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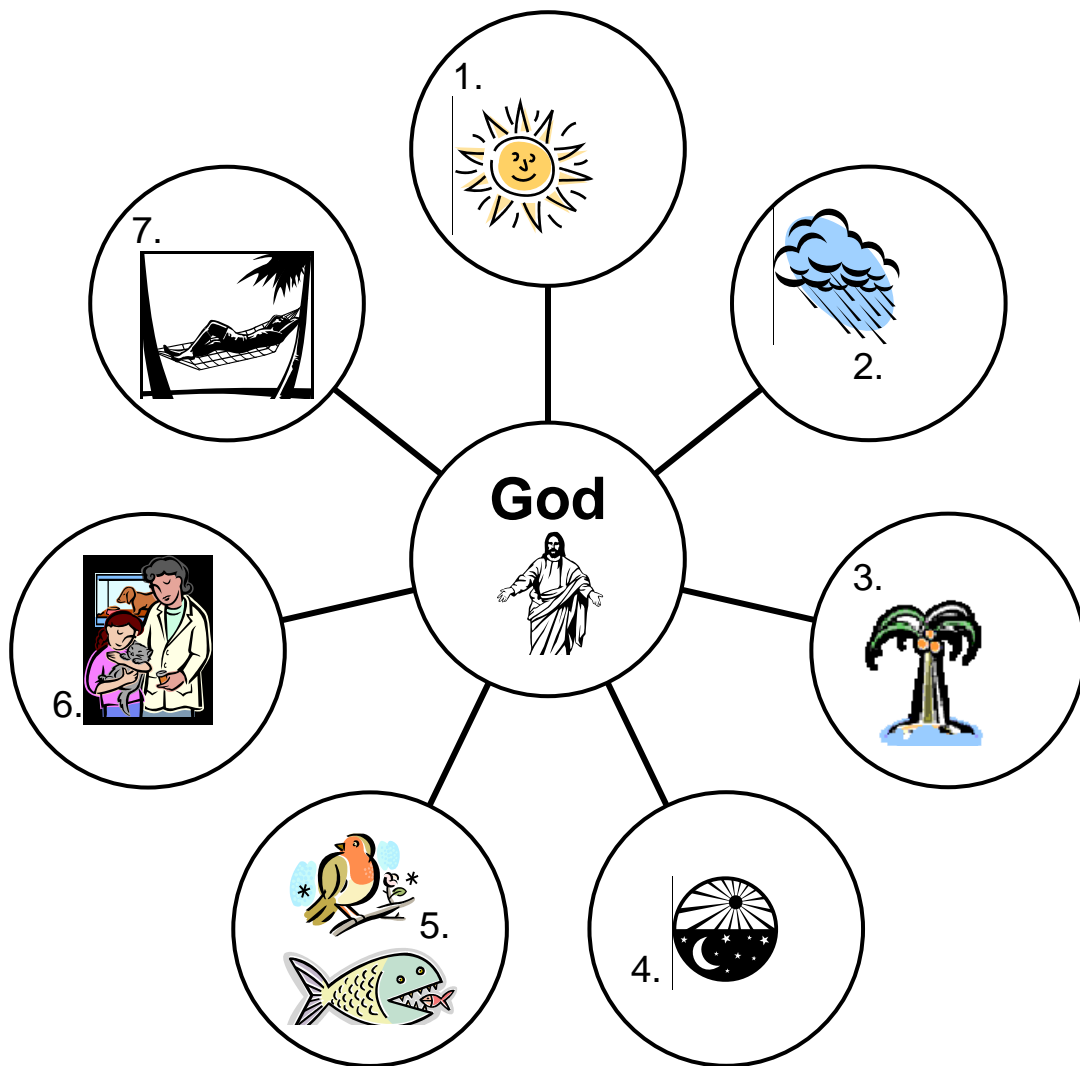
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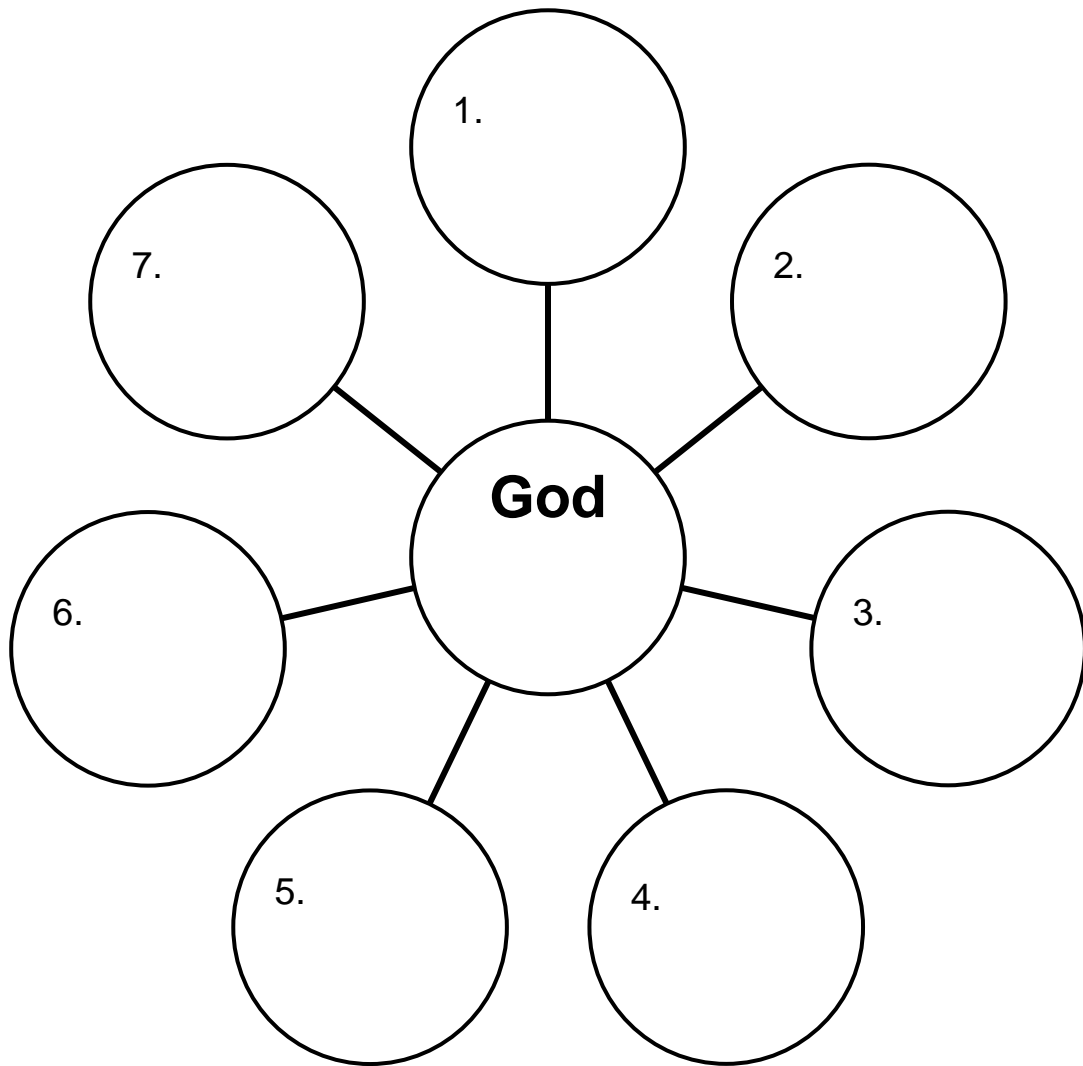
Note to Teacher:

Use this diagram for memorization after every weekly lesson in Section I.



In The Beginning

Draw the 7 days of creation



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Section I: In the Beginning Lesson 1: God Created the World

Key Verse: Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Story: In the beginning, God was the only one there. The earth was dark and empty. But God had a plan to make the heavens and the earth. On the first day, God said, "Let there be light". Suddenly light shone all around. God called the light "day" and the darkness "night". On the second day, God said, "Let there be sky and sea". So a space was formed, deep and high. God called the space "sky", and the water below the space "sea". On the third day, God said, "Let dry land appear". God formed tall mountains and hot deserts, small islands and sandy beaches. God also planted all kinds of colorful trees and flowers. On the fourth day, God said, "Let there be lights in the sky", so God formed the bright fiery sun for the day, the glowing moon and the twinkling stars as night lights. On the fifth day, God filled the water with slippery fish of all shapes and sizes, and he made all kinds of chirping birds to fly in the sky. On the sixth day, God made all kinds of animals: fuzzy, scaly, slimy, large, small, and tiny. Finally, the most special thing God made was man. God said that the man was very good. God made you very good too. On the seventh day, God rested from his work and spent quiet time enjoying his creation.

Main Point: Everything comes from God.

Questions:

1. Who was in the beginning?
2. What did God make on each day of creation?
3. What is the most special thing God made?

Practice: What can you thank God for?

Memorize: The seven days of creation (Use Section I Chart: "In the beginning")

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Section I: In the Beginning Lesson 2: God Made Man Special

Key Verse: Genesis 2:7

“...the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”

Story: When God made the world, man was the most special. God made man with a body and a spirit. God made the man's body out of dust, and God made the man's spirit from his breath of life. Man's body is like the animals. With our bodies, we exercise, eat, sleep, and play. Man's spirit is like God. With our spirits, we pray, read the Bible, and love God. The first man's name was Adam. God made Adam a beautiful Garden called “Eden” to live in, and God told him to take good care of it. The garden was full of trees with all kinds of fruits. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God gave Adam one rule: don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God gave Adam a job to name all of the animals. But Adam was still lonely. So God made a woman from Adam's rib. The woman's name was Eve. Adam and Eve were the first family. They were happy when they loved God and when they took care of the garden.

Main Point: God made man with a body and a spirit.

Questions:

1. How did God make the first man?
2. What are some things you do with your body, and your spirit?
3. What was the Garden of Eden like?
4. What was the first woman's name. What job did God give them?
5. Were Adam and Eve afraid of God or friends with God?

Practice: How can you be like God?

Memorize: The seven days of creation (Use Section I Chart: “In the beginning”)

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Section I: In the Beginning Lesson 3: Adam and Eve Disobey God

Key Verse: Genesis 3:11a

"Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Story: Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden. God gave them fruit from the trees to eat. They could eat many kinds of fruit: bananas, cherries, grapes, watermelon, and more. But God gave one rule: "Don't eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, or you will die." One day, the devil dressed up like a snake, and he told Eve that she should eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The devil said that the bad fruit tasted good and would make her smarter than God. Eve ate some of the bad fruit and so did Adam. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they sinned. Sin makes God feel sad and makes people feel bad. Adam and Eve tried to hide their sin from God, but God found them and made them leave the garden. But God still loved Adam and Eve. He made clothes for them, and promised to send a Savior, Jesus. One day, Jesus would die on a cross to take the sin away. When we tell Jesus we're sorry for our sins, he forgives us, and we can be friends with God again.

Main Point: We should always obey God. When we sin, we should tell Jesus that we're sorry.

Questions:

1. What was God's rule for Adam and Eve? And for you?
2. How did the devil trick them?
3. What happened when Adam and Eve sinned?
4. How did God help Adam and Eve?
5. What should we do if we sin against God?

Practice: How can you obey God and also your parents?

Memorize: main characters: Adam, Eve, Satan, Jesus. Memorize the seven days of creation (Use Section I Chart: "In the beginning")

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Section I: In the Beginning Lesson 4: Cain and Abel

Key Verse: Genesis 4:7a

"If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?"

Story: Adam and Eve's first children were Cain and Abel. They were the first babies born in the whole world. They were brothers, but they were very different. Cain was a strong farmer, and Abel was a gentle shepherd. When it was time to give an offering to God, Abel gave his best lamb, but Cain just gave some left-over vegetables. Abel loved God, but Cain did not love God. God gave Cain extra chances to obey, but Cain did not give God his best. Cain felt jealous of Abel's offering and killed him. But God sees everything. God knew that Cain did a bad thing. Since Cain wouldn't say "Sorry", God punished Cain. Cain became afraid and sad. When we hurt others, we should tell God that we're sorry. We should give God our best gifts.

Main Point: Give God your best.

Questions:

1. Who were the first two children of Adam and Eve?
2. How were these two brothers different? In what way?
3. What offerings did Cain and Abel bring to God?
4. Did God give Cain another chance to obey?
5. What terrible thing did Cain finally do?
6. How did God punish Cain?

Practice: What can you give to God?

Memorize: Main characters: Cain and Abel. Memorize the seven days of creation (Use Section I Chart: "In the beginning")

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Section I: In the Beginning Lesson 5: God Saves Noah

Key Verse: Genesis 6:9

"This is the account of Noah, Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God."

Story: Many years after Adam and Eve left the garden of Eden, people forgot about God. They did not love God, and they did not obey God. They were very bad, and were not sorry to God. So God decided to send a flood to wash them away. But there was one man who loved God. His name was Noah. God told Noah to build an ark so that he and his family would be safe. God gave directions how to build the ark and told Noah to put some of every kind of animal on the ark. Noah obeyed God by faith. When Noah's family and the animals got on the ark, God sent the flood. The ark was tossed up and down by the waves, but Noah's family and the animals were safe. After forty days and forty nights, the flood stopped. Noah sent a dove to fly out and look for land. At first, the dove did not find land, but later, the dove brought back an olive leaf. The ark landed on a mountain, and Noah's family and the animals came out. Noah thanked God for keeping them safe. Then God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky. It was a sign of God's promise that water would never again flood the whole earth.

Main Point: God saves us.

Questions:

1. Why did God plan to send a flood?
2. Who did God want to save? Why?
3. What did God tell Noah to build? Did Noah obey God?
4. Who or what went on the ark?
5. What was God's promise? What sign did God give?

Practice: How can you live by faith?

Memorize: Main character: Noah. Memorize the seven days of creation (Use Section I Chart: "In the beginning")

Note to Teacher:

Use this diagram for memorization after every weekly lesson in Section II.

Fathers of Faith

Abraham

Believed God's promise



Promise

Believe God's promises
In the Bible

Isaac

Prayed for help



Prayer

Pray for God's help,
don't fight

Jacob

Loved God most



Heaven

Love Heavenly things
more than earthly things

Joseph

Was special to God



Special

You are special to God!
God wants to be with you

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Section II: Fathers of Faith

Lesson 6: God's Promise to Abraham

Key Verse: Genesis 12:2

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."

Story: There was a man named Abram. His name meant "good father". Abram's wife was Sarai. Her name meant "good mother". God had a special plan for them. God told Abram to leave his house and his country and go to a place that God would show him. God also promised Abram that he would have as many children as the stars in the sky. It was impossible for Abram and Sarai to have children because they were both very old. Abram was 75 years old! But Abram and Sarai believed God's promise. They left their country and went to the land God showed them. It was the promised land. There, God kept his promise and gave Abram and Sarai a baby son. They named him Isaac. Isaac grew up and had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren until his family grew as big as many nations. God changed Abram's name to Abraham which means "father of many nations", and Sarai's name became "Sarah" which means "mother of many nations." Because of Abram's faith, he became the father of many nations. He showed many people how to believe in God's promises. We can become fathers and mothers of faith when we believe God's promise like Abraham and Sarah. Then we can help others believe in God's promises too.

Main Point: Believe in God's promise and follow God.

Questions:

1. Where did God tell Abram to leave, and to go to?
2. What did God promise Abram?
3. Did Abram obey God? What is faith?
4. How did God change Abram and Sarai's names?
5. What do their names mean?
6. How did God keep his promise to Abraham?

Practice: What promise did God give you?

Sing and Dance: "Father Abraham Had Many Sons"

(Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up, turn around, sit down)

Memorize: (Use Section II Charts: "Fathers of Faith" & "Abraham's Many Sons")

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Section II: Fathers of Faith Lesson 7: Isaac and Rebekah Pray

Key Verse: Genesis 24:12

"Then he prayed, 'O Lord, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.'"

Story: Abraham's son Isaac grew up. Abraham had another son named Ishmael who had to go away because he didn't love God. So Isaac was like an only son. Abraham wanted Isaac to have a wife and children because God promised that he would have many sons. But it was hard to find a wife who loved God. Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for Isaac. The servant prayed for God's help. After a long trip, the servant met Rebekah. Rebekah gave the servant and his camels some water to drink. She was a woman of God. Rebekah decided to marry Isaac. God answered the servant's prayer. When Isaac and Rebekah were ready to make a home for their family, the food and water were gone. But Isaac prayed and God gave them a well to drink from. Then some robbers stole Isaac's well. But Isaac did not fight with them. Isaac prayed again, and God gave him another well. This happened again and again. God always answered Isaac's prayer. Isaac was a father of faith like Abraham.

Main Point: God answers prayer. We don't need to fight to get what we need.

Questions:

1. How did Abraham's servant find a wife for Isaac?
2. Who did the servant meet? What did she decide to do?
3. When there was no food or water in the land, what did Isaac do?
4. How did God help Isaac?
5. When people stole wells from Isaac, what did he do?

Practice: When should you pray? How did God answer your prayer?

Sing and Dance: "Father Abraham Had Many Sons"
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Memorize: (Use Section II Charts: "Fathers of Faith" & "Abraham's Many Sons")

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Section II: Fathers of Faith Lesson 8: Jacob's Dream of Heaven

Key Verse: Genesis 28:17

"He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

Story: Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons. Their names were Jacob and Esau. These two brothers were very different. Esau liked to go out hunting, but Jacob liked to stay at home with his parents. Sometimes these brothers fought with each other. Once Jacob traded Esau a bowl of soup to get Esau's honor. Esau was mad that Jacob tricked him. Esau wanted to kill Jacob. Jacob ran away and asked God to protect him. Then Jacob had a dream. In his dream, Jacob saw a ladder that reached from earth to heaven. There were angels going up and down the ladder. God was at the top of the ladder. God promised to bless Jacob. But Jacob wanted many earthly things. Jacob wanted honor, love, and money. Jacob had tricked his brother to get honor. Jacob worked hard for many years to get a really big family. Jacob also saved up a lot of money. But Jacob was still afraid that Esau might kill him. Jacob was not happy until he met God. Jacob struggled to obey God. An angel came and wrestled with Jacob, and the angel won. Then Jacob could obey God and have heavenly blessings. The best heavenly blessing is being God's friend.

Main Point: Heavenly things are more important than earthly things.

Questions:

1. What were the names of Isaac and Rebekah's twin sons?
2. How were Jacob and Esau different?
4. What earthly things did Jacob want? How did he get them?
5. What heavenly things did Jacob see in his dream?
6. Why did an angel wrestle with Jacob? Did Jacob obey God?

Practice: Name some earthly things and some heavenly things. What can you do to get heavenly things?

Sing and Dance: "Father Abraham Had Many Sons"
(Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up, turn around, sit down)

Memorize: (Use Section II Charts: "Fathers of Faith" & "Abraham's Many Sons")

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Section II: Fathers of Faith Lesson 9: Joseph is Special to God

Key Verse: Genesis 39: 2a

“The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered...”

Story: Jacob had twelve sons and one daughter. It was a big family. Jacob gave Joseph a special coat made of many colors. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him. Joseph had dreams about God's special love for him. Once he dreamed that his brothers' grain bowed down to Joseph's grain. Joseph also dreamed that the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to him. This made his brothers feel even more jealous. Once the brothers got mad and threw Joseph into a pit. Then they sold Joseph as a slave to some strangers from Egypt and told their father that Joseph was killed by a wild animal. It was a sad time for Joseph. But God was with Joseph and blessed him to know many secrets. Once Joseph helped Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to understand what his dream meant. In Pharaoh's dream, seven thin cows ate seven fat cows. Joseph said it meant that there would be seven years with plenty of food followed by seven years of no food. Joseph helped the Egyptians to store food so they would not be hungry. Then Pharaoh gave Joseph the job as the top leader in Egypt. Joseph knew that he was special to God. Even when Joseph had sad times, he still knew that God was with him and that God had a good plan for his life.

Main Point: Each of us is very special to God.

Questions:

1. How many sons did Jacob have?
2. What did Jacob give Joseph that made his brothers jealous?
3. What bad thing did Joseph's brothers do to him?
4. Did Joseph still feel special even when he became a slave?
5. How did God bless Joseph? What did Pharaoh's dream mean?
6. How did Joseph become a special leader?

Practice: How does God make you feel special? What is God's plan for you?

Sing and Dance: “Father Abraham Had Many Sons”
(Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up, turn around, sit down)

Memorize: (Use Section II Charts: “Fathers of Faith” & “Abraham's Many Sons”)

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Section II: Fathers of Faith Lesson 10: Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Key Verse: Genesis 50:20

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

Story: The pharaoh of Egypt gave Joseph the job as the top leader. Joseph helped the people save food during the seven good years so that they would have something to eat during the seven bad years. When the bad years came, Joseph's father Jacob and Joseph's brothers had no food. So they came to Egypt to ask for food from the Egyptian leader. They did not know that the leader was their brother Joseph. They bowed to Joseph just as he had dreamed. The brothers were afraid of Joseph because they knew they had hurt him when they threw him in the well, and now he was a powerful leader who could punish them. But Joseph said, "Don't be afraid. God meant it for good." Joseph forgave his brothers. Joseph remembered that God is good and that God forgives us too. The brothers went home and told their father Jacob that Joseph was all right. Then their whole family moved to Egypt so they could be near Joseph and also have plenty of food.

Main Point: God forgives us, so we should forgive others.

Questions:

1. What was Joseph's important Job?
2. What happened to the food in Egypt?
3. Why did Joseph's brothers come to Egypt?
4. Did Joseph punish his brothers or forgive them?
5. Where did Joseph's family decide to live?

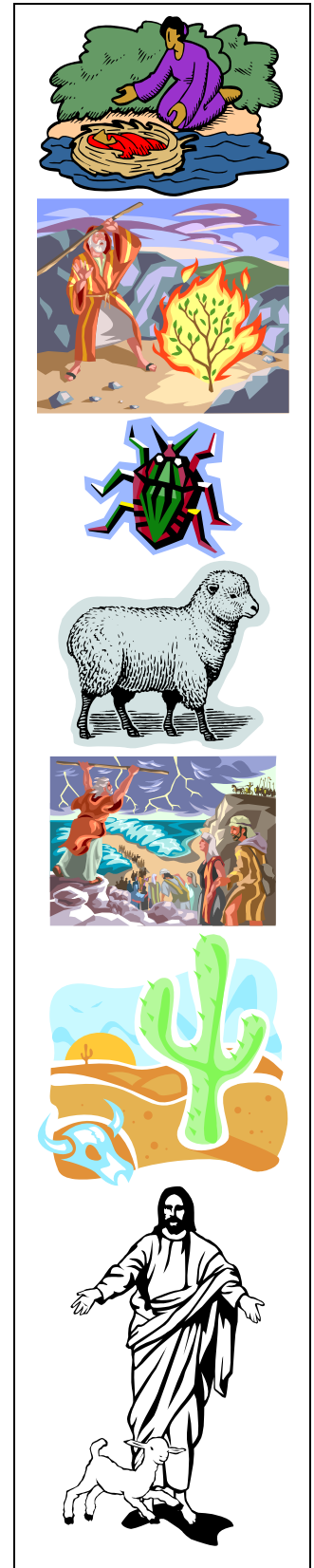
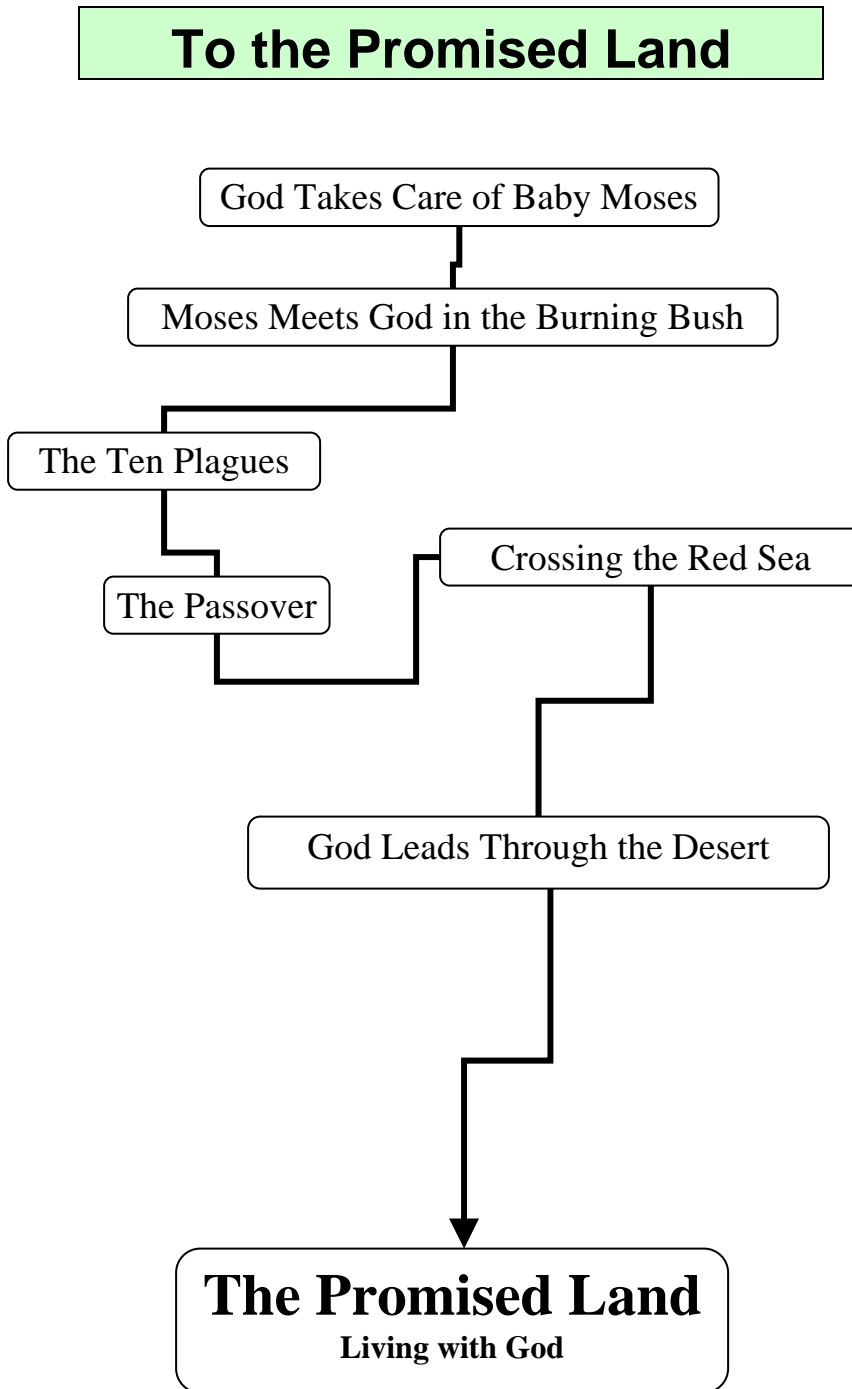
Practice: Forgive your brothers, sisters, and friends. Don't hurt them back. Remember that God forgives you.

Sing and Dance: "Father Abraham Had Many Sons"
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Memorize: (Use Section II Charts: "Fathers of Faith" & "Abraham's Many Sons")

Section III: To The Promised Land

Note to Teacher: Use this diagram for memorization every week in Section III.



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Section III: To The Promised Land Lesson 11: God Takes Care of Baby Moses

Key Verse: Exodus 2:10b

"She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'"

New Words: Egypt: A place where people don't obey God

 Promised Land: a place where people live with God

Story: Joseph invited his family to move to Egypt to live with him because they needed food. God blessed Jacob's family with many children. They were God's people, and they were called "Hebrews". Many years later, a new man became the king of Egypt. The new king was afraid that God's many people would take his kingdom. So, The king made them weak slaves. He made them build big cities brick by brick. God made his people stronger, but the king told God's people to kill all their baby boys and throw them in the Nile River. One of God's people trusted God and hid of her baby boy. She believed that he was special to God. So, she put the baby in a basket and floated it down the Nile River. She prayed for God to protect her son. The baby's sister, Miriam, watched the basket and followed it until it landed at the palace. A princess found the baby and pulled him out of the water. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water". God saved Moses' life because he had a special plan for him to lead God's people to the promised land. God took good care of baby Moses.

Main Point: God takes care of us.

Questions:

1. How did God bless God's people in Egypt?
2. Why was the new king afraid of God's people?
3. What did the king do to make God's people weak?
4. What did the king tell them to do to their baby boys?
5. How did one mom save her baby boy? Who was he?
6. Who took care of baby Moses?

Practice: How does God take care of you? How can you take care of others?

Memorize: (Use Section III Chart, "To The Promised Land".) Think about how God prepared to bring God's people to the promised land through each story in Section III. In this lesson, God takes care of baby Moses so that when he grows up, he can lead God's people to the promised land.

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Section III: To The Promised Land

Lesson 12: Moses meets God in the Burning Bush

Key Verse: Exodus 3:5b

“...Take off your sandals, for the place you are standing is holy ground!”

New Words: Egypt: A place where people don't obey God

Promised Land: a place where people live with God

Story: Moses grew up in the palace of Egypt, and the princess took care of him like her own child. Moses went to the best schools and was very rich. But one day he saw an Egyptian hurting one of God's people. Moses got mad and killed the mean Egyptian. When the king heard what Moses did, Moses ran away to the land of Midian. There, he was a shepherd who took care of sheep. One day, Moses saw a burning bush. The bush was on fire, but it didn't burn up. Moses heard the voice of God in the bush. God told Moses to take off his sandals because he was on holy ground. God told Moses that he wanted him to free God's people from the mean people who hurt them in Egypt. Moses learned that God is living. He talked to God, and God talked to him. He learned that God loved him. He learned that God is holy. He learned God's plan for his life. We should also meet God like Moses did.

Main Point: Meet God and know what he wants us to do.

Questions:

1. Where did Moses grow up?
2. Why did Moses run away from Egypt?
3. What was Moses' job in the land of Midian?
4. How did Moses meet God?
5. What did God want Moses to do for God's people?

Practice: Talk to God by prayer. Listen to God's words in the Bible. This is how you can meet God like Moses did.

Memorize: (Use Section III Chart, "To The Promised Land".) Think about how God prepared to bring God's people to the promised land through each story in Section III. In this lesson, Moses meets God personally and learns that it is better to live with God than to live as a Prince of Egypt.

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Section III: To The Promised Land Lesson 13: The Ten Plagues

Key Verse: Exodus 6:6

"...I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians...with mighty acts of judgment."

New Words: Plague: disaster, punishment

Egypt: A place where people don't obey God

Promised Land: a place where people live with God

Story: When Moses obeyed God and went back to Egypt, God helped Moses not to be afraid of the bad the king. Moses went with his brother Aaron and told the king, "Let my people go." But the king was proud and said "no". So God sent plagues to punish the king and the Egyptians. First, God changed the Nile river into blood. Second, God sent frogs everywhere. Third were gnats. Fourth were flies. Fifth, all the animals got sick and died. Sixth, sores burned the people's skin. Seventh, hail came down. Eighth were locusts. Ninth was darkness. After these nine plagues, the king still didn't listen to Moses or to God. The king still didn't let God's people go free. Finally, God sent the tenth plague, the death of the first born sons. Finally after the tenth plague, the king was forced to let God's people go. God rules the whole world. God frees his people. God punishes bad people.

Main Point: God is all-powerful. We must repent when we do bad things. We must obey God. God punishes bad people if they are not sorry.

Questions:

1. What did Moses and Aaron tell the king?
2. Did the king say yes or no?
3. Can you list the ten plagues?
4. Who is stronger: God or the king of Egypt?
5. Why did God send the ten plagues?

Practice: How can you obey God?

Memorize: (Use Section III Chart, "To The Promised Land".) Think about how God prepared to bring God's people to the promised land through each story in Section III. In this lesson, God punishes the Egyptians so that God's people can go to the promised land.

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Section III: To The Promised Land Lesson 14: The Passover

Key Verse: Exodus 12:13 "...When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

New Words: Plague: disaster, punishment

Egypt: A place where people don't obey God

Promised Land: a place where people live with God.

Story: God sent ten plagues to punish the king of Egypt because he disobeyed God. After the first nine plagues, the king did not let God's people go. So God sent one last plague which was the worst of all. All the first born sons died. Even the king's oldest son died. But God also made a way to be saved from the plague of death. Those who obeyed God were saved from the last plague. God told his people to put the blood of a lamb on the doors of their houses. When the plague of death came, it passed over the houses that had lamb's blood on the doors. The lamb's blood reminds us of Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins. God's people who loved God put the lamb's blood on their doors. But the Egyptians who didn't love God did not. God saved his people when they obeyed, but the first born Egyptians died. Jesus forgives us and saves us from death just as God saved his people from the plague.

Main Point: Jesus forgives us and saves us from death when we believe and obey him.

Questions:

1. Did the king listen to God after the first nine plagues?
2. What was the last and worst plague?
3. What did God tell the people to put on their door?
4. Did God's people obey? Did the Egyptians obey?
5. Who does the lamb's blood remind us of?
6. How does Jesus forgive us?

Practice: Believe that Jesus saves you from death and punishment.

Memorize: (Use Section III Chart, "To The Promised Land".) Think about how God prepared to bring God's people to the promised land through each story in Section III. In this lesson, God forgives his people so they can go to the promised land.

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Christmas

Special Lesson: The Birth of Jesus

Key Verse: Luke 2:10 "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Story: Mary was a girl who lived in the town of Nazareth. She loved a man named Joseph and they were going to get married. One day Joseph had to take a trip to the city of Bethlehem. So Mary went with him. Joseph and Mary looked for a place to stay. But there was no room in any house. The city was very crowded, and all the beds were full. So Joseph and Mary had to stay in a stable where the donkeys and horses stayed. That night, a baby was born. It was God's baby son. Mary and Joseph named him Jesus. Jesus is our king and savior. They wrapped him up and made a soft bed for him in a manger. The baby Jesus slept there. Outside the city, shepherds were taking care of sheep. Suddenly an angel came to them, and God's glory shone around them. They were afraid. But the angel said, "Do not be afraid. I have good news for all the people: today in Bethlehem, God's Son was born." Then many angels came from heaven and sang a song to praise God. They sang, "Glory to God and peace on earth." The shepherds went and found the baby Jesus. They thanked God for Jesus and told everyone what happened. The people were amazed. And Mary always remembered this special time.

Main Point: Christmas is the day when God's son Jesus was born.

Questions:

1. Where did Joseph and Mary go?
2. Was Jesus born in a hospital?
3. How did Mary take care of baby Jesus?
4. Who did the angel appear to?
5. How did the people feel about seeing baby Jesus.
6. Who is Jesus?

Practice: How can you celebrate Jesus' birthday. What gift can you give Jesus for Christmas?

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Christmas

Special Lesson: The Magi Visit Baby Jesus

Key Verse: Matthew 2:2 "And asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.'"

Story: When Jesus was born, God put a special star in the sky. Some wise men who lived in the east saw this star. They were called maji. They knew it was a sign that a baby king had been born. These maji wanted to visit the baby Jesus. So they followed the star for a long way. The wise men went to King Herod in Jerusalem. They asked him where the baby king was born. The king was mad because he did not like anyone else to be called the king. He did not know that this baby king was God's son. The king did not like the baby Jesus. The maji kept looking, and the star led them right to the place where Jesus was. They were very happy they had found him. They bowed down and gave gifts to Jesus: sweet, sparkling, and golden gifts. God knew that King Herod was a bad king, so God sent the maji a dream. The dream told them not to tell King Herod where the baby was. So the wise men went home a different way. Jesus is the best king because he is God's Son. Like the maji, we must give our best gifts to Jesus.

Main Point: We must give Jesus our best gifts because he is the Son of God.

- Questions:**
1. Who were the maji?
 2. What did the maji see in the sky?
 3. Why was the star there?
 4. Was king Herod good or bad?
 5. What did the maji do when they found baby Jesus?
 6. Why should Jesus receive special gifts?

Practice: What gifts can you give to baby Jesus for Christmas?

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Section III: To The Promised Land Lesson 15: Crossing the Red Sea

Key Verse: Exodus 14:22

“And the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.”

Story: God's people were free after the ten plagues punished the Egyptians. God led the people out of Egypt by a pillar of cloud in the day and a pillar of fire at night. He led them to the edge of the Red Sea. But the King of Egypt sent his army to chase after God's people. The people were afraid because they could not get across the Red Sea. But Moses said, “Do not be afraid. God will take care of us.” God sent a strong wind to push the sea back. The sea went up on both sides like walls of water and there was a path to the other side. Then God's people could walk across on dry ground! The army tried to follow them and cross the sea too. But God made the water pour back and cover the whole army. God saved his people. The people sang a song of thanks to God. Now they were free to go to the promised land where they could be with God.

Main Point: God makes a way for us when we need help.

Questions:

1. Where did God lead his people?
2. What problem happened to God's people?
3. How did God make a way for his people?
4. What happened to the army of Egypt?

Practice: Ask God for help when you have a problem. God will make a way.

Game: Make two rows of chairs and have the class walk between them. It's like crossing the red sea. Next, push the chairs together. The path is gone and the army can't get through!

Memorize: (Use Section III Chart, “To The Promised Land”.) Think about how God prepared to bring his people to the promised land through each story in Section III. In this lesson, God makes a way for his people so they can go to the promised land.

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Section III: To The Promised Land Lesson 16: God Leads Through The Desert

Key Verse: Exodus 16:4

"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day...'"

Story: God's people were free from Egypt and had crossed the Red Sea. When they got to the other side, there was a big desert. It was very hot and dry. The people began to complain. They said they did not have enough food. So God sent food to them. That night at dinnertime, quail came for them to eat. At breakfast time, God sent sweet bread on the ground. They called it manna. As God's people traveled, God gave them manna to eat every day. But at one place, there was no water. The people complained again. "Give us water to drink" they told Moses. Moses asked God what to do. God showed Moses a big rock. He told Moses to hit the rock with his staff. Moses did what God said. Water poured out of the rock. The people drank all they wanted. Soon they would get to the promised land and be with God.

Main Point: God leads us and gives us the things we need to live.

Questions:

1. Why did God's people complain after they crossed the Red Sea?
2. How did God give them food?
3. Why did they complain again?
4. How did God give them water?
5. What helps us not to complain?

Practice: Follow God's directions in the Bible. Pray for what you need. Don't complain.

Memorize: (Use Section III Chart, "To The Promised Land".) Think about how God prepared to bring his people to the promised land through each story in Section III. In this lesson, God sends food and water for his people so they can cross the desert and go to the promised land.

Section IV: The Ten Commandments

Note to Teacher: Use this diagram for memorization every week in Section IV.

God's 10 Rules



Love God

1. **God is the only god**
2. **Don't make an idol**
3. **Don't say bad words**
4. **Worship God once a week**
5. **Obey your parents**

Love Others

6. **Don't hurt others**
7. **Marriage is a promise**
8. **Don't steal**
9. **Don't tell a lie**
10. **Don't be jealous**

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Section IV: The Ten Commandments Lesson 17: God's Rules About Loving God

Key Verse: Exodus 20:2,3

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt. You shall have no other gods before me."

New Words: Commandments: rules
Idol: a fake God
Worship: to love God first

Story: God rescued his people from Egypt and led them through the desert. One day, they camped near a mountain. God called Moses up to the top of the mountain. The mountain shook. There was thunder and lightening. A cloud covered the mountain. God was in the cloud. God told Moses the ten rules he wanted to give his people. The first five rules were about loving God. First, God is the only God. Second, don't make an idol. An idol is a fake god. Third, don't say bad words. Say good words instead. Fourth, worship God once a week; put God first by going to church or CBF, praying before meals, and reading the Bible. Fifth, obey your parents because God tells them what you need to do. If we obey God's rules, he will bless us and make us happy. But if we break his rules, we have to tell God we're sorry. If we're sorry, he will forgive us.

Main Point: We must love God.

Questions:

1. What happened when Moses went on the mountain?
2. What is God's first rule? Who is God?
3. What is God's second rule? What is an idol?
4. What is God's third rule? What kinds of words are okay?
5. What is God's fourth rule? How do we worship God?
6. What is God's fifth rule? How do we obey parents?

Practice: How can you love God?

Memorize: (Use Section IV Chart, "The 10 Rules".) Think about how you can obey each of the first five rules about loving God.

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Section IV: The Ten Commandments Lesson 18: God's Rules About Loving Others

Key Verse: Exodus 20:2,3

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt. You shall have no other gods before me."

New Words: Commandments: rules
Jealous: wanting what others have

Story: God told Moses the ten rules he wanted to give his people. The first five rules were about loving God. The second five rules were about loving others. Today we will think about how to love others. God's sixth rule is "Don't hurt others". We should not hit others or be mean to them. Instead, we should be nice to others. Seventh, marriage is a promise. Eighth, don't steal. It's better to share or give. Ninth, don't tell a lie. God always wants us to tell the truth. Tenth, don't be jealous. Be thankful for what you have, and be happy for others even if they have something you want. If we obey God's rules, he will bless us and make us happy. But if we break his rules, we have to tell God we're sorry. If we're sorry, he will forgive us.

Main Point: God wants us to love others.

Questions:

1. How many rules did God give?
2. What is God's sixth rule? How can you be nice to others?
3. What is God's seventh rule? Do people have to keep promises?
4. What is God's eighth rule? How can you share or give?
5. What is God's ninth rule? How often should you tell the truth?
6. What is God's tenth rule? How can you be thankful?

Practice: How can you love others?

Memorize: (Use Section IV Chart, "The 10 Rules".) Think about how you can obey each of the last five rules about loving others.

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Section IV: The Ten Commandments Lesson 19: The Golden Idol

Key Verse: Exodus 20:2,3

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt. You shall have no other gods before me."

New Words: Idol: a fake God
Calf: cow

Story: When Moses was on the mountain, God gave him the ten rules carved in stone. Moses was on the mountain a long time, and the people were worried. They asked Moses' brother Aaron to make an idol. Aaron used the people's gold jewelry to make a golden cow. The cow was an idol. The people worshiped the golden cow instead of God. They sang and danced for the idol. God was angry that the people broke his rule. God's second rule was "Do not make an idol". God was going to punish the people. Moses told the people, "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me." Those who loved God came to Moses. Those who loved the idol stayed away and became sick and died. God forgave the people who were sorry. Some people like toys, jewelry, cars, and video games more than God. Then these things become idols. We should love God first before other things. We should not make idols. If we break God's rules, we have to tell him we're sorry. If we're sorry, he will forgive us.

Main Point: Don't love something more than God.

Questions:

1. Was Moses on the mountain a long time or short time?
2. While Moses was gone, what did the people do?
3. Which one of God's ten rules did the people break?
3. What are some things that people like more than God?
3. Was God happy or sad because of the golden cow?
4. What should we do when we make God angry?

Practice: How can you love others?

Memorize: (Use Section IV Chart, "The 10 Rules".) Think about how the people in today's story broke God's second rule.

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Section IV: The Ten Commandments Lesson 20: The Place of Worship

Key Verse: Exodus 20:2,3

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt. You shall have no other gods before me."

New Words: Tabernacle: a place of worship
Worship: to love God first.

Story: God told Moses to build a house of worship. The people built it just the way God told them to. They called it "the tabernacle." It looked like a church. Inside the tabernacle was the most holy place. God was in the most holy place. Moses and the people went to the place of worship to pray and read the Bible. They obeyed God's fourth rule to "Worship God once a week". Moses put God's ten rules inside the place of worship so that people would remember them. Like the people, we must worship God once a week. We go to CBF to read the Bible and pray and learn about God. God is happy when we worship him and obey his rules.

Main Point: We must worship God by going to CBF.

Questions:

1. What did God tell Moses to build?
2. What did the people do at this place?
3. How did the people obey God's fourth rule?
4. Where did Moses put God's ten rules? Why?
5. How can we obey God's fourth rule?

Practice: How can you worship God?

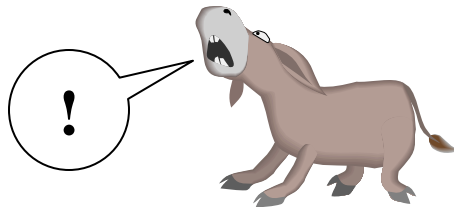
Memorize: (Use Section IV Chart, "The 10 Rules".) Think about how the people in today's story obeyed God's fourth rule.

Note to Teacher:
Use this diagram for memorization to review weekly lessons in Section V.

God's Miracles

Balaam

And his talking donkey



Words

Say good words

Rahab

The house that
Didn't fall down

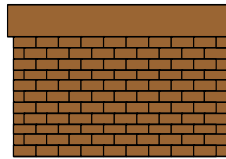


Safe

We're safe with God

Joshua

The Wall that fell



Power

God's power is
greater than ours

Joshua

The sun stood still



Time

Time for God's plan

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Section V: God's Miracles in the Promised Land Lesson 21: Balaam's Bad Words

Key Verse: Numbers 22:35a "The angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you."

New Word: Miracle: An amazing thing that really happens only by God's power.
Bless: to say good words
Curse: to say bad words

Story: After God led his people through a long journey in the desert, they finally got to the promised land where they could live with God. God had made his people strong, and other countries were afraid of them. The king of Moab was afraid and wanted to be stronger than God's people. So he called the prophet Balaam. When he said good words, good things happened. But when he said bad words, bad things happened. The king of Moab said he would pay Balaam to curse God's people. That night, God told Balaam not to curse his people. But Balaam went to meet the king, and did not listen to God. Then an angel stood in the road to stop him. Balaam did not see the angel, but his donkey did. The donkey walked off the road. Balaam was angry and hit the donkey. The donkey moved close to a wall. Balaam hit the donkey again. The donkey just lay down. Balaam hit the donkey a third time. Then God did a miracle. God made the donkey talk. It said, "Why are you hitting me?" Then Balaam knew he was wrong. God said, "Why did you beat the donkey? I sent my angel to stop you." Balaam told God that he was sorry for wanting to say bad words. God let Balaam go to the king only if he said good words. So Balaam met the king, but he blessed the people instead of cursing them. God's third rule said that we should not say bad words. Instead, say good words, and God will bless you.

Main Point: God wants us to say good words about others, not bad words.

Questions:

1. What did the King of Moab want Balaam to do for money?
2. Are bad words right or wrong?
3. Which one of God's ten rules did Balaam break?
4. Who stood in Balaam's way? Who spoke to Balaam?
6. Did God's miracle help Balaam to be sorry?
7. Did Balaam curse God's people or bless them?

Practice: What good words can you say about others?

Memorize: (Use Section V Chart, "God's Miracles in the Promised Land".) Think about the purpose of each of God's miracles. Compare the difference between God's real miracles and imaginary fantasy stories.

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Section V: God's Miracles in the Promised Land

Lesson 22: God Keeps Rahab Safe

Key Verse: Joshua 2:24 "The Lord has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us."

New Word: Miracle: An amazing thing that really happens only by God's power.

Story: God gave his people a new leader named Joshua. He led God's people into the promised land. But there were enemies living there already. The first city they came to was Jericho. It had a big wall around it. Joshua sent two spies into Jericho to see what it was like. The king of Jericho found out that the men came into his city. He wanted to catch them. But the spies went to the house of a lady named Rahab. She hid them on her roof. The king's men could not find them there. Rahab had faith in God. She heard about how God saved his people from Egypt. She believed that God was stronger than the king of Jericho, and she wanted to be saved by God too. Rahab obeyed the first commandment which is to believe that God is the only God. Rahab's house was part of the city wall. So at night, she let the two spies down through her window by a rope. They promised that they would help her later since she helped them. When God was ready to destroy the bad people of Jericho, he kept Rahab safe. It was God's miracle that her house did not fall down when the city was destroyed.

Main Point: God protects people who love and obey him.

Questions:

1. What did God's people find when they got to the promised land?
2. Who helped the two spies?
3. Did Rahab believe in God or in the king of Jericho?
4. Which one of the ten commandments did Rahab obey?
5. How could Rahab feel safe?

Practice: What are you afraid of? Trust God to keep you safe when you're afraid.

Memorize: (Use Section V Chart, "God's Miracles in the Promised Land".) Think about the purpose of each of God's miracles. Compare the difference between God's real miracles and imaginary fantasy stories.

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Section V: God's Miracles in the Promised Land
Lesson 23: The Walls of Jericho Fell Down

Key Verse: Joshua 6:20 "When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city."

New Word: Miracle: An amazing thing that really happens only by God's power.

Story: The city of Jericho was strong. God's people were too weak to knock it down. But God told Joshua how to take the city. Joshua obeyed God. Joshua and his army marched around the city once a day for six days. The next day, they marched around the city seven times. The priests blew their trumpets. The people shouted. And the walls of Jericho fell down. We don't usually knock down a wall when we march around. But it was God's miracle to bring down the wall when Joshua obeyed. God is more powerful than we are. We are weak but he is strong. The people could win when they had God's help. We can also get help from God when we do things God's way instead of our own way.

Main Point: Do things God's way, not your own way, and God will help you.

Questions:

1. Why was it hard to enter the city of Jericho.
2. How many days did God command Joshua to march around?
3. How many times did they march around on the seventh day?
4. What happened after the priests blew their trumpets?
5. Who is more powerful – God or people?

Practice: What do you need help with? Obey God and trust his power.

Memorize: (Use Section V Chart, "God's Miracles in the Promised Land".) Think about the purpose of each of God's miracles. Compare the difference between God's real miracles and imaginary fantasy stories.

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Section V: God's Miracles in the Promised Land Lesson 24: The Sun Stood Still

Key Verse: Joshua 10:13 "So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies."

New Word: Miracle: An amazing thing that really happens only by God's power.

Story: Joshua and his army went to rescue people who lived in Gibeon. Five enemy armies got together to attack their city. Five armies are stronger than one army. But God helped Joshua's army. God sent big hail stones down from the sky against the enemy armies. Joshua needed extra time to finish the battle, so he prayed that God would make the sun stop in the sky so that the daylight would last longer. God answered Joshua's prayer and stopped the sun in the sky so that Joshua and his army had extra time to win the battle. God can do anything. When we are in trouble, we can ask God to help us.

Main Point: God can do anything to help us.

Questions:

1. Where did Joshua and his army go to fight?
2. How many armies did Joshua have?
3. How many armies did the enemies have?
2. Who helped Joshua's army?
3. What did God send from the sky to help Joshua's army?
4. How did God give Joshua's army extra time to win the battle?

Practice: What do you need help with? Obey God and trust his power.

Memorize: (Use Section V Chart, "God's Miracles in the Promised Land".) Think about the purpose of each of God's miracles. Compare the difference between God's real miracles and imaginary fantasy stories.

Heroes of Faith

Deborah

Mother of a nation



Care

Take care of others

Gideon

Brave with
God's Help



Help

Ask God for help
to be brave

Samson

Strong body and
strong spirit



Strong

A strong spirit
comes from God

Ruth

Served God, and
Served her family



Serve

Serve God, parents
and others

Saumel

Listened to God



Listen

Hear what God says

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Section VI: Heroes of Faith

Lesson 25: Deborah Takes Care of God's People

Key Verse: Judges 5:7 "Village life in Israel ceased, ceased until I, Deborah, arose, arose a mother in Israel."

Story: When God's people began to live in the promised land, they began to do bad things and stopped listening to God. Then an evil commander named Sisera attacked them with his army. At that time, God raised leaders called judges. Many of the judges were heroes of faith. One hero of faith was Deborah. Deborah wanted to take care of her people like a mother. She called a man named Barak to attack Sisera. Deborah promised Barak that God would help him. But Barak was afraid and told Deborah, "I will go if you go with me." Barak was like a child who wants his mom to come with him when he is afraid. Deborah wanted to help Barak, so she went with him. But she told Barak that a woman would receive his honor because of his fear. Barak's army won the battle. But a woman named Jael was the one who finally defeated Sisera. We should not be afraid like Barak. We should be a good leader like Deborah. We should take care of others and grow up to be mothers or fathers. We can even become heroes of faith when we trust God to help us.

Main Point: God takes care of us. We should take care of others

Questions:

1. Were God's people good or bad in the promised land?
2. Who was Sisera?
3. Who was more brave, Deborah or Barak?
4. Is it better to be afraid, or to trust God.
5. How did Deborah take care of Barak and God's people?

Practice: How can you take care of younger brothers or sisters or friends?

Memorize: (Use Section VI Chart, "Heroes of Faith".) Think about what you can learn from Heroes of the Bible. Think about how Deborah was a hero.

Section VI: Heroes of Faith
Lesson 26: God Helps Gideon

Key Verse: Judges 6:14 "The Lord turned to him and said, 'Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?'"

Story: When God's people lived in their new promised land, many enemies came to fight them. One enemy was the Midianites. God chose a man named Gideon to lead his people. God told Gideon that he was with him and would help Gideon save God's people. Gideon asked God to make a piece of wool wet, and God did. The next day, Gideon asked God to make the ground wet and the wool dry, and God did. Then Gideon knew that God would help him. Gideon chose an army with thousands of men to fight the enemy. But God sent many of them home. So there were only 300 men left in Gideon's army. God told Gideon to let each man take a torch, an empty clay jar and a trumpet. They covered their torches with the empty jars and crept up to the enemy camp at night. When Gideon gave the signal, the man smashed the jars and the fire came out of the torches. The enemy was so scared that they ran away. God helped Gideon to win without even fighting.

Main Point: God helps us to be brave.

Questions:

1. Who did God send as the new leader for his people?
2. When God called, was Gideon afraid or brave?
3. What did Gideon ask God to do?
4. Was Gideon's army small or large?
5. How did God help Gideon to win?
6. Was Gideon afraid or brave after God's help?

Practice: Ask God to help you to be brave.

Memorize: (Use Section VI Chart, "Heroes of Faith".) Think about what you can learn from Heroes of the Bible. Think about how Gideon was a hero.

Section VI: Heroes of Faith
Lesson 27: Samson is Strong

Key Verse: Judges 16:28 "Then Samson prayed to the Lord, 'O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines...'"

Story: God raised a new leader to save his people from their enemies. His name was Samson. God told Samson never to cut his hair, but to save it as an offering to God. As long as Samson obeyed God, he was very strong. He had a strong body and also a strong spirit. Once, Samson broke a huge gate from a city wall. Another time Samson wrestled a lion and won. The enemies asked a lady named Delilah to find out how to make Samson weak. She kept asking Samson why he was so strong. Finally Samson told her that cutting his hair would make him weak. That night, while he was asleep, Delilah told a man to cut Samson's hair. The next day Samson was weak because he broke God's rule. The enemies put him in jail. Samson told God he was sorry for letting his hair get cut. Samson asked God to help him win against the enemies. Then God made Samson strong again. Samson pushed down the posts that held up the roof. The roof fell on the enemies. God had saved his people again. We can get strong bodies with healthy food and exercise. But only God can give us a strong spirit. Obeying God, Bible study, and prayer can make our spirits strong.

Main Point: A strong spirit comes from God.

- Questions:**
1. Who did God raise as the new leader?
 2. Was Samson strong or weak?
 3. What made Samson strong?
 4. How did Samson break God's rule?
 5. What happened when Samson broke God's rule?
 6. How did Samson get his strength back?

Practice: How can you be strong in spirit?

Memorize: (Use Section VI Chart, "Heroes of Faith".) Think about what you can learn from Heroes of the Bible. Think about how Samson was a hero.

Section VI: Heroes of Faith
Lesson 28: Ruth Serves Others

Key Verse: Ruth 1:16 "But Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God.'"

Story: Naomi was an old woman who lived with God's people in the promised land. But she moved to the far away land of Moab. Ruth was a young lady from Moab who married Naomi's son, but he died. Naomi's husband died too. When Naomi was ready to go home to the promised land, she told Ruth to go back to live in Moab. But Ruth said, "Please take me with you. I will go where you go. I will stay where you stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God." Ruth wanted to serve Naomi. So Naomi took Ruth with her to the promised land. When they got there, Ruth had to work to get food. She worked hard in the fields and picked up the grain. The farmer of the field was named Boaz. Boaz was a good man who loved God. Boaz was glad that Ruth helped Naomi to get food. Boaz married Ruth and they became a happy family. They served each other, and they served God. It is not good to be selfish. We should serve God. We should serve our families. We should serve others. Then we can all be happy together.

Main Point: We should serve others.

- Questions:**
1. Who was Naomi? Where did she come from?
 2. Who was Ruth? Where did she come from?
 3. Did Ruth leave Naomi or serve her?
 4. Why did Naomi need Ruth's help?
 5. Who was Boaz? How did he help Ruth and Naomi?
 6. Does God want us to serve others or to be selfish?

Practice: How can you serve God, your family, and others?

Memorize: (Use Section VI Chart, "Heroes of Faith".) Think about what you can learn from Heroes of the Bible. Think about how Ruth was a Hero.

Section VI: Heroes of Faith
Lesson 29: Samuel Listens to God

Key Verse: 1 Samuel 3:19: "The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground."

Story: Hannah wanted to have children, but she had none. So she prayed to God every day. She promised that if God would give her a son, she would give him to God forever. God answered Hannah's prayer and gave her a baby boy named Samuel. When Samuel was old enough, she took him to Eli the priest, and Samuel lived in the temple. He ate, slept, read, and played in the temple. Samuel learned a lot about God. One night when Samuel was sleeping, God called, "Samuel". Samuel thought it was Eli calling him, but it was not. Eli told Samuel that the next time he heard God's call, he should say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." This time when God called, Samuel listened and answered. God told Samuel many things. He told Samuel what he wanted him to do. He also told Samuel about his plans for the future. Samuel listened carefully to God's words and didn't forget any of them. Samuel became a great hero of faith because he listened to God's words. We can also hear God's words when we read the Bible. We can also talk to God when we pray. If we listen carefully to God's words and obey them, we can become heroes of faith like Samuel.

Main Point: We should listen to God's words.

- Questions:**
1. What was Hannah's problem?
 2. What did she promise to do if God answered her prayer?
 3. What did Samuel do at the temple?
 4. What did Samuel do when God called him?
 5. How did Samuel become a hero of faith?

Practice: How can you listen to God?

Memorize: (Use Section VI Chart, "Heroes of Faith".) Think about what you can learn from Heroes of the Bible. Think about how Samuel was a Hero.

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Easter

Special Lesson: Jesus Died for our Sins

Key Verse: Luke 23:34 "Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'"

New Words: Sins: wrong and bad things that people do against God.
Tomb: a place where dead people are put.

Story: At Easter, we celebrate that Jesus died and came alive again. Easter is not just a day for eggs, candy and bunnies. Easter is the most important holiday ever. For three years, Jesus did many wonderful things. He taught people and healed people with God's love and power. Then it was time for Jesus to die for our sins. Jesus never did anything bad. But he came to take the punishment for all the wrong things we have done. The soldiers took Jesus to the leaders. They did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God. They decided that he must die on the cross. People were mean to Jesus and made fun of him when he was on the cross. But Jesus forgave them and prayed for them to know God's love. We should tell God that we are sorry for all the bad things we have done. Then God will forgive us when he remembers how Jesus died on the cross to forgive us. We should forgive others also. When Jesus died, his friends put his body in a tomb and rolled a huge stone in front of the door. Thank Jesus that he gave up his life to save us from our sins, so that we can know God and live with him in heaven.

Main Point: Jesus died for our sins. If we are sorry, God will forgive us.

Questions:

1. What do we celebrate at Easter?
2. How did Jesus show God's love to people?
3. Why did the leaders decide that Jesus should die?
3. What are sins? How can we be forgiven?
4. Why should we forgive others when they are bad?
5. Why did Jesus save us from our sins?

Practice: How can you celebrate Easter? How can you thank Jesus for his forgiveness?

Easter

Special Lesson: Jesus Rose from the Dead

Key Verse: Luke 24:6 "He is not here; he has risen!"

New Words: Rose Again: to come alive again after dying.

Story: At Easter, we celebrate that Jesus died and rose again. Easter is not just a day for eggs, candy and bunnies. Easter is the most important holiday ever. Jesus had died on the cross. His friends put him in a tomb and rolled a huge stone in front of the door. On Sunday, soldiers were guarding the tomb. Suddenly there was an earthquake and a bright light shone from heaven. An angel came and rolled the stone away from the tomb. Later that morning, some women came to the tomb and saw that it was empty. Two angels told them, "He is not here; he has risen!" The women were excited. They ran and told the disciples that Jesus was no longer dead, but was alive again. Later that day, Jesus showed all of his disciples that he was alive. Jesus told them that he was going to prepare a room in heaven for everyone who believes in him. If you believe in Jesus, you can rise again some day and live forever with Jesus in heaven. After Jesus told the disciples about this, he went up into heaven. Today, he is still in heaven, watching over us and preparing a room for us. Someday, Jesus will come back again and take us to heaven. When we celebrate Easter, we remember that Jesus died and rose again.

Main Point: Jesus rose from the dead. If we believe in him, we will rise from the dead also.

- Questions:**
1. What do we celebrate at Easter?
 2. What surprising thing happened when Jesus was in the tomb?
 3. What did the angels say about Jesus?
 4. Were the women happy or sad that Jesus rose again?
 5. What does it mean to rise again?
 6. Where is Jesus now? What is he doing?
 7. Why should we believe that Jesus rose again?

Practice: How can you celebrate Easter? How can you thank Jesus for his forgiveness?

A Godly King



Saul

Looked good, but
was bad inside

Truth

God knows what's
in our hearts



David

A shepherd king
protector and friend

Heart

A heart for God



Solomon & Josiah

Wise kings who
taught the Bible

Wise

Wisdom comes
from Bible study



Queen of Sheba

Searched for God

Seek

Seek God and you will
find him in the Bible



Esther

Decided to obey God

Obey

God's way is the best

Section VII: A Godly King
Lesson 30: The First King, Saul

Key Verse: I Samuel 16:7b "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Story: God's people had many different leaders. They had many good leaders like Moses, Joshua, Deborah, and Samuel. Samuel told the people to serve only God. But the people wanted a king. So Samuel asked God about it. God said, "Give them a king. But they will be sorry. They will have to obey him. He will make them do things they don't want to do." Only God is our true king. God is perfect and good. He rules us in peace and love, like a shepherd king. But human kings are different. Some kings are good, but some are bad. God let Saul be the first king of his people. Saul looked good on the outside. He was tall and strong. But inside, he was bad. Saul did not obey God. When he made mistakes, he was too proud to say that he was sorry. Saul broke God's tenth rule. He was jealous of others. One day, some women said that they liked a boy named David more than Saul. Saul was so jealous that he threw a spear at David. When Saul had trouble, he did not pray to God. Instead, he asked for help from a witch. But Saul could not fool God. Though Saul looked good on the outside, God knew that his heart was bad. God knows everything. People see us on the outside, but God sees us inside our hearts. God decided that Saul would not be king any more. God would look for a new king who had a good heart.

Main Point: God is our true king. God sees our hearts. Saul was not a good king because he did not love God.

Questions:

1. Who were some of the leaders of God's people?
2. Who was the first king of God's people?
3. How did Saul look on the outside?
4. Was Saul a good king or a bad king?
5. Which one of God's ten rules did Saul break?
6. Does God look at us on the outside or in our hearts?
7. Who is our true king?

Practice: How can you have a good heart?

Memorize: (Use Section VII Chart, "A Godly King".) Think about which kings and queens loved God, and which ones didn't.

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Lesson 31: Boy David Defeats Goliath

Key Verse: I Samuel 17:45 “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel.”

Story: King Saul was the first king of God's people. But Saul became proud and jealous. Saul looked like a tall and strong king on the outside. But Saul did not love God in his heart. God decided that Saul would not be king any more. God would look for a new king who had a good heart. God sent Samuel to look for the new king. Samuel found a shepherd boy named David. David loved God in his heart. David loved people and animals also. Whenever a lion or bear came to attack his father's sheep, David fought and saved the sheep. One day, David's father sent him to bring food to his brothers in the army. David saw that a giant named Goliath was scaring God's people. David was not afraid of the giant because David believed that God was with him. No one believed that boy David could fight the giant. David was too little to wear armor or carry big weapons like the giant. But David trusted in God to help him. David used a slingshot and struck Goliath on the forehead with a stone. Goliath fell to the ground. Boy David won against the giant. Now God's people would be safe. David was brave. He loved God and protected God's people and God's sheep. David did not look like tall and strong on the outside like King Saul. But inside, David had a good heart. God decided that David would be the next king when he grew up.

Main Point: David could be a good king because he loved God. David was small, but he could be brave when he believed that God was with him.

Questions:

1. Why was Saul a bad king. Why did God look for a new king?
2. Who did Samuel find when he looked for a new king?
3. Did David look like a king on the outside?
4. How did David protect his father's sheep and God's people?
5. Was David afraid of the giant? How did David defeat Goliath?
6. Why was David a good person to be the next king?

Practice: How can you be brave? How can you love God?

Memorize: (Use Section VII Chart, “A Godly King”.) Think about which kings and queens loved God, and which ones didn't.

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Lesson 32: David and Jonathan are Friends

Key Verse: I Samuel 20:42 "Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the Lord,""

Story: This is a story about two friends, David and Jonathan. David was a shepherd. David had a job at King Saul's house to play music when Saul felt bad. Jonathan was a prince. He was King Saul's son. Jonathan gave David his robe, tunic, bow, belt, and sword. They became best friends. Friends care and share with each other. God blessed David, and many people loved David more than King Saul. King Saul was jealous and tried to kill David. Once, Saul threw a spear at David. Jonathan was worried about David. He pleaded with his father not to hurt David. But Saul did not listen. Jonathan warned David to leave the city so that he would be safe. David and Jonathan would miss each other. But they told each other that they would be best friends forever. When we love God, we can be friends with others. We should care and share with others. The best friend that we can have is Jesus. Jesus said that he gave up his life for his friends. Jesus said that we can be God's friends if we obey what God wants us to do.

Main Point: David and Jonathan were good friends. Jesus is our best friend. If we love and obey God, we can be friends with God.

Questions:

1. Who were David and Jonathan?
2. How did David and Jonathan show their friendship?
3. Why is Jesus our best friend?
4. How can we be friends with God?

Practice: How can you be a good friend to others?

Memorize: (Use Section VII Chart, "A Godly King".) Think about which kings and queens loved God, and which ones didn't.

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Lesson 33: David, the Shepherd King

Key Verse: 2 Samuel 5:2b "And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'"

Story: After Saul died, David became the king of God's people. David was a good king. He loved God. David wrote songs about his love for God. David wrote, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want." He wrote, "Praise the Lord". Since David was a shepherd for many years, he knew how to take care of sheep. He also knew how to take care of people. David is a king who reminds of Jesus, because Jesus is our shepherd king. We cannot see God, but King David shows us what God is like. Jesus also shows us what God is like. Jesus is loving and kind. He is also strong to help us when we have trouble.

Main Point: David was a shepherd king. He took care of people and showed them the love of God.

Questions:

1. When Saul died, who became the next king?
2. Was David a good king? Why?
3. What kind of songs did David write?
4. How does David show us what God is like?
5. How is Jesus our shepherd King?

Practice: Think about how God has taken care of you. Can you sing songs to praise God?

Memorize: (Use Section VII Chart, "A Godly King".) Think about which kings and queens loved God, and which ones didn't.

Section VII: A Godly King
Lesson 34: King Solomon is Wise

Key Verse: 1 Kings 4:29 "God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore."

New Words: Wise: To know God and to make right choices.

Story: When David was old, God chose his son Solomon to be the next king. Solomon loved God. God told Solomon to ask for anything he would like. Solomon asked to be wise. A wise person can know God and make right choices. Solomon knew that a king needs to be wise. God was happy that Solomon wanted to be wise. God blessed Solomon to be the wisest man in history. God also made Solomon rich. Many people came to ask him questions and hear him teach. One day, two women fought over a baby. Each one said that she was the baby's mother. No one could tell which woman was telling the truth. Wise King Solomon asked for a sword. He pretended that he would cut the baby in half. The real mother begged the king to let the baby live and to give the baby to the other woman. But the fake mother agreed to cut the baby in half. King Solomon knew which one was the real mother and gave her the baby. She was the one who loved the baby. Solomon helped God's people to live in peace. He also built a beautiful temple for God. When we study the Bible, we can become wise. The Bible tells us everything we need to know about God. The Bible also tells us how to make right choices when we don't know what to do.

Main Point: We can be wise when we study the Bible.

- Questions:**
1. Who was the next king after David?
 2. What did King Solomon ask God for?
 3. What does it mean to be wise?
 4. What are some wise things Solomon did?
 5. How did Solomon know who was the baby's real mother?
 6. How does the Bible make us wise?

Practice: Study the Bible so that you can be wise.

Memorize: (Use Section VII Chart, "A Godly King".) Think about which kings and queens loved God, and which ones didn't.

Section VII: A Godly King
Lesson 35: The Queen of Sheba

Key Verse: 1 Kings 10:9 "Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel, he has made you king..."

Story: The Queen of Sheba lived far away from God's people. She did not know about God. But she heard that King Solomon was wise. The Queen of Sheba wanted to know God. She wanted to be wise like King Solomon. She wanted to learn the Bible. So she traveled on a long journey to visit Solomon. She asked King Solomon all the hardest questions she could think of. Solomon answered all her questions. Solomon taught her about God and the Bible. Then the Queen of Sheba could know God. She was so happy that she praised God. She was so thankful to Solomon that she gave him gifts of gold, spices, and jewels. The Queen of Sheba told other people about God. Then they all wanted to come and learn about God from King Solomon. There are many good Bible teachers like King Solomon. We should learn the Bible so that we can know all about God. The Bible can answer all our questions about God. God promises that if we seek him, we will find him. When we know God we can really be happy. We can know that God loves us and wants to be with us. We can know that God can help us with all of our problems.

Main Point: We should seek God by learning the Bible. The Bible answers all our questions about God. When we know God, we can really be happy, just like the Queen of Sheba.

- Questions:**
1. Who came to visit Solomon?
 2. Was it easy or hard for her to visit Solomon?
 3. What did the Queen of Sheba want to learn?
 4. Did the Queen of Sheba meet God?
 5. How did she thank God and Solomon?
 6. How can we learn about God?

Practice: What questions can you ask about God? Read the Bible to learn more about God. Tell others about God too.

Memorize: (Use Section VII Chart, "A Godly King".) Think about which kings and queens loved God, and which ones didn't.

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Lesson 36: Josiah is a Good King

Key Verse: 2 Kings 22:2 "He did what was right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the ways of his father David, not turning to the right or to the left."

Game: Hide the Bible before the children enter the class. Tell them that you lost the Bible today. Have them search for the Bible and let them find it. Ask them what it would be like if we could not learn about God from the Bible. This will help them to understand the story of King Josiah.

Story: After King Solomon, there were many bad kings. They worshipped Idols instead of God. They did not love God or read his words in the Bible. They were messy, and they even lost the Bible because they did not care about it. In those days, there were no extra copies of the Bible. God's people felt very sad. But King Josiah was different. Josiah loved God. He took care of God's temple. One day, a priest found the lost Bible in the temple. Josiah wanted to read the Bible and learn about God. Josiah learned that the people of his time were not listening to God. King Josiah told God that he was sorry about this. Then Josiah smashed all the idols and scolded the people who were bad. He read the Bible to his people and helped them to love God. God was happy with King Josiah and blessed him. God wants us to read the Bible and obey him. He also wants us to pray for our nation to be a holy nation.

Main Point: We show God we love him by reading the Bible like Josiah. When we learn from God, we must obey what he tell us to do.

Questions:

1. What happened to the Bible when the bad kings came?
2. Did King Josiah do what was right or wrong before God?
3. What did a priest find in the temple?
4. What did King Josiah do when he found the Bible?
5. How did King Josiah show that he loved God?
6. What does God want us to do with the Bible?

Practice: Read the Bible and obey God.

Memorize: (Use Section VII Chart, "A Godly King".) Think about which kings and queens loved God, and which ones didn't.

Section VII: A Godly King

Lesson 37: Queen Esther Saves Her People

Key Verse: Esther 4:16b "...I will go to the king, even if it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

Story: When God's people were bad and didn't obey him, God sent them far away to the land of Persia. There was a Persian King named Xerxes and his wife was Queen Vashti. Once King Xerxes asked Queen Vashti to come to him, but she did not listen or obey. King Xerxes decided to look for a new Queen. He told his servants to search for the most beautiful girl. They found Esther. She was one of God's people. Her uncle Mordecai was a gatekeeper for the king. King Xerxes chose Esther as the new Queen because she was most beautiful. He did not know that she was one of God's people. There was also a bad man named Haman who did not like God's people and wanted to destroy them. Mordecai told Esther that she should tell the king about Haman's evil plan. But it was against the law for anyone, even the queen, to go the king without permission. Anyone who did might be killed. But Queen Esther wanted to help her people. She said, "...I will go to the king, even if it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." She decided to tell the king about Haman's evil plan, even if she would die. But the king was happy to see Esther. He punished Haman and God's people were safe.

Main Point: We should obey God like Esther, even when it is hard. We should not be afraid of bad people like Haman. We should also help people when they are in trouble.

Questions:

1. Why did King Xerxes look for a new Queen?
2. What was the new queen's name?
3. Was Esther one of God's people or not?
4. What did Haman want to do?
5. Why was it hard for Esther to tell the king about Haman's plan?
6. What did the king do when Esther came to him?
7. How did Esther save God's people?

Practice: How can you obey God? How can you help others to be safe?

Memorize: (Use Section VII Chart, "A Godly King".) Think about which kings and queens loved God, and which ones didn't.

Prophets, the Servants of God

Elijah

Asked the widow
To share



Share

with others

Daniel

Prayed for
God's Help

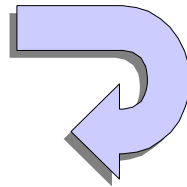


Pray

Talk to God
Don't be afraid

Jonah

Stopped being bad
Turned to God

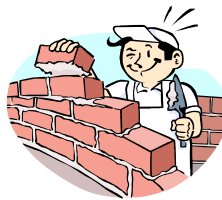


Obey

Change from bad
to good

Nehemiah

Built the wall and
Restored his people



Hope

Build up hope in
God's kingdom

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Section VIII: Prophets, the Servants of God Lesson 38: Elijah and the Widow

Key Verse: I Kings 17:13 "...but first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son."

New Words: Prophet: a servant who brings God's words to the people
Widow: a woman whose husband died

Story: Elijah was God's prophet. Elijah saw that God's people were doing bad things. When the people worshipped an idol, they broke God's second rule. So God stopped sending rain. There was no water to drink, and no rain to grow food. But God took care of Elijah. God sent Elijah to visit a widow. Elijah asked the widow for a cup of water and a small cake of bread. But the widow said, "I have only a little flour left and a little oil. I can only make enough bread for my son and me to have a small meal. Elijah said, "First make a small cake of bread for me, then God will bless you and he will put more flour in your jar and more oil in your jug. The widow shared her last cake of bread with Elijah. Then she and her son looked in the jar. God put more flour there and the oil was never empty. The widow and her son made some more bread and ate it. So there was food for her family to eat every day. God blessed her because she shared. The widow believed that God would take care of her if she gave away her last cake of bread. God wants us to share with others. Especially we should share with God's people.

Main Point: God wants us to share.

Questions:

1. Who was Elijah?
2. Why did God stop sending rain?
3. Did God take care of Elijah when the food and water were gone?
4. Who shared bread with Elijah?
5. Did the widow believe that God would take care of her?
6. How much more food did God give the widow?
7. Does God want us to share or be selfish?

Practice: What can you share?

Memorize: (Use Section VIII Chart, "Prophets, the Servants of God". Think about how each prophet served God.)

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Section VIII: Prophets, the Servants of God Lesson 39: Elijah Shows the True God

Key Verse: I Kings 18:36 "O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command."

New Words: Prophet: a servant who brings God's words to the people
Idol: a fake god
Altar: a table for offerings to God

Story: King Ahab was a bad king who led God's people to worship idols. The idols were statues made of stone and metal. King Ahab called them Baals. He wanted all the people to worship Baal. Elijah was God's prophet. Elijah told the people, "Let's find out who is the true God." We will build two stone altars. One will be for God and one for Baal. Baal's followers put wood on Baal's altar and prayed for Baal to send fire. On Baal's altar, no fire came. Baal was only a statue. It was not God. It was not even alive. Elijah put wood on God's altar. To make it harder to burn, Elijah poured water on the wood. Then Elijah prayed that God would send fire to burn the wood. God sent fire on the altar that Elijah made. God's fire dried up the water and burned the wood. Then everyone knew that God is the real God.

Main Point: God is the only God. We must love and worship only God.

Questions:

1. Was King Ahab a good king or a bad king?
2. What bad thing did King Ahab tell the people to do?
3. Did Baal send fire?
4. What did Elijah do to his offering before he prayed?
5. Did God send fire?
6. Who is the true God?

Practice: We can tell people that God is the true God.

Memorize: (Use Section VIII Chart, "Prophets, the Servants of God". Think about how each prophet served God.)

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Section VIII: Prophets, the Servants of God Lesson 40: Daniel and His Friends Obey God

Key Verse: Daniel 1:8a "But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine..."

New Words: Prophet: a servant who brings God's words to the people

Story: One day the army of Babylon came to fight God's people. They took some of God's people back to their kingdom. Some of the people were Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They were very smart. The king of Babylon wanted these young men to be his helpers. He told his servant to give them special royal food from the king's table so that they would have energy and strength. The food was fancy and tasty. Many people wished they could have some. But Daniel knew that the king's food would not be good for them because God told them not to eat it. Daniel asked the servant not to give them the king's food. But the servant was worried that they would not be strong and healthy if they did not eat the king's food. Then the king would be mad. Daniel said, "Give us only vegetables and water for ten days. Then see if we are sick or healthy." So they had vegetables and water for ten days. The servant was surprised. They looked better and stronger than the men who ate the king's food. When Daniel and his friends obeyed God, God made them strong and healthy. God blessed Daniel to become his prophet.

Main Point: God blesses us when we obey him.

Questions:

1. Where did the army take Daniel and his friends?
2. Why did Daniel and his friends not eat the king's food?
3. What did Daniel and his friends eat?
4. Did they look better or worse than those who ate the king's food?
5. Why did God make Daniel and his friends stronger?

Practice: How can you obey God?

Memorize: (Use Section VIII Chart, "Prophets, the Servants of God". Think about how each prophet served God.)

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Section VIII: Prophets, the Servants of God Lesson 41: God Protects Daniel's Friends

Key Verse: Daniel 3:17,18 "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it...but even if he does not...we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

New Words: Prophet: a servant who brings God's words to the people
Idol: a fake God

Story: One day, the king of Babylon made a tall golden statue. He told all the people to worship the statue as an idol. "If you don't," he said, "I will throw you into a hot fire." Daniel's friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, loved God and did not worship the statue. Someone told the king what happened, and the king was mad. The king's men threw Daniel's friends into a hot fire. But the king was surprised when he looked in the fire. There was a fourth person with Daniel's friends who looked like a son of God. Daniel's friends were walking around in the fire, and they were not burned! The king called them to come out. The king praised God. He knew that God saved them. God is with us even when we are in trouble. He wants us to be brave and believe in him even if other people don't.

Main Point: God is with us and helps us to be brave when we are in trouble.

Questions:

1. Did Daniel's friends love God or an idol?
2. What happened to Daniel's friends?
3. If God didn't save them from the fire, would they still obey God?
4. How many men did the king see in the fire?
5. Who was the fourth person who helped them not get burned?
6. Who did the king praise when he saw that they were not burned?

Practice: How can you follow God even when others do not?

Memorize: (Use Section VIII Chart, "Prophets, the Servants of God". Think about how each prophet served God.)

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Section VIII: Prophets, the Servants of God Lesson 42: Daniel in the Lion's Den

Key Verse: Daniel 6:22,23 "My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me... and when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God."

New Words: Prophet: a servant who brings God's words to the people

Story: There was a new king named Darius. Darius gave Daniel the top job in the kingdom of Persia. The king's men were jealous of Daniel. They watched to see if Daniel would make a mistake so that they could take away his job. But Daniel did everything right. So the king's men decided to trick Daniel. They asked King Darius to make a new law that everyone must pray to the king and not to God. If they did not pray only to the king, they would be thrown in the lion's den. But Daniel knew that it was wrong to pray to the king. Daniel got down on his knees and prayed to God three times a day. When the king's men saw that Daniel prayed to God and not to the king, they threw him into the lion's den. King Darius was sad. The next morning, the king went to the lion's den to see if Daniel was still alive. "Did your God save you from the lions?" the king asked. "Yes, God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions," Daniel said. The lions didn't hurt Daniel because he trusted God. God protected Daniel from danger. The king was happy and let Daniel out. The king praised God. God helps those who pray.

Main Point: God helps us when we pray.

Questions:

1. Did Daniel do a good job or a bad job?
2. Did Daniel pray to God or to the king?
3. Where did the king's men throw Daniel? Why?
4. What did the lion's do when Daniel went into the den?
5. Why didn't the lions hurt Daniel?
6. How can we get help from God?

Practice: How do you need God's help?

Memorize: (Use Section VIII Chart, "Prophets, the Servants of God". Think about how each prophet served God.)

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Section VIII: Prophets, the Servants of God Lesson 43: Jonah and the Whale

Key Verse: Jonah 2:1; 3:3 "From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God...Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Ninevah."

New Words: Prophet: a servant who brings God's words to the people
Sin: to disobey God
Repent: to stop being bad and to obey God

Story: Jonah was a prophet. One day God told Jonah to go to the city of Ninevah and tell the people to stop doing bad things. But Jonah did not obey God. Jonah got on a big ship and tried to sail away from God. But God sent a storm and the ship was going to sink. The sailors asked why the storm came. They found out that it was because of Jonah. They threw Jonah into the sea. And then the storm stopped. But a big whale came and swallowed Jonah. Inside the whale, Jonah prayed to God. Jonah was sorry for running away. Jonah decided to repent and obey God. After three days and three nights, the fish spit Jonah out on the land. Then Jonah went to Ninevah and told the people to stop doing bad things. The people of Ninevah listened to Jonah. They told God that they were sorry. They repented and obeyed God too. They decided to do good things. God was glad that Jonah obeyed. We should obey God too.

Main Point: Stop being bad. Turn to God by obeying him.

Questions:

1. Did Jonah obey God or run away when God called the first time?
2. When a storm came what did the sailors do to Jonah?
3. What swallowed Jonah?
4. Inside the whale, did Jonah decide to obey God?
5. Did the people of Ninevah listen to Jonah?

Practice: How will you turn away from sin? How can you turn to God?

Memorize: (Use Section VIII Chart, "Prophets, the Servants of God". Think about how each prophet served God.)

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Section VIII: Prophets, the Servants of God Lesson 44: Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall

Key Verse: Nehemiah 2:17 "...Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace."

New Words: Prophet: a servant who brings God's words to the people

Story: God's people had lived in the promised land. Their city was Jerusalem. But some enemies attacked Jerusalem and broke down the wall and sent God's people away. Nehemiah was a prophet. Nehemiah was sad that Jerusalem and its wall were broken. He wanted to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall. Nehemiah asked the King if he could go, and the king said "you may go". Nehemiah went home to Jerusalem and found some helpers. They began to rebuild the wall. But some bad people came and tried to hurt them and stop them. Nehemiah believed that God would help them build the wall. Nehemiah told his helpers to carry a sword in one hand and build the wall with the other hand. Then the enemies went away. God helped Nehemiah to finish the wall in only 52 days. Nehemiah thanked God and promised to obey all of God's words. Sometimes enemies try to break us down. But God has hope to restore us and our nation. God wants us to build up his kingdom by teaching others about Jesus.

Main Point: Build up hope in God's kingdom.

Questions:

1. What did the enemies do to the wall of Jerusalem?
2. Was Nehemiah happy or sad about the broken wall?
3. What did Nehemiah tell his helpers to do with each hand?
4. Did the bad people stop Nehemiah?
5. When the wall was done, what did Nehemiah promise to do?

Practice: How can you build up hope in God's kingdom?

Memorize: (Use Section VIII Chart, "Prophets, the Servants of God". Think about how each prophet served God.)