

# **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MANUAL**

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*A disciple is not above his teacher . . . But everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his  
teacher  
Luke 6:40*

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# ***Our Vision for Children's Ministry***

***"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."***

***1 Corinthians 15:58***

Our vision for Children's Ministry at Calvary Chapel of San Bernardino is to minister to the heart of each child, in support of the home, and to instill God's word into the heart and mind of each of our youth. In so doing, we're each called to be a loving, dedicated, and self-sacrificing vessel which the Lord may use. This often calls for self-evaluation, as we must be accountable to God's word in our own lives, before we can be a Godly example in the lives of others

***"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."***

***Ephesians 4:11-12***

To be effective we need to always be available to meet the children's needs for counsel, friendship, encouragement, and coaching in their Christian walk. We must make every attempt to know our kids thoroughly. Knowing their age/grade characteristics and developmental stages is important information to the teacher in providing the appropriate lesson plan and keeping good discipline in the classroom. We should also concern ourselves with their needs at home, how their doing at school, what their parents are like . . . Saved? Unsaved? . . . etc. In short, we must make ourselves experts at knowing how to affect these young lives entrusted to our care.

Also we're tasked with providing quality care for the little ones, and a quality classroom environment to enhance their opportunity to hear God's word, as well as afford their parents the occasion to attend services in the sanctuary, unhampered by child care responsibilities. The quality of care we give must be an example of Godliness and order in the home.

***"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."***

***2 Timothy 3:15***

# **4 Requirements For Being A Teacher**

## **1. YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!**

John 3:1-21

Must have been COMMITTED Christian for at least one year.

*"I tell you the truth, no man can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."  
John 3:3*

## **2. YOU MUST HAVE A CONSISTENT WALK WITH THE LORD**

James 1:2-8 & Ephesians 4:14-16

No roller coaster lifestyle. Must have attended, ON A CONSISTENT BASIS, Calvary Chapel for at least one year to be a teacher, and six months to be a helper.

*"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching . . . "  
Ephesians 4:14*

## **3. YOU MUST BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Spirit must FIRST be filled in a person BEFORE it can be spilled out to others.

*". . . Instead, be filled with the Spirit."  
Ephesians 5:18*

## **4. YOU MUST HAVE A TRUE LOVE FOR KIDS**

The children are just as important as adults and should be treated with the same priority. Their needs, desires, disappointments and plans are as intensely felt as ours. They should be treated with love and respect. No person should fill a teachers spot simply because there is a need, but because God is calling you, and with His calling He will enable you. That means that He will shower you with a love to teach and a love for each and every child. With God's Agape love we can love them all, the lovable and the unlovable. **Love is a natural attribute when one is walking with the Lord.** 1 Corinthians 13 & Matthew 18:10-14

**(And finally)**

**You must be FAITHFUL, RESPONSIBLE and TEACHABLE!**

*"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."  
Matthew 18:10*

# ***Doctrinal Beliefs***

## **Your doctrines should agree with those taught at Calvary Chapel!**

It naturally follows that as a teacher at Calvary Chapel you should be imparting to the children the same doctrinal concepts that their parents are being taught in the sanctuary. Realistically, we know there are different viewpoints on scripture in general, but in regard to major doctrine we should be in agreement.

### **Scripture is clear on this subject . . . .**

*"Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."*

*Philippians 2:2*

*". . . . These promote controversies rather than God's work-which is by faith."*

*1 Timothy 3:4*

## **CALVARY CHAPEL'S BASIC DOCTRINAL CONVICTIONS:**

### **1. There is only one true God, who manifests himself in three persons:**

God the **Father**, God the **Son**, and God the **Holy Spirit**.

- The three witnessed in Jesus' baptism. - John 1:32-34
- Commanded to baptize in the name of the three. - Matthew 28:19
- Jesus the Son, being spoken of as God. - John 1:1 & 1:14
- The Holy Spirit, being spoken of as God. - Acts 5:3-4

### **2. The Bible is the Complete and Inspired Word of God.**

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work . . ."*

*II Timothy 3:16 & 17*

### **3. The Holy Spirit.**

You must be aware of the guidelines in Scripture concerning the work of the Holy Spirit today.

(1 Corinthians, Chapters 12, 13 & 14)

### **4. End Times.**

You must believe that God has a sovereign, ordained plan for mankind and that we are waiting for his return.

**Suggested Reading:** Great Doctrines of the Bible - By. William Evans.

# ***Policies***

## **ARRIVAL TIMES:**

Teachers **MUST BE AT CHURCH** 20 minutes prior to their class time to pray and prepare any materials for their class. Teachers **MUST BE IN THEIR CLASS ROOMS** ready to receive their early arrivals 10 minutes before service.

## **MEETINGS:**

1. We have teacher meetings at least three times per year which all teachers are required to attend.
2. These meetings are important for:
  - \* The unity of the teachers
  - \* Airing and solving problems
  - \* Keep events and curriculums organized
  - \* Encouraging & inspiring each other!

## **ABSENCES & VACATIONS:**

You must notify the Children's Ministry coordinator as soon as possible if you are unable to make it to your class due to sickness or any other reason. You will be given a list of current substitutes in which you are to call to find a replacement. None other than approved Substitutes on this list may be used for our classrooms! Once you find a replacement **CONTACT THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR** and notify him who your replacement is and which dates are affected. Faithfulness in your responsibility and communication with the coordinator are essential to furnish this fellowship with a consistent and organized CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

**NOTE: ANY AND ALL PERSONS (PARENTS, OBSERVERS, ETC.) WHO DESIRE TO REMAIN IN YOUR CLASSROOM FOR LONGER THAN NORMAL CHECK-IN TIME MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PASTOR**

Thank you for doing your part.

## **WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MINISTRY**

Should there come a time when you need to withdraw from the ministry, **please don't just disappear!** Let the children know that you need to leave, and if you feel lead, give them a simple reason why you're stepping down. We understand that personal problems and emergencies come-up, often without warning, but we do ask that you give as much notice as possible. **4 weeks** would be appreciated.

# ***Teaching Responsibilities***

## **1. BE PREPARED:**

Know your material well. Know your format in advance. (i.e. what you're doing first, second, third . . . and approximately how long each activity should take.) Have your supplies and copies made before class.

## **2. ARRIVE EARLY:**

Be in your class at least 20 minutes prior to service to prepare classroom and receive early arrivals.

## **3. LEAVE YOUR CLASSROOM CLEAN:**

Chairs pushed in, use carpet sweeper if necessary, throw away extra papers. Erase white-boards, each desks if necessary. (tip: Have the children help, they need to be taught accountability too! And they love to help the teacher!)

## **4. FIND A SUBSTITUTE:**

Contact the Children's Ministry Coordinator as soon as possible if you are unable to teach due to sickness, personal commitment, etc. He will give you a list of current substitutes to take your class. **But** it is **your responsibility** to call them and make arrangements. You need to inform your substitute what you're teaching on and then RE-CONTACT AND CONFIRM with the Children's Ministry Coordinator (otherwise, he will be *stressin'!* and it ain't a pretty sight.)

## **5. ATTEND REQUIRED TEACHER MEETINGS:**

3 to 4 times a year we have teacher meetings where we'll fellowship, share and learn from each other. It is so enlightening to learn what other teachers are doing in their classes. You will glean from them and they from you! We also introduce new materials, clear up any confusion over policies, give teaching tips and suggestions.

## **6. KNOW YOUR AGE GROUP:**

This is so important! Study your kids. Learn and know what their characteristics are. Each age group is a world unto itself, and HOW you teach a first-grader will be very different than a sixth-grader. They have entirely different comprehensive capabilities as well as emotional/spiritual maturities which will determine the **best** teaching approach!

## **7. STAY HUMBLE & TEACHABLE:**

Never allow yourself to become lulled into a false sense of self-confidence. It is not you teaching, it is the Holy Spirit. Your talents, ideas and very words are from the Lord. If they aren't, you probably won't be teaching long! Remember, we are to always give glory to the Lord. And that should be our motive in teaching, not to show how good, smart OR talented we are; not to just fill a vacant teaching spot, but to bring glory to the Name of the Lord!

# ***Duties Of A Helper***

*The duties of a Sunday School Helper, although often thought of as a "behind the lines" position is a much needed and understaffed ministry. The helper's position carries great significance in the spiritual lives of the children and is as important as the job of the teachers they support.*

Helpers should be ready and available for the following duties:

1. Responsible to be in class approximately 20 - 30 minutes ahead of class time to assist the teachers in making copies, providing coloring materials, general materials for class use, etc. Plug in a music tape and start preparing the classroom.
2. Greet the parents, they need to know who you are. Position yourself at the door of the classroom. Check in and assign seating for each student.
3. Provide classroom discipline **FOR THE CHILDREN**, shush the talkers, suppress distractions from the classroom, the teacher needs their undivided attention.
4. Help the kids out with their various craft projects, etc. Out job is to equip them. Help them with their reading. Teach them to be good listeners.
5. Monitor bathroom requests! **NOTE: NO DRINKY, NO POTTY!** Please remember why we're here. Normally a child can go for three hours on the playground without using the restroom, they can certainly handle 1 1/2 hours in a classroom.  
**BE FLEXIBLE FOR EMERGENCIES - ESPECIALLY FOR THE YOUNG ONES. MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO HAVE PARENTS TAKE CARE OF THIS NEED PRIOR TO CHECK-IN.**
6. Interface with the parents after class. It's our job to let the parents know how their children are doing in Sunday School. If there's a discipline problem, now is the time to let the parents know what to work on at home. Again, we don't do this to get back at the kids, we do it **for the kids**.

*Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."*

***Ecclesiastes 4:9-10***

# ***Characteristics of Children***

## **Nursery:**

- Only concerned with their own needs being satisfied.
- Responds to gentleness, love, holding and singing.
- At about six months the child begins to be shy and cry around strangers.
- Will put everything in their mouth.
- Explores with muscle activities (banging toys, etc.)
- Begins to establish "opinions" about God.
- Begins to understand "trust".
- Has a vocabulary - understands many words.

## **Toddlers (Walking to 2 years):**

### **Have an attention span of about 10 minutes**

- Rapid Growth produces incessant and spontaneous movement.
- Fragile in health.
- Nervous system is sensitive to over-stimulation by noise and confusion.
- Senses of taste, touch, and vision, hungry for stimulation.
- Actions and objects are much easier to understand than words.
- Have little conception of numbers, time, and space.
- Confuse the imaginary and the real.
- Enjoys new freedom of movement and wants to be free to be an individual.
- Has little sense of future, only NOW.
- Wants attention; talking, holding, friendship.
- Curious.
- Does not understand sharing. Tends to be selfish.

- Views "things" and people as equal.
- Easily distracted.
- Moves from one toy or activity to another rapidly.
- Becomes increasingly aware of his feelings and other's also.
- Tests barriers or limits.
- Language is becoming more valuable.
- Easily frightened.
- Have very little "group" feeling.
- Are completely *self*-centered.
- Are timid and dependent on adults.
- Play alone, and parallel play with others.

### **Spiritually/Emotionally**

- God is connected with the good things they want.
- God's Book is very special.
- A few words from God's Book can be repeated.
- Doing right is connected with pleasing God.
- Can think of Jesus as their best friend.

### **2 & 3 Year Olds:**

#### **Attention span of 10 - 15 minutes**

- Adventuresome, eager to do and learn.
- Wants to touch, taste, smell, watch, etc.
- Must move around.
- Enjoys quiet times of listening to stories.
- Likes to talk and feels that his talking is more important than yours.
- Great physical development advances.
- Very curious, many questions asked.
- Tendency toward emotionalism.

- Aware of who he/she is.
- Uses "no" as an expression of independence.
- Parallel play (side by side) with others.
- Just starting to share.
- Likes to help and feel needed, imitates.
- Likes to talk and be talked to.
- Grows and learns as he/she plays.
- Needs individual attention.
- Likes to play stories, act out parts.
- Needs consistent discipline.
- Needs love, understanding and security.
- Likes the familiar, repetition.
- Has limited vocabulary; likes simple stories.
- Is concrete minded, learns through 5 senses.
- Interrupts stories; can sing easy songs.
- Is sensitive to the emotions of others.

### **Spiritually/Emotionally**

- Should receive happy impressions of Children's Ministry (Sunday School).
- Is able to understand how to thank and please God.
- Thinks of God as a real and loving Person.
- Learns of God through nature and experiences in which God is mentioned naturally.
- Needs to feel that his/her teacher and especially that God loves him/her.
- When properly taught, trustfully depends on the Lord.
- Learns to give because he/she loves Jesus.
- God made everything.
- God takes care of him/her day and night.

- Jesus is God's Son and He loves him/her.
- Prays when motivated.
- The Bible is God's Word.

### **Kindergartners (4 & 5 Year Olds):**

#### **Short attention span - about 20 minutes**

- Craves physical activity.
- Imagination is at peak, talks "constantly".
- Is apt to have temper tantrums. (NOT at this church!)
- Likes to pretend about anything.
- Begins to feel "big" or "old".
- Learning how to share.
- Learning right from wrong.
- Loves to hear stories, Loves to play stories.
- Still a concrete thinker - not ready for symbolism.
- Friends are extremely important.
- Still self-centered but moving from "me" to "we" concepts.
- Is growing in ability to get along with others.
- Is growing in friendliness.
- Is more comfortable to discipline.
- Loves intensely and desires to please.
- Is easily brought to love and sympathy.
- Can memorize short verses.

#### **Spiritually/Emotionally**

- Recognition that God works through people.
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus now lives in Heaven with God.
- Jesus is our best friend, He loves us and is always with us.

- That the Bible is God's personal message to us.
- Can sincerely worship the Lord; can be led to appreciate God through His wonders in nature.
- Speaks of the Lord in a personal way.
- Understands that God loves and cares for him/her.
- Knows that willful disobedience is sin.
- Can learn the reality of the Lord's presence, concern, guidance, provision and wisdom.
- Is naturally trustful, but must be taught to trust and obey the Lord.
- May be ready to receive Christ.
- The Heavenly Father can be associated with strong, loving, earthly fathers.
- God's book tells how to please Him.
- Short memory verses to approximately 10 - 12 words.
- Learn to feel sorry when they break God's rules.

### **Primary/Junior: 1st & 2nd / 3rd & 4th Grades**

#### **Have an attention span of 30 - 40 minutes**

- Are growing unevenly, with sudden bursts of energy.
- Need to manipulate and explore objects.
- Are concrete and literal minded.
- Interested in activity.
- Expression through movement and noise is necessary.
- Dramatizes - learns from acting out parts of the story.
- Good at memorizing.
- Likes group activities.
- Asks questions because he/she wants answers.
- Loves personal attention from teacher and needs it.
- Reads simple passages from the Bible itself.

- Appreciates the Bible as a special book.
- Likes to retell Bible stories, and play them.
- Is developing power to reason.
- Thoughts are concrete - cannot comprehend abstracts.
- Has sudden bursts of energy.
- Is susceptible to colds and communicable diseases.
- Demands varied activities.
- Wants to help, but needs the "know how".
- Grows and glows under praise for right actions.
- Likes children of the same age and enjoys stories about them.
- Is sometimes rebellious; tells tall tales.
- Prefers noncompetitive group activities.
- BEGINS to appreciate geographical and historical backgrounds.

### **Spiritually/Emotionally**

- Likes Bible stories that show God's power.
- Profits by spiritually mature examples.
- Is able to realize God's love and forgiveness.
- Learns reverence by precept and example.
- Often is ready to accept Christ as Savior.
- Can learn to pray and live for Jesus.
- Can solve problems by going to the Bible.
- NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT to confess sin promptly.
- Is curious about death.
- Likes action and missionary stories.
- God is the Creator.
- God is merciful, holy; He loves us, BUT HE HATES SIN.
- I can talk to Him at any time. He hears and answers prayers.

- Although I cannot see Him, Jesus is with me all the time.
- He helps me to do the right things if I ask Him to.

### **5th & 6th Grade:**

#### **Longer attention span if material is interesting, 40 - 60 minutes**

- Reads well.
- Great curiosity.
- Has reasoning ability.
- Dislikes outward displays of affection.
- Is developing a value system.
- Slowly developing a control of emotions.
- Talkative at times.
- Competitive spirit.
- Enjoys teamwork.
- Ideals are being formed.
- This is the healthiest stage of life.
- Is growing in independence.
- Likes to attend camp and other outdoor activities.
- Enjoys sports.
- Can be encouraged to have high standards.
- Is interested in fairness.
- Likes to participate in class.
- Should be taught respect for authority.
- Has good memorizing ability; is alert and critical of own work.
- Is eager for information; active.

#### **Spiritually/Emotionally**

- Is ripe for salvation.
- Responds to teaching on growing in Christ.

- Can use Bible to find references and solutions to problems.
- Can understand doctrinal truths (as the indwelling of the Holy spirit) when taught with visual aids.
- NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT ON DAILY DEVOTIONS. (who doesn't!)
- Has lively interest in persons - can be interested in winning those in own family and neighborhood.
- Has strong faith, but raises significant questions.
- Needs further development of spiritual concepts and values.
- God is a person; He wants our fellowship.
- God has a plan for the life of each one of His children.
- Jesus is a real person; the second person of the Trinity.
- He came to earth, was born of a virgin, was the Messiah or "Promised One" of the Jewish prophets. He loves everyone, and proved His love by dying on the cross and shedding His blood so that we might be cleansed from sin. He rose from the grave, visited His disciples, and is living today in Heaven, and represents me before God the Father.
- The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.

### **Junior High - 12, 13 & 14 Year Olds:**

#### **Attention span of up to 60 minutes**

- Growing very fast and unevenly, awkward, clumsy stage.
- spurts of energy followed by fatigue.
- Engrossed in the perplexities of puberty, with girls maturing faster than boys.
- Are intellectually sharp.
- Jump to conclusions, and are immature in judgment.
- Are eager for answers to many personal problems, but often put on an indifferent front.
- Sense of humor often eases difficult situations; they love to tease.
- Crave new experiences, especially to become an adult and make their own decisions.

- Inclined to transfer loyalty from the home to an idolized hero or friends.
- Want to be assimilated as one of the gang so that their awkwardness isn't so conspicuous.

### **Spiritually/Emotionally**

- Crave emotional experiences and over-respond, from the heights to the depths.
- Are painfully sensitive, brutally frank, moody, fickle and rebellious.
- Need Christ as the One who understands when no one else does.
- Need to experience the stabilizing power of the Holy Spirit in ups and downs.

### **High School - 15, 16, & 17 Year Olds:**

#### **Attention span up to 60 minutes**

- Growing slowly now. Past the awkward stage.
- Exert great energy if interested (inspired).
- Crave normal, new experiences with the other sex.
- Are keen, inquisitive, daring, creative in working on their own ideas.
- Reason is developing, but as yet not clear or reliable.
- Often doubt, and want to test previously accepted ideas for reality and practicality.
- Quick to see humor in immediate situations.
- Assume a critical, sophisticated attitude to bolster self-confidence.
- Are inclined to rebel against the *direct* exercise of authority.
- Tend to be more individualistic, to form exclusive cliques centered around a common interest, on one social level.

### **Spiritually/Emotionally**

- Emotional upsets are deeper rooted and more lasting.
- Are interested in experimenting with all aspects of life.
- Need Christ as the great Master Builder who has the ideal plan for each life.
- Prime age for teaching with symbolism and parables.

# ***Building Relationships With Your Students***

*An important aspect of your position as a teacher is your relationship with the children. As you become familiar with the children in your class and build personal friendships with each one you will notice other benefits stem from bonding with your students . . . greater classroom control, less disciplinary problems, greater and deeper times of sharing and learning. You may also find that the children are more enthusiastic and inspired to study the word of God, and in turn, **SO ARE YOU!***

*Some suggestions as to how you can build deeper, closer relationships with your children . . .*

## **1. PRAY**

for your children during the week! Make it a point to remember your children by name and pray for something specific concerning particular children from your class. Maybe you notice one child seeming sort of down, pray for that child specifically. Maybe another child was very wound up and had trouble paying attention. PRAY FOR HIM/HER! Is he/she having trouble at home or school? Are both parents believers? However the Spirit leads, be in prayer for these little lambs that God has entrusted to your care.

## **2. LEARN THEIR NAMES!**

Make it a point to learn their names quickly, within the first couple of weeks. Take a copy of the sign-in sheet home with you and go over it. The Lord will quicken your memory! Truly, **HE DOES!**

## **3. LEARN SOMETHING NEW ABOUT EACH CHILD**

Listen to what they talk to you about or share with you. Did they lose a tooth? Do they have a cold? Ask them about it next time you see them. For the "Teacher" to remember that they were sick last week confirms your love for them.

## **4. SHARE SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF WITH THEM!**

Let the children know what's going on in your life. You got a new job, you've been feeling a little sick, your going to the beach next Monday. Just share your life with them. Don't be mysterious.

## **5. LOVE THEM!**

Show them affection! With the younger ones get down on the floor during free time and play with them. Let them hug you and crawl in your lap during worship. Every child is longing to be close to the teacher, so make yourself accessible to them. The older kids become more inhibited with open displays of affection, so your sincere and personal attention is all you can give them.

## **6. PERSONALIZE YOUR MINISTRY**

Go the extra mile and step outside the classroom. Find out the kid's birthdays and send cards or call. If a child misses class, send a "missed you" note or make a call. Randomly call a couple of students each week just to say "Hi", or remind them of some neat thing they said in class and pray together.

# ***Building Relationships With Parents***

It is a little difficult to build relationships with parents because your time with them is short. Unless a parent volunteers their time as a helper in class or makes it a point to get to know you and ask you questions, you really only see them briefly at the door. So make this time count!

*"When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord."*

*Acts 11:23*

## **1. GREET EVERY PARENT AND CHILD AT THE DOOR!**

Parents are positively effected by a cheerful show of welcome and concern by the teacher. Introduce yourself with a handshake to any new faces! Make them, and their child, feel wanted and welcomed. This will set their minds at ease while they are in the sanctuary. They need to know their child is in a safe, loving environment and being ministered to at the same time they are.

## **2. SAY GOOD-BYE TO EVERY CHILD IN FRONT OF HIS PARENTS AT PICK-UP TIME!**

Sharing some joy from the class or pass on one of their children's special qualities, characteristics or contributions they may have made to the lesson can be very encouraging for parents. It lets them know their child is not just another face to you. That they matter enough for you to take notice and interact with them. We know time is precious and we want to keep the lines flowing as people pick up their children, a few quick words at the door is enough . . . "Johnny, I sure liked the way you sang to Jesus today!" "Bye Mary, thanks for visiting us. I hope I get to see you next week!" CHILDREN LOVE THIS TOO! It reconfirms your personal interest in them and builds your relationship with them also.

## **3. INVOLVE PARENTS IN YOUR CLASS.**

Plan a special teaching to involve parents as helpers. If you feel comfortable, ask for assistance from different parents with craft projects, cutting, pasting, etc. Maybe you need help planning a class party for the completion of a teaching unit. Creation, Noah and the ark, The fruit of the Spirit, whatever! Pull them in and get them involved in what their children are learning.

# ***The Importance and Administration of Discipline***

Discipline is Important for Two Reasons; **First**, it is important for the smooth operation of any program in which children are involved. You cannot permit one child to disrupt the whole group. **Second**, children strange as it may seem, like discipline. They translate discipline (when administered correctly) as a sign of security, and it also gives them boundaries, which provide order. Several rules must be followed if your administration of discipline is to be a success. They are as follows:

**1. BE CONSISTENT:** This is perhaps the most important thing to remember when discipling. The Teacher sets classroom rules, make sure that you are consistent in enforcing those rules.

**2. SET CLEAR, REASONABLE RULES:** The greatest downfall teachers can have is that the children don't know the SET rules of behavior. Be sure that the children know the set classroom rules and the consequences if those rules are broken.

**3. ALWAYS DISCIPLINE THE ACTION AND NOT THE CHILD!:** Discipline is best applied and remembered when the child knows that you are on his side, helping him improve his behavior. To accomplish this, you must let the child know that it is the **BEHAVIOR** that is wrong and that **YOU LOVE HIM!**

**4. DISCIPLINE PRIVATELY;** compliment publicly. Don't let the discipline ever publicly embarrass the child. Always deal with the child privately. Don't make an example of him.

**5. THERE MUST BE A BALANCE BETWEEN LOVE AND DISCIPLINE:** The child must know that you love him/her, and the reason you discipline is **for his benefit**. If there is any doubt that you love him/her, discipline attempts will do nothing but alienate him/her further. **If you have to discipline a child, make a concerted effort to show love in some way to him/her later on.** Remember to have a balance.

**6. CONSIDER THE CHILD'S NEEDS!** Are they being met? Can he/she see and hear well? Is he/she physically all right? Has he/she eaten? Is he/she well rested? Is he/she being pestered by someone? Take all this into account before you act.

**7. DO NOT TAKE HIS MISBEHAVIOR PERSONALLY!** So often we think that a child is challenging our authority (truthfully, HE IS!). But its not a personal challenge. This type of a child will challenge any "Teacher". To him you are a figure of authority of which he will check his limits on. So, with this in mind, calm yourself and deal with this problem *positively!*

# ***Steps To Discipline***

This sequence of steps may be helpful to some of our new teachers. This is only a guideline to help you remember and know a plan of action to follow should you have any occurrences which require discipline. We do caution you to use your personal judgment and grace.

## **First Offense: WARNING**

A verbal warning with a reminder of the rules or rule broken.  
And warn them they may have to do a time out next time.

## **Second Offense: TIME OUT - (5 MIN.)**

Follow through. They have been made aware of the classroom rules. If they continue to disobey they know it and need to see that the rules ARE enforced. Normally Head down at their desk.

## **Third Offense: REMOVAL FROM DISTRACTIONS**

This Time-out is to get the teacher a much needed break from the source of distraction. Send child to the back of the Class. Take as long as you need to tell your story, or re-capture the class attention.

## **Fourth Offense: REMOVAL FROM CLASS**

Direct the offender to a chair outside of your class, for the remainder of the service, or the remainder of the teaching time. (At your discretion.) If this is a preschooler, send for his /her Parent! He/She needs a baby-sitter.

## **Fifth Offense: CONFERENCE WITH PARENTS/PARENT**

Give all information to your Coordinator or Children's Ministry Director for further action. Parents should **always be notified** of any misbehavior resulting in even the first Time-out, (Second offense). They need and should desire this information. Some will understand your need for order in your classroom and support and even appreciate this information, others however will not. But it is our responsibility to inform the parents of their children's misbehavior.



# **Prevention**

*(It's The Best Medicine!)*

No matter how well prepared we are, **OR** what fabulous equipment we have, **OR** what wonderful Spiritual truths the Holy Spirit has given us to teach the children. If we don't have a disciplined class, chaos will rule instead of the ministering power of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, children who have no discipline are often **HARD** to teach. If we make teaching **HARD** on ourselves, we lose our **JOY** and creativity and suffer from "**BURN OUT!**" In fact, our students become as "**BURNED OUT**" with us as we do with trying to teach them.

Truly, the best discipline is prevention The following are some preventive measures to aid you in the control of your class:

**TRAFFIC CONTROL - NO GOING OUT OR IN:** Seldom allow bathroom visits! All it takes is one child to start a "Potty Train!" This will probably be your most difficult "traffic control" situation. Just a reminder, most children above the age of 5 can hold themselves through an entire feature length movie. Yes, there will be that exception where a child really does have to go. Look for the tell tale signs; Squirming, etc. **When they DON'T notice you watching them!**

Unfortunately, some of our children have caught on to the idea that the teacher grants restroom trips to children who cross their legs, hold themselves, etc. With time you should learn which children are your regular requesters for bathroom visits, and it is with these children you need to be firm and tell them "After class"; "No now, please sit down". Bathroom requests will die down as the children come to know you are firm on this issue. Try to "put them off" and see if they don't forget. Simply tell them "later". If its **REAL**, they'll come back "later!" **REMEMBER, BE FLEXIBLE FOR EMERGENCIES! - ESPECIALLY FOR THE YOUNG ONES!**

**NO MOVING ABOUT DURING TEACHING:** Be sure the children, especially the younger ages, remain in their seat or spot on the floor during story or teaching time. No getting up for any reason! (Need a tissue, ask a question, tattle on someone.) When a child attempts to do any of these they are instructed to return to their seat and wait till teaching is done. Do not acknowledge their explanation or attempt to listen to their request. In a kind and firm manner tell them to stay or return to their seat.

**NO INTERRUPTIONS DURING TEACHING:** For the most part, we recommend you have the children hold the questions till after the story or lesson is given. Then have your question and answer period. If you allow questions and comments during the story or lesson, it will draw out the length of time you spend delivering the body of your teaching, You will lose the interest of the majority of your children because you have drug out this portion of your class time.

**KNOW YOUR MATERIAL:** That means BE PREPARED! Plan your lesson format in advance. As a matter of fact, OVER PLAN! Have TOO many things planned for your class. If you run through your lesson and activity quickly you have the confidence of knowing you have something else to do. You won't be stuck trying to come up with some time filler that bores the children and has no bearing on the lesson you've just given. Also, knowing your material WELL enables you to have the confidence in delivering the material in a dynamic and interesting way.

**CLASS PARTICIPATION:** There is a great difference between **NOT ALLOWING** questions during your teaching (avoid the raised hands, etc.) and **YOU ASKING QUESTIONS** during your teaching or story. Have your students repeat certain key words or phrases. The younger ages, (preschool to 1st and 2nd grade) love to repeat funny or odd words. They love to make sound effects that will, if placed appropriately, add to your story. Simple yes or no questions **for the upper grades**, keeps those kids on their toes and awake!

**BOREDOM:** Sometimes we have trouble in our classes simply because the children are bored. We need to be constantly examining ourselves and our classes. Are we just talking the kids to death? Sure you can keep a kid nailed to his seat, with his mouth zipped shut and when parents come to the door, your class is in rock solid order! But have you made those kids your prisoners for an hour and a half?, or are they your guests? Do you present the word of God in an exciting new way? Do you yourself get excited about what you are teaching? Do a self critique of your class each week and be prepared to make some changes (Howard H. Quote)

**HAVE ROAMING EYES:** God does! Are they interested? Whose nodding off? Passing Notes? Visiting with a neighbor? See who needs to be challenged with a question. Pull those wayward ones back into the story.

**SET DOWN RULES AND STICK TO THEM!:** Keep them simple and be sure they are known and understood by all.

**REMEMBER:** Your No. 1 goal is to minister to children. You are not a baby sitting service! Our children are important to the Lord and He wants *them* ministered to as *much* as their *parents*.

# ***Quick Solutions To Common Problems***

## **SQUABBLING:**

- DON'T become entangled in REASONING with the children involved! The younger (nursery to preschool) children are still self-oriented and UNABLE to "reason".
- Remove the cause of disagreement (toy, book, etc.)
- Give simple explanations to reinforce your instructions:

"This is a time to use indoor voices."

"What do you think Jesus would want us to do?"

## **HITTING:**

- Make it clear NO hitting is ever tolerated FOR ANY REASON!
- The children involved should apologize to each other. Should one refuse he/she is to do a time-out, or you may HELP him/her apologize by saying the words for him/her and getting him/her to agree. If this child is particularly out of sorts, he/she probably should do a time-out.

## **A PROBLEM / AGGRESSIVE CHILD:**

- With a consistently difficult child, the only solution is **MAJOR PRAYER**, and consistency. Consistently reinforce the classroom rules. React to the first infringement. While some minor problems can be overlooked (making faces, unwillingness to share) and allowed to pass, **DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR** or clearly breaking a classroom rule, cannot be overlooked!
- **Don't** engage in long explanations.
- **Don't** exhibit anger and frustration when dealing with this child.
- Point out the negative behavior and do time-out.
- If this child continues to repeat the same offenses, a word to the parents is suggested.
- **Do** establish a relationship with this child. Only with time and consistency can they conform to good behavior, let alone into Christ's image.

- **Do** pray for patience and extra love for this child and you will see, God is faithful to perform abundantly in this area of your ministry, as greatly as in any other!

#### **CRUELTY TO ANOTHER CHILD:**

*Children can be cruel to each other. Rejection by one child or a group of children can hurt deeply. If you become aware of such a situation, a particular child being excluded or having difficulty fitting in.*

- **Don't** berate or lecture the other children for their unkindness.
- **Don't** force the other children to play with the child.
- **Don't** fawn over the child, making him/her dependent on you.
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- **Do** step in and give the child some attention.
- **Do** encourage the child with praise for some good action on his part.
- Make him/her a "helper" now and then.

#### **CRYING CHILD:**

- **Don't** embarrass the child by telling him he/she shouldn't be crying!
- **Do** let him know you love him/her and care about the situation.

#### **REMEMBER . . . .**

- **BE DISCERNING,**  
too much coddling can encourage some to continue endlessly or even *increase* the volume and emotion!
- **DO** attempt to interest the child in some activity and divert his/her attention from his/her present trouble!

- **CRYING DUE TO ILLNESS:**

If the child doesn't feel well and is weepy, comfort him/her and direct the child to an out-of-the-way spot to lie down. If the illness is serious, (i.e. stomach flu) contact the hallway usher to get the parents.

#### **NOISY CLASSROOM:**

- Silent treatment, arms folded, tapping foot, etc.

- **CREATE A QUIET SIGN.**

Some teachers have as a classroom rule some known sign the teachers give which means the class is too loud and to cease all talking immediately or punishment begins . . . . This sign could be a finger on the lips or, a finger in the air, etc.

- Add on class time!

**FRIENDS TALKING:**

- Separate.
- Isolation (child sits out in hall silently for 10 minutes).
- Continued problems should be brought to the attention of the parents. If this is your intention and you inform the child, follow through!

**CLASS CLOWN:**

- If you have determined that you have a "Class Clown" you must understand that attention and laughter of his/her classmates is his/her sole motivation for his/her behavior in class. In order to achieve gratification (Laughter and disruption) he/she must be visible. First try time-outs, off by him/herself. If this does not deter your clown, try a session or two in the hall way with a helper. If you do not have a class helper, one will be made available to assist you in getting this child under control. In extreme cases, as a last resort, a brief expulsion may be necessary, but only after discussing with your Coordinator of Children's Ministry Director and the parents.

**THE BOSSY CHILD:**

- The signs of a bossy child; Usually a regular attendee or new is familiar with classroom rules but continues to talk out of turn, usually offering suggestions as to what to do. Tattles. Get out of seat. Helps with out being called upon. **This child** wants to be in charge of **your** classroom. Don't allow it! Consistent enforcement of the policies is required. Give this child an inch and they 'll keep on going.

# ***Inappropriate Actions By Children's Ministry Staff***

**1. AT NO TIME IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO EVER SPANK A CHILD!**

**Not even your own,** during class time! If **YOUR OWN** children are in your class you must discipline them in private.

**2. NEVER yell at a child.**

**3. DON'T USE SCRIPTURE AS A WHIP.** Scripture **IS** to correct, reprove, and train, (II Timothy 3:16) **BUT** it should be used to bring healing, not sadness. Your attitude in using scripture and delivery of it is the determining factor.

# ***A Word On Parents And Discipline***

***A word or two of advice concerning your relationship with the parents of a child that needs continual disciplinary action in your class. This child is in your class regularly, and regularly requires some form of discipline two or three times each week. You will need to have a **working relationship** with the parents/parent of this child. Many times these children are in single parent homes and are going through a difficult adjustment period themselves in addition to their parents. Other times it is simply a matter of little or no discipline in the home. **Regardless** of the cause for this situation you need to develop a real relationship with the parents/parent. If they are new believers or members to the church, YOU may be their only personal connection at this time. . . . So pray for wisdom and sensitivity!***

**LOVE:** Remember you are a tool that God desires to use, keep the love of Christ foremost in your thoughts and attitudes.

**ACCEPT:** This perhaps is the key to all else; the accepting of the PARENT AS THEY ARE, AND THE ACCEPTING OF THE SITUATION. As for the PURLEY UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR, offer prayer and support instead of criticism.

**RESPECT:** When parents tell of their innermost thoughts and feelings, they are showing a trust and confidence in you the teacher that suggests great watchfulness that their confidence never be betrayed.

**ADVICE:** People don't actually want to be advised, they want SUPPORT! Only offer advice if solicited from the parent.

**HONESTY:** Parents appreciate a teacher who can be dependent upon to tell things as they are, the pleasant and the unpleasant; a teacher whose word is reliable. Speak the truth in **love**.

**DON'T BE AUTHORITATIVE:** Remember that parents can do their own thinking and deciding about what is best for their child. There is never just one right way of doing or solving problems!

**UNDERSTANDING:** Will carry with it the acceptance of the way the parents are thinking, feeling and doing. No judgment or criticism.

**DO NOT CONCERN OR BLAME:** This is a mark of real maturity when you can accept parents without judging them. This is key to Communicating with the parents without resentment.

**SHOCK:** Try not to let the parents know that you are shocked at anything said. Respond to surprises with the Biblical perspectives.

**LISTEN:** Listening can be active, dynamic and vital! It speaks, more loudly than words. Remember "God gave us TWO ears, and ONE mouth!"

# ***Classroom Policies***

*(Use Guidelines)*

Each classroom user must ensure the cleanliness and overall readiness of the classroom after each use. As we have minimal janitorial services in this area, all users are responsible to maintain its cleanliness at all times. These simple guidelines will assist you in this effort.

1. Clean all clutter from desks and shelves and throw away any left over craft materials that are not reusable.

**Wash desks after messy crafts!**

Please, NO GLITTER.

2. Empty all wastebaskets.

3. Vacuum as needed.

4. Erase all chalkboards/whiteboards.

5. Rearrange all chairs and desks to their original classroom format.

6. Replace all borrowed items to their original locations.

7. If you use it **clean it up!**

8. NO STICKY-GOOEY snacks.

# ***Up-Stair Classes***

**IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD CLASSROOM USE GUIDELINES, THERE ARE A FEW ADDITIONAL REMINDERS YOU NEED TO BE INFORMED OF DUE TO THE SANCTUARY'S THIN CEILING BEING YOUR FLOOR!**

**1. KEEP CHILDREN SEATED:** Being that the ceiling over the sanctuary is thin, we ask you to keep your children seated for the majority of your class time. Any activity where the children would get out of their seats try to coincide with the adults worship time. The volume of the band is sufficient to play over your movement.

**2. RESTROOM VISITS:** IF you do happen to excuse a child to the restroom, (THIS SHOULD BE A RARE OCCURRENCE) remind the child to go down the stairs QUIETLY, or this privilege should be revoked.

**3. DISMISSAL POLICY:**

**FIRST:** MAKE SURE the service is COMPLETELY over.

DO NOT dismiss the children during closing worship or prayer.

**SECOND:** PLEASE, dismiss your children row-by-row. We want to limit the number of bodies on the stairway and eliminate any circumstances which might cause the appearance of a stampede! (or the sound of one, anyway.) Please be sensitive of parents waiting for their children, and release them first.

# ***Inductive Bible Study Method***

In the practical usage of the Inductive Bible Study Method, one must come to the text in an objective and systematic way, to discover what the text is saying. First to INDUCE or pull out the FACTS of the text, then we investigate why they stand out. The **IBS** method does not have the liberty to start with any "Premise" or "Springboard." You must come to the text without personal biases to determine, "what does the text say?" The three steps to the Inductive Bible Study method are: **(1) Observation**; **(2) Interpretation**; and **(3) Application**.

## **(1) (Observation)** What is the text saying?

- Select the context, Identify the Boundaries of the passage. Check other versions Etc.
- Read/Re-read; read approx. **5 Times**. G. Campbell Morgan would say 50 times!
- Note Observations. Record first Impressions.
- Observations in depth. (Five W.'s: Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How.)

## **(2) (Interpretation)** What does it Mean?

- Why did he Write it?
- Briefly Rewrite the passage. Remember, Interpret Scripture literally. Study in Context.
- Let Scripture interpret scripture. Use your Cross-references!!
- New Testament takes Precedence. Do not take experience as doctrine unless is taught in by Jesus, practiced by the Early Church, and Instructed in the Epistles.

## **(3) (Application)** How should I Respond?

a. Are there any:

- Examples to follow?
- Sins to forsake of?
- Commands to obey?

- Actions to take?
- Promises to believe?
- Errors to avoid

b. SO WHAT??!!

- What do I plan to do about it?
- What difference will this make my life?
- What Specific Plans can I make? Be specific--Challenge yourself to Change!
- How will I do it? Set some goals!

# Lesson Preparation

*A practice-proven method of spiritual preparation for the conscientious Sunday School teacher that will result in young lives being saved and filled with love and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Time requirements are approximately 30 minutes each day. It is recommended that your Sunday School material preparation time and your daily Bible reading time would be combined, as it would give the teacher a working knowledge for the material. It will also add fire to your lesson delivery having first hand experience with the Holy Spirit revelation in your own heart on the given passage.*

## **MONDAY**

First Step: Pray and ask direction from God. Open, Curriculum, find scripture text and close it. Open Bible and read lesson quickly. Read it again slowly. Ask God to show you the most important truths. Record your first impressions. Think about your lesson during the day.

## **TUESDAY**

Second Step: Pray. Gather information, encyclopedia's and Haley's Handbook, etc. Ask who, what, where, when, why, & how.

## **WEDNESDAY**

Third Step: Pray. Ask God to give you the same thoughts and impressions that everyone in the story had. Place yourself in their shoes. What do you see? Think? Feel? Find the relationship between characters. Develop your theme and an outline. Think about your story during the day.

## **THURSDAY**

Fourth Step: Pray. Don't study at all! Meditate! Ask God to show you creative ways to present the account to your students. Remember to feel the way they feel. Pray and be silent before God.

## **FRIDAY**

Fifth Step: Pray. Get PRACTICAL! Review your outline, and assemble your visual aids. Practice teaching your story, implementing your creative ideas. Pray and give thanks to God for this exciting Bible lesson. You may now look at your curriculum for any ideas.

## **SATURDAY**

Sixth Step: Pray, Smile, RELAX! Spend time with your family!

## **SUNDAY**

Seventh Step: REJOICE. What a Joy! You are rested and Prepared! Pray, and give glory and thanks to God!

Conclusion: This study plan keeps you prepared ahead of time, strengthens you spiritually, saves precious time, and , most importantly, equips you to be an efficient and effective minister to children.

# Session Planning

*Okay, You've already chosen your subject, topic that you're going to teach on; you've done a deep and thorough study. You're totally stoked and excited about what you're teaching and you're completely familiar with your material . . .*

*What's Next?*

**Teachers, consider these percentages when planning your class time:**

- **WE RETAIN . . . . 10% of what we read**
- **20% of what we hear**
- **30% of what we see**
- **50% of what we SEE and HEAR**
- **70% of what we SAY**
- **90% OF WHAT WE SAY AND DO!**

**QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:**

1. What are the best ways to present the subject?
2. What are some activities that the class can explore the focus the focus of the session?
3. What supplies or equipment are needed?

**NOW, GET IT ON PAPER! Write down your Lesson, the order of activities you've selected,**

**Gather and prepare any materials necessary,**

**Trouble shoot your agenda and look for problems . . . AND THEN PRAY!!!**

**THE TIME FACTOR:** Remember to keep the factor in mind when outlining your session, Estimate a time for each step or activity as this will serve as a guide in selecting the appropriate activities.

**Write out each activity you plan to do and approximate the time necessary:**

**CLASS TIME @ 75 MINUTES:**

- WELCOME KIDS ..... 10 MIN.
- WORSHIP..... 15 MIN.
- INTRO LESSON & MEM VS .... 5 MIN.
- MEM VS. GAME ..... 15 MIN

- STORY DELIVERY ..... 15 MIN.
- OBJECT LESSON ..... 10 MIN.
- CLOSE & PRAY ..... 5 MIN.

**LESSON:** Peter's Focus.

**APPLICATION:** Keep your eyes on Jesus not your circumstances.

**VS:** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Proverbs 3:5.

**STORY:** Peter walks on water

**OBJECT:** Bowl of water, rock & a sponge.

**FACILITIES!** Consider the facilities and noise factors of your activities. This will limit your choices and time periods. We do any of our noisier, games, songs, etc. during worship time when we are less of a distraction to those in the sanctuary or over-flow/late arrivals seated in the foyer.

**Sensitive Topics  
JUST A REMINDER!**

*Often times sensitive subjects come up such as . . .*

**HOLIDAYS:** Halloween, The Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, Leprecauns, etc. are all delicate subjects that aren't meant to be taught in church. These topics will come up in your classrooms!

We as teachers must teach the truth in these areas. Some topics are better left alone.

**CULTS:** Mormonism, Moonies, Jehovah's Witness,

**THE OCCULT:** Astrology, Spiritualism, etc.

ALSO: Your teaching on Communion, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Baptism, Debatable topics: Calvinism vs. Arminianism . . . Can you lose your salvation?, etc...

(If you're not clear on these)

**Please consult with the Children's Pastor**, as far in advance as possible, concerning these topics.

The Children's Pastor should always be consulted and given approval for any topics that will most likely cause

parents to ask questions of legitimate concern. He may wish to prepare and anticipate those few people who will "NEED TO

**TALK TO THE PASTOR"** if and when a delicate subject is covered!

# ***Self-Evaluation***

Evaluation is one of the most important steps in teaching. It is a positive support step and should not be considered a threatening experience. You will receive affirmation for what you are doing and sensitivity to what is happening in your class! Remember to stay flexible, "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be broken!" If you are willing to listen to God's Holy Spirit and open your self up to constructive criticism, your classes can only get better!

Some general questions to ask yourself at the conclusion are:

## **1. HOW WELL DID I ORGANIZE TO TEACH THIS CLASS SESSION?**

- DID I remember to outline (on paper or make mental notes) my class session?
- DID I make all the necessary arrangements for materials and resources?
- DID I plan my objectives?
- DID I prepare my room and teaching equipment? Have craft supplies, video machine in place, flannel pieces pulled and in order, etc.
- Was I ready to receive my class or was I busily trying to get organized?

## **2. HOW WELL DID THINGS GO?**

- What did happen? This question refers to the process.
- Did things go smoothly?
- Did the teaching activities blend or compliment each other?
- What worked well, what should be done differently?

## **3. WHAT HAPPENED FOR THE STUDENTS?**

Remember, you won't have 100% of those kids attention, 100% of the time. But what did their faces tell you? Were you connecting with them? What interested them most? Where did you lose them?

**Now, with these answers in mind, begin to pray and prepare for your next lesson . . . .**

# *Pointers For Storytelling*

## **1. KNOW YOUR MATERIAL!**

- READ THE STORY A COUPLE OF TIMES to get a feel for the material.
- READ FROM VARIOUS VERSIONS of the Bible AND OTHER SOURCES.
- LOOK FOR ANY UNFAMILIAR, DIFFICULT WORDS.
- TELL THE STORY, DON'T READ IT!

## **2. ADD DETAILS**

- GIVE TIME PERIODS or dates. Who was King, etc.
- WHERE DID THIS TAKE PLACE? What's the location, weather conditions, night time, day time etc.
- DESCRIBE THE SETTING; house, hillside, a boat on the sea, a prison cell; was it cold, damp, musty, dark. Were there rats, spiders and cockroaches?

## **3. BE ASSERTIVE!**

Be bold with your material. Show your excitement You want the kids to see how excited you are about God's word! **Don't be afraid to take chances in class and risk feeling like a fool!** Your alternative is to play it safe, keep your composure, and basically have your kids lose interest in your class, AND YOU!

## **4. STAY AGE APPROPRIATE!**

Make the lesson plan applicable to your children's lives or you'll lose them! Use vocabulary they can grasp.

## **5. INVOLVE THE CLASS**

Get the kids involved. Ask them quick yes or no questions. For the younger classes you can have them supply sound affects. Whatever, just draw them in!

## **6. USE VISUAL AIDS**

- Felt boards
- Flash-a-Cards
- Slides
- Costumes
- Objects or Props.

- Videos

**7. GIVE IT APPLICATION!!!**

**We don't want to just give them knowledge. We want them to leave church having heard an old testament story, but able to apply an aspect of that to their lives today.**

# ***Using Drama In Your Story!***

Simply put, drama is YOU. It's your body, your hands, your feet, your voice. And it makes all the difference in the world when telling a story. To most people, drama, (acting) doesn't come easy, and you may not feel comfortable with using a little drama in your teaching. It just may not be your style, and that's okay. You're still called to teach! But these tips are still good for you anyway! You'll find some suggestions that you'll feel comfortable trying in your next lesson, and who knows, maybe sometime in the future, you might find yourself using a lot of drama in your teaching.

**BE A FOOL FOR CHRIST! GO AHEAD, RISK YOUR DIGNITY!**

## **1. ACT A LITTLE**

Place emotion in your story. If a character in your story is upset **reflect that in your facial expressions and voice!** HAPPY, SAD, ANGRY, FRUSTRATED, IMPATIENT. WHATEVER, just show it!

## **2. MOVE AROUND**

Walk around. Move among your listeners. Stand in a desk for height. Be Zacchaeus up in a tree! Crawl under the desk to portray fear etc.

## **3. USE YOUR VOICE EFFECTIVELY**

It is said that people read our body language **first**, our voice **second** and our words **third!** Your voice and how you use it is your second strongest tool in **story telling so use it affectively!**

- Raise it, yell (where your story dictates it)
- Lower it; whisper. Talk softly.
- Pause for effect.. Talk slow. Talk fast.
- **Cry.**

## **4. KEEP EYE CONTACT**

Look at your listeners!

Have you got their attention? Are they responding?

Make one-on-one eye contact with as many as you can!

# ***The Sunday School Teacher's TEN-KID-MANDMENTS***

- 1. THOU SHALT PRAY REGULARLY FOR THINE CLASS SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND AND NURTURE THE CHILDREN UNDER THY CARE.***
- 2. THOU SHALT HAVE A LOVING, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH CHILD IN THINE CLASS.***
- 3. THOU SHALT PRAY FOR AND MINISTER TO THE PARENTS OF THE CHILDREN UNDER THY CARE.***
- 4. THOU SHALT CONSIDER YOUR TEACHING COMMITMENT AS A CALLING FROM THE LORD YOUR GOD!***
- 5. THOU SHALT PLAN THY LESSONS REGULARLY AND PREPARE IN ADVANCE FOR THINE CLASS.***
- 6. THOU SHALT SEEK TO CONTACT CHILDREN IN THINE CLASS DURING THY WEEK BY PHONE, NOTES OR CARDS!***
- 7. THOU SHALT ARRIVE EARLY TO CHURCH AND BE READY TO GREET EACH CHILD AS THEY ENTER THY CLASSROOM!***
- 8. THOU SHALT KEEP THINE CLASSROOM NEAT, ORGANIZED, COLORFUL AND ATTRACTIVE!***
- 9. THOU SHALT USE A VARIETY OF TEACHING METHODS AND VISUAL AIDS TO KEEP THY CHILDREN INTERESTED AND EXCITED ABOUT GOD'S WORD!***
- 10. THOU SHALT MAINTAIN A CONSISTENT WALK WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AS YOU DAILY SEEK HIS FACE IN PRAYER AND THE WORD. CONFORMING MORE AND MORE INTO HIS GLORIOUS IMAGE, AMEN!***

# ***Had A Bad Week?***

## ***Quick Suggestions for Panicked Teachers***

Had a bad week? How 'bout just a very, very, hectic week? As a teacher, this is bound to happen to you at some point in your teaching ministry. Here's the scenario . . . It's Saturday night. 9:30. You've been running all week. You can't believe its Saturday already! Needless to say, you haven't even had a chance to study. (The highest abomination a teacher can commit!)

You're starting to panic . . . **Your head is spinning.** You're tired. You can't even remember WHAT YOU'VE BEEN TEACHING ON . . . *WHADYADO NOW???*

**CALL IN SICK!!!!**  
**MERCY, NO!**

**STOP** Calm yourself and begin to **PRAY AS YOU REMEMBER YOUR COMMITMENT** . . . . Not to the kids, not to the church . . . . but to God! This is part of being a servant. It's not serving if it's at your convenience!!! Or as long as things are going well for you. Here is the test of a true servant . . . . Can you continue to serve regardless of your personal trials and life's continual curves thrown your way? We understand major crises come up and some times we must step aside from ministry in order to endure the trial or major life change. But we must point out, that sometimes **GOD WILL MINISTER TO YOU AS YOU ARE MINISTERING TO THE CHILDREN** through these difficult times.

When you begin to serve. We guarantee you one thing . . . . You're going to get attacked in some way. Satan wants to keep you from serving. He hates to see God's kingdom grow and lives being touched and changed by the Lord and His servants. Satan also knows that as a submitted servant, your life will be molded and reshaped more and more into the image of His Blessed Son, Amen. (that means SO BE IT!)

***SO HAVING FOREWARNED YOU that this WILL happen . . . GET-A-GRIP, PRAY . . . AND CONSIDER SOME QUICK SUGGESTIONS . . . .***

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## **QUICK SUGGESTIONS FOR PANICKED TEACHERS!**

**FIRST-THINGS-FIRST:** Choose a Bible story! ONE YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH.

**SECOND:** Review story and estimate time spent on delivery of message.

**THIRD:** With remaining time choose one or two activities to coincide with your story.

**FOURTH:** Remember to allow time for worship and snack (If you teach little ones).

**PRAY:** And remember This [week] too shall pass.

- Bible Bingo
- Bible Baseball
- Balloon Blast
- Who Am I?
- Tic-Tac-Bible
- Object Lessons
- Read A Novel (As A Weekly Series)
- Outdoor Games (Seasonal)
- Hold Class Outdoors (Back Grass Area Only)
- Unit Completion Party! (Creation, Life of Noah, etc.)
- Flannel Story (Let The Kids Help, Or Retell It)
- Puppets
- Video Series
- Over-head Projector
- Discussion Groups
- Crafts
- Have Kids Do A Skit Of The Story (Work On The Script With Them!)
- Flash-A-Card Story
- Flash-A-Card Memory Game (Mix Up Cards And Have Kids Guess The Right Order)
- Sword Drills (As Individuals Or Teams)
- Memory Verse Games: Start & Stop; Stepping Stones; Stand-Ups; Take Away; Echo; Memory Verse Ball; Hop Scotch

# Memory Verse Games

## **START & STOP GAME:**

Have the kids recite several times the memory verse selected. As they become familiar with it you then recite a portion of the memory verse yourself and the kids have to finish it. Do this several times and stop at shorter places so the kids end up reciting most of the verse themselves by the time you finish the game. TRY BOYS AGAINST THE GIRLS.

## **STEPPING STONES:**

Cut pieces of newspaper/or construction paper to the size of stepping stones. Make a stone for each word in the verse you are teaching. Go over the verse until the children know it pretty well. The children take turns trying to cross an imaginary brook by saying the memory verse. As a child says each word to the verse a stone is put down. If the child gets stuck or makes a mistake they "fall in" and a new child gets a chance to try.

## **STAND-UPS:**

Once your children have familiarized themselves with the days memory verse have "everybody stand up and repeat the verse who has eaten breakfast today" Or has blond hair, or has a dog for a pet, or are 6 (whatever age) years old, has lost a tooth, is wearing tennis shoes, etc.

## **ECHO:**

Kids repeat the memory verse in a variety of ways. Short it, whisper, really fast, really slow, while turning around, etc.

## **MEMORY VERSE BALL:**

Have children sit in a circle. (younger ones only) The children pass the ball from one child to the next saying one word of the verse as they pass the ball. Teachers, with the really little ones you have to help them with their word. After they've gotten the hang of it, let them toss the ball to whoever they want. Use a nerf ball, and allow older kids to stay in their desks.

## **HOP SCOTCH:**

Use masking tape to make the pattern on the floor. Write each word of the verse on a separate card and tape them into each hopscotch box. Have the class form a large circle around the hopscotch area so they can see the words as the other children jump. As the children hop in each square, the class recites the verse as they go. Then ask for any children who wish to say the verse alone as they jump, its a good idea to remind the kids to jump slowly so the class can recite the verse.

# ***Calvary Chapel Children's Bible Study Support Curriculum***

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:25	Jesus is Tempted	Matthew 4:1-11
God Makes Adam and Eve	Genesis 1:26-4:1	Jesus Turns Water Into Wine	John 2:1-12
The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2:8-17	The Cleansing of the Temple	John 2:13-22
Adam and Eve are Tempted	Genesis 3:1-4:1	Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-17	The Fishers of Men	Luke 5:1-11; 6:12-16
Enoch	Genesis 5:18-24	Through the Roof	Mark 2:1-12
Noah Builds the Ark	Genesis 5:28-6:22	Jesus Heals a Crippled Hand	Luke 6:6-11
God Sends a Great Flood	Genesis 7:1-8:19	The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
God's Covenant	Genesis 8:20-9:17	Love Your Enemies	Matthew 5:43-48
The Tower of Babel	Genesis 10:8-10; 11:1-9	The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
God Calls Abram	Genesis 11:26-12:9	Healing the Nobleman's Son	John 4:46-54
Abram and Sarai Visit Egypt	Genesis 12:10-13:1	Rejection at Nazareth	Mark 6:1-6
Lot Leaves Abram	Genesis 13:6-18	The House Built on the Rock	Matthew 7:24-29
Lot's Captivity and Rescue	Genesis 14	The Pool at Bethesda	John 5:1-15
God Makes a Promise to Abram	Genesis 15:1-17:19; 18:1-16	The Healing of the Centurion's Servant	Luke 7:1-10
Hagar and Ishmael	Genesis 16	The Son of the	Luke 7:11-17

		Widow of Nain	
Abraham Bargains With God	Genesis 18:16-33	Anointing Jesus' Feet	Luke 7:36-50
Sodom & Gomorrah	Genesis 19:1-30	Parable of the Sower	Luke 8:4-18
Isaac is Born	Genesis 21:1-8	Jesus Calms a Storm	Matthew 8:23-27
Abraham Offers Isaac	Genesis 22:1-18	Parable of Wheat & Tares	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
A Bride for Isaac	Genesis 24:1-67	Parables of the Treasure & the Pearl	Matthew 13:44-46
Jacob & Esau	Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-46; 33	The Daughter of Jairus	Luke 8:40-56
Isaac Blesses Jacob	Genesis 27:1-46	Feeding the 5,000	John 6:1-14
Jacob's Dream	Genesis 28:10-22	Jesus Walks on the Water	Mark 6:45-52
Leah & Rachel	Genesis 29:1-30	The Transfiguration	Matthew 17:1-13
The Sons of Jacob	Genesis 29:31-30:24; 35:16-26	Jesus and the Children	Mark 10:13-16
Your Name Shall Be Israel	Genesis 32:22-32	The Promise of the Holy Spirit	John 7:37-39
Joseph is Sold by His Brothers	Genesis 37:3-36	Who is the Greatest?	Matthew 18:1-5
Joseph & Potiphar	Genesis 39:1-23	The Parable of the Lost Sheep	Matthew 18:10-14
Joseph in Prison	Genesis 40:1-41:57	The Adulterous Woman	John 8:1-12
Joseph Tests His Brothers	Genesis 42:1-44:34	Jesus Heals the Blind Man	John 9:1-41
Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers	Genesis 45:1-16	The Good Shepherd	John 10:1-21
Joseph Moves to Egypt	Genesis 45:17-50:26	Jesus Raises Lazarus	John 11:1-44
The Slavery of the Israelites	Exodus 1:14;2:23-24	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
Moses is Born	Exodus 2:1-10	Jesus Visits Mary and Martha	Luke 10:38-42

The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17	The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32
The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7:14-11:10; 12:29-30	The Rich Man and Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28	Jesus Heals Ten Lepers	Luke 17:11-19
The Exodus	Exodus 12:31-51	The Pharisee and the Publican	Luke 18:9-14
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14	The Rich Young Ruler	Luke 18:18-27
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35	Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
Water From The Rock	Exodus 17:1-6	Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
The Ten Commandments	Exodus 19:20-20:17	Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus	Mark 10:46-52
The Golden Calf	Exodus 32	A Story About Investing	Luke 19:11-27
Moses Talks With God	Exodus 33:7-34:35	Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet	John 12:1-8
The Tabernacle	Exodus 36:8-40:38	The Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem	Matthew 21:1-11
The Cloud and the Fire	Number 9:15-23	Jesus Cleanses the Temple Again	Luke 19:45-48
The LORD Sends Quail	Numbers 11:4-14, 31-34	The Parable of the Two Sons	Matthew 21:28-32
The Twelve Spies	Numbers 13:1-14:9	The Parable of The Evil Vinedressers	Matthew 21:33-46
Wandering in the Wilderness	Numbers 14:11-35	The Great Commandment	Mark 12:28-34
Moses Disobeys God	Numbers 20:1-13	The Widow's Mite	Luke 21:1-4
The Bronze Serpent	Numbers 21:4-9	Sign, End of the Age & the Tribulation	Matthew 24:3-28
Balaam	Numbers 22-24	The Second Coming	Matthew 24:27-31
Moses Dies	Deuteronomy 34	The Parable of the Ten Maidens	Matthew 25:1-13

Joshua Becomes Israel's New Leader	Joshua 1	The Last Supper	Luke 22:7-20
Rahab and the Spies	Joshua 2	The Master Becomes a Servant	John 13:1-17
Crossing the Jordan River	Joshua 3-4	The Way, the Truth and the Life	John 14:1-6
The Battle of Jericho	Joshua 6:1-26	The True Vine	John 15:1-11
The Gibeonites Trick Joshua	Joshua 9	The Garden of Gethsemane	Luke 22:39-53
Joshua Dies	Judges 2:7-10	Judas Betrays Jesus	Luke 22:47-53
Deborah	Judges 4:1-23	Peter's Denial	John 18:15-18, 25-27
The Calling of Gideon	Judges 6:11-40	The Sanhedrin, Herod & Pilate	Luke 22:66-23:25
Gideon's Army of 300	Judges 7:1-25	Jesus is Crucified	Luke 23:26-49
Samson is Born	Judges 13	Jesus is Risen!	Mark 16:1-11
Samson and Delilah	Judges 16:4-21	Peter and John Visit Jesus' Tomb	John 20:1-10
Samson Pulls Down a Temple	Judges 16:22-31	The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35
Ruth Chooses to Stay with Naomi	Ruth 1:1-18	Thomas Doubts	John 20:24-29
Ruth Gleans in the Fields	Ruth 2	Jesus Helps Catch Fish	John 21:1-14
Boaz Redeems Ruth	Ruth 4:1-13	Jesus Restores Peter	John 21:15-19
Hannah	1 Samuel 1:1-19	The Ascension	Luke 24:44-53
Samuel is Born	1 Samuel 1:20-28	The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Eli & His Wicked Sons	1 Samuel 2:12-36	The Early Church	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37
Samuel is Called	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Peter and John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
The Capture & Return of the Ark	1 Samuel 4:1-7:2	Peter and John Arrested and Released	Acts 4:1-31
Saul is Made King of	1 Samuel 9:1-	Ananias and	Acts 5:1-11

Israel	12:25	Sapphira	
Jonathan's Fight & Saul's Oath	1 Samuel 14:1-46	Stephen	Acts 6:1-8:2
Saul is Rejected by God	1 Samuel 15:10-35	Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40
David is Anointed King by Samuel	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17:1-52	Peter Raises Tabitha	Acts 9:36-43
The Friendship of David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 20	Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10:1-8, 24-48
David Spares Saul's Life (Twice)	1 Samuel 23:14-24:22; 26	Peter's Vision	Acts 10:9-16
Saul and His Sons Die In Battle	1 Samuel 31	The Church in Antioch	Acts 11:19-30
David is Made King of Israel	2 Samuel 5:1-4	Peter is Released From Prison	Acts 12:1-19
The Ark is Brought to Jerusalem	2 Samuel 6:1-19	Paul's First Missionary Journey	Acts 12:25-13:52
God's Covenant With David	2 Samuel 7:1-17	The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15:1-29
David is Kind to Mephibosheth	2 Samuel 9:1-13	Timothy Joins Paul and Silas	Acts 16:1-5
David's Census, Judgment and Purchase of the Threshing Floor	2 Samuel 24:1-25	The Call to Macedonia	Acts 16:6-10
Solomon is Made King	1 Kings 1:28-53	Paul and Silas are Imprisoned	Acts 16:16-40
Solomon Asks God for Wisdom	1 Kings 3:3-14	To The Unknown God	Acts 17:16-34
The Wisdom of Solomon	1 Kings 3:16-28; 4:21-34	The Riot at Ephesus	Acts 19:11-41
Solomon Builds the Temple	1 Kings 6:1-38	Paul is Arrested in the Temple	Acts 21:26-22:29
The Dedication of the Temple	1 Kings 8:1-66	Paul is Sent to Felix	Acts 23:23-24:27
The Queen of Sheba	1 Kings 10:1-13	Paul Goes Before Agrippa	Acts 25:13-26:32
Solomon Turns from the LORD	1 Kings 11:1-13, 41-43	Voyage to Rome	Acts 27:1-12

The Kingdom is Divided	1 Kings 11:26-40; 12:1-24	Shipwreck at Malta	Acts 27:13-28:16
Jeroboam Makes Two Golden Calves	1 Kings 12:25-13:6	Paul's Ministry in Rome	Acts 28:17-31
The Ravens Bring Food To Elijah	1 Kings 17:1-7	Paul Writes About Faith	Romans 3:21-5:5
Elijah Helps a Poor Widow	1 Kings 17:8-24	There is Therefore Now No Condemnation	Romans 8:1-12
Elijah Defeats the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:17-40	Sharing the Gospel	Romans 10:1-11:36
The Still Small Voice	1 Kings 19:1-18	Be a Living Sacrifice to God	Romans 12:1-15:13
Elijah Chooses Elisha	1 Kings 19:19-21	God's Call That No Flesh Should Glory	1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Elijah is Taken to Heaven	2 Kings 2:1-11	Running the Race	1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Elisha Crosses the River	2 Kings 2:13-15	Spiritual Gifts	1 Corinthians 12:1-31; 14:1-40
Elisha Helps a Poor Widow	2 Kings 4:1-7	The Gift of Love	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Elisha and the Shunammite Woman	2 Kings 4:8-17	Our Glorious New Bodies	1 Corinthians 15:35-57
Elisha Raises a Boy from the Dead	2 Kings 4:18-36	In Christ We Are a New Creation	2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Naaman's Leprosy is Healed	2 Kings 5:1-14	The Churches of Macedonia are Giving	2 Corinthians 8:1-7
Elisha's Greedy Servant	2 Kings 5:15-37	The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:22-26
The Floating Ax Head	2 Kings 6:1-7	Sowing and Reaping	Galatians 6:6-10
A Servant Sees a Fiery Army	2 Kings 6:8-23	By Grace Through Faith	Ephesians 2:1-10
The Shunammite Woman's Land Restored	2 Kings 8:1-6	Our Chief Cornerstone	Ephesians 2:19-22
Joash Repairs the Temple	2 Kings 12:1-19	The Whole Armor of God	Ephesians 6:10-20
Hezekiah Cleanses the Temple	2 Chronicles 29:3-19	The Excellence of the Knowledge of	Philippians 3:3-11

		Christ	
Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship	2 Chronicles 29:20-36	The Christian Home	Colossians 3:18-4:6
Israel is Carried to Assyria	2 Kings 17:5-41	The Rapture & The Day of the Lord	1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
Josiah	2 Kings 22:1-2; 23:1-30	Pray for All Men	1 Timothy 2:1-7
The Book of the Law is Found	2 Kings 22:3-20	The Last Days	2 Timothy 3:1-9
Judah is Led into Captivity	2 Kings 25:1-21	Demas Forsakes Paul	2 Timothy 4:9-21
Cyrus Helps the Exiles to Return	Ezra 1:1-11	Heirs of Grace	Titus 3:1-8
Rebuilding the Altar and the Temple	Ezra 3:1-13	Paul Writes to Philemon	Philemon 1:1-25
The Opposition of Rebuilding	Ezra 4:1-24	Our Great High Priest	Hebrews 4:14-5:11
Completion, Dedication of the Temple	Ezra 6:13-22	The Just Live By Faith	Hebrews 10:26-39
The People Confess Their Sin	Ezra 10:1-17	Faith Without Works is Dead	James 2:14-26
Nehemiah's Prayer & Viewing the Wall	Nehemiah 1:1-2:20	Concerning the Fiery Trials	1 Peter 4:12-19
Rebuilding & Completion of the Wall	Nehemiah 4:1-7:3	Submit to God, Resist the Devil	1 Peter 5:5-11
Ezra Reads the Law	Nehemiah 8:1-9:5	False Prophets	2 Peter 2:1-22
Esther Becomes Queen	Esther 2:1-18	As a Thief in the Night	2 Peter 3:10-13
Mordecai and Haman 1	Esther 2:19-3:15	Walking in the Light	1 John 1:5-10
Esther Pleads for Her People	Esther 4:1-17	Let Us Love One Another	1 John 4:7-16
Haman's Anger at Mordecai	Esther 5:1-14	John Hears the Voice as of a Trumpet	Revelation 1:9-19
Mordecai is Honored	Esther 6:1-14	The Seven Churches	Revelation 1:20-3:22
Haman's Evil is Repaid	Esther 7:1-10	The Throne Room of Heaven	Revelation 4:1-11

Esther Saves Her People	Esther 8:1-17	Jesus Takes the Scroll	Revelation 5:1-14
The Jews Rejoice and Declare a Feast	Esther 9:18-32	The Seven Seals	Revelation 6:1-17; 8:1-6
Righteous Job Fears God	Job 1:1-5	The Sealed Servants	Revelation 7:1-8
Job's First Test	Job 1:6-22	Martyrs of the Great Tribulation	Revelation 7:9-17
Job's Second Test	Job 2:1-10	The Seven Trumpets	Revelation 8:7-9:21; 11:15-19
Job and His Three Friends	Job 2:11-32:1	The Two Witnesses	Revelation 11:1-14
Elihu Contradicts Job's Friends	Job 32:1-37:24	The Woman, the Child and the Dragon	Revelation 12:1-17
The LORD Speaks	Job 38:1-40:24	Jesus and the 144,000	Revelation 14:1-5
Job is Blessed	Job 42:1-17	The Seven Bowls	Revelation 15:7-16:21
Sanctified Lips	Isaiah 6:1-13	The Fall of Babylon	Revelation 18:1-24
Unto Us a Child is Born	Isaiah 9:1-7	The Marriage Supper of the Lamb	Revelation 19:6-9
Peace on Earth	Isaiah 11:1-9	Christ Defeats the Armies of the Beast	Revelation 19:11-21
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12	The Millennium	Revelation 20:1-6
New Heavens and a New Earth	Isaiah 65:17-25	The Lake of Fire	Revelation 20:7-10, 14-15
The Calling of Jeremiah	Jeremiah 1:1-12	The Great White Throne Judgment	Revelation 20:11-15
The True and Living God	Jeremiah 10:1-16	A New Heaven and A New Earth	Revelation 21:1-7
Clay in the Potter's Hand	Jeremiah 18:1-11	The New Jerusalem	Revelation 21:9-27
Jeremiah's Scroll	Jeremiah 36:1-32	The River of Life	Revelation 22:1-5
Ezekial's Call	Ezekiel 2:1-3:15	I Come Quickly	Revelation 22:6-

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God, the True Shepherd	Ezekiel 34:11-31		
A Renewed Heart	Ezekiel 36:26-27		
The Glory Returns to the Temple	Ezekiel 43:1-12		
Daniel and His Friends Obey God	Daniel 1:3-15		
Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 2:1-49		
The Fiery Furnace	Daniel 3:1-30		
Nebuchadnezzar is Humbled	Daniel 4:28-37		
The Writing on the Wall	Daniel 5:1-31		
Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6:1-22		
Jonah and the Great Fish	Jonah 1:1-2:10		
Nineveh Repents	Jonah 3:1-10		
Jonah is Humbled By God	Jonah 4:1-11		
Zacharias and Elizabeth	Luke 1:5-25		
Gabriel Visits Mary	Luke 1:26-38		
The Birth of John the Baptist	Luke 1:39-80		
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7		
Angels Appear to Shepherds	Luke 2:8-20		
Simeon and Anna	Luke 2:25-38		
The Wise Men	Matthew 2:1-12		
Escape to Egypt	Matthew 2:13-23		
The Boy Jesus Visits the Temple	Luke 2:39-52		
John the Baptist	Luke 3:1-22		
John Baptizes Jesus	Mark 1:1-11		

# ***Bible Stories By Categories***

## **Faith:**

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Enoch	Genesis 5:18-24
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God Makes A Promise to Abram	Genesis 15:1-17, 19; 18:1-16
Abraham Offers Isaac	Genesis 22:1-18
The Sons of Jacob	Genesis 29:31-30:24; 35:16-26
Joseph and Potiphar	Genesis 39:1-23
Joseph in Prison	Genesis 40:1-41:57
Jacob Moves to Egypt	Genesis 45:17-50:26
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
Water From the Rock	Exodus 17:1-6
The Cloud & the Fire	Numbers 9:15-23
Joshua - Israel's New Leader	Joshua 1
Rahab and the Spies	Joshua 2
The Battle of Jericho	Joshua 6:1-26
Ruth Stays With Naomi	Ruth 1:1-18
The Raven Brings Food to Elijah	1 Kings 17:1-7
Elijah Helps a Poor Widow	1 Kings 17:8-24
A Servant Sees a Fiery Army	2 Kings 6:8-23
The Shunammite Woman's Land Restored	2 Kings 8:1-6
Righteous Job Fears God	Job 1:1-5
The Fiery Furnace	Daniel 3:1-30
Jesus Turns Water Into Wine	John 2:1-12
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The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42

Healing the Nobleman's Son	John 4:46-54
The House Built on the Rock	Matthew 7:24-29
Healing of the Centurion's Son	Luke 7:1-10
Anointing Jesus' Feet	Luke 7:36-50
Jesus Calms a Storm	Matthew 8:23-27
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Peter and John Visit Jesus' Tomb	John 20:1-10
Thomas Doubts	John 20:19-29
Jesus Helps Catch Fish	John 21:1-14
Jesus Restores Peter	John 21:15-19
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Peter & John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
Stephen	Acts 6:1-8:2
Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10:1-8, 24-48
Paul is Arrested in the Temple	Acts 21:26-22:29
Shipwreck at Malta	Acts 27:13-28:16
Paul Writes About Faith	Romans 3:21-5:5
The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:22-26
Sowing and Reaping	Galatians 6:6-10
By Grace Through Faith	Ephesians 2:1-10
The Excellence of the Knowledge of Christ	Philippians 3:3-11
The Just Live By Faith	Hebrews 10:26-39
Faith Without Works is Dead	James 2:14-26
Concerning Fiery Trials	1 Peter 4:12-19
Submit to God, Resist the Devil	1 Peter 5:5-11
The Seven Churches	Revelation 1:20-3:22

## Fellowship:

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Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:25
God Makes Adam and Eve	Genesis 1:26-4:1

Enoch	Genesis 5:18-24
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
Moses Talks With God	Exodus 33:7-34:35
The Tabernacle	Exodus 36:8-40:38
The Friendship of David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 20
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
Love Your Enemies	Matthew 5:43-48
The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
Jesus Visits Mary and Martha	Luke 10:38-42
The Great Commandment	Mark 12:28-34
The Last Supper	Luke 22:7-20
The True Vine	John 15:1-11
The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35
The Early Church	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37
The Church in Antioch	Acts 11:19-30
The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15:1-29
Timothy Joins Paul and Silas	Acts 16:1-5
Our Glorious New Bodies	1 Corinthians 15:35-57
The Churches of Macedonia are Giving	2 Corinthians 8:1-7
The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:22-26
Our Chief Cornerstone	Ephesians 2:19-22
The Christian Home	Colossians 3:18-4:6
Pray For All Men	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Paul Writes to Philemon	Philemon 1:1-25
Faith Without Works is Dead	James 2:14-26
Walking in the Light	1 John 1:5-10
Let Us Love One Another	1 John 4:7-16
The Millennium	Revelation 20:1-6
A New Heaven and a New Earth	Revelation 21:1-7
The River of Life	Revelation 22:1-5
I Come Quickly	Revelation 22:6-17, 20-21

## Forgiveness:

Topic	Reference
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Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-46; 33
Joseph Tests His Brothers	Genesis 42:1-44:34
Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers	Genesis 45:1-16
Jacob Moves to Egypt	Genesis 45:17-50:26
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Book of The Law is Found	2 Kings 22:3-20
Cyrus Helps the Exiles to Return	Ezra 1:1-11
The People Confess Their Sins	Ezra 10:1-17
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
A Renewed Heart	Ezekiel 36:26-27
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
Anointing Jesus' Feet	Luke 7:36-50
The Adulterous Woman	John 8:1-12
The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
Jesus Helps Catch Fish	John 21:1-14
Jesus Restores Peter	John 21:15-19
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10:1-8; 24-48
Paul's First Missionary Journey	Acts 12:25-13:52
Heirs of Grace	Titus 3:3-8
Walking in the Light	1 John 1:5-10

## God's Calling:

Topic	Reference
God Calls Abram	Genesis 11:26-12:9
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
Joshua Becomes Israel's New Leader	Joshua 1
The Calling of Gideon	Judges 6:11-40
Samuel is Called	1 Samuel 3:1-20
David Anointed King	1 Samuel 15:10-30
Elijah Chooses Elisha	1 Kings 19:19-21
The Calling of Jeremiah	Jeremiah 1:1-12
Ezekiel's Call	Ezekiel 2:1-3:21

John the Baptist	Luke 3:1-22
The Fishers of Men	Luke 5:1-11; 6:12-16
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
Timothy Joins Paul and Silas	Acts 16:1-5
God's Call - That No Flesh Should Glory	1 Corinthians 1:26-30

## God's Grace:

Topic	Reference
God Makes Adam and Eve	Genesis 1:26-4:1
The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2:8-17
God Sends a Great Flood	Genesis 7:1-8:19
God's Covenant	Genesis 8:20-9:17
God Calls Abram	Genesis 11:26-12:9
Lot's Captivity and Rescue	Genesis 14
God Makes a Promise to Abram	Genesis 15:1-17:19; 18:1-16
Hagar and Ishmael	
Abraham Bargains With God	Genesis 18:16-33
Isaac is Born	Genesis 21:1-8
Isaac Blesses Jacob	Genesis 27:1-46
Jacob Moves to Egypt	Genesis 45:17-50:26
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Exodus	Exodus 12:31-51
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
The Bronze Serpent	Numbers 21:4-9
Ruth Gleans in the Fields	Ruth 2
The Shunammite Woman's Land Restored	2 Kings 8:1-16
Nineveh Repents	Jonah 3:1-10
Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
Through the Roof	Mark 2:1-12
Love Your Enemies	Matthew 5:43-48
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
Healing the Nobleman's Son	John 4:46-54
The Pool at Bethesda	John 5:1-15

Anointing Jesus' Feet	Luke 7:36-50
Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
Jesus Restores Peter	John 21:15-19
Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
Peter & Cornelius	Acts 10:1-8; 24-48
Peter's Vision	Acts 10:9-16
The Church in Antioch	Acts 11:19-30
The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15:1-29
Shipwreck at Malta	Acts 27:13-28:16
There is Therefore Now No Condemnation	Romans 8:1-12
Israel Needs the Gospel	Romans 9:1-11:36
By Grace Through Faith	Ephesians 2:1-10
Heirs of Grace	Titus 3:3-8
Jesus Takes the Scroll	Revelation 5:1-14
A New Heaven and a New Earth	Revelation 21:1-7

## God's Holiness:

Topic	Reference
Adam and Eve are Tempted	Genesis 3:1-4:1
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-17
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7:14-11:10; 12:29-30
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Ten Commandments	Exodus 19:20-20:17
Moses Talks With God	Exodus 33:7-34:35
The Tabernacle	Exodus 36:8-40:38
The Capture and Return of the Ark	1 Samuel 4:11-7:2
The Ark is Brought to Jerusalem	2 Samuel 6:1-19
Solomon Builds the Temple	1 Kings 6:1-38
Hezekiah Cleanses the Temple	2 Chronicles 29:3-19
Completion and Dedication of the Temple	Ezra 6:13-22
The LORD Speaks	Job 38:1-41:34

Sanctified Lips	Isaiah 6:1-13
The True and Living God	Jeremiah 10:1-16
The Glory Returns to the Temple	Ezekial 43:1-12
John Baptizes Jesus	Mark 1:1-11
Love Your Enemies	Matthew 5:43-48
The Transfiguration	Matthew 17:1-13
Jesus Cleanses the Temple Again	Luke 19:45-48
The Last Supper	Luke 22:7-20
Jesus is Crucified	Luke 23:26-49
Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11
The Excellence of the Knowledge of Christ	Philippians 3:3-11
Our Great High Priest	Hebrews 4:14-5:11
Walking in the Light	1 John 1:5-10
John Hears the Voice as of a Trumpet	Revelation 1:9-19
The Throne Room of Heaven	Revelation 4:1-11
Jesus Takes the Scroll	Revelation 5:1-14
Christ Defeats the Army of the Beast	Revelation 19:11-21
The Great White Throne Judgment	Revelation 20:11-15
A New Heaven and a New Earth	Revelation 21:1-7
The New Jerusalem	Revelation 21:9-27
The River of Life	Revelation 22:1-5
I Come Quickly	Revelation 22:6-17, 20-21

## God's Judgment:

Topic	Reference
Adam and Eve are Tempted	Genesis 3:1-4:1
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-17
Noah Builds the Ark	Genesis 5:28-6:22
God Sends a Great Flood	Genesis 7:1-8:19
Sodom and Gomorrah	Genesis 19:1-30
The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7:14-11:10; 12:29-30
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14

The Golden Calf	Exodus 32
The Lord Sends Quail	Numbers 11:4-14, 31-34
Wandering in the Wilderness	Numbers 14:11-35
Eli & His Wicked Sons	1 Samuel 2:12-36
The Capture and Return of the Ark	1 Samuel 4:11-7:2
David's Census, Judgment & Purchase of the Threshing Floor	2 Samuel 24:1-25
The Kingdom is Divided	1 Kings 17:5-41
Israel is Carried to Assyria	2 Kings 17:5-41
The Book of the Law is Found	2 Kings 22:3-20
Judah is Led into Captivity	2 Kings 25:1-21
Nebuchadnezzar is Humbled	Daniel 4:28-37
The Writing on the Wall	Daniel 5:1-31
The Cleansing of the Temple	John 2:13-22
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
The House Built on the Rock	Matthew 7:24-29
Parable of the Wheat and the Tares	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
The Rich Man and Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31
Parable of the Evil Vinedressers	Matthew 21:33-46
Signs, End of the Age and the Tribulation	Matthew 24:3-28
Ananias and Sapphira	
The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15:1-29
The Day of the Lord	1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
The Just Live By Faith	Hebrews 10:26-39
False Prophets	2 Peter 2:1-22
The Seven Churches	Revelation 1:20-3:22
The Seven Seals	Revelation 6:1-17; 8:1-6
The Seven Trumpets	Revelation 8:7-9:21; 11:15-19
The Seven Bowls	Revelation 15:7-16:21
The Fall of Babylon	Revelation 18:1-24
The Lake of Fire	Revelation 20:7-10, 14-15
The Great White Throne Judgment	Revelation 20:11-15

## God's Love:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reference</b>
God Makes Adam and Eve	Genesis 1:26-4:1
Enoch	Genesis 5:18-24
God's Covenant	Genesis 8:20-9:17
God Calls Abram	Genesis 11:26-12:9
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Exodus	Exodus 12:31-51
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
Moses Dies	Deuteronomy 34
The Queen of Sheba	1 Kings 10:1-13
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
God, the True Shepherd	Ezekiel 34:11-31
A Renewed Heart	Ezekiel 36:26-27
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
The Son of the Widow of Nain	Luke 7:11-17
Anointing Jesus' Feet	Luke 7:36-50
Jesus and the Children	Mark 10:13-16
The Parable of the Lost Sheep	Matthew 18:10-14
The Good Shepherd	John 10:1-21
The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32
The Last Supper	Luke 22:7-20
Jesus is Crucified	Luke 23:26-49
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
Jesus Restore Peter	John 21:15-19
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
The Early Church	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-57
Stephen	Acts 6:1-8:2
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
Spiritual Gifts	1 Corinthians 12:1-31; 14:1-40
The Gift of Love	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:22-26
Heirs of Grace	Titus 3:3-8
Let Us Love One Another	1 John 4:7-16

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb	Revelation 19:6-9
The New Heaven and a New Earth	Revelation 21:1-7
I Come Quickly	Revelation 22:6-17, 20-21

## God's Peace:

Topic	Reference
God's Covenant	Genesis 8:20-9:17
Joseph and Potiphar	Genesis 39:1-23
Joseph in Prison	Gen 40:1-41:57
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
Job's First Test	Job 1:6-22
God, the True Shepherd	Ezekiel 34:11-31
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
The Early Church	Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-57
The Church in Antioch	Acts 11:19-30
The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15:1-29
Paul and Silas are Imprisoned	Acts 16:16-40
Paul is Arrested in the Temple	Acts 21:26-22:29
Paul is Sent to Felix	Acts 23:23-24:27
Paul Goes Before Agrippa	Acts 25:13-26:32
Shipwreck at Malta	Acts 27:13-28:16
The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:22-26
The Millennium	Revelation 20:1-6
A New Heaven and a New Earth	Revelation 21:1-7
The River of Life	Revelation 22:1-5
I Come Quickly	Revelation 22:6-17, 20-21

## God's Plan:

Topic	Reference
Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:25
God Makes Adam & Eve	Genesis 1:26-4:1
Noah Builds the Ark	Genesis 5:28-6:22
God Calls Abram	Genesis 11:26-12:9

God Makes a Promise to Abram	Genesis 15:1-17:19; 18:1-16
A Bride for Isaac	Genesis 24:1-67
Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-46; 33
Isaac Blesses Jacob	Genesis 27:1-46
Jacob's Dream	Genesis 28:10-22
The Sons of Jacob	Genesis 29:31-30:24; 35:16-26
Joseph is Sold by His Brothers	Genesis 37:3-36
Jacob Moves to Egypt	Genesis 45:17-50:26
The Slavery of the Israelites	Exodus 1:1-14; 2:23-24
Moses is Born	Exodus 2:1-10
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Exodus	Exodus 12:31-51
The Ten Commandments	Exodus 19:20-20:17
Joshua - Israel's New Leader	Joshua 1
Rahab and the Spies	Joshua 2
Crossing the Jordan River	Joshua 3-4
Samson is Born	Judges 13
Boaz Redeems Ruth	Ruth 4:1-13
Samuel is Called	1 Samuel 3:1-20
David is Made King of Israel	2 Samuel 5:1-4
God's Covenant With David	2 Samuel 7:1-17
Solomon is Made King	1 Kings 1:28-53
Elijah Chooses Elisha	1 Kings 19:19-21
Cyrus Helps the Exiles to Return	Ezra 1:1-11
Esther Becomes Queen	Esther 2:1-18
Esther Pleads for Her People	Esther 4:1-17
Esther Saves Her People	Esther 8:1-17
Unto Us A Child is Born	Isaiah 9:1-7
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
God, the True Shepherd	Ezekiel 34:11-31
The Glory Returns to the Temple	Ezekiel 43:1-12
Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 2:1-49
Zacharias and Elizabeth	Luke 1:5-25
Gabriel Visits Mary	Luke 1:26-38
The Birth of John the Baptist	Luke 1:39-80

The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
Escape to Egypt	Matthew 2:13-23
John the Baptist	Luke 3:1-22
John Baptizes Jesus	Mark 1:1-11
Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
Parable of the Sower	Luke 8:4-18
Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem	Matthew 21:1-11
The Second Coming	Matthew 24:27-31
The Way, the Truth and the Life	John 14:1-6
The Garden of Gethsemane	Luke 22:39-53
The Sanhedrin, Herod & Pilate	Luke 22:66-23:25
Jesus is Crucified	Luke 23:26-49
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35
Jesus Restores Peter	John 21:15-19
The Ascension	Luke 24:44-53
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Stephen	Acts 6:1-8:2
Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10:1-8; 24-48
Peter's Vision	Acts 10:9-16
The Church in Antioch	Acts 11:19-30
Paul's First Missionary Journey	Acts 12:25-13:52
The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15:1-29
The Call to Macedonia	Acts 16:6-10
To the Unknown God	Acts 17:16-34
Voyage to Rome	Acts 27:1-12
Shipwreck at Malta	Acts 27:13-28:16
Israel Needs the Gospel	Romans 9:1-11:36
The Christian Home	Colossians 3:18-4:6
As A Thief in the Night	2 Peter 3:10-13
John Hears the Voice as of a Trumpet	Revelation 1:9-19

The Seven Churches	Revelation 1:20-3:22
Jesus Takes the Scroll	Revelation 5:1-14
The Seven Seals	Revelation 6:1-17; 8:1-6
The Woman, the Child and the Dragon	Revelation 12:1-17
Jesus and the 144,000	Revelation 14:1-5
The Seven Bowls	Revelation 15:7-16:21
The Millennium	Revelation 20:1-6
I Come Quickly	Revelation 22:6-17, 20-21

## God's Power:

Topic	Reference
Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:25
God Makes Adam and Eve	Genesis 1:26-4:1
The Tower of Babel	Genesis 10:8-10; 11:1-9
Sodom and Gomorrah	Genesis 19:1-30
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7:14-11:10; 12:29-30
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Exodus	Exodus 12:31-51
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14
Crossing the Jordan River	Joshua 3-4
The Battle of Jericho	Joshua 6:1-26
Deborah	Judges 4:1-23
Gideon's Army of 300	Judges 7:1-25
Sampson Pulls Down a Temple	Judges 16:22-31
Elijah Defeats the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 17:1-7
Elijah is Taken to Heaven	2 Kings 2:1-18
Elisha Crosses the River	2 Kings 2:13-14
Elisha Raises a Boy From the Dead	2 Kings 4:18-36
The Floating Ax Head	2 Kings 6:1-7
A Servant Sees a Fiery Army	2 Kings 6:8-23
The True and Living God	Jeremiah 10:1-16
The Fiery Furnace	Daniel 3:1-30
Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6:1-22

The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
John Baptizes Jesus	Mark 1:1-11
The Fishers of Men	Luke 5:1-11; 6:12-16
Through the Roof	Mark 2:1-12
Jesus Heals a Crippled Hand	Luke 6:6-11
Healing the Nobleman's Son	John 4:46-54
The Pool at Bethesda	John 5:1-15
The Healing of the Centurion's Servant	Luke 7:1-10
The Son of the Widow of Nain	Luke 7:11-17
Jesus Calms a Storm	Matthew 8:23-27
The Daughter of Jairus	Luke 8:40-56
Feeding the 5,000	John 6:1-14
Jesus Walks on the Water	Mark 6:45-52
Jesus Heals the Blind Man	John 9:1-41
Jesus Raises Lazarus	John 11:1-44
Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers	Luke 17:11-19
Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus	Mark 10:46-52
The Second Coming	Matthew 24:27-31
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
The Ascension	Luke 24:44-53
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Peter and John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11
Peter Raises Tabitha	Acts 9:36-43
The Church in Antioch	Acts 11;19-30
Peter is Released From Jail	Acts 12:1-19
Paul and Silas are Imprisoned	Acts 16:16-40
Shipwreck at Malta	Acts 27:13-28:16
Spiritual Gifts	1 Corinth 12:1-31; 14:1-40
As a Thief in the Night	2 Peter 3:10-13
The Seven Seals	Revelation 6:1-17; 8:1-6
The Seven Trumpets	Revelation 8:7-9:21; 11:15-19
The Two Witnesses	Revelation 11:1-14
The Seven Bowls	Revelation 15:7-16:21
The Fall of Babylon	Revelation 18:1-24

Christ Defeats the Armies of the Beast	Revelation 19:11-21
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## God's Protection:

Topic	Reference
David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17:1-52
A Servant Sees a Fiery Army	2 Kings 6:1-23
God, the True Shepherd	Ezekiel 34:11-31
The Fiery Furnace	Daniel 3:1-30
Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6:1-22
Escape to Egypt	Matthew 2:13-23
Jesus Calms a Storm	Matthew 8:23-27
The Sealed Servants	Revelation 7:1-8
The Woman, the Child and the Dragon	Revelation 12:1-17

## God's Provision:

Topic	Reference
Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:25
God Makes Adam and Eve	Genesis 1:26-4:1
The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2:8-17
Noah Builds the Ark	Genesis 5:28-6:22
God's Covenant	Genesis 8:20-9:17
God Call's Abram	Genesis 11:26-12:9
Isaac is Born	Genesis 21:1-8
Abraham Offers Isaac	Genesis 22:1-18
A Bride for Isaac	Genesis 24:1-67
Leah and Rachel	Genesis 29:1-30
Joseph Tests His Brothers	Genesis 42:1-44:34
Jacob Moves to Egypt	Genesis 45:17-50:26
Moses is Born	Exodus 2:1-10
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
The First Passover	Exodus 12:31-51
The Exodus	Exodus 12:31-51
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35

Water From the Rock	Exodus 17:1-6
The Cloud and the Fire	Numbers 9:15-23
The LORD Sends Quail	Numbers 11:4-14, 31-34
The Bronze Serpent	Numbers 21:4-9
Ruth Gleans in the Fields	Ruth 2
God's Covenant With David	2 Samuel 7:1-17
The Wisdom of Solomon	1 Kings 3:16-28; 4:21-34
Solomon Builds the Temple	1 Kings 6:1-38
The Raven Brings Food to Elijah	1 Kings 17:1-7
Elijah Helps a Poor Widow	1 Kings 17:8-24
Elisha Raises a Boy From the Dead	2 Kings 4:18-36
The Shunammite Woman's Land Restored	2 Kings 8:1-6
Esther Saves Her People	Esther 8:1-17
Job is Blessed	Job 42:1-17
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
New Heavens and a New Earth	Isaiah 65:17-25
God, the True Shepherd	Ezekiel 34:11-31
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
Feeding the 5,000	John 6:1-14
The Promise of the Holy Spirit	John 7:37-39
Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
The Widow's Mite	Luke 21:1-4
The Way, the Truth and the Life	John 14:1-6
The True Vine	John 15:1-11
Jesus is Crucified	Luke 23:26-49
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
Jesus Helps Catch Fish	John 21:1-14
Timothy Joins Paul and Silas	Acts 16:1-5
Shipwreck at Malta	Acts 27:13-28:16
Spiritual Gifts	1 Corinthians 12:1-31; 14:1-40
Our Great High Priest	Hebrews 4:14-5:11
Jesus Takes the Scroll	Revelation 5:1-14
The Sealed Servants	Revelation 7:1-8
Martyrs of the Great Tribulation	Revelation 7:9-17

## God's Rules:

Topic	Reference
God Makes Adam & Eve	Genesis 1:26-4:1
The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2:8-17
Adam & Eve are Tempted	Genesis 3:1-4:1
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-17
Sodom and Gomorrah	Genesis 19:1-30
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
The Ten Commandments	Exodus 19:20-20:17
The Tabernacle	Exodus 36:8-40:38
Samson and Delilah	Judges 16:4-21
The Ark is Brought to Jerusalem	2 Samuel 6:1-19
Solomon Turns From the Lord	1 Kings 11:1-13:41-43
The Book of the Law is Found	2 Kings 22:3-20
Ezra Reads the Law	Nehemiah 8:1-9:5
Clay in the Potter's Hand	Jeremiah 18:1-11
The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
Love Your Enemies	Matthew 5:43-48
The Great Commandment	Mark 12:28-34
Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11

## God's Voice:

Topic	Reference
Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:25
Adam and Eve are Tempted	Genesis 3:1-4:1
Noah Builds the Ark	Genesis 5:28-6:22
God Sends a Great Flood	Genesis 7:1-8:19
God Calls Abram	Genesis 11:26-12:9
Lot Leaves Abram	Genesis 13:6-18
Hagar and Ishmael	Genesis 16
Abraham Offers Isaac	Genesis 22:1-18

Jacob's Dream	Genesis 28:10-22
Your Name Shall Be Israel	Genesis 32:22-32
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7:14-11:10; 12:29-30
Moses Talks With God	Exodus 33:7-34:35
The Calling of Gideon	Judges 6:11-40
Samuel is Called	1 Samuel 3:1-20
The Still Small Voice	1 Kings 19:11-28
The LORD Speaks	Job 38:1-41:34
The Calling of Jeremiah	Jeremiah 1:1-12
The True and Living God	Jeremiah 10:1-16
John Baptizes Jesus	Mark 1:1-11
The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
Healing the Nobleman's Son	John 4:46-54
Parable of the Sower	Luke 8:4-18
Jesus Calms a Storm	Matthew 8:23-27
The Transfiguration	Matthew 17:1-13
The Good Shepherd	John 10:1-21
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
The Call to Macedonia	Acts 16:6-10
John Hears the Voice as of a Trumpet	Revelation 1:9-19

## Healing:

Topic	Reference
The Bronze Serpent	Numbers 21:4-9
Naaman's Leprosy is Healed	2 Kings 5:1-19
Through the Roof	Mark 2:1-12
Jesus Heals a Crippled Hand	Luke 6:6-11
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-12
Healing the Nobleman's Son	John 4:46-54
The Pool at Bethesda	John 5:1-15
Healing the Centurion's Servant	Luke 7:1-10
The Daughter of Jairus	Luke 8:40-56

Jesus Heals the Blind Man	John 9:1-41
Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers	Luke 17:11-19
Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus	Mark 10:46-52
Peter and John Arrested and Released	Acts 4:1-3
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22

## Hope:

Topic	Reference
God Makes a Promise to Abram	Genesis 15:1-17:19; 18:1-16
Jacob's Dream	Genesis 28:10-22
Joseph in Prison	Genesis 40:1-41:57
Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers	Genesis 45:1-16
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
Boaz Redeems Ruth	Ruth 4:1-13
God's Covenant With David	2 Samuel 7:1-17
Esther Pleads For Her People	Esther 4:1-17
Unto Us a Child is Born	Isaiah 9:1-7
Peace on Earth	Isaiah 11:1-9
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
New Heavens and a New Earth	Isaiah 65:17-25
Zacharias and Elizabeth	Luke 1:5-25
Gabriel Visits Mary	Luke 1:26-38
John the Baptist	Luke 3:1-22
The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
The Promise of the Holy Spirit	John 7:37-39
The Last Supper	Luke 22:7-20
The Garden of Gethsemane	Luke 22:39-53
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
Peter and John Visit Jesus' Tomb	John 20:1-10
The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35
Jesus Restores Peter	John 21:15-19
The Ascension	Luke 24:44-53
Paul Goes Before Agrippa	Acts 25:13-26:32

Paul's Ministry in Rome	Acts 28:17-31
Running the Race	1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Our Glorious New Bodies	1 Corinthians 15:35-57
I Come Quickly	Revelation 22:6-17, 20-21

## Humbleness:

Topic	Reference
Lot Leaves Abram	Genesis 13:6-18
Your Name Shall Be Israel	Genesis 32:22-32
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
David is Anointed King by Samuel	1 Samuel 16:1-13
David's Census, Judgment and Purchase of the Threshing Floor	2 Samuel 24:1-25
Nebuchadnezzar is Humbled	Daniel 4:28-37
Jonah is Humbled by God	Jonah 4:1-11
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
The Healing of the Centurion's Servant	Luke 7:1-10
Who is the Greatest?	Matthew 18:1-5
The Pharisee and the Publican	Luke 18:9-14
The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem	Matthew 21:1-11
The Master Becomes a Servant	John 13:1-17
The Sanhedrin, Herod & Pilate	Luke 22:66-23:25
Timothy Joins Paul & Silas	Acts 16:1-5
To the Unknown God	Acts 17:16-34
Paul Goes Before Agrippa	Acts 25:13-26:32
Shipwreck at Malta	Acts 27:13-28:16
God's Call That No Flesh Should Glory	1 Corinthians 1:26-30
The Excellence of the Knowledge of Christ	Philippians 3:3-11
Submit to God, Resist the Devil	1 Peter 5:5-11

## Idolatry:

Topic	Reference
The Ten Commandments	Exodus 19:20-20:17

The Golden Calf	Exodus 32
Jereboam Makes Two Golden Calves	1 Kings 12:25-13:6
Elijah Defeats the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:17-40
The True and Living God	Jeremiah 10:1-16
To the Unknown God	Acts 17:16-34

## Kindness:

Topic	Reference
God's Covenant	Genesis 8:20-9:17
Joseph in Prison	Genesis 40:1-41:57
Ruth Chooses to Stay With Naomi	Ruth 1:1-18
David is Kind to Mephibosheth	2 Samuel 9:1-13
Elisha and the Shunammite Woman	2 Kings 4:8-17
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
Anointing Jesus' Feet	Luke 7:36-50
The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
The Early Church	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37
Peter and John heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26

## Kingdom of Heaven:

Topic	Reference
The Tabernacle	Exodus 36:8-40:38
Sanctified Lips	Isaiah 6:1-13
New Heavens and a New Earth	Isaiah 65:17-25
Parable of Wheat and Tares	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl	Matthew 13:44-46
Our Glorious New Bodies	1 Corinthians 15:35-57
The Throne Room of Heaven	Revelation 4:1-11
A New Heaven and a New Earth	Revelation 21:1-7
The New Jerusalem	Revelation 21:9-27

## Mercy:

Topic	Reference
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God's Covenant	Genesis 8:20-9:17
Abraham Bargains With God	Genesis 18:16-33
Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers	Genesis 45:1-16
Wandering in the Wilderness	Numbers 14:11-35
Moses Dies	Deuteronomy 34
David Spares Saul's Life (Twice)	1 Samuel 23:14-24:22, 26
Solomon is Made King	1 Kings 1:28-53
The Kingdom is Divided	1 Kings 11:26-40; 12:1-24
Elisha Helps a Poor Widow	2 Kings 4:1-7
Elisha & the Shunammite Woman	2 Kings 4:8-17
The Book of the Law is Found	2 Kings 22:3-20
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
Clay in the Potter's Hand	Jeremiah 18:1-11
A Renewed Heart	Ezekiel 36:26-27
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
The Healing of the Centurion's Servant	Luke 7:1-10
The Son of the Widow of Nain	Luke 7:11-17
Anointing Jesus' Feet	Luke 7:36-50
The Adulterous Woman	John 8:1-12
Peter and John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
Our Great High Priest	Hebrews 4:14-5:11

## Miracles:

Topic	Reference
Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:25
God Makes Adam & Eve	Genesis 1:26-4:1
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
Water From the Rock	Exodus 17:1-6
The LORD Sends Quail	Numbers 11:4-14, 31-34
Crossing the Jordan River	Joshua 3-4
Elijah Helps a Poor Widow	1 Kings 17:8-24

Elisha Crosses the River	2 Kings 2:13-14
Elisha Helps a Poor Widow	2 Kings 4:1-7
Elisha Raises a Boy From the Dead	2 Kings 4:18-36
Naaman's Leprosy is Healed	2 Kings 5:1-19
The Floating Ax Head	2 Kings 6:1-7
The Fiery Furnace	Daniel 3:1-30
Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6:1-22
Jonah and the Great Fish	Jonah 1:1-2:10
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
Jesus Turns Water into Wine	John 2:1-12
Fishers of Men	Luke 5:1-11; 6:12-16
Through the Roof	Mark 2:1-12
Jesus Heals a Crippled Hand	Luke 6:6-11
Healing the Nobleman's Son	John 4:46-54
The Pool at Bethesda	John 5:1-15
The Healing of the Centurion's Servant	Luke 7:1-10
The Son of the Widow of Nain	Luke 7:11-17
Jesus Calms a Storm	Matthew 8:23-27
The Daughter of Jairus	Luke 8:40-56
Feeding the 5000	John 6:1-14
Jesus Walks on the Water	Mark 6:45-52
Jesus Heals the Blind Man	John 9:1-41
Jesus Raises Lazarus	John 11:1-44
Jesus Heals Ten Lepers	Luke 17:11-19
Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus	Mark 10:46-52
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Peter and John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
Peter Raises Tabitha	Acts 9:36-43
Peter is Released From Jail	Acts 12:1-19
Paul and Silas are Imprisoned	Acts 16:16-40

## Misrepresenting God:

Topic	Reference
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Moses Disobeys God	Numbers 20:1-13
Balaam	Numbers 22-24
Elisha's Greedy Servant	2 Kings 5:20-27
Job and His Three Friends	Job 3:1-31:40
Elihu Contradicts Job's Friends	Job 32:1-37:24
False Prophets	2 Peter 2:1-22

## Obedience:

Topic	Reference
God Makes Adam and Eve	Genesis 1:26-4:1
The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2:8-17
Enoch	Genesis 5:18-24
Noah Builds the Ark	Genesis 5:28-6:22
God Sends a Great Flood	Genesis 7:1-8:19
God Calls Abram	Genesis 11:26-12:9
God Makes a Promise to Abram	Genesis 15:1-17:19; 18:1-16
Abraham Offers Isaac	Genesis 22:1-18
Joseph and Potiphar	Genesis 39:1-23
Joseph in Prison	Genesis 40:1-41:57
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7:14-11:10; 12:29-30
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
Water From the Rock	Exodus 17:1-6
The Cloud and the Fire	Numbers 9:15-23
The Bronze Serpent	Numbers 21:4-9
Balaam	Numbers 22-24
Joshua Becomes Israel's New Leader	Joshua 1
The Battle of Jericho	Joshua 6:1-26
Joshua Dies	Judges 2:7-10
Gideon's Army of 300	Judges 7:1-25
Saul is Rejected by God	1 Samuel 15:10-30
Elijah Helps a Poor Widow	1 Kings 17:8-24
Elijah Chooses Elisha	1 Kings 19:19-21

Naaman's Leprosy is Healed	2 Kings 5:1-19
Josiah	2 Kings 22:1-2; 23:1-30
Righteous Job Fears God	Job 1:1-5
Clay in the Potter's Hand	Jeremiah 18:1-11
Daniel and His Friends Obey God	Daniel 1:3-15
The Boy Jesus Visits the Temple	Luke 2:39-52
John Baptizes Jesus	Mark 1:1-11
Jesus Turns Water into Wine	John 2:1-12
The Fishers of Men	Luke 5:1-11; 6:12-16
Jesus Heals a Crippled Hand	Luke 6:6-11
The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
Healing the Nobleman's Son	John 4:46-54
The Pool at Bethesda	John 5:1-15
Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
A Story About Investing	Luke 19:11-27
The Parable of the Two Sons	Matthew 21:28-32
The Parable of the Two Maidens	Matthew 25:1-13
The True Vine	John 15:1-11
The Garden of Gethsemane	Luke 22:39-53
Jesus Helps Catch Fish	John 21:1-14
Jesus Restores Peter	John 21:15-19
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10:1-8, 24-48
Peter is Released From Jail	Acts 12:1-19
The Call to Macedonia	Acts 16:6-10
Be a Living Sacrifice to God	Romans 12:1-15:13
Running the Race	1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Paul Writes to Philemon	Philemon 1:1-25
Faith Without Works is Dead	James 2:14-26
Submit to God, Resist the Devil	1 Peter 2:14-26
The Seven Churches	Revelation 1:20-3:22

## **Persecution:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-17
Joseph is Sold by His Brothers	Genesis 37:3-36
Joseph and Potiphar	Genesis 39:1-23
Slavery of the Israelites	Exodus 1:1-14; 2:23-24
David Spares Saul's Life (Twice)	1 Samuel 23:14-24:22, 26
The Opposition of Rebuilding	Ezra 4:1-24
Mordecai & Hamon	Esther 2:19-3:15
Job and His Three Friends	Job 3:1-31:40
Elihu Contradicts Job's Friends	Job 32:1-37:24
Rejection at Nazareth	Mark 6:1-6
The Sanhedrin, Herod & Pilate	Luke 22:66-23:25
Peter and John Arrested & Released	Acts 4:1-31
Stephen	Acts 6:1-8:2
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
Peter is Released From Jail	Acts 12:1-19
Paul and Silas are Imprisoned	Acts 16:16-40
The Riot at Ephesus	Acts 19:11-41
Paul is Arrested in the Temple	Acts 21:26-22:29
Paul's Ministry in Rome	Acts 28:17-31
Concerning Fiery Trials	1 Peter 4:12-19
The Seven Churches	Revelation 1:20-3:22
Martyrs of the Great Tribulation	Revelation 7:9-17
The Two Witnesses	Revelation 11:1-14

## **Praise:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reference</b>
A Bride for Isaac	Genesis 24:1-67
The Ark is Brought to Jerusalem	2 Samuel 6:1-19
The Dedication of the Temple	1 Kings 8:1-66
Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship	2 Chronicles 29:20-30:27
A New Heaven and a New Earth	Isaiah 65:17-25
The Birth of John the Baptist	Luke 1:39-80
Angels Appear to Shepherds	Luke 2:8-20

The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem	Matthew 21:1-11
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
The Early Church	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37
Peter and John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
Peter and John are Arrested	Acts 4:1-31
The Throne Room of Heaven	Revelation 4:1-11
Jesus Takes the Scroll	Revelation 5:1-14

## Prayer:

Topic	Reference
A Bride for Isaac	Genesis 24:1-67
The Sons of Jacob	Genesis 29:31-30:24; 35:16-26
Your Name Shall be Israel	Genesis 32:22-32
Slavery of the Israelites	Exodus 1:1-14; 2:23-24
The Gibeonites Trick Joshua	Joshua 9
Hannah	1 Samuel 1:1-19
David's Census, Judgment & Purchase of the Threshing Floor	2 Samuel 24:1-25
Solomon Asks God for Wisdom	1 Kings 3:3-14
The Dedication of the Temple	1 Kings 8:1-66
Elijah Defeats the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:17-40
The Still Small Voice	1 Kings 19:11-18
Elisha Crosses the River	2 Kings 2:13-14
Nehemiah's Prayer & Viewing the Wall	Nehemiah 1:1-2:20
Esther Pleads for Her People	Esther 4:1-17
Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6:1-22
Jesus is Tempted	Matthew 4:1-11
The Garden of Gethsemane	Luke 22:39-53
The Early Church	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37
Peter and John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
Peter and John Arrested & Released	Acts 4:1-31
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
Peter Raises Tabitha	Acts 9:36-43

Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10:1-8, 24-48
Peter is Released From Jail	Acts 12:1-19
The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15:1-29
Paul and Silas are Imprisoned	Acts 16:16-40
Pray For All Men	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Paul Writes to Philemon	Philemon 1:1-25

## Prophecy:

Topic	Reference
God Calls Abram	Genesis 11:26-12:9
Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers	Genesis 45:1-16
Jacob Moves to Egypt	Genesis 45:17-50:26
Slavery of the Israelites	Exodus 1:1-14; 2:23-24
Moses is Born	Exodus 2:1-10
The Burning Bush	
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Tabernacle	Exodus 36:8-40:38
The Bronze Serpent	Numbers 21:4-9
Boaz Redeems Ruth	Ruth 4:1-13
God's Covenant With David	2 Samuel 7:1-17
Cyrus Helps the Exiles to Return	Ezra 1:1-11
Unto Us A Child is Born	Isaiah 9:1-7
Peace on Earth	Isaiah 11:1-9
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
New Heavens and A New Earth	Isaiah 65:17-25
Clay in the Potter's Hand	Jeremiah 18:1-11
God, the True Shepherd	Ezekiel 34:11-31
The Glory Returns to the Temple	Ezekiel 43:1-12
Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 2:1-49
Zacharias and Elizabeth	Luke 1:5-25
Gabriel Visits Mary	Luke 1:26-38
The Birth of John the Baptist	Luke 1:39-80
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
Simeon and Anna	Luke 2:25-38

John the Baptist	Luke 3:1-22
John Baptizes Jesus	Mark 1:1-11
Cleansing of the Temple	John 2:13-22
Rejection at Nazareth	Mark 6:1-6
Parable of the Sower	Luke 8:4-18
Parable of the Wheat & the Tares	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
The Promise of the Holy Spirit	John 7:37-39
The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem	Matthew 21:1-11
The Parable of the Evil Vinedressers	Matthew 21:33-46
Signs, End of the Age & the Tribulation	Matthew 24:3-28
The Second Coming	Matthew 24:27-31
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
The Ascension	Luke 24:44-53
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Stephen	Acts 6:1-8:2
Peter's Vision	Acts 10:9-16
The Church in Antioch	Acts 11:19-30
Paul's First Missionary Journey	Acts 12:25-13:52
The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15:1-29
The Call to Macedonia	Acts 16:6-10
Our Glorious New Bodies	1 Corinthians 15:35-57
The Day of the Lord	1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
The Last Days	2 Timothy 3:1-9
As a Thief in the Night	2 Peter 3:10-13
John Hears the Voice as of a Trumpet	Revelation 1:9-19
The Seven Churches	Revelation 1:20-3:22
Jesus Takes the Scroll	Revelation 5:1-14
The Seven Seals	Revelation 6:1-17; 8:1-6
The Sealed Servants	Revelation 7:1-8
Martyrs of the Great Tribulation	Revelation 7:9-17
The Seven Trumpets	Revelation 8:7-9:21; 11:15-19
The Two Witnesses	Revelation 11:1-14
The Woman, the Child & the Dragon	Revelation 12:1-17
Jesus and the 144,000	Revelation 14:1-5
The Seven Bowls	Revelation 15:7-16:21

The Fall of Babylon	Revelation 18:1-24
The Marriage Supper of the Lamb	Revelation 19:6-9
Christ Defeats the Armies of the Beast	Revelation 19:11-21
The Millennium	Revelation 20:1-6
The Lake of Fire	Revelation 20:7-10, 14-15
The Great White Throne Judgment	Revelation 20:11-15
A New Heaven and a New Earth	Revelation 21:1-7
The New Jerusalem	Revelation 21:9-27
The River of Life	Revelation 22:1-5
I Come Quickly	Revelation 22:6-17, 20-21

## Rebellion:

Topic	Reference
Adam and Eve are Tempted	Genesis 3:1-4:1
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-17
Noah Builds the Ark	Genesis 5:28-6:22
The Tower of Babel	Genesis 10:8-10; 11:1-9
Sodom and Gomorrah	Genesis 19:1-30
Your Name Shall Be Israel	Genesis 32:22-32
Joseph is Sold By His Brothers	Genesis 37:3-36
The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7:14-11:10; 12:29-30
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
The Golden Calf	Exodus 32
Wandering in the Wilderness	Numbers 14:11-35
Eli & His Wicked Sons	1 Samuel 2:12-36
Saul is Made King of Israel	1 Samuel 10:1-12:25
Solomon Turns From the LORD	1 Kings 11:1-13, 41-43
The Kingdom is Divided	1 Kings 11:26-40; 12:1-24
Jeroboam Makes Two Golden Calves	1 Kings 12:25-13:6
Israel is Carried to Assyria	2 Kings 17:5-41
Judah is Led into Captivity	2 Kings 25:1-21
Jonah and the Great Fish	Jonah 1:1-2:10
Jonah is Humbled by God	Jonah 4:1-11

Rejection at Nazareth	Mark 6:1-6
The Parable of the Two Sons	Matthew 21:28-32
The Parable of the Evil Vinedressers	Matthew 21:33-46
Judas Betrays Jesus	Luke 22:47-53
The Riot at Ephesus	Acts 19:11-41
Paul is Arrested in the Temple	Acts 21:26-22:29
The Last Days	2 Timothy 3:1-9
The Fall of Babylon	Revelation 18:1-24
The Lake of Fire	Revelation 20:7-10, 14-15

## Redemption:

Topic	Reference
Adam and Eve are Tempted	Genesis 3:1-4:1
Boaz Redeems Ruth	Ruth 4:1-13
The Shunammite Woman's Land is Restored	2 Kings 8:1-6
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
Jesus is Crucified	Luke 23:26-49
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
Jesus Takes the Scroll	Revelation 5:1-14

## Repentance:

Topic	Reference
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
David's Census, Judgment & Purchase of the Threshing Floor	2 Samuel 24:1-25
The Floating Ax Head	2 Kings 6:1-7
Hezekiah Cleanses the Temple	2 Chronicles 29:3-19
Josiah	2 Kings 22:1-2; 23:1-30
The Book of the Law is Found	2 Kings 22:3-20
The People Confess Their Sins	Ezra 10:1-17
Nebuchadnezzar is Humbled	Daniel 4:28-37
Nineveh Repents	Jonah 3:1-10

Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32
Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
Jesus Restores Peter	John 21:15-19
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Peter and John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
Peter and John Arrested and Released	Acts 4:1-31
Stephen	Acts 6:1-8:2
Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
The Seven Churches	Revelation 1:20-3:22

## Rest:

Topic	Reference
Joshua Dies	Judges 2:7-10
The Ark is Brought to Jerusalem	2 Samuel 6:1-19
Peace on Earth	Isaiah 11:1-9
New Heavens and a New Earth	Isaiah 65:17-25
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35
Paul and Silas are Imprisoned	Acts 16:16-40
The Millennium	Revelation 20:1-6
A New Heaven and a New Earth	Revelation 21:1-7
The River of Life	Revelation 22:1-5

## Sacrifice:

Topic	Reference
Abraham Offers Isaac	Genesis 22:1-18
Slavery of the Israelites	Exodus 1:1-14; 2:23-24
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Tabernacle	Exodus 36:8-40:38

Samuel is Born	1 Samuel 1:20-28
David's Census, Judgment and Purchase of the Threshing Floor	2 Samuel 24:1-25
Elijah Helps a Poor Widow	1 Kings 17:8-24
Jehoash Repairs the Temple	2 Kings 12:1-19
Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship	2 Chronicles 29:20-30:27
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
Love Your Enemies	Matthew 5:43-48
The Good Shepherd	John 10:1-21
The Widow's Mite	Luke 21:1-4
The Last Supper	Luke 22:7-20
Jesus is Crucified	Luke 23:26-49
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Stephen	Acts 6:1-8:2
Be a Living Sacrifice to God	Romans 12:1-15:13
The Churches of Macedonia are Giving	2 Corinthians 8:1-7

## Salvation:

Topic	Reference
God Sends a Great Flood	Genesis 7:1-8:19
Jacob's Dream	Genesis 28:10-22
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Exodus	Exodus 12:31-51
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14
Esther Saves Her People	Esther 8:1-17
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-7
Angels Appear to Shepherds	Luke 2:8-20
Simeon and Anna	Luke 2:25-38
Jesus and Nicodemus	John 3:1-21
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
Healing the Nobleman's Son	John 4:46-54
Anointing Jesus' Feet	Luke 7:36-50

Parable of the Lost Sheep	Matthew 18:10-14
The Good Shepherd	John 10:1-21
Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
The Way, the Truth, and the Life	John 14:1-6
Jesus is Crucified	Luke 23:26-49
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
Peter and John Visit Jesus' Tomb	John 20:1-10
The Ascension	Luke 24:44-53
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Peter and John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
Peter and John Arrested and Released	Acts 4:1-31
Stephen	Acts 6:1-8:2
Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40
Saul is Converted	Acts 8:1-4; 9:1-22
Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10:1-8, 24-48
Paul's First Missionary Journey	Acts 12:25-13:52
The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15:1-29
Paul's Ministry in Rome	Acts 28:17-31
There is Therefore Now No Condemnation	Romans 8:1-12
Israel Need the Gospel	Romans 9:1-11:36
By Grace Through Faith	Ephesians 2:1-10
Heirs of Grace	Titus 3:3-8
Jesus Takes the Scroll	Revelation 5:1-14
Martyrs of the Great Tribulation	Revelation 7:9-17
The Marriage Supper of the Lamb	Revelation 19:6-9
I Come Quickly	Revelation 22:6-17, 20-21

## **Sin . . . Avoiding:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Joseph and Potiphar	Genesis 39:1-23
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
Jesus is Tempted	Matthew 4:1-11

## **Sin . . . Christ Frees Us From:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reference</b>
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
Christ's Sacrifice is Foretold	Isaiah 53:2-12
The Cleansing of the Temple	John 2:13-22
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
The House Built on the Rock	Matthew 7:24-29
The Pool at Bethesda	John 5:1-15
Parable of the Sower	Luke 8:4-18
The Adulterous Woman	John 8:1-12
Jesus Cleanses the Temple Again	Luke 19:45-48
Jesus is Crucified	Luke 23:26-49
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
Peter and John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
There is Therefore Now No Condemnation	Romans 8:1-12
Our Great High Priest	Hebrews 4:14-5:11
Walking in the Light	1 John 1:5-10

## **Sin . . . Playing With:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Adam and Eve are Tempted	Genesis 3:1-4:1
Lot Leaves Abram	Genesis 13:6-18
Solomon Turns From the LORD	1 Kings 11:1-13, 41-43
Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11
Sowing and Reaping	Galatians 6:6-10

## **Sin . . . The Destruction Of:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Adam and Eve are Tempted	Genesis 3:1-4:1
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-17
Noah Builds the Ark	Genesis 5:28-6:22
God Sends a Great Flood	Genesis 7:1-8:19
Leah and Rachel	Genesis 29:1-30
The Sons of Jacob	Genesis 29:31-30:24; 35:16-26
Joseph is Sold by His Brothers	Genesis 37:3-36

The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7:14-11:10; 12:29-30
The Golden Calf	Exodus 32
Elijah Defeats the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:17-40
Israel is Carried to Assyria	2 Kings 17:5-41
Judah is Lead into Captivity	2 Kings 25:1-21
Hamon's Evil is Repaid	Esther 7:1-10
The Writing on the Wall	Daniel 5:1-31
Parable of Wheat and Tares	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11
False Prophets	2 Peter 2:1-22
The Fall of Babylon	Revelation 18:1-24
Christ Defeats the Armies of the Beast	Revelation 19:11-21
The Lake of Fire	Revelation 20:7-10, 14-15

## Sin . . . The Leaven Of:

Topic	Reference
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-17
The Tower of Babel	Genesis 10:8-10; 11:1-9
Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-46; 33
Jacob Moves to Egypt	Genesis 45:17-50:26
The Golden Calf	Exodus 32
Josiah	2 Kings 22:1-2; 23:1-30
Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11
The Riot at Ephesus	Acts 19:11-41
The Last Days	2 Timothy 3:1-9
The Seven Churches	Revelation 1:20-3:22

## Sin . . . The Ensnarement:

Topic	Reference
Adam and Eve are Tempted	Genesis 3:1-4:1
Adam and Sari Visit Egypt	Genesis 12:10-13:1
Lot Leaves Abram	Genesis 13:6-18
Lot's Captivity and Rescue	Genesis 14
Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-46; 33

Jacob Moves to Egypt	Genesis 45:17-50:26
The Gibeonites Trick Joshua	Joshua 9
Samson and Delilah	Judges 16:4-21
Solomon Turns From the LORD	1 Kings 11:1-13, 41-43
Parable of the Sower	Luke 8:4-18
The Rich Young Ruler	Luke 18:18-27
Peter's Denial	John 18:15-18, 25-27
Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11
Demas Forsakes Paul	2 Timothy 4:9-21
False Prophets	2 Peter 2:1-22
The Seven Churches	Revelation 1:20-3:22
The Fall of Babylon	Revelation 18:1-24

## Sin . . . Will Find You Out:

Topic	Reference
Cain and Abel	Genesis 4:1-17
Abram and Sari Visit Egypt	Genesis 12:10-13:1
Sodom and Gomorrah	Genesis 19:1-30
Saul is Rejected by God	1 Samuel 15:10-30
Elisha's Greedy Servant	2 Kings 5:20-27
Hamon's Evil is Repaid	Esther 7:1-10
Nebuchadnezzar is Humbled	Daniel 4:28-37
Jonah and the Great Fish	Jonah 1:1-2:10
Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11

## Spiritual Warfare:

Topic	Reference
Adam and Eve are Tempted	Genesis 1:26-4:1
Elijah Defeats the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:17-40
A Servant Sees a Fiery Army	2 Kings 6:1-23
The Opposition of Rebuilding	Ezra 4:1-24
Rebuilding and Completion of the Wall	Nehemiah 4:1-7:3
Job and His Three Friends	Job 3:1-31:40
Peter's Denial	John 18:15-18, 25-27

The Whole Armor of God	Ephesians 6:10-20
Submit to God, Resist the Devil	1 Peter 5:5-11

## Trust:

Topic	Reference
God Sends a Great Flood	Genesis 7:1-8:19
God Calls Abram	Genesis 11:26-12:9
God Makes a Promise to Abram	Genesis 15:1-17:19; 18:1-16
Abraham Offers Isaac	Genesis 22:1-18
A Bride For Isaac	Genesis 24:1-67
Jacob's Dream	Genesis 28:10-22
The Sons of Jacob	Genesis 29:31-30:24; 35:16-26
Your Name Shall Be Israel	Genesis 32:22-32
Joseph and Potiphar	Genesis 39:1-23
Joseph in Prison	Genesis 40:1-41:57
Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers	Genesis 45:1-16
Slavery of the Israelites	Exodus 1:1-14; 2:23-24
Moses is Born	Exodus 2:1-10
The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Exodus	Exodus 12:31-51
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14
Bread From Heaven	Exodus 16:4-35
Water From the Rock	Exodus 17:1-6
The Twelve Spies	Numbers 13:1-14:9
Gideon's Army of 300	Judges 7:1-25
Ruth Chooses to Stay With Naomi	Ruth 1:1-18
The Friendship of David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 20
The Ravens Bring Food to Elijah	1 Kings 17:1-7
Elijah Helps a Poor Widow	1 Kings 17:8-24
A Servant Sees a Fiery Army	2 Kings 6:8-23
The Opposition of Rebuilding	Ezra 4:1-24
Job's Second Test	Job 2:1-10
The Boy Jesus Visits the Temple	Luke 2:39-52

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine	John 2:1-12
The Fishers of Men	Luke 5:1-11; 6:12-16
Love Your Enemies	Matthew 5:43-48
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35
Thomas Doubts	John 20:19-29
Jesus Helps Catch Fish	John 21:1-14
Jesus Restores Peter	John 21:15-19
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
The Jerusalem Council	Acts 15:1-29
Paul and Silas are Imprisoned	Acts 16:16-40
The Riot at Ephesus	Acts 19:11-41
Paul is Arrested in the Temple	Acts 21:26-22:29
Paul is Sent to Felix	Acts 23:23-24:27
Paul Goes Before Agrippa	Acts 25:13-26:32
Shipwreck at Malta	Acts 27:13-28:16

## Victory:

Topic	Reference
The Ten Plagues	Exodus 7:14-11:10; 12:29-30
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28
The Exodus	Exodus 12:31-51
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14
Crossing the Jordan River	Joshua 3-4
The Battle of Jericho	Joshua 6:1-26
Deborah	Judges 4:1-23
Gideon's Army of 300	Judges 7:1-25
David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17:1-52
A Servant Sees a Fiery Army	2 Kings 6:8-23
Esther Saves Her People	Esther 8:1-17
The Jews Rejoice and Declare a Feast	Esther 9:18-32
Jesus is Tempted	Matthew 4:1-11
The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42

Healing the Nobleman's Son	John 4:46-54
Jesus Raises Lazarus	John 11:1-44
Jesus is Risen	Mark 16:1-11
Peter and John Visit Jesus' Tomb	John 20:1-10
The Ascension	Luke 24:44-53
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Peter is Released From Jail	Acts 12:1-19
Paul and Silas are Imprisoned	Acts 16:16-40
The Woman, the Child and the Dragon	Revelation 12:1-17
The Marriage Supper of the Lamb	Revelation 19:6-9
Christ Defeats the Armies of the Beast	Revelation 19:11-21

## Witnessing:

Topic	Reference
Sanctified Lips	Isaiah 6:1-13
The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
Peter and John Heal a Lame Man	Acts 3:1-26
Peter and John Arrested and Released	Acts 4:1-31
Stephen	Acts 6:1-8:2
Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40
The Church in Antioch	Acts 11:19-30
Paul's First Missionary Journey	Acts 12:25-13:52
To The Unknown God	Acts 17:16-34
Paul is Arrested in the Temple	Acts 21:26-22:29
Paul is sent to Felix	Acts 23:23-24:27
Paul Goes Before Agrippa	Acts 25:13-26:32
The Two Witnesses	Revelation 11:1-14

## Worship:

Topic	Reference
Abraham Offers Isaac	Genesis 22:1-18
A Bride for Isaac	Genesis 24:1-67
Your Name Shall be Israel	Genesis 32:22-32
The First Passover	Exodus 12:1-28

The Tabernacle	Exodus 36:8-40:38
Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship	2 Chronicles 29:20-30:27
Rebuilding the Altar and Temple	Ezra 3:1-13
Ezra Reads the Law	Nehemiah 8:1-9:5
The Wise Men	Matthew 2:1-12
The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
The Son of the Widow of Nain	Luke 7:11-17
Anointing Jesus' Feet	Luke 7:36-50
Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet	John 12:1-8
The Early Church	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37
Paul and Silas are Imprisoned	Acts 16:16-40
The Throne Room of Heaven	Revelation 4:1-11
Martyrs of the Great Tribulation	Revelation 7:9-17