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Grade 08



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Grade 08 – Lesson 1
Wait upon Lord.



Bible Reference Psalm 63:1-8

Introduction: This Psalm is written by King David when he was in the desert of Judah, and he was hovering way from King Absalom. David has written many Psalms in the midst of all kind of different experiences in his life. Whether it is good or bad, joy or sorrow he has brought his thoughts to words and Praise God for His goodness.

1. Write a few hopes that you have in your life.

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2. Write the ways (means) that you meet Lord in your life.


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3. Write/compose a thought or Poem by praising God for His goodness in your life.

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A few thoughts

1. God is worthy to receive Praise and Honor always.
2. There are a few things always that we can Praise God even in the midst of hardships in our lives.
3. God has protected you and me from the pandemic situation of the whole world. Have we given enough Praise to God for His favour? Kneel down and praise God for protecting you up to now.

Memory Verse 

I will Praise you as long as I live, and in your name
I will lift up my hands. Psalm 63:4



Introduction to Prophets of Old Testament

Below are the names of a few prophets in Old Testament.

Elijah- 1 Kings 17:1 , Elisha - 1 Kings 19:19 -21, Isaiah - Isaiah 1:1 ; 6:1-13, Jeramiah - Jeramiah 1:4-10, Ezekiel - Ezekiel 2: 1-5

Introduction: A prophet is god’s messenger. He speaks the voice of God to people and speaks through God. He brings statement in the name of the Lord. They are anointed people by God. He is called, commanded and empowered by Lord. His responsibility is to share the word of God to His people.

4 Major Prophets are in the Bible. They are Isaiah, Jeramiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

12 Minor prophets are Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

Moses who received 10 commandments from God is recognized as a Prophet, and there are a few prophets during the time of Judges. Samuel is a Prophet who anointed 3 kings Saul, David, and Salomon for the kingdom of Israel. The prophetic mission carried out by Elijah and Elisha is highly recognized by the people of Israel. Through prophetic messages God revealed the destiny of Israel people, the message of the Saviour Lord who brings the salvation for the Israelites and to the whole world and the reign of God and His kingdom.

➤ Please read the above passage and answer the following questions.

1. Who is a prophet

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3. Name 2 Major Prophets and 2 Minor Prophets

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4. Name one of your favourite prophets

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5. Why do you like above

character?.....

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- ❖ We can see many injustice and unrighteous situations are in our society. Name some places where you can see injustice and unrighteous incidents. If you are called by God to be a leader, what would be your response?

Memory Verse:

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Act 2:17

Grade 8 –Lesson 3

God's faithfulness to Elijah



Bible Reference: 1 King 18:21-45 (Read the Bible passage)

Introduction: Elijah is a Prophet who called by God. He was active in the 9th Century B.C. meaning of the name is “My God is YAHWEH. The king Ahab compel to worship god Baal because of his wife queen Jezebel even the Israel people followed god Baal because of their influence. Elijah is called by God to declare the word of God to the King Ahab. Because of this king was angry with Elijah. .

(Read the above Bible passage and know the story).

1. Do you believe that God is Almighty ?

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2. Give the reason for your

answer.....

3. There are so many idols and myths around us. Name a few idols or myths that you know or heard of.

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4. As a faithful Christian what are the challenges that you face due to COVID 19?

Memory Verse: Wait for the Lord, Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14

- Write a prayer asking strength to believe in one Almighty God.

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Grade 8 – Lesson 4

God Empowered Elijah



Bible Reference: 1 Kings 19: 1-18

Introduction: The above story is a great example to that God is empowering us when we are weak. Elijah had a strong faith in God and he challenged the Prophets of god Baal and experienced the victory. When King Ahab and Queen Jezebel chased him and threaten him, Elijah was distracted and ran away to Beersheba for his life. Read the above chapter and know how God helped Elijah during his journey to Horeb the mountain of God.

1. Write an incident that God had helped you or your family while you went through in difficult time.

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2. What are the things that you feel as it is hard for you?

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3. Even our faith is shaken God is with us. He never leaves us alone. How can you explain about this statement to one of your friends?

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Memory Verse: I can do
everything through Him who
gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13





Grade 8 – Lesson 05

Miracles performed by Prophet Elisha

Bible Reference: 2 Kings Chapter 4

Introduction: When you read the above chapter you can get to know a few miracles performed by Prophet Elisha and know the power of God. Elisha is anointed by Elijah. Elijah and Elisha both greatly respected by those in the “school of Prophets” as well as by the kings of their nation.(2 Kings 2 and 4:38 – 41) Elisha requested Elijah to bless him with the double portions of Elijah’s spirit. He received the double portion he had asked for and performed many miracles in Israel.

- 1. Causing a widow’s oil to fill many jars
- 2. Woman gave birth to a child
- 3. Raising a boy from the death.
- 4. Death in the Pot.
- 5. Feeding of a Hundred.

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What did the widow had with her before perform the miracle?
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- 2. What did Elisha ask her to do?
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- 3. How did the widow repay the debt of her husband?
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- 4. What is the gift that Shunammite woman received from God through Elisha’s prayers?
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- 5. What did Elisha do for Shunammite woman’s son?
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- 6. What did he ask them to do when he got to know that poison in the pot?
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- 7. With what he fed 100 people?
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To meditate on.....

- 1. Do you think that God can see everything in your life?
- 2. Think about something that you have experienced through the power of God?

**Memory Verse: Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things that you do not know.
Jeremiah 33:3**

The Division of Israel Kingdom



Bible Reference: 1 Kings 12: 1- 17

The Map



Introduction: God called His people through Abraham, and He saved them from Egypt and brought them to the chosen land Canaan. It was ruled by 3 kings, King Saul, David and Solomon. After the period of King Solomon this land was divided into two parts and ruled under two separate kings. The people of Israel went to see Rehoboam and asked him to rule the nation without giving harsh labour and the heavy yoke as his father did.

Then Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father and asked them to advise regarding the request of people. They said “if today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favourable answer they will always be your servants. But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the elders gave and he consulted the young men who had grown up with him and were serving him. They said “my little finger is thicker than my father’s waist. My father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips I will scourge you with scorpions. Rehoboam followed the advice given by the young men. This was the start of separating the one kingdom of Israel.

The Capital of Northern kingdom was Samaria and the Capital of Southern Kingdom was Jerusalem. Out of 12 tribes 10 were belonging to North and the other 2 were to South. As God promised King David, the Southern kingdom was governed by his son Solomon.

Read the above passage and complete the Puzzle.

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5. How many tribes were within Southern kingdom?
6. Who is the first king of Israel?
7. Who gave correct advices to Rehoboam?
8. What is the chosen land for Israel people?

Across

1. **Who is the father of God's chosen People?**
2. What is the Capital of Northern Kingdom?
3. Who is the father of King Solomon?
4. Israel people were salved in

Application

1. Leaders should listen to the Lord before they make decisions.
2. Leaders are not to be served but to serve.
3. Leaders should have mentors around them who can help them to make wise decisions.

Memory Verse: My son preserve sound judgment and discernment do not let them out of your sight.

Proverbs 3:21

Grade 8 – Lesson 07



Need of Understanding the Obedience to God

Bible Reference: Isaiah 6:1-6

Introduction: God has used different ways when He chose Prophets. When God spoke to Isaiah through a dream he cried and said to God “I am ruined, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King the Lord Almighty. When Isaiah experienced the presence of God he was so excited and he understood his unworthiness. Then one Seraphs flew on him and touched his mouth with a live coal. Then he said to Isaiah your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for. Then Isaiah surrenders himself unto God’s hands and said “here am I Send me” and be obedient to God’s calling.

1. How God does speak to you?

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2. What are the obstacles that you have when you want to surrender your life unto God’s hands?

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3. Do you know about your sinfulness? Do you believe that you need to be confessed, please write a prayer asking God to forgive you?

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Memory Verse:

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Hebrew 11:5

Grade 8- Lesson 8

The Calling of Prophet Jeramiah



Bible Reference: Jeremiah 1:1-19; 38:1-13

Activity: Try to make something you like by using clay or you can make some clay using flour and water. Follow following steps when you make it.

1. Decide what you are going to make.
2. Take the clay into your hands and try to make what you imagine.
3. Observe that how many times that you had to change your mind when you prepare the thing that you want to make. *(This is how God is making you and me till we become as He wants)*

Introduction: When God Calls Jeremiah the word of the Lord came to him and said “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart I appointed you as a Prophet to the nations” But Jeremiah said “I do not know how to speak and I am only a child”. God did not allow Jeremiah to go away from Him. God encouraged him and said “you go to everyone and say what I command you”

Jeremiah was encouraged by God and he proclaimed the word of God to even the kings and the leaders of their nation.

(Read : **Jeremiah** 38:1-13)

Applications

1. God knows everyone before he formed us in the womb. And He set apart chosen children and appointed them to be His servants.
2. Surrender your life unto God’s hands and ask Him to use you in His mighty name where ever you go.
3. If you feel that you should become a Priest or work in His ministry as a fulltime worker in the future, please share your desire with your parents and focus on it in your everyday life. (Girls and Boys can commit their lives for God’s work)

- Write a prayer asking God to fan the flame of your spirituality every day.
- You can give a call to your Parish Priest or young Priest whom you know and ask about their experience in the ministry.

Memory Verse:

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9



Grade 8 – Lesson 09

God restores destroyed expectations.

Bible Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Introduction: Ezekiel was anointed by God to restore the destroyed expectations of His people. Ezekiel was brought by Spirit to a Valley of Dry Bones, and led him back and forth among them. Ezekiel saw a great many bones that were very dry and God asked him to “Prophesies to these bones and say to them ‘Dry bones hear the work of the Lord’” As God said he did it and when he was Prophesying there was a noise a rattling sound and the bones came together bone to bone. Then he saw tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them. Then God asked him to Prophesies to breathe. As Ezekiel prophesized as God commanded breath entered them, they came to life and stood up on their feet as vast army.

Nothing is impossible to God Almighty. If God can give breath to dry bones God can do anything in our lives. Certainly you have experienced the power of God in your life.

Write a poem praising God for wonderful thing that He has done in your life.



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Application:

1. When there is no hope God can bring hope.
2. God calls His people to be a channel to others those are depressed with shattered Expectations.
3. God is with us when we go through hopeless situations?
4. It is good to have God fearing people around us to encourage us when we are disturbed.
5. As children of God it is our responsibility to help others when they are depressed and disturbed.

Memory verse: Not only so, we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance, character and character hope. **Roman 5: 3-4**

Grade 8 – Lesson 10 (Activity Lesson)

Let's be Eco friendly person



Bible Reference: Genesis 1:28

Introduction: God called His people to do different ministries on this earth. The first commandment that we received from God our creator was “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on ground”. (Genesis 1:28) According to the word of God we are stewards of His Creation. Rule over means that God has not given His consent us to do whatever we want to do. But it means that we have to protect it as God has seen it as good. Maintaining the good quality of Environment is the given responsibility to His people.

We need young children to be conscience about the Environment and give their hands to protect it. Get use to documentary programmes which brings about the Environment and its concerns. Read books and gain knowledge about the Environment.



Application

1. At least once a week you have to spare time to clean your garden, plant trees and maintain them.
2. Even if you have no garden space you can maintain some Pots using waste tins and plastic containers. If you really want to do this there are many ways that you can make it happen.
3. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle plastic and polythene.
4. Get used to clean your house. Big or small it is our duty to keep the house clean. It is a responsibility of the entire family. Whether you are girl or boy you can help your parents or your domestic helpers to make your home a better place.

Think of your weekly routine and make time Commitment

1. To Gardening
2. To clean your house

Write a prayer asking God to help you to protect the Environment

Grade 8 – Lesson 11

Jesus Sends out the Seventy



Bible Reference :- Luke 10:1-12

Memory Verse: Jesus said to them, “the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are a few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2

- How did Jesus sent the seventy others to the field?
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- What Jesus meant by saying Harvest is plenty, but the workers are a few?
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- For what Jesus sent seventy two people?
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- What are the instructions that Jesus gave to His disciples before He send them?
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- There are so many people without knowing of the name of Lord Jesus. If God called you to be His disciple what would be your response?
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- What are the things that you have to take with you when you go to serve God?
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Am I ready to be a servant of God?

❖ Write a prayer asking God to help you to be obedient to His calling

Grade 8 - Lesson 12

You are the Christ – The Son of the Living God



Bible Reference: Matthew 16:13 - 20

Memory verse: Simon Peter answered “You are the Christ the Son of Living God” Matthew 16:16

- How people recognized Jesus according to the above passage?

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- **Match and prepare the correct sentence.**

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| ✓ They replied, some say John the Baptist, | Simon son of Jonah |
| ✓ Simon Peter answered | that he was the Christ. |
| ✓ On this rock I will build | others days Elijah |
| ✓ Jesus wanted disciples not to tell anyone | my Church |
| ✓ Blessed are you | You are the Christ..... |

If someone ask you to tell about Jesus and who do you say He is, what would be your answer?

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- If Jesus ask you to do something on behalf of Him how would you respond?
- How would you be responsible for little things that you do? Give examples?

❖ **Write a prayer asking God to help you to share the Good News with others.**



The Healing of a Boy with an Evil Spirit

Bible Reference :- Mark 9:14 -29

Memory Verse: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrew 11:1

- Who were arguing when Jesus came down after transfiguration?
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- What do you learn about faith through this story?
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- Have you ever experienced something based on your faith?
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- According to the Jesus' teaching how would you defeat Evil?
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Write a chorus about faith which you like most



Pray without ceasing. Do not wait till problems come to you. Daily prayers can protect you from the spirit of evil. But remember God never gives everything that you ask for. But He gives you the Best.

Nothing impossible with God. He is much closer to you more than you think. God can see your heart and simple faith that you have in Him. Keep trust in God and surrender everything to God's hands in prayer.



Grade 08 – Lesson 14

Parable of the Weeds



Bible Reference :Matthew 13:24-30, 36-40

Memory Verse: Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord. There is surely a future hope for you and your hope will not be cut off. Proverbs 23:17, 18

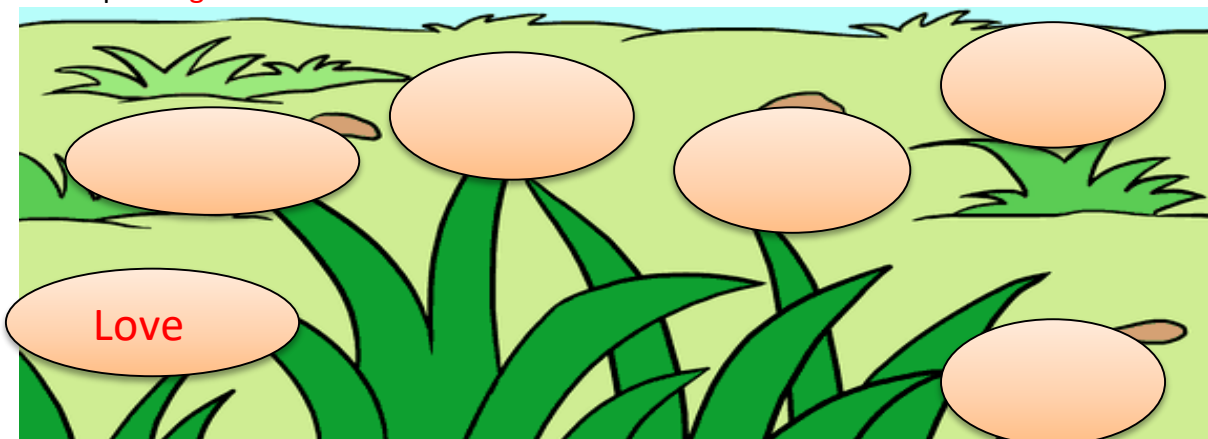
1. Why the owner asked the servant to keep weed without pulling off?
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2. The kingdom of heaven is like
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3. Select suitable words from the oval shape and fill in the blanks.



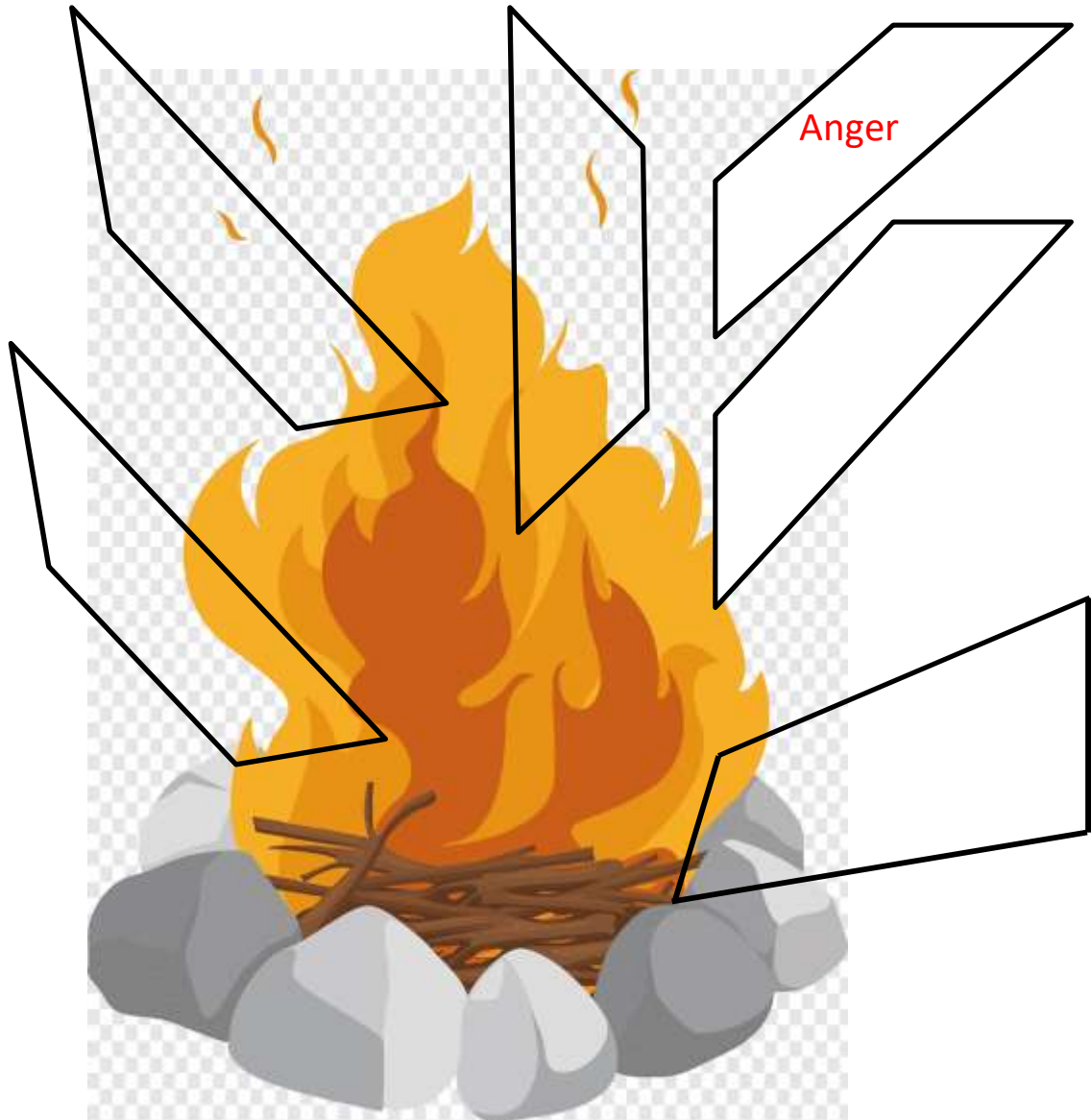
- The man who sowed good seed in his field.....
- Enemy sowed
- Wheat is
- Weed is
- Time of Harvest
- Field is

Good World
 God
 Bad Weed
 Day of Judgment

- What are the good values that you love to see in your life. Saw the seeds of those in brown pits. E.g. Love



- Write all you bad deeds inside the boxes that you have in your life. Cut those papers and burn it after saying a prayer. E.g. **Anger**





Grade 8 - Lesson 15



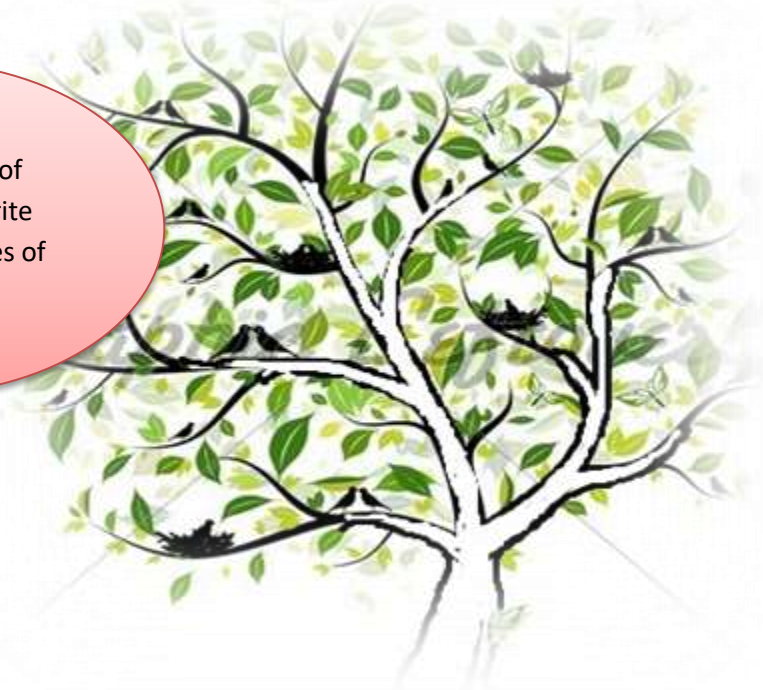
Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

Bible Reference: Matthew 13:31-33

Memory Verse: But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)

- The kingdom of Heaven is like a Mustard seed and the Yeast. What do you understand by these two parables.....
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- What can you do to bring the values of Kingdom of Heaven to this earth?
- If we do good deeds in this world we can do a big change. How can you bring positive impact in your society by doing good deeds?

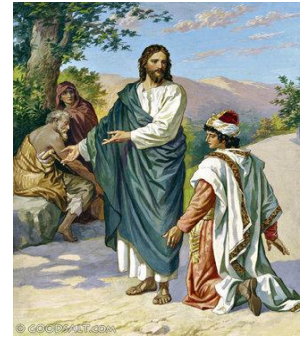
What are the values of Kingdom of God? Write them on the branches of the tree.



Pray and ask God to give you guidance to spread the values of Kingdom in the society.

Grade 8 - Lesson 16

The Rich Young man



Bible Reference: Mark 10 :17 - 31

Memory Verse: No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. Matthew 6:24

- “Why do you call me good” if Jesus ask from you what would be your answer?
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- Jesus used a parable to explain that how hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God, what it is?
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- The young man wanted to inherit eternal life? What was his obstacle?
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- If God ask you to give up something to inherit the kingdom of God, What would be your answer?
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Read the above Bible passage and fill in the blanks.

- ✚ “No one is good except ”
- ✚ “Go sell everything you have and give to the” You will havein heaven”
- ✚ “With man thisbut not with God. All things arewith God.
- ✚ “But many who are first will beand thefirst.



- How do you pray to God? Do you ask everything that you need always? Have you ever ask asked God to make you a God fearing child and have you asked for His guidance to your life?
- Write a prayer asking God to give His Spirit to guide you in the correct path.



Vine and the Branches

Bible Reference: John 15 :1- 17

Memory Verse :In the same way let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven. Matthew 5:16

Complete the puzzle by answering the given question below.

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- Jesus
- Branch
- Wish
- Friends
- Father
- Fruit
- Loved
- Commands
- Given
- Remain

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1. Jesus said ask whatever you..... and it will be you.
2. Jesusus like His Father loved him.
3. Jesus us to love each other.
4. Jesus said “If you love me I will call

- If we want to bear fruit in our life what we have to do?
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- Jesus asked us to love one another. How can you show your love to others?
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Across

1. is the true vine?
2. Gardener is of Jesus.
3. He cuts off every that does not bear
4.in me. I will remain in you. Said Jesus.

Memory Verse: You are my friends, if you do what I command I no longer call you servant because a servant does not know His master’s business. Instead I have called you friends. John 15:14,15a

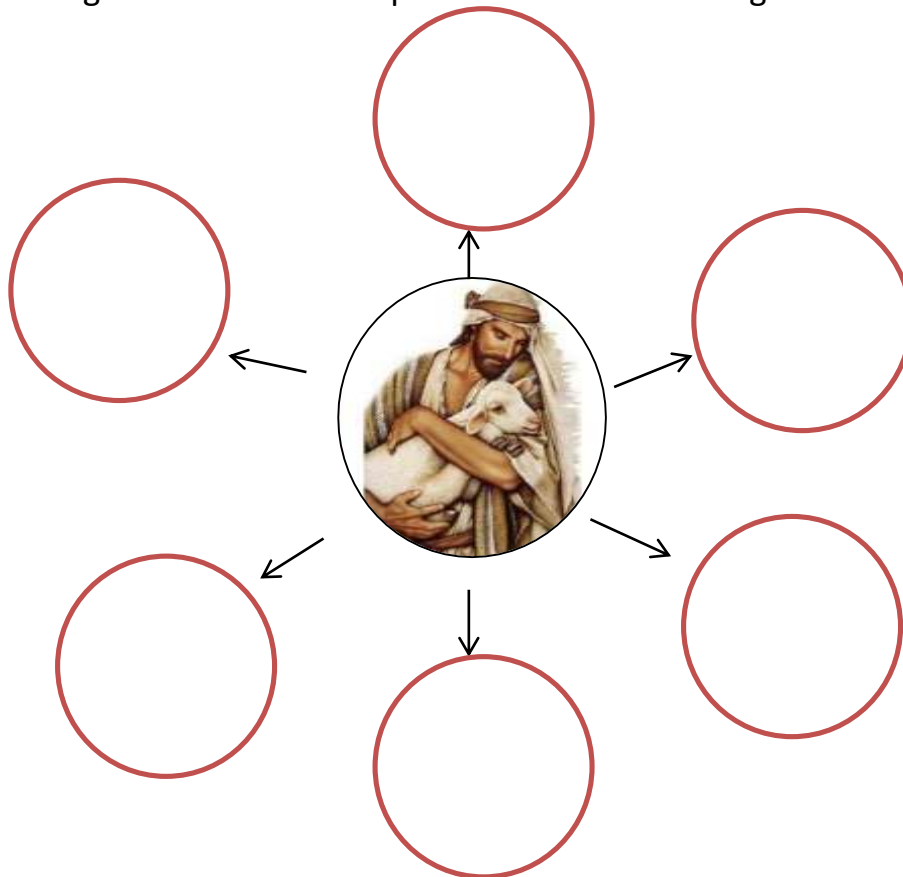
Good Shepherd and His flock



Bible Reference :- John 10:1-16

Memory verse; I am the good Shepherd, The good shepherd lays down his life for the Sheep. John 10:11

- Write down good values of a shepherd inside the circles given below.



- Why Jesus told us that we are His flock?
- Why Sheep keep trust in the Shepherd?
- “The Lord is my Shepherd” Write a poem, essay or draw a picture on this topic.

❖ Say a prayer and ask God to be your shepherd and show you the path of your life.

Grade 08 – Lesson 19
Prayer of Gethsemane



Bible Reference: Mark 14:32 - 42

Memory Verse: Watch and pray so that you will not fail into temptation. The spirit is willing but the body is weak. Mark 14:38

- Why Jesus wanted to go and pray in the garden of Gethsemane?
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- Who went with Jesus to Gethsemane?
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- Jesus prayed and asked His Father to take the cup from Him, and He said “Yet not what I will but what you will” If you like to do what God wants to do how you should bring it to God in your prayer?
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If your parents asked you to do something good which you do not like to do how would you interact with them?
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➤ **Do you pray every day? Remember Jesus wanted His disciples to pray with Him. Like the same way He is willing to see that we too pray. Set a separate time for your prayers.**

➤ **Jesus sacrificed His life for us. Are you ready to share your life with others? When you see needs of others, God expects you to share things with them. Not only things but He wants us to share our love more than anything.**

❖ **Write a prayer thanking Jesus for His Sacrifice. And ask Holy Spirit to be with you and help you to love one another.**



Preparing Lay Preachers for the Future Church (Activity Lesson)

Introduction:

1. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Deut 6: 6a
2. And He said to them “ go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” Mark 16:15
3. And God has appointed in the Church first the apostles, second Prophets, third Teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kind of tongues. 1 Corinthians 1: 28
 - God asked us to keep His word in our hearts and share it with others too. And God is anointing people to do His mission in this world. You are one of them. Therefore get ready and equip yourself to involve in His ministry.
 - Today we would like to invite you to prepare a small Sermon for you to share it with your Sunday School children.
 - The steps are given below.

- ✚ Select one Bible passage, story, parable or incident (Should be something short)
- ✚ Say a prayer and read the passage a few times
- ✚ Write it in your words
- ✚ Close your eyes and ask God to reveal you His message
- ✚ Try to find the application
- ✚ write it on a separate paper
 - Introduction/Welcome
 - Illustration
 - The body of the message
 - Application
 - Prayer



Dear God reveal your truth and show me your way

Memory verse: Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed rightly handling the work of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Grade 08 – Lesson 21

Gospel is for everyone



Bible Reference Act 8:4 -25

Memory Verse: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

- What did Philip do when he was in Samaria?
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- What did Philip preach among the crowd and for them to get baptized?
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- Why did Peter and John had to pray for the people of Samaria to receive the Holy Spirit?
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- What do we have to receive the Spirit of the Lord?
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- How do you protect your faith as a child of God?
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- Have you ever experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- Have you ever seen any person who is trying to misuse the power of the Spirit?
- Have you ever tried to share the Good News with other?

❖ Write a prayer asking God to empower you with the power of the Holy Spirit and use you to share the Good News with others through the words and deeds.



Grade 08 – Lesson 22

Peter and Cornelius



Bible Reference: Act 10:1-48

Memory Verse: Then Peter began to speak I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism. Act 10:34

- Explain the Vision of Peter in your words or you can draw a picture on a separate paper.
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- What Peter has learnt out of his vision? Write it in your words.
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- Explain the character of Cornelius ?
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- Why God wanted Peter to meet Cornelius?
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- Though the Bible passage is little long (Act 10: 1-48) the entire story tells you the way that God work with His people. Write down the things that you have learnt out of this lesson.
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➤ **“Thought”**

- God can clean and make pure everything that we eat or use. Then why should we follow all the rules and regulations given by the government during the pandemic time?
- Have you ever treated your friends in different ways because of their wealth or power?

➤ Are you ready to surrender your life unto the precious hands of the Lord under any circumstances?

❖ **Write a prayer and ask God to help you to give His power to treat everyone equally without being bias.**



Grade 08 – Lesson 23

Introduction to the Bible Translations

Do not merely listen to the word, and also deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22

Introduction to the Bible Translations

Translation is the process of communicating a message into a language that is different from the one in which the message was originally written. The message may be in a song, a poem, a story, directions, a telephone message, or a sermon. But if a person is not able to understand that message because it is written or told in an unfamiliar language, the message must be translated. This is especially important when it is the message of the Bible that is to be communicated.

The Bible is made up of several individual books that were written and told long ago in various languages quite unfamiliar to us today. None of these books was originally written in English (or Spanish or most other languages used throughout the world today). They were written in ancient Hebrew and Aramaic (for the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures) and in Greek (for the New Testament). Without Bible translation, people today would have to learn these three languages in order to read and understand the words of the Bible!

The work of translating the Bible began around 250 B.C. when a group of Jewish scholars translated the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) into Greek because many Jewish people were living in places where Greek was the everyday language. Since that first Bible translation, the words of both the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) and the New Testament have been translated into hundreds of languages. These languages include ancient languages (like Coptic, Arabic, Latin, and Syrian), as well as more recent, modern languages (like Portuguese, Russian, Navajo, Danish, Spanish, and English). The purpose behind all these Bible translations is exactly the same: to put the words of the Bible into a language that people will understand.

One of the most important Bible translators was the Englishman William Tyndale (1484-1536), often called "The Father of the English Bible." Tyndale wanted to make the Scriptures understandable to all people. But due to the political and religious tensions that existed throughout Europe during the Reformation (14th-17th centuries), he was unable to get permission to do his translation in England. So he went to Germany, where he published his New Testament in February 1526. Though he experienced a great deal of opposition, he continued his work of translating the Old Testament from Hebrew, and he published the first five books of the Old Testament (Genesis through Deuteronomy) in 1530.

Tyndale's work and influence is most readily seen in what is surely the most significant English Bible translation ever done, the King James Version of the Bible, published in 1611. The King James Version (also called the Authorized Version) was prepared at the request of King James I of England at a time when several Church-sponsored versions of the English Bible were in use. Although there was resistance to the King James Version at first (since many people felt a loyalty to their own Church's translation), it eventually won wide acceptance and became the Standard English version of the Bible in the English-speaking world for three centuries. It remains one of the most widely-used English translations of the Bible today.

How the Holy Bible Was Spread

In the early days, word of mouth was being passed on from generation to generation before the Word of God was recorded. It is called the "oral tradition."

Later it was used to make notes on stone slabs, tanned animal skins, papyrus.

The scrolls were prepared and kept in the temple and in the synagogues for the usage of all.

The Holy Bible comes in two categories.

The Bible consists of two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament.

39 books of the Old Testament. It was before Jesus, and for Jesus and the Apostles, the Scripture was the Old Testament.

The New Covenant is after Jesus. There are 27 books on display, along with the Gospels, Acts, and Letters.

The Bible contains 72 books used by the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Church. The reason is that it contains six books, known as secondary books.

The Bible was translated into many languages.

After the resurrection of Jesus, the good news spread to the Gentiles, and the Bible began to be translated into many languages. It was important for every Christian to study the Bible in the native language. The complete Bible has now been translated into 264 languages. Nevertheless, translations have tried to preserve the integrity of the originals.



- ✚ How do you feel about reading the Bible in your mother tongue?
- ✚ Prepare a booklet for more information on the evolution of the Bible.
- ✚ What lessons have you learned from reading the Bible?



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Bible in Sri Lanka



Undoubtedly there are all sought of languages in the World, yet none of them is without meaning. 1 Corinthians 14:10

Introduction

There are many versions of the Bible in the world. They are in different languages as well as in different versions. Even in Sri Lanka we use English, Tamil and Sinhala Bibles. It is not easy to bring the original meaning of the message when translate it to another language. Some translations helps reader to understand the message easily. Though there are unnumbered denominations and cultures, the Christians are used the same Bible.



Bible in Sri Lanka

To spread the Christianity in Sri Lanka, there were a great influenced by the Portugal's, Douche and English people who came to Sri Lanka. Mostly English governors spread the Gospel and contributed to build up the Christian Community in Sri Lanka.

- Portugal's, Douche and English People imported Bibles from their countries to Sri Lanka.
- William Tolfrey translated English Bible to Sinhala.
- The Tamil Bible is imported from the Church of Kolkata.
- Till the Methodist and Baptist people come to Sri Lanka there wasn't Sinhala Bible in our Country. When they preach and prepare religious literature documents they had used the Sinhala Language.
- In 1982 Sinhala Bible is published with the agreement of the Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church. 03rd Edition of the New Version Sinhala Bible is published in 2006.

- Do you read the Bible as a family and pray every day? If not today is the day for you to start it. Take the leadership and organize it with your family or where you stay.
- Have you ever shared anything about the Bible with your friends?
- Prepare a poster about the Bible.

- ✚ Keep separate time for you to read the Bible.
- ✚ When you read it spend little time and mark special verses and Key words on your Bible.

Write a prayer and thank God for giving us Bibles in our own native languages and through that He had brought His people under one wing.





Grade 08 - Lesson 25 King Hezekiah



Bible Reference: 2 Chronicles 29:1-19

Memory Verse: whoever can be trusted with little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. St. Luke 16: 10

Fill in the Blanks and answer the questions.

1. Hezekiah was old when he became a King.
2. The father of King Hezekiah wasand mother was
3. He opened the doors of the temple andthem.
4. He brought in theandassemble them in the square on the east side.
5. What are the evil things that done by the fathers of them against the Temple?
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6. What did king do to take the anger out of God for his people?
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7. Why God has chosen people of Jerusalem and Judah according to the message of the King?
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8. If you become a leader how do you follow the steps followed by king Ezekiel?

❖ If God called you to be a leader and change the things that followed by the previous leader how you do get organize?

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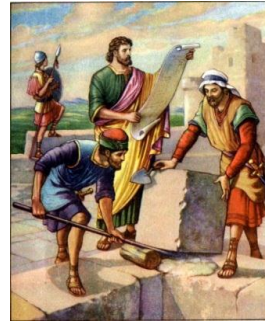
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Nehemiah



Nehemiah: 1:1-11, 5:11-19

Memory Verse: For even the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

- Write down the main points that you can see in the prayer of Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:1-5)
E.g. Glorify His name

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- What are the qualities of leadership that Nehemiah reflected in his life?

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- How did Nehemiah serve God through his life?

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- How did Nehemiah show his integrity while at work?

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- What are the good values that you can learn through Nehemiah’s life?

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- If you become a leader what are the 3 main qualities that you would follow from the life of Nehemiah?
- We love to have heroes in our lives. When you read the whole Book of Nehemiah you can recognize many positive characteristics of his life. Do read the Book of Nehemiah.

Write a prayer and ask God to help you to be faithful in whatever you do in your life. God is our strength and our refuge. He can do miracles with us if we surrender our lives unto Him

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Paul's conversion



Bible References: Act 8:1-3; 9:1-25; 13:9; 26:4-16; Philip 3:4-7,

Memory Verse: I no longer call you servants, because servant doesn't know his masters business. Instead I called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Fathers I have made known to you. John 15:16

Chose the correct answers from the bracket and fill in the blanks (Persecute, Jerusalem, Ananias, heaven, Saul, Damascus, Prison)

- A great persecution broke out against the Church in
- began to destroy the Church.
- Saul asked a letter from high Priest topeople who followed the way.
- As he neared on his journey suddenly a light fromflashed around him.
- He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, Saul, Saul why do you me.
- Lord asked to go and meet Saul.



➤ **Write down a few qualities of Saul's life before he met Jesus and after he met Jesus.**

Before he met Jesus	After he met Jesus.

- ❖ Who is Jesus in your life?.....
- ❖ Write down a few qualities of your life before meeting Jesus and after you met Jesus.
- ❖ If you do not know who Jesus is in your life ask Him to take your life under His control.



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Martin Luther



Martin Luther was born in 1483 in Saxony, and his father was a miner. He was educated in spite of many hardships. Attended the University of Erfant and graduated in 1505, There he studied philosophy. After a brief stint at the Erfant monastery, he was ordained as a Priest of the Augustinian sect. He began preaching in 1507. He obtained a doctorate in theology in 1512 and was appointed as a professor at the University of Wittenberg. In 1515 he was entrusted with the administration of 11 Augustinian monasteries.

The Roman Church presented a document with the Signature of Pope, giving the wealthy a chance to be freed from sin by paying a ransom. Martin Luther placed a 95-point document against the Church on the door of his university chapel. Many people flocked to him, criticizing the Roman Catholic Church. With their help, Luther published three books on his teaching. In 1520, the Pope ordered the destruction of all documents and the rejection of 41 arguments against the "Inquisition". He had to leave the church because it was not done. He was the source of religious reform in Germany. He did not want a religious revolution, but a reform of the church.

Luther taught Christianity based on the teaching of the Bible. He made available the German version of the Bible for the German people to read the Bible in their own language.

He also presented some of the most popular songs in the genre.

Luther's main teachings

- ✓ Christians have no freedom except through faith in Christ.
- ✓ Only Baptism and Holy Eucharist should be given first place in the sacraments approved by Jesus Himself.
- ✓ The Church should be recognized by all believers as their participation.
- ✓ The right to serve all should be upheld, but no one should be enslaved except Christ.

1. What example can you take from the life of Martin Luther?
2. If you have the opportunity to contribute to the growth of the Church, how would you do so?
3. Prepare a booklet for leaders who have contributed to the growth of the congregation.

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever, with my mouth I will make
your faithfulness known through all generations.

Psalm 89:1



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Ceylon Bible Society

The Ceylon Bible Society is the member of the World Fellowship of National Bible Societies joined together as the United Bible Societies

HISTORY OF THE CEYLON BIBLE SOCIETY Inaugurated in the year 1812, the Ceylon Bible Society (CBS) is one of the oldest established societies in Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon). The CBS is an interdenominational Christian organization involved in the translation, publication and distribution of scripture related Material Island wide.

Since joining the United Bible Societies in 1966 the CBS has become part of the international network of Bible Societies who work towards the goal of making the Bible accessible and affordable to all people. The Ceylon Bible Society (CBS), one of the oldest existing societies in Sri Lanka according to the records available at the Department of Archives, was inaugurated on 1st August 1812. It has functioned as a resource Centre for Bible distribution from the year 1812. The CBS produces Scripture based material on behalf of Catholic Churches, member Churches of the National Christian Council and many new Churches, for the purpose of evangelism and mission work.

Mission: The Mission of CBS is to distribute the “Word of God” to every person who thirsts for it. Our prime target of translating, publishing and distributing the Holy Scripture and making it relevant for daily living is activated by producing Scripture based items and conducting thanksgiving services, competitions, events with the churches for the spread of the Gospel.

Mary Jones

There was a hard time even finding a Bible. The value of the Bible was inconceivable. The foundation of the first Bible society was laid by Mary Jones, a 9-year-old girl born in 1784 in Wales, Britain. Mary wanted to have her own Bible. But because the Bible was so expensive, she had to work hard for the poor. She spent six years collecting money (collecting and selling firewood, selling eggs, and working at home). Knowing this, Thomas Charles began to make Bibles available to everyone in their own language. As a result, the British and Foreign Bible Society was founded in 1804.

In 1982, the Bible Society, which translates and publishes Bibles for the Christian population of Sri Lanka, released the new version of the Bible using Sri Lankan cultural and folklore. The Reform Version was released in 2006. The release of the new version of the Church, which unites all Christian communities without denominationalism reflects the mutual unity of the church.

The main objectives of Ceylon Bible Society are: -

- ✚ To spread the word of God to all the people of Sri Lanka.
- ✚ To translate, publish, and distribute Scripture.
- ✚ Help to make the Scriptures relevant to life.

How can you help the Bible Society to fulfill its objectives?

- ✚ Encourage others to read the Bible
- ✚ Gift a Bible to your friends and family members when they celebrate their life events
- ✚ Lead a life according to the word of God
- ✚ Shop at the Bible Society Book shop. Organize a Bible Society Sales stall at your church before Christmas season. People can buy gifts from them.
- ✚ Pray for them and ask your parents to share their contributions towards the ministry of the Bible Society.

Write below your most favourite 3 Bible Verses.

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Activity Lesson

The importance of social Works

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:4-5

Objectives :

- To learn that the Church is not only for Christians it is for everyone.
- It is important to build up relationship with others from the childhood.
- It is good to identify and recognize the requirement of the society from the childhood.
- To spend leisure time fruitfully.

A few things that you can do for others and to the Society:

- You can plant some trees in public place and look after them.
- You can help elders to read the Bible and take them for a small walk. you can help your own grandparents or neighbours.
- You can spend little time with others and listen to them.
- You can share your lunch box with one of your friends who has no enough food.

A few things that you can do with your Sunday School Teacher and friends

- You can clean your Sunday School Hall or garden with them.
- You can visit a hospital or orphanage and spend little time with them.
- You can go to an elders home and spend some time with them.



- ✚ It brings you unending joy when you help others.
- ✚ Try to remember one thing that you have done to someone else for their happiness? How did you feel it.
- ❖ Prepare a list that you can do for others.

Pray for Social Workers and ask God to help you to be ready to help others whenever it is needed.