. Then God arranged what seemed like coincidence to draw Boaz into the story. Finally, God worked through the steadfast love of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz to bless all three of them beyond what they could have imagined. But even more than that, God worked through their faithful actions to preserve the line of the Messiah.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God had promised that through Abraham's seed all nations would be blessed. But Abraham's descendants, the nation of Israel, seemed like they were about to destroy themselves during the time of the judges. The line of the Messiah seemed like it had died out altogether. But God sovereignly arranged events to preserve the Messiah's line through the faithful actions of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Ruth 4:14 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Moab: God is sovereign over trouble • Ruth 1:1-22

TUESDAY

*The fields of Bethlehem: God is sovereign over coincidences •
Ruth 2:1-23*

Boaz's threshing floor: God is sovereign to bless those who act faithfully • Ruth 3:1-18

WEDNESDAY

The city of Bethlehem: God is sovereign over His plan of redemption • Ruth 4:1-22

THURSDAY

The family of the King • Matthew 1:6

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 14: God gives Israel a prophet and judge • 1 Samuel 1:1–7:17

Central Truth

God graciously provides for His people.

Lesson Summary

At the end of the period of the judges, a barren woman named Hannah cried out to God for a son. God showed grace to her by giving her a son. But God's grace to Hannah was just the beginning. Through her son, Samuel, God would show His grace to all Israel. Samuel proclaimed God's word to Israel, led Israel in repentance, and prayed so that God defeated Israel's enemy, the Philistines.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The story of Samuel is a story of God's grace, freely providing salvation to those who have not earned it. It is also a story of the Messiah, since through Samuel God would anoint the king whose descendant would be Jesus. Today, God offers grace through Jesus Christ, whose death pays for sin. But to receive this forgiveness in Christ, we must realize God's holiness, repent, and trust Christ alone.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Samuel 1:20 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

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God gave Hannah a son • 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10

TUESDAY

God gave Israel a prophet • 1 Samuel 2:11-4:1

God gave Israel a judge • 1 Samuel 4-7

WEDNESDAY

Perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect • Matthew 5:48

THURSDAY

For he will be great before the Lord • Luke 1:5-25

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 15: Israel rejects God as King • 1 Samuel 8:1–12:25

Central Truth

God is still King even when His people reject Him.

Lesson Summary

Samuel felt rejected when Israel asked for a king. But Israel was actually rejecting God as their King. They wanted a human king in order to be like all the nations around them. So God gave them Saul, a king similar to those of the surrounding nations. Despite their poor choice, God used Saul to rescue Israel from the Ammonites.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God used Israel's sinful request to establish the kingship in Israel. Although Saul was not a godly king, the next king, David, was a man after God's own heart. Through David the prophesied King would come—Jesus, the King of kings. All who trust in Jesus as King of their life will be saved, because King Jesus died to defeat sin and rose to defeat death.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Samuel 10:19 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Israel rejected God as their king • 1 Samuel 8:1-22

TUESDAY

God gave Israel a human king • 1 Samuel 9:1-10:1

This week's dates: _____

Week 16: Saul disobeys God • 1 Samuel 13:1–15:35

Central Truth

God rejects those who reject His word.

Lesson Summary

God had warned Israel that a human king was not the answer to their problems. Saul's failure as king proved this. He repeatedly ignored and disobeyed God's word. He feared man instead of God, trusted himself instead of God, valued wealth more than God, and loved his own fame more than God's glory. He was an idolater at heart. He defied God, worshiped himself, and refused to repent. Because he disobeyed God's clear instructions, God rejected him and his descendants as king.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The story of Saul's failure shows that God has a plan to save. He had already chosen David as a king after His own heart, and through David He would send the Messiah. Unlike Saul, the Messiah would perfectly obey God's word. By His obedient life, death, and resurrection, the Messiah is able to give a new to those whom He chooses so that they can trust in Him and obey Him. Those who trust in Jesus will never be rejected.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Samuel 15:22–23 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Saul rejected God's word about the sacrifice • 1 Samuel 13:1-23

TUESDAY

Saul rejected God's word in battle • 1 Samuel 14:1-52

This week's dates: _____

Week 17: God sees David's heart • 1 Samuel 16:1-23

Central Truth

God sees the heart and desires hearts loyal to Him.

Lesson Summary

Because Saul rejected God, God chose a new king for Israel. This new king was God's plan from long ago, so He sent Samuel to anoint him. Samuel was looking for a tall and handsome king like Saul, but God corrected Samuel. God sees the heart, and He wanted a king whose heart belonged to Him. So He chose David, Jesse's youngest son. He also filled David with His Spirit and gave David success in Saul's court.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God was gracious in giving Israel a godly king, but He is even more gracious in giving us the King of kings. David was a man after God's own heart, but Jesus was supremely a man after the heart of God. Because Jesus is the perfect and eternal King, we should trust and serve Him as our King. He paid the price of sin and conquered death, so all who come to Him become new creations, with new hearts pleasing to God.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Samuel 16:7 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God sent Samuel to anoint the next king • 1 Samuel 16:1-5

TUESDAY

God chose a king loyal to Him • 1 Samuel 16:6-13

This week's dates: _____

Week 18: David fights for God's honor • 1 Samuel 17:1–58

Central Truth

God's people live for His glory and depend on His strength.

Lesson Summary

Saul, his army, and the army of the Philistines were mesmerized by Goliath's gigantic size and impressive armor. But David wasn't. He saw the whole battle in terms of God's glory. His heart was so devoted to God that he could not stand idly by while Goliath insulted the living God. So David risked his life for the sake of God's glory, and God gave David success, because God fights for His glory and gives strength to those whose hearts are His.

Spotlight on the Gospel

David is another link in the line from Adam to Christ. By giving David victory over Goliath, God preserved the line of Christ and kept His promise to send a Messiah. Even more than David, Jesus lived for God's glory and trusted God for victory. As a result, He conquered sin, Satan, and death. Because He did, we can trust in Him to save us. And when He saves, we are to follow in His steps, living for God's glory and trusting God for the victory.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Samuel 17:45–47 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Goliath attacked God's glory • 1 Samuel 17:1-11

TUESDAY

Day 2: David was jealous for God's glory • 1 Samuel 17:12-30

This week's dates: _____

Week 19: God gives David a friend • 1 Samuel 18:1–20:42

Central Truth

We honor God by loving others in true, selfless, loyal friendship.

Lesson Summary

As God gave David success, Saul became jealous. But God was kind to David and provided him with a true friend—Saul's own son, Jonathan. Jonathan and David were united in faithful love for God. Jonathan made a covenant with David, willingly giving up his right to be king so that David could be king instead. This covenant friendship protected and encouraged David when he had to flee from Saul.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Jonathan's friendship reminds us of a much greater Friend, one who, like Jonathan, willingly gave up His claim to glory in order to honor the Father. Because Jesus humbled Himself to the point of death, we may become His friends and friends of God. Then, as those loved by God, we can honor God by following His example, as we love others in true, selfless, loyal friendship.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Samuel 18:3 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jonathan faithfully loved David • 1 Samuel 18:1-4

TUESDAY

Saul tried to kill David • 1 Samuel 18:5-19:24

This week's dates: _____

Week 20: God judges between David and Saul • 1 Samuel 24:1–22

Central Truth

God blesses those who trust His plan and leave vengeance to Him.

Lesson Summary

David was Saul's faithful servant, but Saul sought David again to kill him. This time, David had a chance to kill Saul. Would he take this opportunity? Saul deserved it, and it seemed like this would fulfill God's promise to make David king. But David left vengeance to God. Instead of killing Saul, he honored and protected him. As a result, God encouraged David. He affirmed David's innocence and confirmed His promise once again that David would be king.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Because David trusted God and left vengeance to Him, God confirmed David as king. David started an eternal dynasty that led to Jesus, the Son of David. Like David, Jesus trusted God instead of taking revenge or looking for a shortcut. Like David, Jesus will reign as king to bless His people. But Jesus is greater than David, for one day He will take vengeance on the wicked and reign forever. So those who hope in Jesus can leave vengeance to Him.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Samuel 24:10 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

David trusted God for vengeance • 1 Samuel 24:1-7

TUESDAY

David proved his innocence • 1 Samuel 24:8-15

This week's dates: _____

Week 21: God makes David king • 2 Samuel 1:1 – 2:7

Central Truth

God supports those who act with integrity.

Lesson Summary

David's joy and relief when he finally became king were mixed with grief over the deaths of Saul, Jonathan, and countless Israelites. An Amalekite messenger thought the news of Saul's death would be welcomed by David, but David executed him for claiming to have killed Saul, the Lord's anointed. Instead, David wrote a sad song to remember Israel's defeat and the deaths of two of Israel's greatest warriors. Even then, with his enemy removed, David patiently waited upon God to solidify his kingship.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God chose David to be the beginning of a line of kings that would eventually culminate in the arrival of the Messiah. David followed God's plan with integrity, and God established him as king. However, even more than David, the Messiah would live with integrity, love God's people, and be an example for all to follow. But the Messiah did what David could never do. While David grieved for the dead, the Messiah died and rose again in order to raise the dead and conquer death itself.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 2 Samuel 1:11–12 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

David mourned and avenged Saul's death • 2 Samuel 1:1-16

TUESDAY

David commemorated the dead • 2 Samuel 1:17-27

This week's dates: _____

Week 22: God makes a covenant with David • 2 Samuel 7:1–29

Central Truth

God's promises are gracious and unchanging.

Lesson Summary

Out of gratitude for what God had done, David wanted to build a house (temple) for God. But God had something much greater in mind. He would build a house (dynasty) for David. David's descendants would be kings after him, and his kingdom would never end. By this promise God would provide a ruler to bring peace to Israel. David responded with prayer, expressing humility, wonder, praise for God's unchanging grace, and faith in asking God to do as He had promised.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God's covenant with David comes true in Jesus. He is the Son of God, and His reign will last forever. Israel rejected Him, but their rejection led to His death and the forgiveness of sins to all who believe. His reign as the Son of David will occur when He returns to rule over Israel with righteousness and peace. Those who make Him their King now will reign with Him without sin when Christ returns to reign upon and over the earth (Rev 20:4–6).

Key Verse

Look up and write out 2 Samuel 7:16 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

David wanted to build a house for God • 2 Samuel 7:1-7

TUESDAY

God promised to build a house for David • 2 Samuel 7:8-17

This week's dates: _____

Week 23: God forgives David • 2 Samuel 11:1–12:35

Central Truth

God forgives those who repent.

Lesson Summary

David committed adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, one of his own elite soldiers. Then to cover up, he planned Uriah's murder. Although David thought he had gotten away with it, God knew his sin. God responded with grace that was both painful and kind. God painfully exposed David's sin and disciplined him with many tragic consequences. But this pain was kind, driving David to repent and find forgiveness. God also kindly gave David another son, Solomon, through whom the Messiah would come.

Spotlight on the Gospel

David's sin reminds us that no one is free from sin. So instead of hiding our sin, we should confess it, repent, and seek forgiveness. God will forgive those who repent, because He sent Jesus Christ as the one promised in the Davidic Covenant. Jesus lived a sinless life, died for sins, rose victorious, and will one day return to reign as the perfect King. He will save all those who submit to Him as Lord and trust Him as Savior.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 2 Samuel 12:13 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

David sinned and sinned some more • 2 Samuel 11:1–27

TUESDAY

God responded to David with gracious discipline • 2 Samuel 12:1–25

This week's dates: _____

Week 24: God gives Solomon wisdom • 1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:3-15

Central Truth

God gives success through obedience and wisdom.

Lesson Summary

David was about to die, but just as God promised, David's son Solomon became king in his place. Before David died, he told his son that the key to success as king was wholehearted obedience to God. God also prepared Solomon to be king by granting him one request. Solomon asked for wisdom instead of wealth or long life because Solomon knew that wisdom was most valuable. He knew that without wisdom he could not successfully serve God as the king of Israel.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Solomon, the wisest man to ever live, failed to perfectly keep God's law or provide lasting peace to Israel. But his descendant, Jesus Christ, succeeded where Solomon failed. Unlike Solomon, Jesus lived every moment of His life according to godly wisdom. He perfectly fulfilled God's will, even to the point of death. By His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus provides forgiveness and life to all who believe. Those who believe are then called to follow Jesus' wise example.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Kings 3:9 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

David commanded Solomon to be faithful to God • 1 Kings 2:1-4

TUESDAY

God gave Solomon wisdom • 1 Kings 3:3-15

This week's dates: _____

Week 25: God's glory fills the temple • **1 Kings 8:1–9:9**

Central Truth

God is present to hear His people when they pray.

Lesson Summary

After Solomon built the temple, God's glory filled it with a dark cloud. God's glory is a mystery far beyond our comprehension, but He chose to be present in the temple with His people. He willingly came down to earth in order to dwell among His people. So Solomon prayed that God would continue to hear Israel's prayers and rescue them from their sins. God answered that He would, so long as Israel kept His covenant.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Just as God was kind enough to come down and dwell among His people in the temple, so He has graciously come down to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Now, through Jesus, God is present in us, so that we also are God's temple. So as Solomon's temple was intended to do, may our lives honor God's name, draw many people to Him, and communicate God's presence to those around us.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Kings 8:30 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God's glory filled the temple • 1 Kings 8:1-21

TUESDAY

Solomon asked God to hear the prayers of His people • 1 Kings 8:22-53

This week's dates: _____

Week 26: God punishes Solomon • 1 Kings 11:1-43

Central Truth

God disciplines those whose hearts turn away from Him.

Lesson Summary

After years of incredible success, Solomon turned his heart from God. Instead of clinging to God with all his heart, he clung to his wives. He loved his wives more than he loved God, so he followed them into idolatry. God was angry and sent enemies to fight against Solomon. Even worse, God promised to tear the kingdom away from Solomon. But because of His faithfulness and love for David, God did not completely reject Solomon. David's line would become great once again.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Although Solomon's sin humbled David's line, David's line has become great once again. Jesus Christ, David's Son, did what Solomon could never do: He remained loyal to God with all His heart to the very end. As He did, He paid sin's price and opened the way for sinners to become children of God. One day He will return to earth and establish His kingdom in Jerusalem. His kingdom will be far greater than Solomon's, and those whose hearts are His will reign with Him forever.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Kings 11:9 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Solomon turned away from God • 1 Kings 11:1-8

TUESDAY

God punished Solomon • 1 Kings 11:9-25

God replaced Solomon • 1 Kings 11:26-43

WEDNESDAY

God's commands are a wall of protection • Psalm 119:161-168

THURSDAY

God disciplines those He loves • Hebrews 12:6

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 27: God punishes Jeroboam • 1 Kings 12:1–33; 14:1–18

Central Truth

God takes His blessing away from those who do not worship Him.

Lesson Summary

The book of Kings proves that God was right to judge Israel. But it also shows His mercy in preserving a remnant in order to restore Israel one day. First Kings 12–14 is a part of this picture. God left a remnant to Rehoboam despite his foolishness, but God also chose to bless Jeroboam. Tragically, instead of worshiping God, Jeroboam created a counterfeit religion and led the ten northern tribes of Israel astray. As a result, God destroyed Jeroboam's dynasty and declared Israel's coming exile.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Rehoboam and Jeroboam both point to the gospel. Rehoboam's line was preserved because his descendant would be Jesus Christ, a wise and gentle king quite the opposite of Rehoboam. Jeroboam's line was destroyed because he was not devoted to God in true worship, showing that those who come to God must come on His terms: by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This faith produces obedience to God's commands.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Kings 14:9–10 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God was faithful to Jeroboam • 1 Kings 12:1–24

TUESDAY

Jeroboam was unfaithful to God • 1 Kings 12:25–33

This week's dates: _____

Week 28: Elijah and the prophets of Baal • 1 Kings 16:29–17:1; 18:1–2, 17–46

Central Truth

The LORD alone is God, so follow Him alone.

Lesson Summary

Jeroboam perverted the worship of the LORD, but Ahab replaced it entirely. He led Israel to worship Baal instead of the true God. So God sent Elijah to declare that the LORD alone is God. God proved this by predicting the future, by stopping and starting the rain, by sending fire to burn up Elijah's sacrifice, by answering prayer, and by empowering Elijah to outrun Ahab's chariot. Baal could not do any of these things. Therefore, Elijah urged Israel and Ahab to follow the LORD alone.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The LORD proved to Israel that He is God by displaying His great power at Mount Carmel. And He did that with even greater power when He came to earth as the man Jesus Christ. Jesus proved His power by His miracles and by His victory over sin, Satan, and death. He also displays His power in believers by giving them the Holy Spirit. Because He is the true God, Jesus demands that we follow Him without reservation.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 1 Kings 18:39 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God stopped the rain • 1 Kings 16:29-17:1; 18:1-2, 17-18

TUESDAY

Elijah's test proved that Baal is not God • 1 Kings 18:19-29

This week's dates: _____

Week 29: God is glorified by protecting Judah

- 2 Kings 18:1 – 19:37 1:1 – 2:3***

Central Truth

The LORD defends His people for the glory of His name.

Lesson Summary

Israel had already fallen to the Assyrians. They were exiled because of their sins, just as God had warned. But Judah remained, experiencing renewal and prosperity under godly King Hezekiah. But the Assyrians invaded Judah as well. They tried to undermine Judah's faith, even mocking the LORD Himself. So when Hezekiah prayed that God would save Jerusalem and defend His honor, the LORD answered. The LORD single-handedly slaughtered the Assyrians and saved His people, for the honor of His name.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God displayed His mighty power when He rescued Jerusalem from the Assyrians. He did this in order to defend and display His great glory. But we see God's ability to save even more powerfully in the gospel. While there is no denying the blessings the believer receives in salvation, it's also true that God saves sinners in order to glorify Himself by revealing His boundless grace and compassion. Heaven is full of praise for God's glory in saving sinners.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 2 Kings 19:19 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

The Assyrians came • 2 Kings 18:1–16

TUESDAY

The Assyrians boasted • 2 Kings 18:17–36; 19:8–13

This week's dates: _____

Week 30: God punishes Judah • 2 Kings 21:1 – 18; 24:1 – 25:30

Central Truth

The LORD hates and punishes sin.

Lesson Summary

Manasseh undid all the good that his father Hezekiah had done. He even worshiped false gods in the LORD's temple. He practiced witchcraft and child sacrifice. The people of Judah joined him in his sin, having rebelled against God since the days of the exodus. Although God had been very patient, the time had come to punish Judah just as God had promised. God used the Babylonians to punish Judah, destroying the temple and city walls. But God also gave hope by preserving the line of David.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God's judgment against Judah proves that mankind is thoroughly sinful. It shows God hates sin and punishes sin, especially the sin of those who claim to be God's people but do not follow Him. But there is hope. Through Jehoiachin the Messiah came, and He bore God's righteous wrath against sin. Whoever believes in Him is forgiven and has been given a new heart, a heart of obedience. But whoever does not believe in Jesus is condemned.

Key Verse

Look up and write out 2 Kings 23:27 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God's anger against Manasseh • 2 Kings 21:1-18

TUESDAY

God's punishment of Judah • 2 Kings 24:1-25:26

This week's dates: _____

Week 31: God shows mercy to Jonah and Nineveh • Jonah 1:1–4:11

Central Truth

Salvation belongs to the LORD.

Lesson Summary

God told Jonah to go preach in Nineveh, but Jonah did not want Gentiles to be saved. He fled from God, but God used Jonah to save the Gentile sailors. Then God saved Jonah's life and sent him to Nineveh as planned. Even though Jonah wanted Nineveh to be destroyed, God used Jonah's half-hearted obedience to save the Gentile Ninevites. When Jonah became angry, God taught him a lesson: God is right to show compassion, because salvation belongs to Him.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Jonah foreshadowed Jesus. God sent Jonah to preach salvation for all, even Gentiles; Jesus died and rose again to provide salvation for all, even Gentiles. Jonah reveals that salvation depends on the mercy of God; Jesus proved God's mercy by dying to provide the way to be saved. Jonah shows that salvation comes by repentance and faith; Jesus now grants salvation to all who repent and trust in Him.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Jonah 2:9b below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God called Jonah to preach to Gentiles • Jonah 1:1-17

TUESDAY

God saved Jonah, and Jonah gave thanks • Jonah 2:1-2:10

This week's dates: _____

Week 32: God uses Esther to protect His people • Esther 1:1 – 10:3

Central Truth

God is protecting His people even when it doesn't seem like He is.

Lesson Summary

The Jews were living as exiles in a foreign, unbelieving land. During this time, Haman, an enemy of the Jews, sought to destroy all the Jews. But even though God performed no obvious miracles, He was still present to protect His people. He arranged for Esther to be queen, then He worked through Esther and Mordecai to preserve His people and destroy their enemies. Wicked men were caught in the trouble they had planned, while the godly were exalted to positions of honor.

Spotlight on the Gospel

By preserving Israel, God preserved the line of Christ from the continuing attempts of the Devil to destroy it. God was faithful to preserve the line of Christ before Christ came, and He will also be faithful to complete the work Christ came to accomplish. Neither the sin of His people nor the wickedness of their enemies will be able to separate them from the love of God that He has shown us in Christ Jesus.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Esther 4:14 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Setting: Jews in high position and remembered • Esther 1:1–2:23

TUESDAY

Crisis: A plot against the Jews • Esther 3:1–4:17

This week's dates: _____

Week 33: God uses Daniel to interpret the king's dream • Daniel 2:1–49

Central Truth

God alone has wisdom and power to rule over all.

Lesson Summary

Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2 reveals God's sovereign control over the kingdoms of earth. He alone knows all things. He alone establishes kings and removes kings. Through Daniel God revealed that four kingdoms would follow the Babylonian kingdom. After the rise of these kingdoms, God will establish His kingdom on earth at Christ's second coming. God the Son—Jesus Christ, will rule this kingdom, which will have no end.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Even now Christ and the Father rule from heaven over all the kingdoms of the earth, and one day Christ will return to establish His own glorious kingdom on earth. Let every unbeliever submit to Him as King before it is too late. Let every believer serve the King with a godly life, turn to God for wisdom and knowledge, and endure with hope, looking forward to living in His kingdom on earth forever.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Daniel 2:44 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God gave Nebuchadnezzar a troubling dream • Daniel 2:1-13

TUESDAY

God revealed Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel • Daniel 2:14-30

This week's dates: _____

Week 34: God protects Daniel's friends • Daniel 3:1–30

Central Truth

God alone is powerful to save.

Lesson Summary

Nebuchadnezzar commanded everyone to worship the idol he had constructed, but Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship his god. Even the threat of death could not move these men from their steadfast commitment to God. Whether God rescued them or not, they refused to bow before Nebuchadnezzar's statue. However, God demonstrated His power by preserving the men and consuming Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers in the flames. In the end, Nebuchadnezzar recognized God's power to save.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Nebuchadnezzar was astonished when God saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He exclaimed, "No other god is able to rescue in this way!" (3:29). That is the point: no other god can save. God alone saves, and He saves with great power. We all face something worse than a fiery furnace, but God gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us with great power from sin and death. Will you entrust your life to Him as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did?

Key Verse

Look up and write out Daniel 3:17–18 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*Nebuchadnezzar commanded everyone to worship his gods •
Daniel 3:1-7*

TUESDAY

*Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship Nebuchadnezzar's
gods • Daniel 3:8-18*

This week's dates: _____

Week 35: God humbles Nebuchadnezzar • Daniel 4:1–37

Central Truth

God alone deserves glory.

Lesson Summary

Over the course of his life, Nebuchadnezzar had seen God's supreme wisdom and power. Yet in spite of these experiences, he praised himself instead of God. Nebuchadnezzar would have to learn the hard way that God opposes the proud. After seven years of living like an animal, he finally submitted to the king of heaven, humbling himself and praising God. Nebuchadnezzar had finally learned that all the nations are nothing before God, who does as He pleases.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Everything God does is for His own glory, including salvation. That is why salvation belongs to the humble. There is no room for the proud in the presence of God. But those who recognize that they are nothing apart from God are welcome in His kingdom. God graciously saves them so that they may proclaim His glory and one day even share in God's glory with Christ.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Daniel 4:34b–35 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God gave Nebuchadnezzar a terrifying dream • Daniel 4:1–18

TUESDAY

God warned Nebuchadnezzar about his pride • Daniel 4:19–27

This week's dates: _____

Week 36: God judges Belshazzar for his pride

• Daniel 5:1–31

Central Truth

God judges those who challenge His authority.

Lesson Summary

Belshazzar intentionally mocked the God of Israel and tried to show the superiority of Babylon's gods. Although he knew that God had humbled Nebuchadnezzar, he boldly challenged God's authority. He foolishly ignored Nebuchadnezzar's warning to humble himself before the God of heaven. As a result, he lost both his kingdom and his life. With his hands he had challenged God's authority, and with a hand God quickly answered, proving His authority over all the kings and kingdoms of the earth.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Sin is by its very nature a challenge to God's authority. Since the Garden of Eden, all mankind has been in rebellion against God. While God is patient with sinners, His patience will not last forever. All those who reject God's authority will be rejected by Him. We must, while time remains, submit to Jesus as Lord and Savior, humbly declaring our allegiance to Him. For Christians, this means living each day in light of God's authority over us.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Daniel 5:23 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Belshazzar challenged God's authority • Daniel 5:1-4

TUESDAY

God condemned Belshazzar's pride • Daniel 5:5-28

This week's dates: _____

Week 37: God delivers Daniel from the lions' den • Daniel 6:1–30

Central Truth

God is glorified through the faithfulness of His people.

Lesson Summary

God used Daniel's faithful and uncompromising testimony to demonstrate His power to the leaders of the Medo-Persian Empire. When his fellow government officials became jealous of Daniel's upcoming promotion, they convinced the king to enact a law prohibiting prayer to anyone or anything except the king. Because Daniel refused to obey the king's law, he was thrown into the lions' den. But God protected Daniel from the lions, saving His servant and demonstrating His power to King Darius.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Jesus commanded His followers to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel. It is the duty and privilege of every Christian to obey God's command, taking the gospel—the good news of man's freedom from the penalty, power, and one day the presence of sin—to every corner of the earth. This message of forgiveness purchased with the precious blood of Christ, is communicated through the words, actions, and attitudes of all those who faithfully follow God's command.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Daniel 6:26–27 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Government officials plotted against Daniel • Daniel 6:1-9

TUESDAY

Daniel stayed faithful to God • Daniel 6:10-18

This week's dates: _____

Week 38: God brought about the restoration of the temple • Ezra 1:1 – 6:22

Central Truth

God faithfully restores His people to worship Him.

Lesson Summary

God had promised that the Medes would destroy Babylon, and that He would use Cyrus to restore His people and rebuild the temple. In the first six chapters of Ezra, God accomplished His will by moving Cyrus to make a decree, giving His people a heart for worship, and working through Persian politics to complete the temple. Every effort to oppose the work failed, because God never abandons His plan to call a people to Himself in joyful worship.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The Jews' return to Jerusalem reminded them of God's power and purpose in redeeming them from Egypt. God has the same power and purpose in redeeming Christians today. From the beginning, God created mankind in His image to delight in Him and glorify Him, and that purpose will not fail. We must trust in Christ's power to save us, to display His glory through us, and to bring us one day into His perfect presence to worship Him forever.

Key Verse

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God moved Cyrus to allow the Jews to return home • Ezra 1:1-2:70

TUESDAY

God enabled temple worship to be restored • Ezra 3:1-13

This week's dates: _____

Week 39: God guided Israel to repentance • Ezra 7:1 – 10:44

Central Truth

God sanctifies His people.

Lesson Summary

Israel had been in the land for multiple generations, but while the temple had been rebuilt, the people had rebelled. They, like their forefathers, had taken foreign wives, resulting in the worship of foreign gods. So Ezra, eighty years after Cyrus' decree, led a second group to return to Jerusalem. This return, made successful by "the hand of God," led to the repentance of God's people and the restoration of true worship.

Spotlight on the Gospel

In Ezra's return, the Lord providentially guided Israel to repentance and a proper relationship with Him. However, the ultimate display of God's provision to His people is seen in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. God Himself provided Jesus as the spotless lamb. He alone protected Jesus' path to the cross to bear the sin of His people. And it is God Himself that prompts His people to repent and grow in holiness as they hope in Christ.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Ezra 10:2 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God provided for Israel's worship • Ezra 7:1–28

TUESDAY

God protected Ezra on his journey to Jerusalem • Ezra 8:1–8:36

This week's dates: _____

Week 40: God led Nehemiah to reconstruct the wall • Nehemiah 1:1–7:73a

Central Truth

God helps His people accomplish His work.

Lesson Summary

In the first two returns to Jerusalem the temple was rebuilt and worship was restored. But the city's walls were still in ruins. So Nehemiah led a third and final return to Jerusalem in order to rebuild the city's walls and gates. This massive building project greatly upset Israel's neighbors, who felt threatened by Israel's growing presence in the area. But none of their opposition to the work succeeded, for God's good hand was upon His people to accomplish the work.

Spotlight on the Gospel

In this portion of Scripture, God used Nehemiah to accomplish His purpose in rebuilding the city's walls. Nehemiah was a godly leader, characterized by prayer, concern for God's people, and wisdom. These characteristics are seen in their fullest in the person of Jesus Christ. He was a man of prayer; He expressed deep concern for and compassion on Israel; and He is the perfection of all wisdom. In Jesus, God providentially worked to accomplish His purpose in redeeming His people from their sin.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Nehemiah 6:15–16 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God prepared Nehemiah to go to Jerusalem • Nehemiah 1:1–2:8

TUESDAY

God encouraged Nehemiah to work responsibly • Nehemiah 2:9–4:23

This week's dates: _____

Week 41: Israel refused to be ruled by God • Nehemiah 7:73b–13:31

Central Truth

True repentance requires a changed heart.

Lesson Summary

The temple was rebuilt, worship had been restored, the city walls had been raised, yet in spite of the LORD's faithfulness the people continued to cling to their sin. But at the reading of God's Word, the people recognized their sin and recommitted themselves to keeping the Mosaic Covenant. They pledged to obey God's commands concerning marriage, the Sabbath, and the temple. Yet not long after Nehemiah's return to Persia, the people returned to their sin, committing the very same acts of disobedience they pledged to avoid.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The law could not save the Israelites in Nehemiah's day. Its purpose is to expose sin by displaying God's holiness. But it cannot save from sin. There is only one person who can save us from sin—Jesus Christ. God did what the law could not do when He sent His Son in order to fulfill the requirement of the law. Under this new covenant, God Himself changes people's hearts, granting the gift of repentance and faith, resulting in eternal life.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Nehemiah 9:17 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

The people recognized their own sinfulness • Nehemiah 7:73b–9:37

TUESDAY

The people reaffirmed the Mosaic Covenant • Nehemiah 9:38–13:3

The people returned to their sin • Nehemiah 13:4-31

WEDNESDAY

God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins • 1 John 1:8-9

THURSDAY

Those who walk according to the Spirit • Romans 8:4

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Christmas Week 1: The Son of Man is born in Bethlehem • Luke 2:1–20

Central Truth

Jesus was born to save people like us.

Lesson Summary

Jesus' birth was both lowly and exalted. He was born to ordinary parents in an animal shelter in a tiny town in an obscure part of the Roman Empire. His birth came at an inconvenient time and place for His parents, and it was announced to lowly shepherds. But it was also perfectly orchestrated by God Himself—announced by angels and accompanied by God's glory. It is the center of all history, when God became man to bring salvation to the world.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The birth of Jesus is rich with meaning. His birth exposes our sin, revealing our need of salvation. It also reveals God's commitment to save, since He was willing to leave the splendor of heaven to save those who had set their hearts against Him. And it shows that God saves, not to remove us from our lives and trouble, but to enter into them Himself in order to give us joy and peace through the struggles of life.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 2:11–12 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

A Child was born into the world • Luke 2:1-7

TUESDAY

A Child was born to save • Luke 2:8-14

This week's dates: _____

Christmas Week 2: The Son of Man is presented in Jerusalem • Luke 2:21–38

Central Truth

The righteous ones testify that Jesus is the human Savior.

Lesson Summary

God had already sent an angel to announce Jesus' destiny to Joseph and Mary, and He confirmed this through the shepherds. But the message is so incredible it is hard to believe. So He provided more evidence through the testimony of Joseph and Mary themselves, as well as through faithful Simeon and prayerful Anna. Their testimony compels us to listen and acknowledge that Jesus is indeed the Comforter, Savior, Light, and Redeemer, for the Jews first but also for all nations.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The testimony of these witnesses reveals the greatness of the gospel, which God accomplished through His Son. Jesus came to live and die for humans. He brings relief from sin and the curse. He is the Messiah, dying to save but rising to rule. He satisfies Israel's hopes, and He extends grace to all nations. He lifts up those who believe, and He crushes those who rebel. He redeems, rescuing by His blood so that what was broken can be made whole.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 2:29–32 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Law-abiding parents testified that Jesus is Savior • Luke 2:21–24

TUESDAY

Righteous Simeon testified that Jesus is Savior, Part 1 • Luke 2:25

This week's dates: _____

Christmas Week 3: The Son of Man is identified in the temple • Luke 2:39–52

Central Truth

Jesus' childhood shows that He is the human Savior.

Lesson Summary

As Luke's account of Jesus' birth draws to an end, he provides one final witness: the testimony of young Jesus. When Jesus was twelve, He stayed behind in the temple, asking and answering questions that astonished Israel's wisest teachers. To His concerned parents, He expressed His true relationship to God and His devotion to God's mission for Him. All this confirms once again that Jesus is the human Savior of the human race.

Spotlight on the Gospel

As the human Savior, Jesus came to be the saving representative of the human race. He fulfilled the law on behalf of humans. He learned obedience, He resisted temptation, He satisfied the law, and He revealed the Father to mankind. As the human Savior, He died as man's substitute sacrifice, and rose again as a sympathetic high priest. He stands as the human example for us to follow, and one day He will return to fulfill man's purpose to rule over all creation.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 2:52 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus grew as God's special child • Luke 2:40

TUESDAY

*Jesus grew to understand God's special mission for Him, Part 1 •
Luke 2:41-47*

*Jesus grew to understand God's special mission for Him, Part 2 •
Luke 2:48-49*

WEDNESDAY

*Jesus grew to understand God's special mission for Him, Part 3 •
Luke 2:49*

THURSDAY

Jesus grew into God's special man • Luke 2:51-52

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Easter Week 1: The Son of Man anticipates His death • Luke 22:7–20, 39–46

Central Truth

Jesus is the human Passover Lamb.

Lesson Summary

Jesus planned events so that He could enjoy one last Passover meal with His disciples. At this meal, Jesus explained that He was the new Passover sacrifice. His body would be given in the place of His disciples, and His blood would establish the new covenant. But even though Jesus arranged the timing of His death, it was still very hard for Him to face, for He was truly human. Yet in His weakness, He prayed and received strength from God to stand firm.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Jesus is the spotless Passover Lamb. He died as a substitute in the place of sinners. He died to give atonement, paying the ransom price for sin and washing sins away to make peace between God and man. His body was given like the bread of the Passover meal, and His blood was poured out like the wine. Now all who believe in Him can enter into the new covenant, receiving forgiveness for sin and new life in the Spirit.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 22:19–20 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus planned to be betrayed on Passover • Luke 22:7-13

TUESDAY

The Passover pointed to Jesus • Exodus 12:1-28

This week's dates: _____

Easter Week 2: The Son of Man is crucified • Luke 22:47–53; 23:26–49

Central Truth

Jesus died as a righteous man in the place of sinners.

Lesson Summary

As Jesus neared His death, He remained sinless. An armed mob came to arrest Him, but He responded peacefully. Peter denied Him, but He responded with faithful love. Israel's leaders illegally condemned Him, but He responded with truth. He grew weak, but He continued to have compassion on others. The people mocked Him, but He prayed for them and granted mercy to a criminal. Finally, after the sky darkened, He gave up His life, the temple curtain ripped, and the centurion declared His innocence.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Because Jesus was righteous to the very end, He was able to be the perfect substitute sacrifice. He died as a righteous man in the place of the unrighteous, bearing God's wrath against sin. The Father immediately showed His approval by ripping the temple curtain. He accepted Christ's sinless sacrifice as sufficient to restore peace between God and man. Now any sinner who trusts in the sinless Savior can be clothed with His righteousness and enter God's holy presence.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 23:47 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*Jesus was a righteous sufferer in His arrest and trial, Part 1 •
Luke 22:47-22:65*

TUESDAY

*Jesus was a righteous sufferer in His arrest and trial, Part 2 •
Luke 22:66-23:25*

Jesus was a righteous substitute on the cross, Part 1 •
Luke 23:26-38

WEDNESDAY

Jesus was a righteous substitute on the cross, Part 2 •
Luke 23:39-43

THURSDAY

Jesus was a righteous substitute on the cross, Part 3 •
Luke 23:44-49

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Easter Week 3: The Son of Man is resurrected

• *Luke 23:50–24:53*

Central Truth

Jesus rose from the dead.

Lesson Summary

When Jesus died, all hope seemed lost. The disciples were crushed by Jesus' death and their own failure. But Jesus gave them lots of evidence of His resurrection so that they could have hope and joy once again. The tomb was empty, angels said Jesus was alive, and the grave cloths were left behind. Jesus revealed how the Old Testament had predicted His death and resurrection, and He appeared several times. Finally, He ascended to heaven, leaving His disciples to spread the good news.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The resurrection is essential to the gospel. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, He could not forgive sins or give eternal life to anyone. He would not be the Son of God, and He would not be able to help believers live a victorious life while they are in this world. But because He has risen from the dead, He has destroyed the power of sin and death. As the Lord of life, He offers life to anyone who repents.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 24:46–47 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

The empty tomb shows Jesus is alive • Luke 23:50–24:3

TUESDAY

The angels said Jesus is alive • Luke 24:4–12
