



Lesson #1
GRADES 1 & 2
TEACHER GUIDE

TODAY'S THEME: Real CHAMPIONS walk with God!

BIBLE REFERENCE: Numbers 13 & 14

STORY SUMMARY: Caleb and Joshua believed the Lord's promise that he would give the Children of Israel the new land.

APPLICATION: Just as Caleb and Joshua walked through the promised land realizing that God would keep his promise, so we also should walk with God and rely on his promises.

PRIVATE PEP TALK: Walking with God means placing our trust and hope in him - in the good times as well as the bad. Each of the children in your class will go through both. Impress on them the importance in standing and walking with God, regardless of the odds. (Caleb and Joshua's odds were not good, being badly outnumbered in their faithful report.)

PREPARATION:

1. Begin your work with prayer: Heavenly Father, be in my words, be in my actions, be in my thoughts today that I may show these precious little ones that walking beside you brings me the greatest joy I can imagine. In Jesus' name. Amen.
2. Encourage discussion with the opening paragraph of the story.
3. Practice telling the lesson.
4. Have colored pencils or fine markers ready for the activity.
5. Go over the day's songs.
6. Don't forget the memory passage. You could incorporate it right into the story.

SCHEDULE:

1. Group devotion.
 2. Introduce yourself to the children. Be certain they complete the attendance card. Some may need assistance from their parents.
 3. Tell the new story.
 4. You may read the story after telling in your own words. You may even read it from the Bible.
 5. Do the activity sheet.
 6. Recess and refreshment.
 7. Singing practice.
 8. Craft time.
 9. Clean up/Recap the story for the day/Close with prayer/Dismiss.
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ACTIVITY SHEET DIRECTIONS & ANSWERS

WALKING WITH JESUS: This may be a bit difficult for those lacking in fine motor skills. Be certain to watch each child as they are drawing the pictures. Perhaps you could display a picture of Jesus to give some children a start.



Lesson #2
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TODAY'S THEME: Real CHAMPIONS speak up!

BIBLE REFERENCE: 2 Kings 5:1-15

STORY SUMMARY: The servant girl told Naaman where to find help for his disease. She led him to discover that it is God who heals the body as well as the soul.

APPLICATION: We, too, should seek out opportunities to tell others about the Savior.

PRIVATE PEP TALK: Children of young age are far less intimidated to speak out than are older children or adults. They love telling others about Jesus. As teachers we also feel the joy of sharing the Good News. What a privilege!

PREPARATION:

1. Each day's preparation should begin with prayer: Lord, help me to teach the precious truths of this lesson clearly that your love may reach deeply into the hearts of the lambs you have entrusted to my care. May they discover that joy comes with spreading the wonderful news of your great love for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.
2. Become well acquainted with the lesson. The opening question should get a lively discussion going.
3. Practice telling the lesson.
4. Look over the activity sheet. If you feel there will not be enough work, refer to the "Suggestions Galore" pamphlet for more ideas.
5. Practice the songs for today.
6. Don't forget that each activity sheet includes a memory passage the children should learn during the class.
7. You may wish to have a closing prayer ready.

SCHEDULE:

1. Greet your new students with a smile and introduce yourself to them.
 2. Meet for the group devotion.
 3. After the devotion be certain all the attendance cards are completed. This is important for further reference and calls.
 4. Tell the day's story.
 5. After telling the story, you may read it from the sheet or from the Bible.
 6. Do the activity sheet.
 7. Recess and refreshment.
 8. Singing practice.
 9. Craft time.
 10. Clean up/Recap the day's story/Close with prayer/Dismiss.
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ACTIVITY SHEET DIRECTIONS & ANSWERS

FIND THE SIMILAR PICTURES: In picture 2 Naaman is missing a belt, the little girl is missing a belt, and the horse is missing nostrils. In picture 3 Naaman is missing toes and the little girl is missing her nose. Pictures 1 & 4 are identical. Have the children color those two pictures.



Lesson #3
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TODAY'S THEME: Real CHAMPIONS forgive!

BIBLE REFERENCE: Genesis 37:12-36; 42-45

STORY SUMMARY: Joseph's brothers hated him and treated him cruelly, yet Joseph saw in his heart the need to forgive them for their thoughts and their actions.

APPLICATION: We, too, can learn a very important lesson from Joseph. Just as he forgave his brothers for the terrible things they did to him, so we should also forgive those around us for sinning against us.

PRIVATE PEP TALK: This concept is very difficult for many children (and adults for that matter) to understand. Our natural reaction against those who sin against us is one of revenge and hatred. We must be willing to forgive, with no thought of reprisal, just as our Lord is willing to continually wipe clean our dirty slates.

PREPARATION:

1. A prayer for your preparation: Dearest Lord, help us to follow the example you set when on the cross, that we should always be ready to forgive those who sin against us. Be with my presentation today that I may pass this truth along to the lambs you have given me this week. I ask this in the name of Jesus, the one who forgave me. Amen.
2. Plan your introduction to the lesson.
3. Read the lesson from the Bible as you prepare.
4. Be ready with markers for the maze activity.
5. Review the day's songs.
6. Look at the memory passage. You could introduce the lesson with the passage if your wish.

SCHEDULE:

1. Group devotion.
 2. Remind the children about our theme for the week - CHAMPIONS for Jesus.
 3. Tell the story.
 4. You may wish to read it then from the Bible.
 5. Do the activity sheet.
 6. Recess and refreshment.
 7. Singing practice.
 8. Craft time.
 9. Clean up/Recap the lesson/Close with prayer/Dismiss.
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ACTIVITY SHEET DIRECTIONS & ANSWERS

A MAZE: Have the children follow the maze from the brothers to Joseph.

NOTE: If the activity period has extra time available, refer to the "Suggestions Galore" pamphlet for more ideas.



LESSON #4
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TODAY'S THEME: Real CHAMPIONS Kneel!

BIBLE REFERENCE: John 19:1-30

STORY SUMMARY: Because John wanted to be near his Savior, we find him at the foot of the cross when Jesus died.

APPLICATIONS: John showed us that we too, should be found at the foot of our Savior's cross, for it is there we find comfort and forgiveness.

PRIVATE PEP TALK: Kneeling was something done more frequently years ago. Children should learn that when we are on our knees we are showing our complete reliance on the Lord.

PREPARATION:

1. Begin your preparation with prayer: Lord, give me a humble and contrite heart as I teach the children today. Let me be willing to kneel at your cross just as I am telling your children to do. Hear my prayer for the sake of Jesus, who hung on the cross that everyone might have everlasting life. Amen.
2. Consider reading the first 3 paragraphs out loud to the children, and then getting into a discussion about Christmas. Also, you may wish to have pictures of the baby in the manger and the crucifixion to be used during your presentation.
3. Have scissors, glue sticks and crayons ready for the activity.
4. Review the songs. By now some should be memorized.

SCHEDULE:

1. Group devotion.
2. This story can be read from the Bible. If time permits use more than one Gospel.
3. Do the activity.
4. Recess and refreshment.
5. Singing practice.
6. Craft time.
7. Clean up/Recap the day's lesson/Close with prayer/Dismiss

ACTIVITY SHEET DIRECTIONS & ANSWERS

TICKET PRICE PAID IN FULL: Have children color and cut out the tickets. Then have them paste them on a sheet of construction paper in the shape of a cross. Discuss the significance of this activity.



LESSON #5
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TODAY'S THEME: Real CHAMPIONS live as God's children!

BIBLE REFERENCE: Acts 16:1-5

STORY SUMMARY: When Timothy was very young, he was taught about his Savior. He continued to live his faith as a teenager and as an adult missionary.

APPLICATIONS: On this final day, children should take with them the truth that our entire life is to be lived for the Lord.

PRIVATE PEP TALK: You may have in your class some children who are just becoming familiar with their Savior. This being the final session, impress on all your students how important it is in your life to live it as God's child. What a blessed responsibility you have had to teach these lambs about their Savior.

PREPARATION:

1. Prayer for the final day: Lord God, this is my last day to teach this class. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach these children about your great love for them. May your Holy Spirit continue to work in their hearts that one day I might see each of them in heaven. In the name of Jesus, their Savior and mine. Amen.
2. Study the lesson from the sheet and from the Scriptures.
3. Consider using some class time to review each story.
4. Have crayons ready for the activity sheet.
5. Be prepared to explain the meaning of the memory passage.

SCHEDULE:

1. Group devotion.
2. Tell the day's story. (Use some time to review all the stories and find how they each relate to the big picture of becoming a CHAMPION for Jesus.)
3. Do the activity sheet. Make certain all sheets are in order for the children to take home for the week.
4. Recess and refreshment.
5. Review each of the songs in singing class.
6. Craft time.
7. Clean up/Recap/Closing prayer/Dismiss.

ACTIVITY SHEET DIRECTIONS & ANSWERS

CHAMPION: Have the children color the dotted spaces and reveal the word CHAMPION.