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LESSON # 1: JESUS CHRIST

Background
The dictionary defines a hero (or heroine for girl heroes) as: 1) One who is admired for his or her achievements and qualities. 2) One that has great courage.

The first hero mentioned in the Old Testament is Jesus Christ. The Bible says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and The Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” (John 1:1-2). Jesus Christ is the Word. Jesus Christ is God.

A person’s qualities are one reason why you choose to have him or her as a hero.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) Who is one of your heroes?
________________________________________________________________________

2) Write down 3 qualities that you admire about your hero:
1. _______________________________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________________________

You can know God’s qualities through Jesus because “He is the image of the invisible God.” (Colossians 1:15).

3) Look up the passages of Scripture listed below and write down the quality or characteristic of God described in the verse. The first letter of each quality is underlined to help you know that you found the correct word.

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4) Pick 3 of the above qualities and write down how you can practice them this week:
1. Servant ____________________________
2. Kind ____________________________
3. Loving ____________________________

Good Words To Remember
“Be imitators of God” (Ephesians 5:1).
LESSON # 2: NOAH

Read  Genesis 6:5-7:24

When the Bible talks about being obedient, it means, “getting to know and be like Jesus.” Isn’t that a much cooler meaning? It’s more than following a bunch of rules - do this or do that. Think about it for a moment. When you learned to ride a bike, you had training wheels, then when it was time to take those off, you probably wobbled a bit, but you were good enough to do it on your own. Then, the more you rode, the better you became. In fact, they say once you learn how, you never forget.

It’s the same thing with practicing obedience. As you practice God’s instructions, you get good at them; in fact, you get so good at them, you don’t even think about them. It’s kind of like learning how to ride that bike well. Obeying God changes you into being more like His Son Jesus.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What are 4 qualities Noah had that found him favor with God? (Genesis 6:9 & 6:22).
   a) Righteous.
   b) Blameless.
   c) Walked with God
   d) Obedient.

2) Now match the letter of Noah’s qualities with the definition given:
   ____ Spent time with God in prayer and learning to live a life pleasing to God.
   ____ No wrong attitudes or actions.
   ____ Did everything God commanded.
   ____ Obeyed God’s laws in heart, mind, & attitude.

3) Write down 3 ways that you can practice being obedient this week:
   • At Home ____________________________________________________________
   • At School ____________________________________________________________
   • Activities ____________________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).
LESSON # 3: ABRAHAM (Part 1)

Read  Genesis 12:1-9

Background
Thousands of years ago, in a land that today is called Iran & Iraq, God appeared to a man named Abram (his name was later changed to Abraham). That day God made a promise to Abram.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) What was the promise that God made to Abraham?
______________________________________________________________ (Genesis 12:1-2).

2) A second promise was made to Abraham. What was it?
______________________________________________________________ (Genesis 12:7).

Read  Genesis 17:1-9 & 15-19, & Hebrews 11:8-11

3) What qualities does Abraham show to God, that God made his covenant (agreement) with Abraham?
•  ____________________________________________________________ (Hebrews 11:8).
•  ____________________________________________________________ (Hebrews 11:8).
•  ____________________________________________________________ (Genesis 18:19).

Abraham was righteous (he did what was right in God’s eyes). His qualities of faith, obedience and doing right before God makes him a model for you to follow.

What are some ways that you can practice doing “the right thing” this week at:
•  Home ____________________________________________________________
•  School ____________________________________________________________
•  Activities ____________________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“Without faith it is impossible to please God...” (Hebrews 11:6).
LESSON # 4: ABRAHAM (Part 2)

Read  Genesis 21:1-5, Genesis 22:1-18

Background
God had promised to Abraham that he would be a father of many nations, that his
descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.
And God gave him a son named Isaac.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) Some time later, God tested Abraham. What did God ask Abraham to do?
________________________________________________________________________ (Genesis 22:2).

2) What was Abraham’s response to God?
________________________________________________________________________ (Genesis 22:3).

3) God had promised Abraham that his descendants would come from Isaac. Why
do you think Abraham was about to sacrifice his only son?
________________________________________________________________________ (Genesis 22:12).

4) What qualities did Abraham have that enabled him to do what God asked of
him?
________________________________________________________________________

5) By faith, Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. What
other Father do you know that offered his only son as a sacrifice?
________________________________________________________________________

Romans 4:20 says that Abraham did not doubt God’s promise (of descendants and a land
for them), rather he was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God because he fully
believed God had the power to do what he promised.

6) How can you practice courage this week and give glory (honor) to God at:
•  Home  Say a prayer before a family meal.
•  School  Wear a Christian T-shirt.
•  Church  Tell students in your Sunday school class about your faith in Jesus.
•  Activities  Act in a way that would make God smile

Good Words To Remember
“... [Abraham] was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, believing that
God had the power to do what He had promised” (Romans 4:20-21).
LESSON # 5: JOSEPH

Read  Genesis 41

Background
Joseph’s brothers, out of jealousy hated him and sold him as a slave to some Ishmaelites. Joseph was taken down to Egypt and Potiphar, the chief of police of Egypt, bought him from the Ishamelites.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) While he was a slave in Egypt, Joseph received 3 promotions:
   1. _________________________________________________________ (Genesis 39: 4).
   2. _________________________________________________________ (Genesis 39:22).
   3. _________________________________________________________ (Genesis 41:41).

2) Joseph had the qualities of a servant. Match Joseph’s qualities with the Bible verse that describes that quality:
   • ______________________________________________________ (Genesis 39: 4).
   • ______________________________________________________ (Genesis 39: 9).
   • ______________________________________________________ (Genesis 41:15-16).
   • ______________________________________________________ (Genesis 41:39).
   • ______________________________________________________ (Genesis 50:20).

   God’s purpose for Joseph’s life was accomplished because Joseph was a willing servant.

3) What was God’s purpose for Joseph?
   _________________________________________________________ (Genesis 50:20).

   Jesus said, “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave - just as the Son of Man [Jesus] did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

4) How can you practice being a servant this week at:
   • School  ______________________________________________________
   • Home  ______________________________________________________
   • Church  ______________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...” (Matthew 20:28).
LESSON # 6: MOSES (Part 1)

Read  Exodus 20:1-21

Background
Moses was sent to be Israel’s deliverer by God and led all the families of Israel out of Egypt by doing wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea. Two million people left Egypt on that day of the Exodus (meaning “exit” or “departure”) and Moses took them on a journey through the wilderness.

Three months after leaving Egypt, Moses and the Israelites came from the wilderness to the desert and camped in front of a big mountain called Mount Sinai. God called to Moses from the mountain and said, “I want to give you some instructions that you must take to the people,” and God gave Moses the Ten Commandments:

Opportunities To Explore The Bible
1) Match the Ten Commandments with their meaning:
• 1) You shall have no other gods before me
• 2) You shall not make for yourself idols
• 3) You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God
• 4) Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy
• 5) Honor your father and your mother
• 6) You shall not murder
• 7) You shall not commit adultery
• 8) You shall not steal
• 9) You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor
• 10) You shall not covet

___ Honor God by keeping our bodies, thoughts, words and actions pure.
___ Be content with what you have.
___ Take a day of rest as a gift from God and use it responsibly.
___ Give your parents respect, attention and obedience.
___ Respect the lives of others.
___ Honor God’s name by the way you act or talk.
___ Love truth and live truthfully.
___ Worship God only in the ways He has told us to.
___ Respect the property of others.
___ God wants to be #1 in your life.

Good Words To Remember
“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-39).
LESSON # 7: MOSES (Part 2)

Read  Deuteronomy Chapter 5

Background
Moses had the fear of the Lord, the overwhelming awe and reverence of the Holy God. It is this fear of the Lord that allowed Moses to develop the qualities that God needed him to have to lead the nation of Israel.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) Match the qualities Moses possessed for leadership with the Bible verse that expresses that quality:

1) Courage    _______ Exodus 7:6
2) Faith       _______ Exodus 14:13
3) Obedience   _______ Exodus 14:31
4) Wisdom      _______ Exodus 18:13
5) Fear of the Lord _______ Hebrews 11:27

2) What are the benefits of the fear of the Lord?
• ___________________________________________________ (Psalm 111:10).
• ___________________________________________________ (Proverbs 15:33).
• ___________________________________________________ (Proverbs 16:6).

3) The Scriptures say that the fear (reverence) of God can be learned, through hearing the Word of God. In what ways can you hear God’s Word?
• ___________________________________________________
• ___________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you...” (Deuteronomy 5:33).
LESSON # 8: JOSHUA

Read  Joshua Chapter 1

Background
Joshua was Moses’ assistant who was chosen by God to be Israel’s leader after Moses died and was the man who would lead the nation of Israel into the land that God promised to give to Abraham and his descendants.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) Joshua had 4 essential characteristics (qualities) that enabled him to do what God chose him to do. Match the characteristic with the Bible verse that describes it:

   a) Faith       ______ 1 Corinthians 16:13
   b) Obedience   ______ Ephesians 6:10
   c) Strength    ______ Hebrews 4:12(a)
   d) Courage     ______ James 2:17

2) Joshua was commanded by God to be strong & courageous. Is there something with which you need to be courageous?
________________________________________________________________________

3) The Scriptures say that God’s Word is living and active. How can you make God’s Word living and active in your life:
   • At Activities _________________________________________________________
   • At School _____________________________________________________________
   • At Church ____________________________________________________________
   • At Home _____________________________________________________________
   • When no one is around _________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“For the word of God is living and active” (Hebrews 4:12).
LESSON # 9: GIDEON

Read  Judges Chapters 6 & 7

Background
There was a time in the history of Israel called the period of the Judges. This period occurred between the death of Joshua and Samuel’s ministry (remember the kid who grew up in the temple? We’ll visit him later on this series). There was a cycle that characterized this period: The people of Israel would not pay much attention to God and would go off and begin worshiping other gods of the nations around them. God would then allow Israel’s enemies to knock ‘em around a bit. This would get Israel’s attention back and they would cry out to God to save them. God would then raise up a judge to deliver them from their enemies. Gideon was one of these Judges.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) How did God view Gideon?
___________________________________________________________ (Judges 6:12).

2) How did Gideon view himself?
___________________________________________________________ (Judges 6:15).

3) What does this tell you about how God sees you & how you see yourself?
_______________________________________________________________________

4) Gideon had 4 qualities that allowed God to raise Him as a Judge and leader of Israel. Match his qualities with the Bible verse that best describes these qualities.

1) Available to God   _______ Judges 6:14-16
2) Confidence in the Lord  _______ Judges 6:27
3) Strength    _______ Judges 6:17-18
4) Humbleness   _______ Judges 8:22-23

5) What are some ways that you can be a “mighty warrior” for God?
_______________________________________________________________________

6) How can you practice being available for God in your:
   • Home    ____________________________________________________________
   • School   ____________________________________________________________
   • Church   ____________________________________________________________
   • Activities __________________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“The Lord is with you, mighty warrior” (Judges 6:12).
LESSON # 10: SAMSON

Read  Judges Chapter 13

Background
There was a time in the history of Israel called the period of the Judges. This period occurred between the death of Joshua and Samuel’s ministry (remember the kid who grew up in the temple? We’ll visit him later on this series). There was a cycle that characterized this period: The people of Israel would not pay much attention to God and would go off and begin worshiping other gods of the nations around them. God would then allow Israel’s enemies to knock ‘em around a bit. This would get Israel’s attention back and they would cry out to God to save them. God would then raise up a judge to deliver them from their enemies. Gideon was one of these Judges.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) What was special about Samson?
________________________________________________________________________ (Judges 13:5).

2) Where did Samson’s great strength come from?
________________________________________________________________________ (Judges 14:6).

3) Why did Samson’s strength leave him?
________________________________________________________________________ (Judges 16: 17-19).

4) As a Christian, the Holy Spirit lives in us and never leaves us. But we have to let the Holy Spirit work in us. What are some ways that we can allow God’s Spirit to work in us?
________________________________________________________________________

5) What are two of the things that we receive from the Holy Spirit?
________________________________________________________________________ (Proverbs 24:5).

6) How can you be a strong witness for God this week:
• With Family ____________________________________________________________________
• At School _____________________________________________________________________
• With Friends __________________________________________________________________
• At Activities ___________________________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...” (Colossians 3:16).
LESSON # 11: RUTH

Read  Ruth 1:1-16

Background
The story of Ruth is set in the time of the judges and occurs during a temporary time of peace between Israel and the country of Moab.

Opportunities To Explore The Bible
1) What are two qualities that Ruth shows Naomi in this story?
   1. ____________________________________________________________ (Ruth 1: 8).
   2. ____________________________________________________________ (Ruth 1:16).

2) Because of her kindness and devotion, Ruth was known as a woman of noble character (Ruth 3:11). Proverbs 31 describes a woman of noble character. List 5 of those characteristics (They’re pretty good characteristics for guys too):
   • _____________________________________________________________ (Verse 17).
   • _____________________________________________________________ (Verse 20).
   • ____________________________________________ (self-respect, honor). (Verse 25).
   • _____________________________________________________________ (Verse 26).
   • _____________________________________________________________ (Verse 30).

3) God chose to work through Ruth to continue his plan of salvation and blessed Ruth and Boaz with a son. Who was he and why was he important?
   _______________________________________________________________ (Ruth 4:17).

4) God wants you to be devoted to Him and to others. How will you practice being devoted to:
   • God  ______________________________________________________
   • Your Family  ________________________________________________
   • Your Friends  _______________________________________________
   • A Missionary ________________________________________________
   • Your Church  ________________________________________________
   • Your Teacher  _______________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves” (Romans 12:10).
LESSON # 12: SAMUEL

Read: 1 Samuel Chapter 3

Background
Samuel was dedicated to the Lord by his mother before he was born and grew up serving the Lord in the temple. Samuel became the last of the judges of Israel and the prophet whom God used to establish the first king in Israel.

Opportunities To Explore The Bible
1) What are 5 qualities that tell you about Samuel’s character as a young boy?
   1. _________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 1:28)
   2. _________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 2:18).
   3. _________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 2:21).
   4. _________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 2:26).
   5. _________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 3:19).

2) How did God use Samuel after he revealed himself to Samuel?
   ___________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 4:1).

3) As a young boy, Samuel learned how to serve God. What ways can you practice serving God:
   • With your attitude __________________________________________
   • In your free time ____________________________________________
   • With your abilities __________________________________________
   • At Home __________________________________________________
   • At Church _________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men” (1 Samuel 2:26).
LESSON # 13: SAUL (Part 1)

Read 1 Samuel Chapter 10

Background
When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as judges for Israel. But they did not follow Samuel’s example and were dishonest men. So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel and said, “Your sons do not walk in your ways, now appoint a king to lead us so we will be like all the other nations.” Samuel took the elder’s request to the Lord. The Lord knew that the people of Israel had rejected Him as their King, so the Lord answered Samuel and said, “Listen to them and give them a king.”

Opportunities To Explore The Bible
1) How did Samuel react to the elders of Israel when they asked for a king? (1 Samuel 8:6).

2) What was God’s response to Samuel? (1 Samuel 8: 7-9).

3) How did Saul react when Samuel told him he was God’s chosen king of Israel? (1 Samuel 9:21).


5) What did Saul do when he was about to be presented to the people as their king? (1 Samuel 10:22).

The Bible tells us that Israel wanted to be like all the other nations and have a king even though it meant rejecting God.

6) Do you ever feel like you want to be like everyone else or go along with everyone else even if it means making a wrong choice? How can you practice making good choices? (2 Thessalonians 3:13).

The story of Saul tells about a man who was chosen by God to do a very important job yet did not believe that he could do it. God may choose you to do something great for Him.

7) How can you have confidence that you will be able to do it? (Philippians 4:13).

Good Words To Remember
“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5).
LESSON # 14: SAUL (Part 2)

Read 1 Samuel Chapters 12 & 13

Background
Israel has rejected God as their King, and Samuel has appointed Saul to be the king of Israel. But Samuel reminds Israel that this is not God’s choice: “But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will be swept away.”

Opportunities To Explore The Bible
1) What had Samuel instructed Saul to do after he was anointed as king?
________________________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 10:8).

2) What did Samuel call upon the Lord to do during harvest season?
________________________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 12:17).

3) Why did Samuel do this?
________________________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 12:17).

4) The Philistines were preparing for battle against the Israelites. What did Saul’s army do when they saw the Philistine army?
________________________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 13:6-8).

5) Samuel had not come to Gilgal exactly when Saul expected him. What did Saul do?
________________________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 13:9).

6) What was the consequence of Saul’s disobedience?
________________________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 13:14).

Even though Saul was a hero of the Bible and God did great things through him, he still made wrong choices and had to face the consequences of those choices.

7) If you make a wrong choice, what should you do?
• _______________________________________________________________________
• _______________________________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you” (1 Samuel 12:24).
LESSON # 15: DAVID (Part 1)

**Read**  1 Samuel Chapter 16:1-13; Psalm 8

**Background**
Saul had violated the Lord’s commands and the instructions of Samuel. Samuel said to Saul, “You have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you as king over Israel!” Samuel then told Saul that the kingdom had been torn from him and given to another - to one better than him!

**Opportunities To Explore The Bible**
1) Why was David not at first presented to Samuel along with his brothers?  
_________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 16:11).

2) Why did God choose David over his brothers?  
_________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 16:7).

3) We get a clue of David’s character earlier in I Samuel. How is he described?  
_________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 13:14).

4) David was a shepherd. Who is another man described as a shepherd?  
_________________________________________________________ (John 10:14).

5) How did being a shepherd help David develop skills to be a good king?  
_________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 17:34).

6) Read Psalm 8. What did David understand about God and about man?  
_______________________________________________________________________

7) God made a promise to David. What was that promise?  
_________________________________________________________ (2 Samuel 7:16).

8) How can you practice being a person after God’s own heart?  
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•  

**Good Words To Remember**
“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7).
LESSON # 16: DAVID (Part 2)

Read  1 Samuel Chapter 17

Background
The Philistines and the Israelites were bitter enemies. They had been fighting each other since the day that Joshua and the nation of Israel crossed the Jordan River and stepped into the Promised Land. Upset about the latest defeat to Israel, once again the Philistines prepared to go to war against Israel. Picture a valley, nestled between two large hills. The Philistines gathered their army and set up camp on one hill. King Saul and the Israelite army set up camp on the opposite hill. Both camps sat around looking at each other for days without doing a thing.

Opportunities To Explore The Bible:
1) What was Goliath’s challenge to Israel?
   __________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 17:8-9).

2) What was Israel’s response?
   __________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 17:11).

3) Why was David angry with Goliath?
   __________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 17:26).

4) What does this tell you about David’s attitude toward God?
   __________________________________________________________

5) How does it make you feel when someone is disrespectful of God?
   __________________________________________________________

6) Why was David not afraid of Goliath?
   __________________________________________________________ (1 Samuel 17:34-37).

The Philistines put their faith in a man. David put his faith not in a king, or armor, or in an army, but only in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel. David trusted that the Lord who delivered him from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear would deliver him from the hand of a man. The God that helped David, is the same God that will help you overcome any “GIANT” problem that you face.

7) Do you know anyone who is facing a “GIANT” problem? How can you help?
   __________________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power” (Ephesians 6:10).
LESSON # 17: DAVID (PART 3)

Read  Psalm 51

Background
David, now King of Israel, had engaged Bathsheba in improper behavior with him even though he knew she was Uriah’s wife. David tried to cover up his actions unsuccessfully. David was confronted by Nathan the prophet, and after admitting his sin against God, he wrote Psalm 51.

Opportunities To Explore The Bible
1) What did David ask God to do?  
___________________________________________________________ (Psalm 51:2).

2) What did David recognize that he had done?  
___________________________________________________________ (Psalm 51:4).

3) What then did David ask God to do for him?  
__________________________________________________________ (Psalm 51:10).

4) What did David recognize that God really wanted for a sacrifice?  
__________________________________________________________ (Psalm 51:17).

You and I are very much like David. Our hearts are not pure and when you or I do wrong things or have wrong thoughts, God wants for us to have Godly sorrow and turn away from the wrongs we do and confess them and ask for His forgiveness.

5) God wants you to make good decisions. How can you practice doing this?  
__________________________________________________________ (Psalm 119:9).

6) How can you practice living according to God’s commands?  
__________________________________________________________ (Psalm 119:11).

Good Words To Remember
“How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word” (Psalm 119:9).
LESSON # 18: SOLOMON (Part 1)

Read 1 Kings 3:1-14

Background
After David & Bathsheba’s first son died, Bathsheba gave birth to another son, and they named him Solomon. Solomon became king of Israel after David died.

Opportunities To Explore The Bible
1) What did Solomon ask God to give him?
___________________________________________________________ (1 Kings 3:9).

Read Proverbs 2:1-15
Proverbs is a book in the Bible that is a training manual of godly morals and ethics. Morals are a measure or standard of what is right and wrong, or good and bad. Ethics are what you do based upon your morals. King Solomon wrote much of Proverbs. This is what King Solomon says about the importance of wisdom:

2) What are some of the benefits of wisdom?
• ___________________________________________ (Proverbs 2:9).
• ___________________________________________ (Proverbs 2:11).
• ___________________________________________ (Proverbs 2:12).

3) How do you get wisdom?
• ___________________________________________ (Proverbs 2: 1).
• ___________________________________________ (Proverbs 2: 2).
• ___________________________________________ (Proverbs 2: 3).
• ___________________________________________ (Proverbs 2: 4).

4) What choices are you sometimes faced with that can be difficult?
1. ___________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________

5) How can you practice making good decisions?
• ___________________________________________
• ___________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“For the Lord gives wisdom and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding” (Proverbs 2:6).
LES S ON # 19: SOLOMON (Part 2)

Background
Solomon achieved many things during the 40 years he reigned over Israel as their king.

Opportunities To Explore The Bible
1) Name 4 things that Solomon achieved as king of Israel:
   1. __________________________________________________________ (1 Kings 6:2).
   2. __________________________________________________________ (1 Kings 7:2).
   3. __________________________________________________________ (1 Kings 10:1).
   4. __________________________________________________________ (1 Kings 10:23).

Read 1 Kings 11:1-13
2) What did God command the Israelites not to do? Why?
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

3) Why did the Lord become angry with Solomon?
   __________________________________________________________________________

4) What did God say that he was going to do because of Solomon’s disobedience?
   __________________________________________________________________________

Solomon was a great hero of the Bible. He was king over Israel for 40 years. He had more wisdom and more wealth than any man who ever lived or ever will live. He achieved all he had desired to do.

5) What goals do you have that you would like to achieve?
   1. _______________________________________________________________________
   2. _______________________________________________________________________

In the process of achieving those goals, Solomon also chose to disobey God, and turned away from him. Remember Solomon’s example; above all else God wants your obedience. Don’t let your desires get in the way of being obedient to God.

6) How can you practice being obedient to God while achieving those goals?
   Do all things to please God rather than people.

Good Words To Remember
“What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?”
(Matthew 16:26).
LESSON # 20: INTRODUCTION TO ELIJAH (Part 1)

Background
Before we meet the prophet Elijah, we need to have a little history lesson to understand why God sent the prophet Elijah to Israel and to king Ahab, who was king of Israel at the time.

Opportunities To Explore The Bible

1) What are the first two commandments of the Ten Commandments?
1. __________________________________________________________ (Exodus 20:3).
2. __________________________________________________________ (Exodus 20:4).

2) Why did God take the kingdom of Solomon away from him?
__________________________________________________________ (1 Kings 11:9-11).

At the time when Solomon was king, the nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms: The Northern kingdom was called Israel, its capital city was Samaria, & the Southern kingdom was called Judah, its capital city was Jerusalem.

3) Match the king with the characteristic of his reign (e = evil, g = good):

   a) Solomon   b) Jeroboam   c) Rehoboam   d) Abijah   e) Asa   f) Nadab
g) Baasha   h) Elah   i) Zimri   j) Omri   k) Ahab

   ____ Solomon’s son, only Judah remained loyal to him [e] (1 Kings 14:21)
   ____ King of Israel for 7 days [e] (1 Kings 16:15)
   ____ King of Judah, Rehoboam’s son [e] (1 Kings 14:31)
   ____ King of Judah 41 years, did right in the eyes of the Lord, [g] (1 Kings 15:11)
   ____ Solomon’s official, elected king & led Israel into idol worship [e] (1 Kings 12:20)
   ____ Jeroboams’ son, King of Israel for 2 years, killed by Baasha [e] (1 Kings 15:28)
   ____ King of all Israel, displeased God by following other gods (1 Kings 11:9-11)
   ____ Did more evil than all the other kings before him [e](1 Kings 16:30)
   ____ Commander of Israel’s army, elected by the people of Israel [e](1 Kings 16:16)
   ____ King of Israel for 2 years, killed by Zimri [e] (1 Kings 16:8)
   ____ King of Israel for 24 years, killed all of Jeroboams’ family [e] (1 Kings 15:28)

4) What similarity do you notice about most of these king’s? (Hint: 1 Kings 16:30).

Question: What do you think is the reason that this happened?

Question: Kids, why do you think that your dads bring you to this Bible study?
LESSON # 21: ELIJAH (Part 2)

Read  1 Kings 17:1, & Chapter 18

Opportunities To Explore The Bible

1) Why was king Ahab looking for Elijah?
________________________________________________________________________
(1 Kings 17:1).

2) When Elijah went to see Ahab, what did he confront him about?
________________________________________________________________________
(1 Kings 18:18).

3) What did Elijah demand from king Ahab and the people of Israel?
________________________________________________________________________
(1 Kings 18:21).

4) Why did God have Elijah challenge the prophets of Baal to a contest?
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5) How did the outcome of the contest serve God’s purpose?
________________________________________________________________________
(1 Kings 18:39).

Elijah possessed two very important characteristics that God wants you to have in your life: A bold faith, and complete confidence in Him.

6) What is an example in this story of how Elijah showed faith in God?
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7) What is an example in this story of how Elijah showed confidence in God?
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8) What is one way that you can practice having faith in God?
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9) What is one way that you can practice having confidence in God?
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Good Words To Remember
“Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see”
(Hebrews 11:1).
LESSON # 22: ELIJAH (Part 3)

Read  1 Kings 17

Opportunities To Explore The Bible

1) What are 4 things that God did to build Elijah’s confidence in Him?
   • ______________________________________________________________________ (1 Kings 17:1).
   • ______________________________________________________________________ (1 Kings 17:4-6).
   • ______________________________________________________________________ (1 Kings 17: 16).
   • ______________________________________________________________________ (1 Kings 17: 22).

2) Dads: Describe a time when God either provided for you or carried you through an event that helped you to develop your confidence in Him.
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3) What is a parallel between exercising your body and exercising your faith?
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   ________________________________________________________________

4) How can you practice developing confidence in God?
   • ______________________________________________________________________
   • ______________________________________________________________________
   • ______________________________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
   “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us” (1 John 5:14).
LESSON # 23: JOB

Read  Job Chapter 1-Chapter 2:10

Background
Job was a righteous man [he did what was right according to God] who was very rich. Even after losing everything he owned and suffering from terrible sickness, Job still maintained his integrity and his trust in God.

Opportunities to explore the Bible
1) How did God view Job?
_____________________________________________________________ (Job 1:8).

2) When Job lost everything he owned, including all his children, how did he respond?
____________________________________________________________ (Job 1:20-22).

3) What did Job do with his integrity during all this?
____________________________________________________________ (Job 2:3 & 9).

Integrity tells you how to conduct yourself and the right choice to make, and then helps you follow through with making that right choice. The Scriptures say that throughout all of his troubles, Job maintained his integrity. Job could have chosen not to worship and honor God and instead blame God in his time of trouble. He could have lost his integrity.

4) How can you practice integrity:
• At Home  ______________________________________________________
• With Friends ______________________________________________________
• In Schoolwork ______________________________________________________
• With A Coach ______________________________________________________
• With God  ______________________________________________________

Trust the words that our Lord and our God speaks in the Bible. When you are challenged to make a decision and you’re not sure which is the right decision, ask God to help you make the right decision.

Good Words To Remember
“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Colossians 3:16).
LESSON # 24: NEHEMIAH

Read  Nehemiah 1:1-11

Background
In 606 BC, God gave the prophet Jeremiah a message to give to all the people of Judah and to all the people in Jerusalem: “God has sent prophets to you again and again warning you to stop serving and worshipping other gods. But you have not listened or paid any attention. Therefore the Lord Almighty has said that He will allow Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, to destroy Jerusalem and exile you to Babylon, to serve him for 70 years.”

Although the temple and the city walls and gates of Jerusalem were destroyed, God did not leave his people in exile forever.

Nehemiah, a Jew, lived in Persia (the country of Iran today) during the reign of king Artaxerxes I. Nehemiah gained permission from the king to travel back to Jerusalem. He arrived there in 445 BC and led the people in repairing the walls of the city.

Opportunities to explore the Bible
1) Nehemiah prayed a lot. Who did he pray for? ___________________________ (Nehemiah 1:6).

2) What did God tell Solomon as Solomon was dedicating the Temple? ___________________________

                                  ___________________________ (2 Chronicles 7:14).

3) Write a prayer for the people of your country and pray for them this week. ___________________________

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4) Many people make a shopping list before going to the store to help them remember what to buy. A lot of people also make prayer lists to help them remember who or what they want to pray for. Who will you put on your prayer list and pray for this week? ___________________________

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Good Words To Remember
“...the prayers of the upright please him” (Proverbs 15:8).
LES S O N  # 2 5 :  I S A I A H

Read  Isaiah Chapter 53

Background:
Although Isaiah lived more than 700 years before Jesus Christ, Isaiah predicted many things about Jesus’ life: his birth, his ministry, his death and his resurrection.

Opportunities to explore the Bible
1) Match Isaiah’s words with the New Testament verse that fulfills his prediction.

   Jesus’ Birth
   ____ “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14).

   Jesus’ Life & Ministry
   ____ “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives, and release from darkness the prisoners.” (Isaiah 61:1). Jesus came to save us from our prison of sin.

   Jesus’ Death
   ____ “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5). Jesus didn’t die because of what He did, but because of our wrongs. Because of His love for us, Jesus’ death will save those who believe and put their trust in Him.

   Jesus’ Resurrection
   ____ “After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.” (Isaiah 53:11). After 3 days, He will rise and will bring many people to salvation through their belief and trust in Him because he has taken their sin from them.

   Fulfillment

Because the words of Isaiah could only come true in Jesus Christ, you can know that what the Bible says is true. You can know that Jesus is who He says He is, the Son of God, and the only way to salvation and a personal relationship with God.
LESSON # 26: JEREMIAH

Read  Jeremiah Chapter 1

Background
Jeremiah was a prophet of God in Judah. His ministry began in the year 626 BC and continued for 40 years. Jeremiah spoke of God’s judgment upon Judah and the nations surrounding Judah because of their wickedness. Jeremiah urged his people to stop worshipping other gods and begin following God’s commands. Because his message was unpopular with the Jewish leaders, Jeremiah’s life was often in danger.

Opportunities to explore the Bible:
1) Match the situation with the Bible verse that can help you stand up for God:

1. A group of guys at school are making fun of an unpopular kid.
2. You’re with a group of guys who are telling dirty jokes. It’s your turn.
3. It’s your turn to be team captain for a pick-up game of football. Your best friend is horrible at football and is always picked last. You know how much this bothers him, but your teammates tell you not to pick him.
4. You have a friend who says that he doesn’t believe in God and that going to church is stupid. You want to tell him what you believe, but you don’t want to make him mad.

_____ Luke 9:26 Do not be ashamed of Jesus.
_____ Ephesians 5:4 There should not be obscenity or coarse joking.
_____ Mark 12:28-31 Love God and love others.
_____ Ephesians 4:29 Let only what is helpful to others come out of your mouth.

2) Why does the Bible say that God’s way of thinking is not very popular in some situations?

______________________________________________________________________________ (Isaiah 55:8).

Just because we don’t always understand God’s way of thinking, doesn’t mean we can just choose when and when not to obey Him. You have a decision to make - whether to go along with the crowd or stand up for what God says.

5) Read Jeremiah 1:17-18. How can you practice standing up for God when it’s not popular?
• __________________________________________
• __________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“Get yourself ready” (Jeremiah 1:17).
LESSON # 27: SHADRACH, MESHACH, & ABEDNEGO

Read   Daniel Chapter 3

Background
In about 600 BC, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and attacked it. Then king Nebuchadnezzar ordered his chief official to take to Babylon some of the Israelite boys from the royal family and other important families. These young men were strong, handsome, very smart, and could learn quickly. For 3 years they were taught the Babylonian language and everything else they would need to know to serve king Nebuchadnezzar. Three of these young men were named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Opportunities to explore the Bible
1) What did king Nebuchadnezzar demand of every person in his kingdom?
   ___________________________________________________________ (Daniel 3:4-6).

2) How did Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego show that they were loyal to God?
   ___________________________________________________________ (Daniel 3:18).

3) What is your definition of loyalty?
   _______________________________________________________________________

4) Read John 15:13 & Romans 5:8. How is God loyal to you?
   _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________

5) Write down one way that you can practice being loyal this week to:
   • God   ________________________________________________________________
   • Someone in your family ________________________________________________
   • A Friend   _____________________________________________________________
   • An organization or team ________________________________________________
   • Church   _____________________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“Greater love has no one but this, that he lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).
Read  Daniel Chapter 6

Background
Daniel was a young man who was captured along with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and taken to Babylon when king Nebuchadnezzar attacked the city of Jerusalem in Judah, in about 600 BC. Daniel had risen to a very high position among the king’s advisors. Later on, Babylon was defeated by the Persians (which is the country of Iran today), and Daniel remained in a very high position under the king of Persia.

Opportunities to explore the Bible
1) Why did king Darius like Daniel so much?  
_____________________________________________________________ (Daniel 6:3).

2) What are three characteristics of Daniel that made him a great leader?
1. ___________________________________________________________ (Daniel 6:4).
2. ___________________________________________________________ (Daniel 6:4).
3. ___________________________________________________________ (Daniel 6:4).

3) What else does this story tell you about Daniel?  
____________________________________________________________ (Daniel 6:10).

4) Why was Daniel able to do such a good job for the king?  
____________________________________________________________ (Daniel 6:11).

The dictionary defines trustworthy as being: reliable, dependable, honest, ethical, responsible, truthful, loyal, faithful.

5) Pick 3 of the characteristics of being trustworthy and write down how you can practice one of them this week at:
  • Home  ______________________________________________________
  • School  ______________________________________________________
  • Activities  _____________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“They could find no corruption in him because he was trustworthy” (Daniel 6:4[b]).
LESSON # 29: JONAH

Read  Jonah 1:1-3 & 3:1-5

Opportunities to explore the Bible
1) What is it that God wanted Jonah to do for Him?
____________________________________________________________________ (Jonah 1:2).

2) What was Jonah’s reaction?
____________________________________________________________________ (Jonah 1:3).

3) Who are two other heroes of the Bible that were reluctant to do what God wanted them to?
   •  __________________________________________________________ (Exodus 3:11).
   •  ___________________________________________________________ (Judges 6:15).

4) Finally, Jonah went to Nineveh and spoke the Word of God. What happened?
____________________________________________________________________ (Jonah 3:5).

Jonah became submissive to God. People today usually associate the word submissive with “giving in.” A closer meaning is for one to come under another and lift up or support. In other words, Jonah said to God, “I’ll be there for you.”

5) What are some ways that you can practice obeying God:
   •  At Home
   •  At School
   •  With Friends
   •  Watching TV
   •  With Your Allowance
   •  In Activities

Good Words To Remember
“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” (Psalm 119:105).
THANKSGIVING
A TIME FOR THANKS & FOR GIVING

Read  Psalm 105:1-2

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) Where does everything you have come from?
____________________________________________________________ (Psalm 24:1).

2) What has God given to us?
•  ___________________________________________________________ (John 3:16)
•  ___________________________________________________________ (John 10:10)
•  ___________________________________________________________ (1 Corinthians 2:9).

3) How can you be thankful even in difficult circumstances?
__________________________________________________________ (Genesis 50:20).

We have lots to be thankful for. But the second part of ThanksGIVING is the giving. The Bible says, “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion [because you have to], for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

Since Thanksgiving opens up the “Holiday Season,” it’s a time when we naturally look for ways to give

4) How can you practice using your abilities, your time, and your money to give?

A brand new way I can use my abilities to help others
In my community is:  ____________________________________________
Outside my community is: ________________________________________

A brand new way I can use my time
In the community is:  ____________________________________________
Outside my community is: ________________________________________

A brand new way I can use my money
In the community is:  ____________________________________________
Outside the community is: ________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“Make known among the nations what [the Lord] has done” (Psalm 105:2).
In sending Jesus to earth, the Father set out to establish a new covenant with all. When Jesus shed His blood on the cross, you and I were given a new way to enter into the presence of almighty God.

When God made covenants with people in the Old Testament, he often changed their name. Abram became Abraham (father of a multitude); Jacob became Israel (prince with God). In each case their name was changed to reflect their change of character and their new relationship with God.

When you become a Christian, you are also given a new name. When you accept Jesus into your life, your spirit is given new life – your spirit is re-born, transformed from a sinner to a saint. Once you were far off, and now you are near His throne as his adopted son or daughter.

The carol, “O Come All Ye Faithful,” expresses our Father God’s heart toward us: “Come, faithful ones. Come and look upon the King of angels. Behold the brightness of his glory. “Come, you who have become my children, and give glory to my Son.” Our response is to gladly welcome him and lift up a chorus of joyful praise and adoration:

O come, all you faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels *

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The brightness of glory, Light of light eternal,
Our lowly nature He hath not abhorred:
Son of the Father, Word of God incarnate! *

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest! *

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *

* Refrain
THE DRAGON *

Opportunities to explore the Bible

1) Who is God?
 _____________________________________________ (Revelation 19:16).

2) Why is Jesus called our King?

3) What is the devil portrayed as in Scripture?
 _____________________________________________ (Revelation 20:2)

4) What is the dragon’s plan?
 _____________________________________________ (Revelation 12:9).

5) How has he done this?
 _____________________________________________ (2 Corinthians 4:4, Revelation 20:10).

6) Why did God send Jesus to us?
 _____________________________________________ (Isaiah 61:1).

7) How did Jesus provide save us from the dragon?
 _____________________________________________ (Hebrews 2:14).

8) What does God offer to us?
 _____________________________________________ (Acts 26:18)

9) What does the Bible say will happen to the dragon?
 _____________________________________________ (Revelation 20:2-3; 7-10).

Good Words To Remember
“he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy” (Titus 3:5).

* The story, The Dragon, is found in the leader book
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2Chronicles 7:14).

Write a prayer for the people of our country. There are 5 groups listed below to help you:

1) **Government**: For God to help them make good decisions and stand by them
   - Federal, state, local leaders, military services
2) **Churches & Ministry Organizations**: For truth to be upheld
   - Your pastors, congregation, denomination, organizations that help your family
3) **Businesses & Industries**: To reflect Godly influences, and value truth & decency
   - Entertainment, media, industries (pick one or two)
4) **Families**: To live by Biblical truth
   - Parents, kids, extended families, broken families, neighbors, friends
5) **Ourselves**: For renewal, moral strength

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Good Words To Remember

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us” (1 John 5:14).
The thought of “telling your story” – how Jesus Christ came into your life, can be a little uncomfortable. Perhaps you’re afraid of failing or that you won’t know what to say. But if Jesus Christ is in your life, you do have a story to tell, and learning how to tell your story may be just what it takes to bring the good news of Jesus Christ into someone’s life. So, here we go…if you’ve never thought much of how to tell someone your story, here are some ideas and suggestions for putting your story together.

Conversion
If you remember a specific time, place or event when you accepted Jesus Christ into your life, then perhaps “conversion” fits best. Try shaping your story around these questions:
• What was your life like before you invited Jesus into your life?
• What led (events, conversation, etc.) you to accept Jesus as your Savior?
• How and when did you receive Christ as Savior? As Lord?
• How has Jesus changed your life?

Journey
If your faith seems more like a journey, then perhaps “Spiritual Journey” fits best. Try these questions:
• What have been some key events in which God has worked in your life?
• What experiences, circumstances or people helped develop your faith in Christ?
• How would your life be different without Jesus? (i.e.: lifestyle, attitudes, priorities, relationships, etc.).

Sharing The Gospel Through Your Story
Try fitting these questions in your story:
• How do you understand God’s purpose in creation? (Ephesians 1:5)
• How do you understand your purpose in life? (Matthew 22:27-29)
• How have you experienced sin in your life? (John 14:15)
• What are (were) the consequences of that sin? (Isaiah 59:2).
• How did you put your faith in Jesus Christ (the solution)? (Ephesians 2:8-9)
• How have you been reconciled to God (what were the results)? (Romans 5:11).
• What role has the church or others played for you? (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Putting Your Story Together
• What elements of your story might be interesting to someone else?
• What Bible verses might you include under each of the previous questions?
• What experiences in your life can form illustrations to help you tell your story?
• Write your story as if you were telling someone else
• Keep it between 3-5 minutes

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In the spaces below, write out your testimony – your story - of how you invited Jesus Christ into your life as your Savior and Lord!

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Good Words To Remember

“One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!” (John 9:25).