

LESSON 5: JOY

Bible story part: Eunuch from Ethiopia, Acts 8

Our message for today:

We must give and receive the Word of God with joy. The eunuch was so filled with joy over the Word that he did not even realise when Philip left. We must always be joyful and willing when Jesus wants to use us to do something. If we are willing immediately, we shall receive great blessings.

Our text for today:

Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:10

Additional background texts:

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. Zeph 3:17

No greater joy can I have than this, to hear that my children follow the truth.
3 John 1:4

Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to thy holy hill and to thy dwelling! Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise thee with the lyre, O God, my God. Ps 43:3-4

For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Rom 14:17

Prayer:

Dear Lord,
Thank you for seeing me
and for being pleased about me!
Amen

Activity:

Items needed: Your exercise book, scissors, glue, colouring pencils, cotton wool or white tissue paper.

Resources: Explain that the shepherd left all the sheep to search for the one missing sheep, like the parable of the lost sheep – “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost” (Luke 15:6). That is how Jesus feels about each new convert.

Task: Write your verse in your book and memorise it for next week. Cut out the picture of the lost sheep that has been found, and colour it. Then paste pieces of cotton wool or tissue paper rolled into small balls onto the body of the sheep to look like wool. Draw a beautiful background.



LESSON 6: PEACE

Bible story part: Joshua 7, Achan's confession (seen, desired & taken, confessed in front of witnesses)

Our message for today: Confess sins in front of a witness and seek the company of friends who serve the Lord with a pure heart.

Our text for today:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Additional background texts:

2 Tim 2:22 So shun youthful passions and aim at righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call upon the Lord from a pure heart.

Prov 28:13 He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Heb 12:14 Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

1 Tim 1:5 The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith.

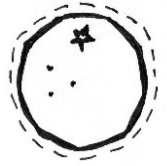
Prayer:

Dear Lord,
I repent everything I do
that makes you sad.
Please forgive me
Amen



Activity:

Items needed: Glue, scissors, material (black & white), pebbles, feathers, your exercise book, colouring pencils.



Resources: Make 2 hearts, 1 from white material with feathers and 1 from black material with pebbles inside. Leave an opening at the top of each heart. It explains the concept of sin, confession and forgiveness. As you confess, take a pebble out of the black heart each time, and add a feather to the white heart.

Task: It is time to put the third fruit in the tree! Cut out the orange along the lines, colour it, and paste it on the tree. Write the verse in your book and memorise it for next week.



Read "Jesus' anti-virus program":

Johnny sits in front of his computer in disbelief. All his information is gone! A virus has entered his computer! He quickly runs next door to Daniel, because he knows Daniel has an anti-virus program. His little brother, Jasper, sees the scrabble and asks his mother. "What is wrong with Johnny's computer?" Mother answers, "He has a virus." Jasper asks, "Is there medicine for it?" Mother answers, "Yes, they call it an anti-virus program. That is why he must get the program from Daniel as soon as possible to see what can be recovered."

That is why we, as people, must get bad viruses out of our lives. Sin is just like a virus. It sneaks into your life and becomes bigger and more dangerous. When you look again, it has messed up everything! But can we also be fixed again? Of course! Our anti-virus program is confessing our sins and asking Jesus to forgive us. Then God cleans up all the bad things in our lives. He erases everything so that it disappears completely!

Can you think of any sins you were guilty of this week? Tell Jesus about it and ask Him to forgive you.

LESSON 7: PEACE

Bible story part: Paul is converted, Acts 9

Our message for today: Give your heart to the Lord – in doing so, find peace in your heart that passes all understanding. If the Lord crosses your path, use the opportunity, like Paul. He did wonderful work for the Lord afterwards.

Our text for today:

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you. Phil 4:7, 9

Additional background texts:

Agree with God, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you. Job 22:21

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. Prov 3:1

When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. Prov 16:7

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom 5:1

Finally, brethren, farewell. Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Cor 13:11

Prayer:

Dear Lord, I give you my heart again.
Thank you for laying down your life for Amen



Activity:

Items needed: Your exercise book, crayons, scissors, glue, colouring pencils.

Resources: "The question to Jenny" (Help them to give their hearts to God again). Also write the verse in the book and memorise it for next week.

The question to Jenny



Are you going to heaven, Jenny?
I Don't know, GRANDPA?



Do you know how to get into heaven?
You must be very good, GRANDPA!

Are you that good, Jenny?

Probably not. So then I can't go to heaven!
I am not good enough to go to heaven either.

Jenny's eyes widen, and she is astonished. How could Grandpa not be good enough, he is a minister! Who is good enough then?

If we do not get into Heaven by being good, how do we get into Heaven?
The Bible says: "all have sinned".

Because we are all sinners, we can never be good enough to go to Heaven. God loves us so much that he gave his own son, Jesus, to die for our sins. The Bible also says, "To all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave the power to become children of God." (John 1:12)

Then you are ready for Heaven,
and when God wants you to go there, you can go.

Do you want to ask Jesus to be your Saviour?
Oh, yes, GRANDPA! I want to Do it immediately!

**DEAR LORD JESUS, I believe you
have also DIED for my sins**

I am SORRY for all the BAD things I have Done.

I take you now as my SAVIOUR.

Thank you that I am now ready to live with you in Heaven.

*Maybe the big question to Jenny was also your question. You can accept the Lord Jesus as your saviour just as Jenny did. Do it now!
Rom 3:23, 1 Co 15:3-4, John 1:12*