



STUDENT JOURNAL

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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

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_____ Week 18: Jesus enters Jerusalem

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_____ Week 21: Jesus prepares for His death

_____ Week 22: The trial and denial of Jesus

_____ Week 23: Jesus endures the cross

_____ Week 24: Jesus rises from the dead

- _____ Week 25: Jesus returns to heaven
- _____ Week 26: The Holy Spirit arrives
- _____ Week 27: Peter and John preach the gospel
- _____ Week 28: Ananias and Sapphira lie to the Holy Spirit
- _____ Week 29: The Jews resist the Holy Spirit
- _____ Week 30: The Church is persecuted and the gospel spreads
- _____ Week 31: Philip shares the gospel with the Ethiopian
- _____ Week 32: Saul is converted
- _____ Week 33: The Gentiles receive the gospel
- _____ Week 34: God frees Peter from prison
- _____ Week 35: The Gentiles are saved by faith alone
- _____ Week 36: The Philippian jailer is saved
- _____ Week 37: Paul preaches in Athens
- _____ Week 38: God protects Paul
- _____ Week 39: Paul testifies to Jesus in Rome
- _____ Week 40: John testifies to the exalted Jesus
- _____ Week 41: John sees the worthy Lamb
- _____ Week 42: God will judge the wicked
- _____ Week 43: God creates a new heaven and a new earth
- _____ Christmas Week 1: The pre-existence of the Son of God
- _____ Christmas Week 2: The incarnation of the Son of God
- _____ Easter Week 1: The crucifixion of the Son of God
- _____ Easter Week 2: The resurrection of the Son of God



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	The Solid Rock
Weeks 4-7	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Weeks 8-11	The Power of the Cross
Weeks 12-15	Fairest Lord Jesus
Weeks 16-19	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weeks 20-23	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Weeks 24-27	The Church's One Foundation
Weeks 28-31	Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Weeks 32-35	And Can It Be?
Weeks 36-39	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Weeks 40-43	Jesus Shall Reign
Christmas	Joy to the World!
Easter	See What a Morning

This week's dates: _____

Week 1: John prepares the way for the Lord • Matthew 3:1-12

Central Truth

Repent in order to enter Christ's kingdom.

Lesson Summary

John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way for the coming King. He announced that the kingdom was near, and preached a message of repentance to prepare the people's hearts for their King. This message was necessary because unrepentant sinners will not enter Christ's kingdom. Only those who repent, confessing their sin, will reign with King Jesus when He establishes His earthly kingdom. All those who reject Christ, the rightful King, will suffer endless punishment in the lake of fire.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The gospel is for those who truly repent. Unfortunately, many people are like the Pharisees and Sadducees who came for baptism. They have outwardly confessed their need of salvation, but they have not yet humbly submitted to Christ as their King. So listen to John's warning: the axe is still at the root of the trees. Anyone who claims Christ as their King but does not bear fruit will not enter Christ's kingdom.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Matthew 3:2 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Repent to enter Christ's kingdom • Matthew 3:1-4

TUESDAY

Repent by turning away from sin • Matthew 3:5-10

This week's dates: _____

Week 2: John baptizes Jesus • Matthew 3:13–17

Central Truth

Jesus is the promised Messiah.

Lesson Summary

While John was baptizing, Jesus came to be baptized too. But His baptism was different than the others. All others were baptized to repent from sin, but Jesus had no sin. He was baptized to show that He was taking the place of sinners. He showed that He accepted the Father's mission for Him to be the Messiah. When He did, both the Spirit's anointing and the Father's voice confirmed that Jesus truly is the promised Messiah, both Savior and King.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Salvation includes being saved from something, sin and hell, but it also includes being saved for something—to live for and reign with God forever in His coming kingdom. Jesus' baptism confirmed that He would accomplish both aspects of salvation. First, Jesus committed Himself to standing in the place of sinners, living a righteous life and dying a sacrificial death on their behalf. Second, the Spirit anointed Jesus as King and the Father identified Him as the beloved Son whose kingdom will never end.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Matthew 3:16-17 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*Jesus accepted His mission as the Messiah, Part 1 •
Matthew 3:13-14*

TUESDAY

Jesus accepted His mission as the Messiah, Part 2 • Matthew 3:15

Heaven confirmed Jesus' mission as the Messiah, Part 1 •
Matthew 3:16

WEDNESDAY

Heaven confirmed Jesus' mission as the Messiah, Part 2 •
Matthew 3:17

THURSDAY

All three members of the Trinity present at Jesus' baptism •
Matthew 3:16-17

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 3: Jesus overcomes temptation • Luke 4:1 – 13

Central Truth

Jesus passed the test to be the Messiah.

Lesson Summary

When Jesus was baptized, Jesus embraced His mission and God declared His approval. But to prove that Jesus was truly the Messiah, the Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. After 40 days, when Jesus was hungry and weak, Satan tempted Jesus three final times in an attempt to ruin Jesus' relationship with the Father. But every time Jesus responded by faith in the Father's word, and Satan went away defeated.

Spotlight on the Gospel

It was Satan who first marred God's good plan for mankind by luring Adam into sin in the Garden of Eden. But at that time God promised that the seed of the woman would defeat Satan (Gen 3:15). This was the first promise of a Messiah who, by His sinless life, would conquer Satan. When Jesus resisted Satan in the wilderness, He proved that He was indeed the promised Messiah. And because He is the perfect Son, He will bring many sons to glory.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 4:8 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

God tested Jesus for 40 days • Luke 4:1-2

TUESDAY

*Satan's First Temptation: Don't depend on God's provision •
Luke 4:3-4*

This week's dates: _____

Week 4: Jesus calls the disciples • **Mark 1:16–20**

Central Truth

Respond to Jesus' authority by following Him.

Lesson Summary

Because Jesus is the Son of God, He comes with the authority of the Father. So when Jesus came to the northern shore of the Sea Galilee, He proved His authority by calling four fishermen, teaching with great power in the synagogue, and driving out a demon. In response to His authority, the fisherman followed Him. They responded immediately, leaving behind their boats, nets, and even their family in order to follow Jesus.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Since Jesus has supreme authority, the only right response is to follow Him. This is what it means to be a Christian, and there is no such thing as a Christian who does not follow Him. To become a Christian, you must first be called by Jesus with irresistible authority. Then you must respond by making Him your leader, trusting Him, doing His work, and letting nothing get in the way of following Him.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Mark 1:17–18 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Being a disciple of Jesus, Part 1 • Mark 1:16–17, 19–20

TUESDAY

Being a disciple of Jesus, Part 2 • Mark 1:17–18, 20

This week's dates: _____

Week 5: Jesus commends the centurion's faith

• *Matthew 8:5–13*

Central Truth

Because Jesus has all authority, only those who come to Him by faith are saved.

Lesson Summary

A Gentile centurion asked Jesus to heal his slave, and Jesus agreed to do it. But what the centurion said next showed amazing faith: the centurion believed that Jesus could heal his slave simply by speaking the words. He recognized Jesus' absolute authority and humbly trusted Him. In response, Jesus explained that only those who have true faith would enter God's kingdom. To prove that His words were true, Jesus healed the slave from a distance.

Spotlight on the Gospel

It is common for those who grow up going to church to believe they will go to heaven simply because they belong to Christian families or know much about the Bible. However, when Jesus responded to the centurion's faith, He explained that only those who trust in Him will enter God's kingdom. Christian parents are a great blessing; so too is knowing the Bible. But only true faith—faith that submits to Jesus' absolute authority—can make you acceptable to God.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Matthew 8:8–9 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Believe in Jesus because He cares • Matthew 8:5-7

TUESDAY

Believe in Jesus because He is in charge • Matthew 8:8-9

This week's dates: _____

Week 6: Jesus forgives sin • Luke 5:17–26

Central Truth

Jesus has authority to forgive sins.

Lesson Summary

After news of Jesus' powerful teaching and miracles spread, religious leaders came from Jerusalem to observe Jesus. And Jesus gave them the greatest display of His authority so far: He forgave the sins of the paralytic man, the He proved His authority to forgive by healing the man. No one could deny the miracle and everyone was amazed, but, sadly, few demonstrated real faith like the paralytic and his friends.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Jesus is the answer to all humanity's hopes and fears. He is the great healer, compassionate and competent to heal both spiritual and physical needs. This shouldn't surprise us, as our eternal home in heaven will be a place of perfection, both physically and spiritually. No more sin and separation from God. No more pain, disease, or death. Jesus is the answer to all of your problems—but only if you place yourself under His authority.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 5:24 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Religious leaders came to see Jesus • Luke 5:17

TUESDAY

A paralytic came to see Jesus • Luke 5:18-20a

This week's dates: _____

Week 7: Jesus promises rest • Matthew 11:20–30

Central Truth

To find rest, come and submit to Jesus.

Lesson Summary

Jesus performed many miracles, but few repented. They did not believe because they were proud, trusting in their own wisdom. So God chose not to reveal the truth about Jesus to them, because salvation is for the humble. But to those who are humble and tired of trying to earn salvation, Jesus has good news: all who are weary may come to Him. Anyone who humbly believes, submits, and learns from Jesus will find rest for his soul.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Like the inhabitants of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum, many people today know all about Jesus but still fail to repent. They are proud, trusting in their own wisdom and effort to save them. But salvation does not come to the proud. Salvation comes to those who, like infants, depend totally on the Father and the Son to provide for their needs. Come to Jesus, for He will provide rest for your soul.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Matthew 11:28 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus condemns those who refuse to repent • Matthew 11:20-24

TUESDAY

*Jesus reveals the Father to those who are dependent •
Matthew 11:25-27*

This week's dates: _____

Week 8: Jesus rebukes the Pharisees • Matthew 12:22–37

Central Truth

Jesus condemns those who say His power comes from Satan.

Lesson Summary

Jesus did another powerful miracle, and even His enemies knew it was supernatural. So instead of denying the miracle, the Pharisees said that Jesus did it by Satan's power. But Jesus proved them wrong, explaining that His works were good because they came from the Holy Spirit. In fact, it was the Pharisees who were evil, since their evil words proved their evil hearts. They had committed the unforgivable sin: rejecting Jesus with the full knowledge that He was the Messiah.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The Holy Spirit worked powerful miracles through Jesus to prove that He was the promised Messiah who would bring salvation to Israel and to the whole world. But the only way to receive this salvation is to believe what the Holy Spirit says about Jesus. Those who refuse to believe what the Spirit reveals to them can never be forgiven. But those who respond to the Spirit and come to Jesus will be rescued by Him.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Matthew 12:28 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus healed a man • Matthew 12:22

TUESDAY

Jesus was accused by the Pharisees • Matthew 12:23-24

This week's dates: _____

Week 9: Jesus teaches the Parable of the Soils

- **Mark 4:1 – 20**

Central Truth

Entering the kingdom of God depends on how you receive the word of God.

Lesson Summary

After the Pharisees and most of the Jews refused to trust Jesus as their Messiah, Jesus began to speak to them in parables. By not explaining what the parables meant, Jesus hid the truth from those who had rejected the truth. This reality is illustrated by the parable of the four soils: many heard God's word, but few accepted it. Jesus' message is clear: pay careful attention to what you hear, so that God's truth is not hidden from you.

Spotlight on the Gospel

When Jesus explained the parable to His true followers, He said the secret of the kingdom of God had been given to them: those who hear, understand, and receive God's word will know what God's kingdom is all about. They will come to Jesus, know God, and receive eternal life. Entering God's kingdom depends on how you hear and respond to God's word, and you will know when you have rightly responded when you see lasting fruit in your life.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Mark 4:20 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Listen to the parable of four soils • Mark 4:1-9

TUESDAY

Accept the reason for parables • Mark 4:10-12

This week's dates: _____

Week 10: Jesus demonstrates His authority • Luke 8:22–39

Central Truth

Jesus is God.

Lesson Summary

Jesus led the disciples across the Sea of Galilee into Gentile country. First, He led them into a storm that nearly drowned them all, but despite the disciples' fear and doubt, Jesus calmed the storm. Second, Jesus and His disciples were threatened by a demon-possessed man, but again, Jesus commanded and brought peace. In both cases those who observed His great power feared Him. Most responded by rejecting Him, but one man—the healed man—loved and obeyed Him.

Spotlight on the Gospel

These miracles prove that Jesus has the power and love of God. He has power over both the natural and the supernatural. As a result, He has power to bring peace, both physical and spiritual, and He has power both to save and to cleanse. He also showed His love by caring for His disciples, by healing the demon-possessed man, and by repeatedly offering salvation to Gentiles. So all who wish to be saved must fear and love Jesus as the true God.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 8:25 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus possesses divine power and love • Luke 8:22-25

TUESDAY

Jesus' power over the natural world • Luke 8:22-2

Jesus' love for the faithless disciples • Luke 8:25

WEDNESDAY

Jesus' power over the supernatural world • Luke 8:26-33

THURSDAY

Jesus' love for the fearful townspeople • Luke 8:34-39

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 11: Jesus has power over disease and death • Mark 5:21–43

Central Truth

Jesus' power is personal and kind.

Lesson Summary

After calming the storm and casting out demons, Jesus sailed back across Galilee. Although a crowd quickly surrounded Him, Jesus saw Jairus' faith and went to heal his daughter. On the way, a bleeding woman touched His robe and was instantly healed. Despite the rush, Jesus took time to identify who she was and encourage her faith. Meanwhile, Jairus' daughter died, and people thought it was too late. But with tender words and a tender touch, Jesus raised her from the dead.

Spotlight on the Gospel

These two miracles show that Jesus is powerful, but also personal and kind. If He were not powerful, He could not heal our souls, cleanse our sins, and give us eternal life. If He were not personal and kind, He would not care to save us. But since He is powerful and personal and kind, He is able and willing to save us. So come to Him in the only way that saves: by faith, like Jairus and the bleeding woman.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Mark 5:41–42a below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

A father trusted Jesus • Mark 5:21-24

TUESDAY

A woman trusted Jesus • Mark 5:25-28

This week's dates: _____

Week 12: Jesus feeds the 5,000 • John 6:1–15

Central Truth

Jesus is the Messiah whom Moses spoke about.

Lesson Summary

The crowds had seen Jesus perform many miracles, so they followed Him to a remote place. They wanted physical healing, but they did not honor Jesus as the Son of God. So Jesus performed a miracle to challenge them. By feeding the 5,000, Jesus brought to mind Moses' prophecy concerning Him. He also showed that He had in Himself the power of God. However, the people still only wanted what He could provide, so Jesus withdrew from their presence.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Those that seek only God's provision, forsaking the Person, prove they do not really love Jesus. They actually love themselves; Jesus is just a way to get what they want. These people will not find Jesus, for the gospel is really about being restored to a right relationship with God through His Son. That means wanting Jesus Himself, trusting and honoring and obeying and delighting in Him for who He is—the promised Messiah and the true God.

Key Verse

Look up and write out John 6:14 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus planned a miracle to show He was the One Moses spoke about • John 6:1-15

TUESDAY

Jesus saw a fickle crowd on a formative day • John 6:1-4

This week's dates: _____

Week 13: Jesus walks on water • Matthew 14:23–33

Central Truth

Jesus is God present with us.

Lesson Summary

After feeding the 5,000, Jesus sent His disciples across the sea and dismissed the crowd. Then He spent almost all night in prayer while His disciples struggled through a storm. After many hours, Jesus walked to the disciples on the water, encouraging them with His presence. He let Peter come to Him, and He saved him when he started to sink. Then, when Jesus got into the boat, the storm immediately stopped, and the disciples worshiped Him as the Son of God.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Jesus' prayer shows that He found protection and pleasure in the presence of God the Father. And by walking on the water, Jesus showed the disciples that they could find the same protection and pleasure in His presence. Jesus came to earth so that we can once again be with God. Through His sinless life and perfect sacrifice, we can be restored to God, where we can go on living in His presence as we trust, love, and worship Jesus.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Matthew 14:33 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus sought the presence of His Father • Matthew 14:22-23

TUESDAY

*Jesus allowed the disciples to struggle away from His presence •
Matthew 14:24-25*

This week's dates: _____

Week 14: Jesus defines discipleship • **Mark 8:27–38**

Central Truth

Follow the Messiah.

Lesson Summary

By this time, the disciples were convinced that Jesus was the Messiah, but they did not understand the Messiah's mission. Jesus confirmed that He was in fact the Messiah, but He explained that the Messiah would first be rejected and killed and three days later rise from the dead. Because this is who the Messiah is, this is also who His followers are. And those that follow Him through rejection and death will also live with Him forever.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The good news of the gospel comes only through death. It comes through the death of Jesus the Christ, whose perfect sacrifice alone pays the penalty for sin. But it also comes through the deaths of all His followers, since no one can follow Jesus and himself at the same time. To enjoy the blessings of being a follower, you must actually follow, and to follow, you must surrender your life to the control of Jesus.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Mark 8:34 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Follow Jesus because He is the Messiah • Mark 8:27-29

TUESDAY

Follow Jesus because He died to conquer death • Mark 8:30-33

This week's dates: _____

Week 15: Jesus is gloriously transfigured • Luke 9:27–36

Central Truth

Jesus is the King of Glory.

Lesson Summary

Previously, Jesus explained that He must die and that His followers must also die to themselves. He promised that the glory to come would be worth it, but now He does more than promise: He gives a real glimpse of His glory in the kingdom of God. Jesus' shining appearance, Moses, Elijah, and the glorious presence and voice of God all confirm His glory and kingdom. But they also speak of His death, confirming that Jesus had to die before returning in glory

Spotlight on the Gospel

The glory of God is revealed in Jesus Christ. True believers, then, are those who have seen this glory with the eyes of faith (2 Cor 4:6). They are so attracted to Jesus that they love, worship, and trust Him. They accept His death to pay for their sins, they follow Him wherever He leads even though it costs them everything, and they eagerly live pure lives in order to share in the pure glory of their Savior.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 9:27 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus is the glorious King • Luke 9:27–29

TUESDAY

Jesus is the glorious sacrifice • Luke 9:30–33

This week's dates: _____

Week 16: Jesus confronts the rich young ruler

- *Matthew 19:16–26*

Central Truth

To receive eternal life, depend on Jesus alone.

Lesson Summary

As Jesus began to travel toward Jerusalem, a rich young ruler fell at Jesus' feet and asked what he could do to receive eternal life. Instead of leading the man in a simple sinner's prayer, Jesus exposed the man's pride and selfishness. The man went away sad because he depended on himself and loved his wealth instead of trusting and loving Jesus alone. Jesus explained that no one can be saved by his own efforts, but only by the power of God

Spotlight on the Gospel

God's law reveals sin, but it cannot save. Its purpose is to pronounce a guilty verdict on all humanity, for it is impossible to perfectly obey God's law. The law is necessary and good because it shows a sinner his sin and helps him see that he needs salvation. This is why Jesus pointed the rich young ruler to the 10 commandments; and this is why the rich young ruler departed from Jesus' presence without salvation: he refused to acknowledge his sin.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Matthew 19:21 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Deny your own goodness • Matthew 19:16-20

TUESDAY

Devote yourself to Jesus • Matthew 19:21-22

Depend wholly on the Father • Matthew 19:23-26

WEDNESDAY

Like a child • Matthew 18:1-4; 19:13-15

THURSDAY

Eternal life • John 3:15-16

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 17: Jesus teaches the parable of the equal wages • Matthew 19:27–20:16

Central Truth

All believers will enjoy the full blessings of eternal life.

Lesson Summary

After the rich young ruler left, the disciples wondered what reward they would get for leaving everything to follow Jesus. Jesus assured them that they would get eternal life, a prize far greater than anything they had given up. But Jesus also corrected them for thinking that they were special for having sacrificed so much. The story of the vineyard shows that all believers will enjoy the full blessings of eternal life, because the reward God gives is not something we deserve

Spotlight on the Gospel

Salvation is not fair. No one deserves eternal life. Because of our sin, we all deserve death—both physical and spiritual death. But God, because of the richness of His grace, graciously gives eternal life to all those who trust Christ. In Christ, we are spared the punishment our sins deserve, and in Christ we receive the righteousness we could never earn. If we are jealous about God's grace in salvation, then we do not truly understand God's generosity in saving anyone at all.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Matthew 20:16 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*Jesus encourages: the future prize is worth the cost •
Matthew 19:27-28*

TUESDAY

Jesus encourages: the present prize is worth the cost • Matthew 19:29

This week's dates: _____

Week 18: Jesus enters Jerusalem • Luke 19:28–44

Central Truth

Jesus is God's King.

Lesson Summary

Until now, Jesus did not openly claim to be the promised King. But now He did. He knew the religious leaders would reject Him, and He knew the cheering crowds would make the leaders want to execute Him quickly. Jesus wept, knowing how much the Jews would suffer for rejecting Him. But He entered as King anyway, according to the Father's plan. He entered Jerusalem on the day that families chose their Passover lamb, and soon after, He died as the great Passover Lamb.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The gospel is about Jesus bringing peace. He is the King who will crush everything that is evil and rule over a perfect world. But to do that, He had to die to pay sin's penalty and satisfy the Father's wrath. He accomplished that mission, and now He offers peace and salvation to all. But each person must come to Him on His terms. All those who reject Him, or reject His terms, will face terrible judgment.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Luke 19:38 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus planned to enter as King • Luke 19:28–34

TUESDAY

Jesus entered as King • Luke 19:35–38

This week's dates: _____

Week 19: Jesus teaches the parable of the landowner • Mark 12:1–12

Central Truth

People who reject Jesus' authority will be destroyed.

Lesson Summary

The religious leaders questioned Jesus' authority. Yet because they were trying to trap Him, Jesus would not plainly tell them where His authority came from. Instead, He used the parable of the vineyard and the prophecy of the cornerstone to show them. Both of these proved that His authority came from God and that the religious leaders had no right to resist. Even so, they still rejected Him, and consequently they would be completely destroyed.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Every person faces the same choice as the religious leaders. Like the tenants in the parable, you can live for yourself, ignore God, and refuse to accept Jesus. But no matter how much you deny Him, you cannot defeat Him. Or you can let Jesus be in charge. You can build your life on Him as your strong foundation and put your hope in His risen life. As you do, you will live for God and enjoy the blessing of living in His kingdom.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Mark 12:10 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus used a parable to condemn the religious leaders • Mark 12:1-9

TUESDAY

The religious leaders knew the parable was about them • Mark 12:1-9

This week's dates: _____

Week 20: Jesus teaches the parable of the talents • Matthew 25:14–30

Central Truth

Jesus rewards only faithful servants.

Lesson Summary

Since the kingdom was not going to come right away, Jesus told a parable to teach His disciples how to live while they waited for Him to return. A master went on a long journey, and while he was gone he entrusted great wealth to three slaves. Two slaves worked hard and used their money to earn more money for their master, but the third slave buried his money. When the master returned, he rewarded the faithful slaves but punished the unfaithful slave.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Jesus has been gone a long time, but while He is away, He has given believers rich gifts and opportunities to serve Him. True believers rejoice to work hard for Him because they love Him. Even though their results will vary, everyone who is faithful will enter the kingdom, where they will rejoice in Christ's presence and reign as His servants forever. But anyone who does not work faithfully will not enter, since their laziness proves that they never really loved Jesus.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Matthew 25:21 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus is the Master • Matthew 25:14a

TUESDAY

Jesus gives gifts to use for Him • Matthew 25:14b-18

This week's dates: _____

Week 21: Jesus prepares for His death • Matthew 26:1–56

Central Truth

Jesus died according to His own plan.

Lesson Summary

The religious leaders plotted how to kill Jesus, but Jesus was a step ahead. He predicted His death would come in two days, and He accepted Mary's perfume as an anointing for burial. During the Passover meal, Jesus explained that His body would be beaten and His blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins. He knew He would be deserted, arrested, and killed, and He had the power to prevent it. Instead, He prayed and voluntarily chose to submit to God's will.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Because Jesus willingly gave up His life, He is able to offer forgiveness of sins. While the blood of the original Passover lambs saved the lives of the firstborn Israelites, Jesus' blood gives eternal life to everyone who believes. Eternal life is only for those who worship Jesus as their great love. They are not perfect, but through failure they realize their weakness. They stop depending on themselves and instead cling to Christ alone.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Matthew 26:27–28 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus controlled the timing of His death • Matthew 26:1-5

TUESDAY

Jesus controlled the preparation for His death • Matthew 26:6-13

This week's dates: _____

Week 22: The trial and denial of Jesus • Mark 14:53–15:15

Central Truth

Jesus was unjustly abandoned and condemned.

Lesson Summary

After Jesus was arrested, the Sanhedrin desperately tried to find an accusation against Jesus so they could put Him to death. They got what they wanted when Jesus Himself claimed to be the Messiah, the Son of God, and the Son of Man. Not only was Jesus falsely condemned, but He was also betrayed by Peter, perhaps His closest earthly friend. Then, instead of protecting Jesus, Pilate flogged Him and condemned Him to be crucified.

Spotlight on the Gospel

In the end, Jesus was completely alone and rejected. His enemies thought they had won. But in reality, Jesus had refused to defend Himself because He was choosing to die, the innocent in the place of the guilty. Because He obeyed to the point of death, He won the battle. As a result, those who truly love Jesus will be forgiven even though they still fail. But those who care more about their own lives than about Jesus will be judged.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Mark 15:14 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

The Jews judged the true Judge • Mark 14:53–65

TUESDAY

Peter denied his true Friend • Mark 14:66–72

This week's dates: _____

Week 23: Jesus endures the cross • **Mark 15:16–47**

Central Truth

Jesus died to save sinners.

Lesson Summary

Jesus was cruelly mocked during His crucifixion. He was the true King and Son of God, and He was suffering the worst punishment for the sake of sinners, yet they just laughed at Him. Worst of all, the Father poured out His wrath on Jesus, counting Him as a sinner in the place of sinners. But in the end, there were still a few who honored Jesus, who saw that He really was the Son of God.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The cross is at the center of the gospel. On the cross Jesus died to bear God's wrath and pay the penalty for sin. He did this for the sake of sinners, even wicked sinners who made a joke out of all His suffering. Because of His death, we have hope. We are no different than the cruel people who laughed at Him, but because He finished His mission, we can be forgiven. All that is required is that we respond in true faith and repentance.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Mark 15:39 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus was mocked before His crucifixion • Mark 15:16-21

TUESDAY

Jesus was mocked during His crucifixion • Mark 15:22-32

This week's dates: _____

Week 24: Jesus rises from the dead •

Mark 16:1–8

Central Truth

Jesus is alive.

Lesson Summary

All of Jesus' followers thought it was over. Perhaps they would see Him again in the next world, but not in this one. The women came to pour perfume over His corpse in the tomb. But it was empty. The stone was rolled aside and there was no body. Instead, an angel announced that He had risen and would meet them just as promised. The women rushed out, overcome with fear at the incredible truth: Jesus is alive.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Jesus' death and resurrection must go together. If Jesus died but did not come back to life, then His death would be useless. But because He did come back to life, we know that His sacrifice was pleasing to God and fully paid the price for sin. He also conquered death, and He has life in Himself. To receive this life, we must come to Him in faith and obedience, trembling in awe before the great and powerful Son of God.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Mark 16:6 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

The women expected an occupied tomb • Mark 16:1-3

TUESDAY

The women found an empty tomb • Mark 16:4-6

This week's dates: _____

Week 25: Jesus returns to heaven • Acts 1:1–11

Central Truth

Jesus' work continues as His people tell the world about Him.

Lesson Summary

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared several times over the course of 40 days. During that time, He taught the apostles about their mission. They would continue Jesus' own work by telling the whole world the truth about Him. To do this, Jesus told them that they would need the power of the Holy Spirit. After giving these instructions, Jesus ascended into heaven.

Spotlight on the Gospel

When a person becomes a Christian, he receives an entirely new mission in life. His job is now to tell others about Jesus—about His death, His resurrection, His kingdom, and His return one day. This is what Christians do because they are subjects in Christ's kingdom. They are also motivated to do this mission because they know Jesus really is alive, because they have the Spirit's power, and because they know Jesus is with them now and will come back when their mission is accomplished.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 1:8 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus taught the apostles to witness • Acts 1:1–3

TUESDAY

Jesus ordered the apostles to wait for the Holy Spirit • Acts 1:4–7

This week's dates: _____

Week 26: The Holy Spirit arrives • Acts 2:1–47

Central Truth

Jesus rules with great power through the Holy Spirit.

Lesson Summary

Just as Jesus had promised, He poured out His Spirit on the disciples. Something was obviously happening because they immediately began speaking in real languages that they did not know. Peter explained that the Spirit had come and therefore the final judgment could also come at any time. It was time to call on the name of the Lord to be saved, and the Spirit's coming proved that the Lord is Jesus. Many responded by repenting and being baptized, and the church was born.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Until Jesus returns, believers are to devote themselves to the spread of the gospel. And God has given believers the Holy Spirit to empower them to do this. As we trust Him and obey His Word, God gives us the ability to live for Him and tell the world about His Son. And as we do that, He gives us great joy in our new community, the church.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 2:33 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

The Spirit came on Pentecost • Acts 2:1-3

TUESDAY

The Spirit came with power • Acts 2:4-13

This week's dates: _____

Week 27: Peter and John preach the gospel • Acts 3:1–26

Central Truth

Jesus restores life.

Lesson Summary

Acts is about the work Jesus continued to do through the Holy Spirit. Through His Spirit, Jesus used Peter to heal a crippled man. A crowd came to see, and Peter explained that this healing was one more proof that Jesus was alive. In fact, it was proof that Jesus was the source of life. Just as He gave full life to the lame man's body, so He could give full life to sinful souls and a sin-cursed world.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The Jews needed to repent to receive forgiveness. They needed to trust in Jesus' death for sin and in His risen life. This is the message of the gospel for you too: because Jesus died for sin, you can be forgiven. Because God raised Jesus from the dead, you can also be blessed and one day live in a new world with Him forever. But to receive forgiveness and eternal life, you must repent and trust in Jesus, the source of all life.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 3:19–20a below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus restored physical life • Acts 3:1-10

TUESDAY

Jesus is the source of life • Acts 3:11-16

Turn to Jesus for eternal life • Acts 3:17-19

WEDNESDAY

Jesus will restore earthly life • Acts 3:20-26

THURSDAY

When God doesn't heal • James 1:2-4

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 28: Ananias and Sapphira lie to the Holy Spirit • Acts 4:32–5:11

Central Truth

The Holy Spirit unites and purifies the church.

Lesson Summary

As the church grew rapidly, believers were filled with the Spirit and devoted to Jesus. This caused them to be united with a single passion and purpose in life. They were so united that they shared everything, even selling houses and fields to provide for poor believers. But Ananias and Sapphira lied about what they were giving in order to look good. The Holy Spirit exposed their lie and took their lives to guard the purity of the church.

Spotlight on the Gospel

By His death and resurrection, Jesus rescues sinners and turns them into the people of God. They become united with Him, like a body is united to its head. Because they are united with Him, they are also united with each other. But because they are united with Him, they are also to be holy, since He is holy. Jesus provides the Holy Spirit to make holy living possible, but He also warns us of the seriousness of sin.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 5:3–4 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

The believers were united • Acts 4:32

TUESDAY

The believers shared everything • Acts 4:33-37

Ananias and Sapphira pretended to share everything • Acts 5:1-4

WEDNESDAY

Ananias and Sapphira were judged by God • Acts 5:5-11

THURSDAY

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! • Matthew 23:13-36

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 29: The Jews resist the Holy Spirit • Acts 6:1–7:60

Central Truth

The Holy Spirit gives faithful believers the ability to honor Jesus.

Lesson Summary

The apostles appointed seven men to help meet the needs of the Jerusalem believers. All of these men were full of the Spirit, but Stephen in particular shows how powerful the Spirit is. The Spirit empowered Stephen to perform miracles and preach with great power. Stephen demonstrated that the Jews' rejection of Jesus was part of Israel's pattern of resisting the Holy Spirit. And when the Jews kept resisting, the Spirit enabled Stephen to die with peace, joy, and prayer for forgiveness.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Stephen's words and vision confirm our faith in Jesus as Savior. First, his speech showed that the lives of Joseph and Moses pointed forward to Jesus. Even the way Israel rejected Jesus at His first coming was like the way Israel rejected Joseph and Moses. Second, Stephen's vision also confirms Jesus as Savior, since Jesus allowed Stephen to see Him standing in heaven as Lord of the universe. Stephen's Spirit-filled life encourages us to trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 7:51 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Stephen served full of the Holy Spirit • Acts 6:1-10

TUESDAY

The Jews accused Stephen of blasphemy • Acts 6:11-15

This week's dates: _____

Week 30: The Church is persecuted and the gospel spreads • Acts 8:1–25

Central Truth

There is one gospel for all kinds of people.

Lesson Summary

God used persecution to cause believers to scatter from Jerusalem. As they fled, they carried the gospel with them wherever they went—including to new groups of people like the Samaritans. Through the apostles, God welcomed the Samaritans into the church equally alongside Jewish believers. He also guarded the gospel from being twisted by Simon, who tried to use the power of the gospel for his own glory.

Spotlight on the Gospel

When God confirmed the gospel to the Samaritans, He showed that the gospel is for all people. This should encourage believers to be like Philip and tell the good news to all people, even those who are not at all like them. On the other hand, no matter where the gospel goes, it is always the same gospel. It cannot be adapted to any person's old way of living, since it demands a radical change from living for self to living for God.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 8:5, 8 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Persecution spread the gospel to different places • Acts 8:1-4

TUESDAY

Philip spread the gospel to a different group of people • Acts 8:5-13

This week's dates: _____

Week 31: Philip shares the gospel with the Ethiopian • Acts 8:26–40

Central Truth

The Holy Spirit proclaims Jesus through obedient servants.

Lesson Summary

After Philip opened up Samaria to the gospel, the Spirit sent him south, to a road few people traveled. This seemed strange, but Philip obeyed immediately. Because Philip obeyed, the Spirit guided him straight to someone who was seeking God, an important Ethiopian official. Then the Spirit used Scripture and Philip's explanation to bring the Ethiopian to Jesus. He was baptized and continued on his way full of joy, while the Spirit gave Philip yet another mission.

Spotlight on the Gospel

This story shows what the gospel is, how it spreads, and how it changes people. The gospel is the good news that Jesus died in the place of sinners. The gospel spreads by the power of the Holy Spirit as He uses obedient Christians to show people Jesus. Then the gospel changes everyone who sincerely seeks God. It unites them to Jesus, fills them with joy, and gives them a mission to go tell others.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 8:35 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Philip obeyed the Spirit • Acts 8:26–30

TUESDAY

Philip proclaimed Jesus • Acts 8:31–35

This week's dates: _____

Week 32: Saul is converted • Acts 9:1–31

Central Truth

Jesus spreads His name through the people He chooses.

Lesson Summary

Persecution against the church was getting worse. But when Saul set out for Damascus to arrest and kill Christians there, Jesus stopped him by appearing to him on the way. When Saul saw Jesus, he realized his sin and sought Jesus. Jesus then sent Ananias to welcome Saul as a believer and to equip Saul to be a special instrument to spread His name. By appearing to Saul, Jesus brought peace to the church, providing its members time to grow and mature.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Every person is born an enemy of God. Yet God's grace still extends to us just as it did to Saul. For this reason, we should examine our lives to see if they please God. If our lives prove that we are an enemy of the Lord, we should respond as Saul did and submit to Jesus and repent of our sin. When we do, God promises to make us—who were once His enemies—His children.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 9:15–16 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Saul was the fiercest persecutor of the gospel • Acts 9:1-2

TUESDAY

Jesus defeated the fiercest persecutor of His gospel • Acts 9:3-9

This week's dates: _____

Week 33: The Gentiles receive the gospel • Acts 10:1–11:18

Central Truth

God saves people who seek Him from every nation.

Lesson Summary

God sent Peter to Gentiles in Caesarea, a huge step in the spread of the gospel. He told Cornelius, a Gentile, to send for Peter, and He prepared Peter in advance to accept all people as clean in God's eyes. Then, after Peter explained the gospel, the Holy Spirit came on those listening so that no one could miss the point: salvation had come to Gentiles. Upon seeing this, Peter and his companions baptized the Gentiles, affirming their salvation through Jesus.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Peter preached that the gospel is good news. The good news is that we can have peace through Jesus. We can have this peace because Jesus died to forgive the sins that separate us from God. But this peace comes only through Jesus, because He is Lord of all. To be forgiven and have peace, you must believe in Jesus. If you do, He will save you, no matter where you live or what people you belong to.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 11:18 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Gentiles were seeking God • Acts 10:1–2

TUESDAY

God prepared to save Gentiles • Acts 10:3–33

This week's dates: _____

Week 34: God frees Peter from prison • Acts 12:1–24

Central Truth

God defeats those who fight against Him.

Lesson Summary

After Peter's visit to Cornelius, King Herod Agrippa realized the Jews wanted him to attack the apostles. As a result, he executed James, then he imprisoned Peter in order to kill him too. The Christians could do nothing—except pray. But prayer is not a small thing! God answered by setting Peter free. Then God dealt with Herod's pride and persecution by striking him dead. In the end, Herod was totally defeated, but God's word spread with even greater success.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The gospel is not a promise that life will be easy. In fact, Jesus promised the opposite. But it is a promise of victory. Those who put their trust in Jesus may not be rescued from suffering and death in this world, but they can be confident that they will be on the winning side in the end. They can endure persecution because their God will win and His kingdom will come. But those who arrogantly exalt themselves will be defeated.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 12:11 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Herod attacked the church • Acts 12:1–4

TUESDAY

God rescued Peter • Acts 12:5–17

This week's dates: _____

Week 35: The Gentiles are saved by faith alone • Acts 15:1–35

Central Truth

Salvation is by grace alone.

Lesson Summary

As the number of Gentile Christians grew, some Jewish Christians did not know how to respond. Some did not even accept them as Christians. They thought that the kingdom of God belonged only to Jews, so to be saved, Gentiles had to become Jews first. But the Jerusalem Council—including the apostles and the Jerusalem elders—agreed with Peter and James that salvation is by grace alone. As a result, Gentile Christians and Jewish Christians should live together in peace.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The Jerusalem Council made it very clear that salvation is by grace alone. It cannot be earned, because no one can keep the law. And it is foolish to try to earn it, because Jesus paid the full price. Clearly, the only way to be saved is by faith. Faith is admitting that you cannot earn salvation and trusting instead in Jesus to provide. Because salvation is by grace, Christians should accept one another and put each other's interests above their own.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 15:11 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

The question of the Law created conflict • Acts 15:1-5

TUESDAY

The council answered the question of salvation: Peter spoke first • Acts 15:6-11

*The council answered the question of salvation: James spoke last •
Acts 15:12-19*

WEDNESDAY

*The council told Gentiles to abstain from three foods •
Acts 15:20-21*

THURSDAY

*The council told Gentiles to abstain from sexual immorality •
Acts 15:22-35*

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 36: The Philippian jailer is saved • Acts 16:16–40

Central Truth

The good news of salvation turns trouble into joy.

Lesson Summary

Paul and Silas were preaching the gospel in Philippi on their very first journey to Europe. But after casting a demon out of a fortune-telling slave girl, Paul and Silas were unjustly thrown in prison. Still, they kept praying and singing, and God broke open the prison with an earthquake. This brought an opportunity to share the gospel with the distraught jailer, and he and his whole family believed. In the end, God used prison to produce great joy.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Peter's gospel message to the jailer was simple: believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved. Believe means to accept and trust. And the object of that belief is Jesus: trust who He is and accept what He has done for you. The result is salvation: rescue from sin, Satan, death, and despair. This gospel is very good news. It brings great joy, and nothing can stop it from spreading.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 16:34b below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Paul and Silas were thrown in prison • Acts 16:16–24

TUESDAY

Paul and Silas worshiped in prison • Acts 16:25–26

This week's dates: _____

Week 37: Paul preaches in Athens • Acts 17:16–34

Central Truth

The gospel is true.

Lesson Summary

While waiting in Athens, Paul was very upset by all the idols he saw. So he began to talk about the true God with anyone who would listen. Eventually, he got a chance to speak at the Areopagus, Athens' famous court that often considered moral and religious matters. There he preached about who God really is. Since God is a personal creator who is very much involved with this world, He is calling all people to repent before judgment comes.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The foundation of the gospel is the truth about God. Since God is the creator, He owns all things. Since He cares for all things, He also deserves all our honor and praise. Since He is a person, He has a standard of right and wrong. And since He is completely in control, we will have to answer to Him sooner or later. Therefore, the gospel calls us to repent. Then, once you have repented, it calls you to go and explain the truth to others.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 17:23b below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Paul was provoked by idols • Acts 17:16

TUESDAY

Paul was prepared for every opportunity • Acts 17:17-23

Paul preached the true God • Acts 17:24-29

WEDNESDAY

Paul warned people to respond • Acts 17:30-31

THURSDAY

The people responded • Acts 17:32-34

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 38: God protects Paul • Acts 27:1–44

Central Truth

Trust God to keep His promises.

Lesson Summary

God promised that Paul would tell about Jesus in Rome, but a terrible storm threatened to kill him. During the storm God affirmed His promise and added that everyone on board would be saved. Because God said it, Paul believed, and because Paul believed, he proved to be a godly leader trusted by all the others. Then God did just what He had promised—He saved everyone. God glorified Himself by proving faithful, and Paul glorified God by being a faithful leader.

Spotlight on the Gospel

God used a storm to give Paul an opportunity to display God's goodness, power, and faithfulness to those on board the ship. Because of Jesus' promise, and because of faithful men like Paul, the gospel has spread even to us. This gospel calls us to repent, and to trust Jesus to give us eternal life, just as Paul trusted Him to save him from the storm. When we do, God will shine His gospel through us just as He did through Paul.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 27:24–25 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Paul earned the centurion's trust • Acts 27:1-3

TUESDAY

God used a storm to get people's attention • Acts 27:4-20

Paul led by faith in God's promise • Acts 27:21-38

WEDNESDAY

God saved everyone just as He had promised • Acts 27:39-44

THURSDAY

Servant leadership • John 13:4-5

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Week 39: Paul testifies to Jesus in Rome • Acts 28:11–31

Central Truth

The gospel keeps spreading, but only those who believe it are saved.

Lesson Summary

Even though Paul was a prisoner, he had freedom to teach anyone who would come to him. He kindly preached to Jews first, but most left without being convinced. Paul rebuked them for not having ears to hear the truth. Then Paul began teaching Gentiles, many of whom believed, and Paul kept teaching the gospel for two years in Rome. God used his imprisonment to powerfully spread the gospel.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The gospel is the good news of the hope of Israel, the kingdom of God, and the Lord Jesus Christ. As the hope of Israel, it is the way to receive new, eternal life from God. As the kingdom of God, it is being rescued by Jesus from the kingdom of sin and Satan so that we can live with God. Finally, the gospel is about the Lord Jesus Christ: how the ruler of the universe suffered and died as a human to rescue everyone who trusts in Him.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Acts 28:23b below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Paul kindly invited Jews to hear the hope of Israel • Acts 28:16–22

TUESDAY

The Jews rejected Paul's testimony about Jesus • Acts 28:23–27

This week's dates: _____

Week 40: John testifies to the exalted Jesus • Revelation 1:1–20

Central Truth

When trouble comes, stand firm in Jesus.

Lesson Summary

After all the other apostles had died, John received one last message from Jesus. It was a message to a struggling church, to encourage them to stand firm in their faith despite trouble. John describes this message as one that brings blessing to all who believe. It gives grace and peace from the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. But it especially reveals the Son, who personally appeared to John, showing that He is glorious and that He is coming soon.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Revelation continues the gospel message: what Jesus began when He came the first time He will finish when He comes the second time. This brings fear and grief to many, since He will judge all who reject Him, including false believers who deny Him. But His coming gives great hope to those who believe. The One who saved them by His death will keep them by His love, and in the end, He will rescue them from every enemy, even from death.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Revelation 1:17b–18 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*John received from Jesus a message about the future •
Revelation 1:1-2*

TUESDAY

John received from Jesus a message that blesses • Revelation 1:3-8

This week's dates: _____

Week 41: John sees the worthy Lamb • Revelation 5:1 – 14

Central Truth

Jesus is able to complete God's perfect plan.

Lesson Summary

As John watched what was happening in God's heavenly throne room, he saw a scroll in God's right hand. But like many important documents, it could only be opened by someone special. In this case, only Jesus has the right character and authority to open the scroll, for only He is able to execute all that the scroll contains. And when He opens it, heaven and earth erupt with praise. From the highest angel to the lowest created thing, everyone praises the Lamb.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The Lamb is worthy of praise because He died as a loving sacrifice, giving up His life to purchase people for Himself. So the way to escape the coming judgments is by trusting in Jesus' death and by honoring Him above all. Also, the way to stay faithful in the midst of every trouble is to remember that Jesus is worthy. We can cast all our cares on Him, for He is able to complete God's perfect plan.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Revelation 5:5 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Who is worthy to open the scroll? • Revelation 5:1-4

TUESDAY

The Lion and Lamb is worthy to open the scroll • Revelation 5:5-7

This week's dates: _____

Week 42: God will judge the wicked • Revelation 19:11–20:15

Central Truth

Jesus will come again to defeat His enemies.

Lesson Summary

One day, Christ will return, not as a baby born to suffer and die, but as God's invincible Warrior King. He will slaughter all those who fight against Him, then He will imprison Satan and rule for 1,000 years in perfect righteousness. After that, He will release Satan, defeat him, and throw him into the lake of fire forever. Then Christ will condemn all those whose names are not in the Book of Life and cast them into the lake of fire.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Revelation is such an important book because it motivates us to live godly lives today. It shows us the end so that we will have godly fear and unwavering hope. Revelation 19–20 warns us to submit to Christ now, because when He returns, He will kill and judge all His enemies. But it also encourages us to stay loyal to Christ even when wickedness surrounds us, because He will not allow the wicked to go unpunished.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Revelation 19:11 below.

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How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*The Second Coming: Christ returns as God's righteous warrior •
Revelation 19:11-21*

TUESDAY

*The Millennium: Christ reigns as God's supreme king •
Revelation 20:1-6*

This week's dates: _____

Week 43: God creates a new heaven and a new earth • Revelation 21:1–22:21

Central Truth

Heaven is a perfect home for perfect people with their perfect God.

Lesson Summary

The last part of John's vision shows us heaven—not the spiritual place where departed believers are with God now, but the eternal place where resurrected believers will live with God forever. This place is a New Creation, a real world like our own but much better. It is a New Jerusalem, the shining capital city where God lives with His perfect people in glory. And it is the New Eden, a lush place full of life where redeemed people will serve in God's presence forever.

Spotlight on the Gospel

The gospel is the good news of God's plan for mankind—and even for all creation. It began in Genesis, when God made man in His image for His glory. God put man in a wonderful creation, but man sinned, and everything since then is the story of God restoring His original purpose—and making it even better. So Revelation ends where everything began: with mankind restored to God's image, living with God in a perfect creation.

Key Verse

Look up and write out Revelation 21:3 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*Heaven is the New Creation: a new heaven and a new earth •
Revelation 21:1-2*

TUESDAY

*Heaven is the New Creation: where God lives with His people •
Revelation 21:3-8*

Heaven is New Jerusalem • Revelation 21:9-27

WEDNESDAY

Heaven is the New Eden: the realm of the God of glory •
Revelation 22:1-5

THURSDAY

Heaven is the New Eden: home to people with a purpose •
Revelation 22:1-5

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Christmas Week 1: The pre-existence of the Son of God • John 1:1–5

Central Truth

Jesus is the always living God.

Lesson Summary

The story of Christmas begins long before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. It begins at the very beginning, because Jesus is actually the eternal Word of God. He was with God before anything was created, and He really is God and the One who created everything. So when He was born on this earth, He came to give life again: to bring light and new life into the world as He did in the beginning.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Christmas is a season full of good things, a time for fun, family, and rest from work and school. But with all the festivities, it is easy to get caught up in the moment and miss the lasting wonder of Christmas. So what is so lasting and so wonderful about Christmas? It is Jesus Himself. He wasn't just a baby who was born and died in ancient Israel. He is in fact the eternal God, always living and able to give new and lasting life to anyone who trusts in Him (John 20:31).

Key Verse

Look up and write out John 1:1 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

The Word was always God • John 1:1-2

TUESDAY

The Word was with God • John 1:1-2

The Word is the creator God • John 1:3

WEDNESDAY

The Word was life and light • John 1:4-5

THURSDAY

Conclusion: The Word is Jesus • John 1:1-5

FRIDAY

How can you be praying for your family and friends?

SATURDAY

This week's dates: _____

Christmas Week 2: The incarnation of the Son of God • John 1:6–18

Central Truth

Jesus became a man so that people can know God.

Lesson Summary

Christmas celebrates the day when the eternal Word of God became a human. He was always alive, and He was also shining the light of God's glory into the world. But on that day, He came into the world He had created. Most did not recognize Him or receive Him. But some did. They saw that Jesus wasn't just a man. They saw that He had the full glory of God in Him. When they received Jesus, they received the Father and became His children.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Jesus came as light into a world completely darkened by sin. He came to show us God, in order that we might know God and enter into His family. But only those who receive Jesus will receive life and the knowledge of God. All those who reject the Light, refusing to believe in Jesus' name, will remain in darkness. They do not know God, nor are they known by God as one of His children.

Key Verse

Look up and write out John 1:14 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

He came to give light • John 1:6-9

TUESDAY

He was in the world, but the world did not know Him • John 1:10-11

This week's dates: _____

Easter Week 1: The crucifixion of the Son of God • John 18:28–19:42

Central Truth

Jesus died to finish His mission on earth.

Lesson Summary

Jesus' enemies thought they finally had Jesus trapped. The Jews brought Jesus to Pilate, and they used lies and threats to make Pilate do what they wanted. Pilate knew Jesus was innocent, but he had no commitment to the truth. So under pressure, he gave the order to crucify Jesus. But Jesus was not trapped. He was finishing His mission exactly according to plan. Even in His death He finished doing everything Scripture said about Him.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Both in His life and in His death, Jesus was true to the Father. In His life He never sinned, so He fulfilled the law for the sake of sinners. And in His death, He perfectly displayed God's righteousness and satisfied God's just wrath. Whoever trusts in Him as the way, the truth, and the life can now come to the Father through Him.

Key Verse

Look up and write out John 19:30 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

*The Jews confirmed Jesus' innocence •
John 18:28-30, 33, 40; 19:7, 12, 15b*

TUESDAY

Pilate declared Jesus innocent three times • John 18:38; 19:4, 6

This week's dates: _____

Easter Week 2: The resurrection of the Son of God • John 20:1–31

Central Truth

Jesus is the risen Lord.

Lesson Summary

On Friday Jesus was buried, and on Sunday Mary Magdalene came back to the tomb. But the stone was gone, and Peter and John went in and saw that there was no body in the tomb. Jesus soon made it clear why the tomb was empty: He was alive, and He appeared to Mary and then twice to the disciples. As the risen Lord, He gave them peace, joy, a new mission, and power to do their mission.

Spotlight on the Gospel

Thomas realized what Jesus' resurrection meant: it meant that Jesus is God and not just a man. He is the true God who brings us to God. Even though we have not seen Him like Thomas did, we have eyewitness testimony recorded for us so that we can believe even without seeing. If we do—if we accept the truth that He is alive and trust Him as our Lord and God—then He will give us life with God forever.

Key Verse

Look up and write out John 20:31 below.

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SUNDAY

How can you be praying for the Church?

MONDAY

Jesus was not in the tomb • John 20:1-10

TUESDAY

Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene • John 20:11-18

