

# Series A- Unit 1 Lesson 1

## 4 Chapter Gospel Overview



### 4 Chapter Focus

This year we are going to use the 4 Chapter Gospel in our study of God's Word. Refer to the illustration in the following pages.

**Truth:** God has a plan for all of life.

**Response:** Participate in God's plan.

**Mark 16:15-** He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Jesus gave instructions to the disciples and us. He said to go into the world and tell people everywhere the Good News about Himself.

### CREATION



#### ***How did it all begin?***

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

### FALL



#### ***What went wrong?***

*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

*Genesis 3:6-10*

*Romans 3:23*

*Romans 6:23*

### RESCUE



#### ***Can anything be done?***

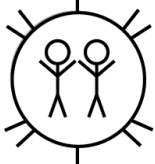
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### RESTORATION



#### ***What will the future hold?***

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*How can I join God now in His work?*

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Teacher Note Box:

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



**Object Lesson:** Make a four-piece puzzle from the page supplied with the words/graphics **Creation, Fall, Rescue, and Restoration**. Put the puzzle together and show it to the class when it is complete. Now remove a piece and show what it would be like without one piece. That is how we often look at the Bible. We pick out what we want and ignore the rest. God gave us the whole Bible and we are going to spend the year looking at how the pieces fit together.

Today we are going to look at the whole puzzle and how it fits together. The rest of the year we are going to look at each piece individually.

Next week you will learn how we got the Bible. God chose special men to write down the words in the Bible. We need to believe all the words in the Bible and obey what the Bible says. The Bible is all true. Today we are going to use our Bibles to look up the verses in our lesson. *(Have the students look up each verse and read them aloud.)*

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*



Have you ever wondered how the world and everything in it began? The Bible answers that question. God *made* a perfect world. The first piece of our puzzle is **Creation**. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." God spoke and things were created. God didn't have to use any materials to make things. He just spoke. At the end of Genesis chapter 1 verse 31 it



says, "God saw all that He had made and it was very good." Look at the picture. When God made the first man, He didn't just speak. He formed man from the dust of the ground. Then, He used a rib from the man to make a woman. There are two people and they are standing together. One of those people may be God standing with man. Everything was good. The world was the way that God wanted it to be. You will hear more about this in a few weeks. Look at the world. Look at people. Does everything look "good"? Is the world perfect like God created it? No, the world is a mess.

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What went wrong? This will be answered with the second piece of the puzzle which is **Fall**. When God made Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, He put them in the Garden of Eden. It was a beautiful garden. God gave Adam and Eve animals to care for and lots of trees with food for them to eat. He gave them one rule. God told them not to eat fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

In Genesis chapter 3 Eve was tempted by the serpent, Satan, to disobey God. Satan lied to Eve. He told Eve that she could eat fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Eve ate the fruit and shared it with Adam and he ate it. God was unhappy with their disobedience or fall. Adam and Eve fell from God's standard. It would be like taking a test. You want an A+ and your parents expect an A+. The A+ is their standard. If you only get a C-, then you fell from the standard.

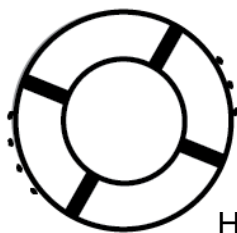
Disobedience is sin. God punished Adam and Eve. They couldn't live in the garden anymore. You will learn more about this story in a few weeks.

Look at the picture on the second piece of the puzzle. Do you see the tear that separates people from God? That tear is because of sin. God doesn't like sin. The Bible tells us that all of us sin. Let's read Romans 3:23 which says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The background of this circle is not white. It is gray. We are not perfect.

You might try to do everything right and be a good person but you still sin. Sin is anything you *think*, *say*, *do*, or *don't do* that makes God unhappy.

Remember the day you had a bad attitude, or mouthed back to Mom or disobeyed Dad or didn't do your homework, had a nasty thought or lied to the teacher... That is sin. Sin separates us from God.

Sin is really bad news. What can we do to be a friend of God again? How can we get rid of the tear that separates us from God? Keep listening!



The third piece of the puzzle is **Rescue**. Look at the picture. It is a life saving ring used for water rescues. Jesus is our rescuer. Because we sin we are separated from God. That was not God's plan. God wants to be your friend. God loves us but what can we do with our problem? Can anything be done? Yes, Jesus is the answer. How does Jesus fix this broken world? God loves us so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to pay for our sin.

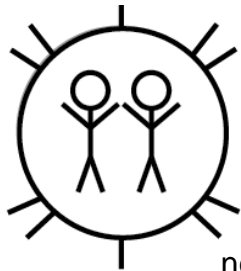
Romans 5:8 says, "but God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus didn't wait for us to take care of our sin problem because He knew we couldn't. Only Jesus could do something. Jesus died on the cross and came back to life to be our rescuer. You will hear more about this story in a few weeks.

To be rescued, you need to pray to Jesus. You admit to Jesus that you sin and you ask Him to forgive you and come live inside you.

So, that's it, right? We ask Jesus to forgive us of our sin and He rescues us and gives us hope for eternal life in heaven. Now we are ready to go to heaven, we just live

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life until God takes us, right? Well, that is not God's plan. God has a job for us to do. We are ready to look at the fourth piece of the puzzle.



How can I join God now in His work? The fourth piece of the puzzle is **Restoration**. When something is restored, it is taken back to its original beauty. Pretend you have an old table that has lots of scratches, chipped paint and wobbly legs. You decide to restore it. You buy sandpaper, and sand away the loose paint and then you fill in the scratches with putty. You use a screwdriver to tighten the legs. Then you buy paint and carefully repaint the table. The table looks new. It has been restored.

Look at the picture for restoration. You see two people standing side by side. This matches the first picture you saw in the Creation chapter of two people together. The difference is that this picture has lines radiating outside the circle. You are restored.

If you have not asked Jesus to forgive you of sin, you need to do that now. Then you will be restored. Once we have asked Jesus to rescue us, we are ready to join God in His work. You may ask, "how can I join God now in His work?" Let's look at Mark 16:15. He (Jesus) said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." You now have a job. You need to go tell others how Jesus can rescue them from sin and make them a new person. You will hear several stories this year where one person tells another person how to have Jesus as their rescuer. Think about your friends at school, many of them have never been rescued by Jesus. You can be the one who tells them about Jesus. The students in your school may be the "world" mentioned in Mark 16:15 which says, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." That is our lesson verse. We have a responsibility to share Jesus with the world.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



Your year in the Bible Adventure is just getting started. You have heard about the **4 Chapter Gospel**. The 4<sup>th</sup> chapter is RESTORATION. Our verse for today fits with that chapter. Mark 16:15 "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." This week I want you to go into your school and invite someone to join you in Bible Adventure next week. There are many people who need to hear about Jesus.

Keep your eyes and ears open and try to spot these parts to God's big picture. Every lesson will highlight one of these chapters.

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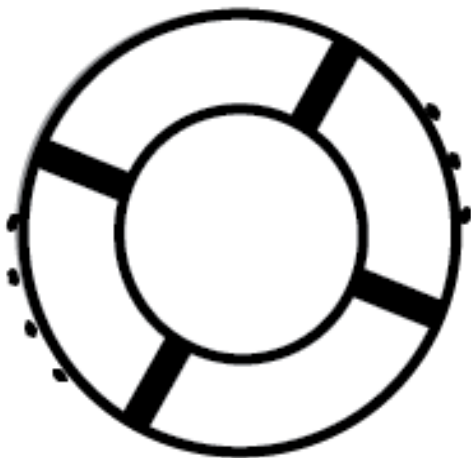
CREATION



FALL



RESCUE



RESTORATION



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## Series A- Unit 1 Lesson 2

### Bible Introductory Lesson



#### 4 Chapter Focus

This lesson is an overview of the Bible. The Bible is all true. We will be touching on each part of the Four Chapter Gospel; **Creation, Fall, Rescue, and Restoration.**

**Truth:** God's Word is all true and needs to be my instruction book.

**Response:** Memorize scripture so I can use it in my life.

**Psalm 119:105-** Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

The Bible lights the way for us and shows us how to live.

CREATION



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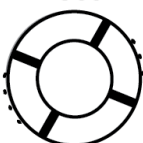
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Teacher Note Box:

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



Bring a flashlight to class. Turn off the light in your classroom and turn on the flashlight. Talk with the students about the benefits of having the light from the flashlight so you can see what you are doing and where you are going.

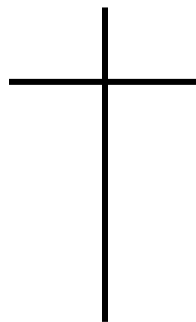
Talk about how the flashlight lights our way and the Bible shows us the way we should go. The Bible answers questions we have about life and living.

If you want to know what to do when someone is mean to you where do you look? **The Bible.** If you want to know whether you should use the nasty words like other kids where do you look? **The Bible.** If you want to know how to treat your parents where do you look? **The Bible.**

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

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NEW TESTAMENT

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Today we are going to look at the book where our lessons in Bible Adventure come from. This is God's book, the Bible. The verse for our lesson today says, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." A lamp provides light so we can see where we are going. We need to read the Bible, believe it and obey it. The Bible shows us where to walk or how to live. It tells us what to do and not do.



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- Bible is divided into 2 parts- The Old and New Testaments.
- 39 Books in the Old Testament.
- 27 Books in the New Testament.
- Testament means covenant or agreement.
- Bible was written by godly men.
- Bible is “all true”.
- Bible has answers for the situations you face in life.
- The Four Chapter Gospel fits into the Bible.
- “Your Word” in the Bible verse refers to God’s Word, the Bible.

The Bible is divided into 2 major parts. The OLD TESTAMENT and the NEW TESTAMENT. Look at the diagram above.. The OLD TESTAMENT happened before Jesus came to earth and the NEW TESTAMENT begins by telling about Jesus on earth. We are putting the cross in the middle. The cross reminds us that Christ came between the Old and New Testaments. The trunk of the cross represents the separation of the OLD and NEW TESTAMENTS and the arms of the cross show us how Jesus connects the OLD and NEW TESTAMENTS.

There are 39 books in the OLD TESTAMENT and 27 books in the NEW TESTAMENT. To remember this, count the

letters in the words OLD (3) and TESTAMENT (9). Put the numbers 3 and 9 side by side and you have 39. There are 39 books in the OLD TESTAMENT.

Count the letters in the words NEW (3) and TESTAMENT (9) and multiply those numbers,  $3 \times 9 = 27$ . There are 27 books in the NEW TESTAMENT, a total of 66 books.

Can you imagine carrying around 66 books at one time? When you are carrying your Bible, you have 66 books with you—a complete library.

The word *Testament* means covenant or agreement. You have probably heard about the last will and testament of a person who has died. That is a document that tells the courts what to do with that person’s things. It is a document that is truth and it can’t be changed after the person dies. The OLD and NEW TESTAMENTS don’t change either. We are not supposed to change God’s Word (see Revelation 22:18-19).

The Bible is God’s book. God chose approximately 40 men to write down His words. Everything the men wrote down came from God (see Hebrews 1:1). The words are **all true** (“*God-breathed*”—II Timothy 3:16). The stories are **all true**. God’s Word is different from other books. Besides being **all true**, it will also go on forever. When you need an answer for a situation in life, you need to find it in the Bible.

The Bible fits into the Four Chapter Gospel that you heard about last week. The Bible begins with CREATION, then Adam and Eve disobeyed, that was the FALL. Next, Jesus came to earth to RESCUE us from our sin. After we are rescued by Jesus we have the opportunity to tell others about Jesus. This is called RESTORATION.

Our lesson verse for this week says, “**Your Word** is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.” The first two words, “Your Word,” mean God’s Word, the BIBLE. The verse is telling us that the Bible is a lamp/light to give us direction for life.

Now that you have heard a little overview of the Bible, I would like to share a Bible story where God’s Word was very important. We are going to talk about Joshua. Joshua was the leader for the Israelites after Moses died. Moses was the leader who brought the Israelites out of Egypt. The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt for

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- Israelites were slaves in Egypt.
- God chose Moses to lead them out of Egypt.
- Joshua became the leader after Moses died.
- God told Joshua to be strong and courageous.
- The Israelites were told to OBEY God's laws.
- The Israelites were told to think about the law day and night.
- God promised to go with the people wherever they went.
- The Bible is our textbook in Bible Adventure.
- Every story in the Bible is all true for all people all the time.

hundreds of years. God directed Moses to lead them out of slavery. Moses was supposed to lead the people into the Promised Land, but the people disobeyed and had to stay in the wilderness for many years. During the years in the wilderness, Moses and his brother Aaron, who were leading the Israelites, disobeyed God, so they weren't permitted to enter the Promised Land either. Joshua was chosen by God to be the new leader. God spoke to Joshua in the book of **Joshua chapter 1** (read Joshua 1:6-9). He told Joshua that he was to be strong and courageous because he was leading the people into a land that was promised to them.

God gave further instructions to Joshua for the people. They were to OBEY God's laws. They were not to turn away from it. They

were to meditate or think about the law day and night and obey all of it carefully. God planned to reward those who obeyed by making them prosperous and successful. God also promised to go with the people wherever they went.

In our Bible Adventure we use the Bible as our textbook. Every story in the Bible is all true, all the time, for all people.

We want you to learn to find verses/stories in the Bible and read them for yourselves. Most important though, we want you to learn to know Jesus as your Savior.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week I want you to use your Bible to look up our lesson verse. Read Psalm 119:105. Read it to someone in your family. Read the verse everyday. To remind yourself that the verse lights your way, walk into a room and turn off the light and see how dark it gets. Without God's Word, the Bible to light our way, our life would be dark also.

## Series A- Unit 1 Lesson 3 Creation



### 4 Chapter Focus

#### **Creation:**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God made the world by speaking. Then, God made man by taking the dust of the ground and forming him. God breathed into man's nose and gave him life. God made us special.

**Truth:** God made the world by speaking each thing into existence and forming man with His hands.

**Response:** Recognize God's greatness through creation.

**Genesis 1:31- God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning- the sixth day.**

God looked at everything He made. He saw that everything He made was good. This was the sixth day of creation.

#### CREATION



#### **How did it all begin?**

*Where did I come from?*

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#### FALL



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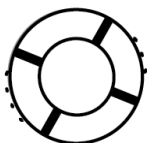
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#### RESCUE



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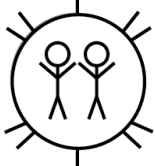
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### Teacher Note Box:

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



*Bring an assortment of things to class that could be used to make something. You could bring the ingredients to make cookies. You could bring pieces of wood and a hammer and nails. You could bring paper and art supplies. Bring an empty brown grocery bag.*

Today we are going to talk about God making the world. Genesis 1;1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." We could use these materials and make cookies. I could nail these pieces of wood together and make a bird house. You could draw a picture with these supplies. In each of these projects I need to use materials that are provided. When God made the world, He didn't have any materials. He spoke words and the things He wanted were created. Here is a brown paper bag. It is empty. God had nothing to work with and yet He made everything. We are going to read how God made the world.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

#### Genesis 1-2

- Four Chapter focus is CREATION
- Open your Bible to Genesis.
- Genesis is the first book in the Bible.
- Genesis means "in the beginning".
- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- The earth was formless and empty.
- The Spirit of God was present.



In our lesson today, we are going to talk about the first part of the Four Chapter Gospel. The first part is CREATION. CREATION answers questions. How did it all begin? Where did I come from? We are going to begin with a few verses. Remember the Bible is all true. It has the answers for our life. Open your Bible to Genesis. Genesis is the first book in the Bible. Genesis means in the beginning. We are going to read the verses in class. The very first verse in the Bible is Genesis 1:1.

This says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Verse 2 tells us what the world was like before God changed it. It says the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering (*remain in one place in the air*) over the waters.

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God made the whole world in just six days. He spoke and everything was made. Let's look at what He made each day.

- God made the whole world in six days.
- God spoke and everything was made.
- Day 1 God made light.
- Day 2 God separated the sky from the water.
- Day 3 God separated the waters and formed dry land.
- Day 3 God also put plants and trees on the dry land.
- Day 4 God made lights for us. He gave us the sun, moon and stars.
- Astronomers continue to find new stars and galaxies.
- Day 5 God added birds to the air and fish and water creatures to the water.
- Day 6 God added animals to the land.
- Day 6 God also made man.
- Man is so special to God that He didn't just speak to make a man.
- God formed man from the dust of the ground.
- God breathed life into man.
- People are very special to God.
- God made people in His image.
- Each day God looked at what He made and said, "It is good".

On day one God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good." (Genesis 1:3-5)

Day two was the day that God separated the sky from the water. Genesis 1:6-8 says, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water... God called the expanse sky."

The third day was a big day as God spoke and the waters separated from each other so there was dry ground "land". God called the water that was in one place "seas". God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place... Let the land produce vegetation: seed bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it..." Twice during day three, the verses tell us that "God saw that it was good." (Genesis 1:9-13)

Day four was exciting. God made lights for us to enjoy. Genesis 1:14-19 says, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate day from the night." God gave us the sun and the moon and stars. Astronomers are still finding new stars and galaxies. It was a massive project and God made it just by speaking. Verse 19 says, "God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the fourth day."

So far, God has spoken and created the sky, waters controlled in various areas,

dry land, vegetation, sun, moon and stars. We are up to day five.

On day five God added living creatures to the water and birds to the air. Verse 21 tells us, "God saw that it was good." God blessed the birds and creatures of the water and told them to be fruitful and multiply. I want you to stop and think about all the beautiful fish and birds that we can enjoy. God gave us a beautiful world.

On the sixth day of creation God provided living creatures. God spoke and all the wonderful pets you own, along with the farm animals and wild animals were made. Verse 24 says, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds." Verse 25 says, "And God saw that it was good."

God had one more thing to make on day 6. On day 6 God made people.

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Genesis 1:26-31 tell the story. It tells us that God “created” man in His own image. It doesn’t say that He spoke. It says God “created”. Verse 31 says, “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.” We have to read Genesis 2 especially Genesis 2:7 which says, “The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” God formed man with His hands. He breathed life into us. We are special. Let’s look at our verse for today. “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning- the sixth day.” (Genesis 1:31)

God was done creating the world. Genesis 2:1 says, “Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.”

God took a day off from work. He rested. Genesis 2:2 says, “God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.” Then God chose to make day seven holy. God set the example for us. We are supposed to take a day a week for God. Later this year, we will be learning the Ten Commandments. One of the Commandments says, “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.”

After hearing the lesson for today and looking up the verses in the Bible, you can see that CREATION, where we came from, and why we are here is found in Genesis.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



Take the time to read Genesis 1-2 at home again this week. Ask Mom or Dad to read it with you. Count how many times God says, “it was very good.”

## Series A Review Unit 1

**Note to teachers:** *Review is essential to remembering. We are providing questions to help start this process. You may use the following as a starting point or you may create your own way to review.*

Today we are going to review what we have learned this year. I thought it would be fun to play “ERASE THE FACE”. I have drawn two faces on the white board. Each face has two eyes, a nose, a mouth, two ears, the head and three hairs.

I am going to divide you into two teams. When your team answers a question correctly, you will tell me what part of your team’s face you want to have me erase.

If your team misses a question, I will ask the same question to the other team unless it is true/false. Some questions will be challenging and some will be easy.

1. What book do we study in BIBLE ADVENTURE? *Bible*
2. This year we are teaching the Four Chapter Gospel. Name one part of the Four Chapter Gospel. *Creation, Fall, Rescue, Restoration*
3. What part of the Four Chapter Gospel answers the question, Where did I come from? *CREATION*
4. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God that was sin. What part of the Four Chapter Gospel is this? *FALL*
5. How did Jesus provide RESCUE? What did Jesus do for us so we could go to heaven? *He died for us.*
6. Once I begin a relationship with Jesus, how can I join God? This is the RESTORATION. *I can tell others about Jesus.*
7. Quote Mark 16:15- He said to them, “\_\_\_\_\_ and preach the \_\_\_\_\_ to all creation.” (*Go into all the world... Gospel to all creation.*)
8. How much of the Bible is true? *All of it- 100%*
9. The Bible is divided into two parts, what are they? *Old and New Testaments*
10. Quote Psalm 119:105- “Your word \_\_\_\_\_ for my feet, a \_\_\_\_\_. (*...is a lamp...light for my path.*)
11. God’s Word is also called \_\_\_\_\_ (*The Bible*)
12. The Bible is like a library of books. How many books are in the Bible? *66*
13. Who created the heavens and the earth? *God*
14. Who wrote the Bible? *40 Men*
15. How did these men know what to write in the Bible? *God told them.*
16. Who created the heavens and the earth? *God*
17. What book of the Bible tells the creation story? *Genesis*
18. When God created the world, what did He use to make it? *Nothing, He just spoke.*
19. Name 3 things God created just by speaking. (*\_\_\_\_\_*)
20. Finish the verse, “God saw \_\_\_\_\_ and it was \_\_\_\_\_. And there was \_\_\_\_\_ and there was \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. (*God saw all that He had made and it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning- the sixth day.*)

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## Series A-Unit 2 Lesson 1 Adam and Eve- Made by God



### 4 Chapter Focus

**Creation:** God created man from the dust of the ground and formed woman from the rib of the man. The woman was made to be a helper for the man.

### Truth:

God made people special. He loves us.

### Response:

I will recognize that I am important to God.

**Psalm 8:5-** You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

God made people special. He crowns us with glory and honor. We are important. We are a little below the angels.

### CREATION



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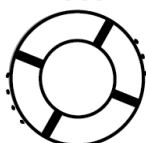
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### RESTORATION



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*Mark 16:15*

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Teacher Note Box:

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



Imagine with me, it is your birthday. You are being treated like a King or Queen. This is a great honor. Your family has decided you get to choose what you do all day. You can choose to attend an amusement park, enjoy an indoor water park, play on your gaming system, sleep, spend time with friends, whatever... You also get to choose where and what you want to eat. You can buy whatever you want. Money is available to meet your wishes. Sounds wonderful, right? IT IS YOUR SPECIAL DAY.

All of the things mentioned just bring temporary joy and happiness, but did you know you are even more special to God than you are to your family on your special day? Our verse for today says, “You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. The word “You” is referring to God and the word “them” refers to people. So, we could read the verse this way. “God, you have made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.” Imagine, you are just a little lower than the angels and God has crowned you with glory and honor.

Today we are going to review how God made Adam and learn how God made Eve.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

#### Genesis 1-2



Last unit we learned how God made the world and all of His creation. He spoke each thing into creation. On **Day 1** He made light by speaking the words, “Let there be light,” then on **Day 2** He separated the sky from the water by speaking. By **Day 3**, God spoke and the waters separated so that dry land appeared, imagine what a big job that was since there was so much water. **Day 4** God spoke the stars and moon into existence. On **Day 5** God added birds and fish to His creation by speaking. On **Day 6** God spoke all the animals into His creation. He made the little mouse and the huge elephant and the cuddly kitten, the loyal dog, and all the other animals with all their differences.

On **Day 6**, God also made a very important part of His creation. God made man. He did not make man by speaking. Instead, God formed the man from the dust of the ground. Genesis 2:7. God did something special for man after He made him. He

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breathed life into his nose. Personal touch!

After God formed Adam, He brought the animals to Adam so He could name

- God spoke the world into creation.
- God formed Adam, the first man, from the dust of the ground.
- God brought the animals to Adam to see what he would name them.
- Adam named the animals but there was no creation good enough to be Adam's helper.
- God allowed Adam to go into a deep sleep. While Adam slept, God took a rib and made a woman.
- Our verse says, we are made a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honor.
- This lesson represents CREATION in the Four Chapter Gospel.

them. Can you imagine? Adam was given a job. He had to give names to all the animals.

God realized that Adam was surrounded by animals but there was no one special enough to be a helper for him. God allowed Adam to go in to a deep sleep. While Adam slept, God took a rib from him and closed up the spot. Then God used the rib to make a new person. He called the new person Eve.

Think about it. God made all the wonderful animals but none of them were special enough to be a helper for Adam. God used a rib from Adam to make a new person that would be special enough to be a helper. God took Eve to Adam and he called her a woman because she was made from man's rib.

Our verse for today says, "You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor." This helps us to see where we are in importance

to God. Open your Bible to Psalm 8:3-5.

*"3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,*

*4 What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?*

*5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor."*

Only people who are special are presented with crowns. Imagine wearing a crown given to you by God. This crown is "glory and honor." We don't deserve glory and honor but it is given to us. God treats us more special than the rest of His creation. We are a little lower than the angels in heaven.

When looking at the Four Chapter Gospel this represents CREATION. We can now answer the question, "How did it all begin?"

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week, every time you get discouraged and don't believe you are valuable, think about our verse, "You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor." You are special to God. Make a list of things you do that are valuable.

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## Series A- Unit 2 Lesson 2

### Adam and Eve Sin



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Fall:** Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden but they disobeyed God. They ate fruit from the tree that God commanded them not to eat from. They sinned.

#### Truth:

God designed us to live a life of righteousness but we sinned.

#### Response:

Recognize that I am not a righteous person, I sin.

**Romans 3:23**- For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

We all sin. We do things we shouldn't do. We are not perfect. We miss God's goals and His glory.

#### CREATION



#### ***How did it all begin?***

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



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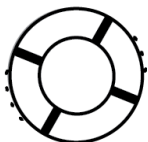
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*Write scores on a sheet of paper such as you would see at the Olympics. Share the following example of not being perfect, falling short.*

Have you ever watched the Olympics? The skating couple takes to the ice. The music begins and the couple glides across the ice with the greatest of ease. Each twirl, jump, and spin seems perfect as they follow the music. When their routine is complete, they look to the scoreboard. The judges decide just how perfect, or not so perfect they are. Scores like 9.8, 9.6, 9.4 flash on the board. Depending on the scores, you will see joy or disappointment on the faces of the skaters. No matter how hard they try, the perfect score of 10 is very rare. Even after hours upon hours of practice, being right or perfect is just not possible.

In life, we may also try to do what is right. We may work and work to get 100% on each assignment in school, but eventually we will realize that we aren't right 100%. We may try to be obedient to God's Word but we won't be able to be right 100% of the time. We make mistakes. We fall short of God's desire for us. Let's look at our lesson today and see where Adam and Eve didn't do what is right.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

#### Genesis 2-3

- God made people.
- People are able to make decisions/choices.
- God's world was perfect.
- Man chose to disobey.
- God punishes sin.
- God still loves us—there is hope.



Last week, we learned, that God formed Man and put him in a beautiful garden. God named the man Adam. God saw that Adam needed a helper so He put Adam to sleep and took a rib from Adam and made a woman, Eve. In the Garden of Eden, the man was given special abilities that none of God's other creations had.

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He had a mind and a will and was capable of making decisions. God also gave him a soul, the part of him that connects with God and lives forever.

- Satan disguised himself as a serpent.
- Eve and Adam believed the lies Satan told.
- Adam and Eve lost their perfect relationship with God.
- Sin separates us from God.
- God had to make coverings for their bodies from an animal.

God had a perfect friendship with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Every evening God would walk and talk with Adam and Eve just like best friends do. But Satan, the Evil One, interfered with that perfect friendship.

Satan had been a beautiful angel, created by God in heaven, but he wanted to become God. God threw Satan out of heaven for trying to be greater than God.

Now his number one goal was to turn all

creation against God. Yes, **Satan has power, but not as much power as God.**

In the Garden of Eden, Satan saw a chance to hurt God and the perfect man God had created. He did not want Adam and Eve to trust or believe what God said; he wanted to turn them against God. He disguised himself as a beautiful serpent (snake). One day he spoke to Eve. He told her God had lied to her and Adam. Satan wanted Adam and Eve to believe that God could not be trusted. He said God was trying to cheat them out of something good by not letting them eat from every tree. Satan told them that if they obeyed him, they would know **good and evil**. Sadly, Eve believed Satan's lies, and so did Adam. And believing Satan meant they turned away from God. Then **they both chose to obey Satan and disobey God**. They ate fruit from the very tree God had instructed them not to. It made God very sad. Until that time, Adam and Eve knew only good, but when they ate the fruit, evil entered into their souls. **Because sin entered their souls, sin is in the soul of everyone born since then** (see Romans 5:12).

After Adam and Eve ate the fruit, their spiritual eyes were opened and they realized they had done wrong. They tried to hide from God. God asked if they had eaten fruit from the forbidden tree. God didn't need to ask since He knows everything but He wanted them to admit they did wrong.

Nobody has to be taught how to sin. All of us have done wrong and missed God's goal of being perfect. Our verse for today, Romans 3:23 says, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* It is easy for us to disobey rules, to be selfish, to do things our own way. **Even when we want to do what is right we often end up doing what is wrong!** It seems we cannot help ourselves. Adam and Eve broke the perfect friendship with God and no matter how they tried, they could not repair that perfect friendship with God. That is true for us too. (Put up words **God** and **man** with the word **sin** separating them.)

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Next God showed them that **though He loved them He had to discipline them.** They had to leave their home, the beautiful, perfect Garden of Eden. Sin was standing between God and Adam and Eve. They could no longer live in the garden where they walked with God.

God still loved them and took care of them. He made them coverings for their naked bodies. An innocent animal had to die so that Adam and Eve could have their bodies covered with its skin. This was a picture of God's promise to provide a covering for the sin in their souls. **God would provide a way to remove that sin from their souls so they could be God's good friends again.**

Although Adam and Eve were punished and troubled, they had hope. There was the promise from God that someday He would remove the problem of sin, and God always keeps His promises!

The second part of the **4 Chapter Gospel** is **FALL**. Fall means we didn't do what is right. We fall down in our actions. We have questions to answer like: "What went wrong?" and "Have you experienced hurt or pain?" In the story we just heard about Adam and Eve, we learned the answer to the first question. Adam and Eve sinned. They disobeyed God's rules. That is what went wrong. Life was perfect until that moment. After Adam and Eve disobeyed, they experienced hurt and pain. They couldn't live in the perfect garden anymore. They had to work to have food to eat. Eve had pain in childbirth. They couldn't walk and talk with God the same way. Their friendship with God had to change.

God still wants to have a relationship with us. Even though Adam and Eve sinned, God provided Jesus to die on the cross to pay for our sins. If we tell Jesus we are sorry for our sins and begin a relationship with Him we can be forgiven of our sins and have a relationship with Jesus again. You will hear more about that this year. Talk to an adult to learn more today.

### ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



Our verse this week is very short. It says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Take a piece of paper and write down all the things you do this week where you fall short of the glory of God. You might need more than one piece of paper if you are honest but start with one.



## Series A- Unit 2 Lesson 3

### Tower of Babel



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Fall:** God told people to scatter throughout the world and multiply. The people decided to make themselves look good by building a tall tower. They sinned and had to face consequences.

#### Truth:

God commands us to obey. When we disobey, we face consequences.

#### Response:

I will learn to follow God's commands.

**Proverbs 16:18** Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

If you think you are better than others, that is pride. When you are prideful, something will go wrong and you will end up failing.

#### CREATION



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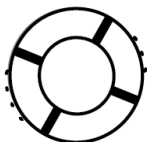
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### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



Have you ever been in a store or amusement park where someone is speaking a different language? Did you find their conversation interesting or confusing? Did you know what they were talking about? Did you feel uneasy, thinking they may be talking about you?

Perhaps you have been around a very young child who is just learning to communicate. Did you have trouble understanding what they wanted or what they were saying?

In our lesson today, we are going to learn about a group of people who spoke the same language to start with but ended up speaking different languages. They experienced mass confusion. This lesson is in the Bible. Remember, the Bible is all true.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

#### Genesis 11-12



Remember last week, our lesson was on Adam and Eve and sin. The serpent convinced Eve that she could eat from the tree that God had forbidden. The serpent told Eve she would be like God. Eve looked at the fruit. It looked good, and she wanted wisdom, so she ate it. It must have tasted good because she gave some to Adam and he ate it also. God gave them wisdom. Wisdom to know they needed clothing. I am sure Eve was prideful. She tried to be greater than God but it didn't work. The punishment was harsh. Adam and Eve lost their beautiful home in the garden. Our verse for today says, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18

Adam and Eve's Bible narrative is found in Genesis 3. In Genesis 6-8, God was sad, "grieved" that He had made man. God considered destroying humans but instead He saw Noah. Noah was a righteous man. What did God ask Noah to do? He asked Noah to build an ark. This was God's way of starting over. Noah built the boat. Then Noah, his wife, and his three sons and their wives went into the ark. The three sons were Shem, Ham and Japheth.

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- Adam and Eve sinned – Gen. 3
- Eve wanted wisdom to be greater than God- pride
- God was grieved that He made humans
- God found Noah, a righteous man.
- God asked Noah to build an ark.
- God protected Noah and his family and the animals in the ark.
- God told Noah and his family (sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth) to spread out over the earth and multiply.
- The descendents of Noah settled on the plain of Shinar.
- The people build a tower to make themselves look God.
- God was not pleased with their disobedience to fill the earth.
- Disobedience is FALL.
- God gave a new language to each worker so they would stop building the tower.
- The people scattered and filled the earth.
- Our verse says, “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Noah also took animals into the ark. God shut the door of the ark and then the rain came. For forty days and nights, it rained. The flood destroyed everything that was not on the ark. After the flood, God sent a rainbow as a promise that He would never destroy the entire earth with a flood again.

In Genesis 9 God blessed Noah and his sons. He told them to be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. That command was so strong that God told them twice. (Genesis 9;1,7)

Genesis 10 tells us about Noah’s sons; Shem, Ham and Japheth. It tells us how many sons each one had and how many grandsons and great grandsons they had and where they lived. They were following God’s command to increase in number and multiply on the earth. In Genesis 9:1, God also told them to “Fill the earth.” They spread out but not over the whole earth.

Even in Bible times, people wanted to look better than others. They were proud people, filled with pride. They wanted to accomplish great goals and look good.

In Genesis 11, the families of Shem, Ham and Japheth, met on the plain of Shinar which is also known as Babylon. The people all spoke the same language. They decided to build a tower in the middle of the plain to show their greatness. They wanted the tower to

reach to the heavens.

They said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” (Genesis 11:4) Listen to the verse again and count how many times they think of self. “Come, let **us** build **ourselves** a city with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so **we** may make a name for **ourselves** and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” The last line of the verse says, “...and not be scattered over the face of the earth.” They were directly disobeying God who told them to spread out. Genesis 9:1 says, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.”

Some places use stones and mortar to build strong buildings but these people decided to build an attractive building by baking bricks out of the mud from the area. The mortar they used was actually asphalt. This material was waterproof. This is similar to what Noah used to make the ark waterproof. Why did they need to make it

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waterproof? Perhaps they didn't believe God's promise to never flood the whole earth again.

This tower may have been a ziggurat. A ziggurat would have looked similar to a pyramid. The base could have been square and each level that went up would have been a little bit smaller square. A stairway would have wound up the side of the tower or a ramp up one side. The top of the tower would have had an area for a shrine or idol used for worship. God was not part of this project.

God looked down and saw what they were doing. The Bible says He came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.

God was not excited with their plans. He realized that if they could work together and build something like this, they could accomplish many goals to make themselves look good. God had to put a stop to their actions.

God came down and confused their language. All at once, the builders couldn't talk to and understand the other builders. They probably tried to get each other to understand what to do to build the tower but they couldn't communicate. If I started talking to you in another language what would you do? You wouldn't know what I was telling you to do. It would be very confusing and frustrating.

When God came down and confused them, the people did what God told them to do in Genesis 9. They spread out over the whole earth.

The tower the people built is called the Tower of Babel. Babel means confusion or a confused noise made by a number of voices. Confusion is not greatness. Look at the verse for today, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." I am sure this situation looked more like disaster than greatness. No pride survived this.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



What is keeping you from obeying God completely? Is there a pride issue that you need to deal with? Do you think you are better than others? That is pride. Do you want the latest fashions or hair style and clothes, thinking it will make you better than others? Do you think you are better at sports than your friends? Are you better at Math or Science? Are you bragging about your talents? Talk to God and straighten out the situation. Remember our verse for today, Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." In the Four Chapter Gospel this is an example of FALL.

## Series A Review Unit 2

Write questions for the unit on separate slips of paper. Also, put a point value on each slip of paper. Put the questions inside plastic Easter Eggs in a basket or fold just them and put them in a basket. Divide the class into 2 teams. Pass the basket around. Take turns. If a student wants a question he chooses one. If he answers correctly, he gets the points listed on that slip of paper for his team. After a question is answered correctly, the other team gets a question. The team with the most points wins.

1. Who created the world? (*God*) 5 points
2. What did God use to create the world? (*nothing*) 5 points
3. How many days did God take to create the world? (*6*) 10 points
4. Who was the first man God created? (*Adam*) 10 points
5. What did God do to make Adam special? (*formed him from dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breathe of life*) 20 points
6. What was Adam's first job? (*name the animals*) 15 points
7. What did God do to give Adam a helper special enough for him? (*put Adam to sleep and took a rib and made a woman*) 10 points
8. Name 5 things God spoke and they were made. (*lcreation account*) 10 points
9. What part of the Four Chapter Gospel was involved when God made the world? (*CREATION*) 10 points
10. Where did God put Adam and Eve? (*The Garden of Eden*) 15 points
11. The serpent Eve met in the garden was really \_\_\_\_\_. (*Satan*) 5 points
12. Who was Satan before he was Satan? (*an Angel*) 10 points
13. What did the serpent want Eve to do in the garden? (*eat fruit from the tree where God said don't eat*) 10 points
14. What did the serpent tell Eve would happen if she ate the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil? (*she would be smarter than God*) 20 points
15. When Eve ate the fruit she gave some to Adam and he ate. After they ate, did they know they disobeyed? (*yes*) 5 points
16. When God came to look for Adam and Eve after they ate the fruit, they hid, why? (*they knew they had disobeyed and they were hiding*) 10 points
17. How many of us sin? (*everyone*) 5 points
18. What part of the Four Chapter Gospel do we see when Adam and Eve sinned? (*FALL*) 10 points
19. Quote Romans 3:23 – For all \_\_\_\_\_ (*have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*) (15 points)
20. Finish the verse, You made them \_\_\_\_\_ (*a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.*) (15 points)
21. Finish the verse, "Pride goes before \_\_\_\_\_ (*destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.*) (15 points)
22. After Noah and his family got off the ark, God told them to spread out over the earth and multiply. Did they obey? (*NO*) 5 points
23. God was grieved that he made people. Then he saw Noah, a righteous man. What did He ask Noah to do? (*build an ark*) 5 points
24. What did Noah's descendents decide to do to try to be greater than God? (*build a tower to heaven*) 10 points
25. Disobedience is what part of the Four Chapter Gospel? (*FALL*) 5 points
26. What did God do to the people building the tower so they would have to stop? (*confused their languages*) 10 points

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## Series A- Unit 3 Lesson1

### Joseph- Sold by His Brothers



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Fall:** Joseph's brothers were jealous of him. Because of their sin, they threw Joseph in a pit and sold him as a slave.

**Truth:** God cares for us even when everything seems to go wrong.

**Response:** I will look to God even when I don't understand life.

**Romans 12:12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Be joyful as you keep hoping. While you are having trouble, be patient and keep praying about your situation

#### CREATION



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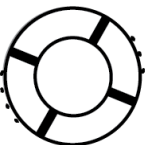
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I want you to think about these questions. Do not answer them aloud. What is the worse thing that someone has ever said or done to you? Were you ready to fight with them or yell at them or treat them bad? Has the person that treated you badly ever threatened to sell you as a slave? Do you fight with your brothers and sisters? I want you to listen to the story for today and maybe your worst story of mistreatment won't seem so bad.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Genesis 29-30, 37**

- Four Chapter focus is FALL.
- Joseph is the Bible character in our lesson.
- Joseph had ten older brothers and a younger brother.
- Joseph was the favorite son of his father Jacob.
- Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful coat.
- Joseph's brothers were jealous.
- The brothers hated Joseph.
- The brothers couldn't speak a kind word to Joseph.
- The bad feelings toward Joseph were sin.



In our lesson today we are going to learn about a person who had a tough life. He was mistreated by his brothers and he became a slave but he still followed God. The man in our lesson is Joseph. When looking at the 4-chapter gospel this lesson would be described as FALL.

Joseph's brothers were the ones who demonstrated FALL. They sold their brother Joseph as a slave and then told their dad that he was dead.

In Bible times men often had more than one wife. This was not God's plan but it seemed to be the custom. Joseph's father was Jacob. Jacob married two women. They were Leah and Rachel. Leah had six

sons and one daughter. Jacob also had four sons born to servants. Finally, Rachel had a son. She named him Joseph. Even though Joseph had 10 older brothers, he was his daddy's favorite.



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One day his daddy gave him a beautiful coat. The older brothers were upset that Dad loved Joseph best and they were very jealous. They hated Joseph so much that they couldn't speak a kind word to him. (Genesis 37:3-4) Their bad feelings toward Joseph were sin. That is not the way to treat anyone, especially a brother. Question:

- Joseph had a dream.
- In the dream the brothers were tying up stalks of grain.
- The stalks of grain tied by the brothers bowed to Joseph's stalks of grain.
- Joseph had another dream.
- Joseph dreamed that the sun, moon and stars bowed to him.
- The sun and moon represented the parents.
- The stars represented the brothers.
- The dreams made the brothers even more jealous.
- The brothers took sheep to find pasture.
- Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers.
- The brothers saw Joseph and decided to get rid of their problem.
- They threw Joseph into a cistern.
- They took him out of the cistern and sold him to travelers.
- The brothers took Joseph's coat and dipped it in blood and gave it to their father so he would think Joseph was dead.
- Joseph was taken to Egypt and sold as a slave.
- The brothers were very deceitful. This is FALL.

Do any of you have a brother or sister who doesn't like you? Or maybe I should ask if you treat your brother and sister this way?

The brothers: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Naphtali, Gad and Asher were all older than Joseph.

One day, Joseph had a dream. He dreamed that the sons of Jacob were tying up stalks of grain. Suddenly, the stalks of grain belonging to the brothers, bowed down to his stalk of grain. Joseph had another dream that the sun, moon and stars bowed down to him. The sun and moon would be like the parents and the stars would be the brothers. These dreams made the brothers even more jealous of Joseph.

The brothers were responsible for taking care of the sheep. They took the sheep to an area known as Shechem. From there, they traveled on to Dothan. One day, Jacob sent Joseph on a journey to check on the brothers. The brothers saw Joseph walking toward them. They decided to get rid of their problem. They decided to kill him and throw his body into a cistern. One brother, Reuben, didn't like this plan. He tried to reason with them. Reuben wanted to rescue him from the angry brothers and take him back to Dad.

When Joseph arrived at the field where his brothers were, they took his coat off and threw him into a cistern. Then, the brothers sat down to eat. It didn't seem to bother them that they had sinned by mistreating someone.

While they were sitting there, they noticed a group of travelers coming their way. They quickly came up with a way to get rid of

Joseph without killing him. They decided to sell him to the travelers. The brothers sinned again by selling Joseph to travelers.

The brothers knew they needed to tell Jacob what happened to Joseph. They took Joseph's coat and dipped it in animal blood and then went to visit Jacob. When

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they showed Jacob the coat and asked if it was Joseph's, he recognized it. Jacob believed that a wild animal had killed and eaten Joseph. He was very very sad and the brothers didn't tell him the truth. Again, the brothers sinned. This time the sin was because of deceit. The Bible says that Jacob could not be comforted. He suffered for years believing that Joseph was dead. Look how FALL hurts many people.

- Joseph was sold to Potiphar
- Potiphar was an important man.
- Joseph was put in charge of Potiphar's house.
- Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph.
- Joseph was put in prison.
- The sin of others made life miserable for Joseph.
- Sin is "FALL"
- We all sin and fall short of the glory of God.

The travelers took Joseph to Egypt and sold him as a slave. Joseph was a good slave. He worked hard and was given many responsibilities. Eventually, Joseph was put in charge of Potiphar's house. Potiphar was an important man. Joseph ran the house well. The Bible says that Potiphar's only concern was what he wanted to eat. One day, Potiphar's wife told a lie about Joseph. That was a sin, another FALL. Potiphar was very upset. He could have killed Joseph but instead he threw him in prison.

Prisons are not a very nice place today and they were even worse in Bible times. Life was really hard for Joseph. The Bible says that all of us sin. In our lesson today, the sin of other people made life rough on Joseph. When we sin, that is called "FALL". All of us sin. Our sins may not look as bad as the sins of Joseph's brothers but everything we do wrong is sin. Our verse for today says, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Joseph was in a tough spot. He had to wait patiently for God to help him. I am sure he prayed.

The Bible doesn't tell us that Joseph did anything to get back at those who caused him problems. Joseph realized that God was still with him despite his situation.

I am so sorry but we are going to have to leave Joseph in prison until we come back to class next week.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



Your assignment for the week is to look at your life. We are quick to look at what Joseph's brothers did that was sin. We see jealousy, selling Joseph, lying to their dad.... Think about what you do each week. What are things you do that are sin? Think of 5 things you do that disappoint God and others.

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### Joseph- From Prison to Palace



#### 4 Chapter Focus

##### ***Rescue and Restoration:***

Joseph was placed in prison even though he wasn't guilty of doing wrong. God had a plan for Joseph and used him to save the world during the famine.

**Truth:** God never leaves us even when we are in tough places.

**Response:** I will look to God even when I face hard times.

**Joshua 1:9b- "...Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."**

God tells us to be strong and courageous. The LORD God is always with us. We are not to be afraid or discouraged.

#### CREATION



##### ***How did it all begin?***

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



##### ***What went wrong?***

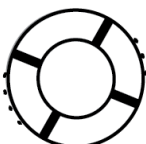
*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

*Genesis 3:6-10*

*Romans 3:23*

*Romans 6:23*

#### RESCUE



##### ***Can anything be done?***

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



##### ***What will the future hold?***

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

## Series A- Unit 3 Lesson 2

**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



Imagine yourself in this story. Today when your class went out to recess, someone saw bad words painted on the back of the slide. They were painted in bright red paint that came from a spray can. Another kid told the teacher you did it. They said they saw the paint can at your house. You tried to tell the teacher that you had bright red paint for a project your family was working on but nobody believes you.

Now you are in the office waiting for the principal. You know the principal will make you sit at the discipline table for a week during lunch and you will also have to clean the paint off the slide. Everyone in school will see you sitting at the discipline table and they will laugh at you. Inside you are very angry. How could this have happened? Why won't the teacher believe you? The longer you sit, the angrier you become.

You try to pray but it's hard. You try to remember the Bible verse you just learned but now you wonder whether it's true. The verse says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." You ask yourself whether God is really with you.

It's tough to be accused of doing wrong. We are going to leave you stuck in your situation. We are going to look at Joseph and see if his situation has changed from last week.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Genesis 39-41**



Do you remember where we left Joseph last week? We left him in prison. He was put there because other people sinned. (Four Chapter Gospel – FALL) He was mistreated, sold as a slave, lied about and eventually thrown into prison. The Bible does not tell us much about what Joseph said or did while he was in prison but we know that he was put in charge of the prison so he must have been well-behaved. He must have had a positive attitude. I am sure that Joseph knew that God was still with him. The verse for today says,

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“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Perhaps Joseph even knew this truth from scripture. We aren’t told.

- Four Chapter focus is RESCUE and RESTORATION
- Joseph was in prison even though he wasn’t guilty of doing wrong.
- God had a plan.
- Joseph was put in charge of the prison.
- Bible verse reminds us to “Be strong and courageous.”
- Pharaoh had his cupbearer and baker thrown into prison.
- New prisoners had dreams.
- Cupbearer dreamed about 3 branches of grapes.
- He was squeezing grapes into a cup and giving juice to Pharaoh.
- Cupbearer would get his job back in 3 days.
- Joseph asked the cupbearer to tell the Pharaoh he was in prison because of a lie.

Today in our lesson we are going to look at two parts of the 4 Chapter Gospel. They are RESCUE and RESTORATION. Joseph was placed in prison even though he wasn’t guilty of doing wrong. God had a plan for Joseph. He was going to rescue Joseph. Then, he planned to use Joseph’s skills to save the world during the famine.

Potiphar’s wife lied about Joseph. Genesis 39:19 tells us that Potiphar “burned with anger”. Potiphar put Joseph in prison. Genesis 39:20 tells us that while Joseph was in prison the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. That verse goes with our lesson verse for today. Let’s read it again. “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

The Bible tells us that while Joseph was in charge of the prison, the warden didn’t

have to pay attention to anything. Can you imagine, a prisoner, put in charge of the prison? The LORD gave Joseph success.

I am sure that many prisoners were brought to the prison while Joseph was in charge but we are told about two of them. Genesis 40 tells us about the chief cupbearer and the chief baker. These men worked for the king of Egypt, the Pharaoh. The cupbearer was the one who tasted every drink Pharaoh drank to make sure it wasn’t poisonous and the baker was the one who made all the baked goods and breads for Pharaoh. The cupbearer and the baker upset Pharaoh and ended up in prison. After they had been in prison for awhile, they had dreams on the same night.

When Joseph saw these men in the morning, he noticed they looked upset. Joseph asked, “Why are your faces so sad today?” They told Joseph about their dreams. They were sad that nobody could tell them the meanings of their dreams.

Joseph told the cupbearer and the baker that God could tell them the meanings of their dreams. He asked what they dreamed.

The cupbearer told Joseph his dream. In my dream, I saw a vine. On the vine, there were 3 branches. The branches blossomed, and budded, and then grapes grew and got ripe. The cupbearer told Joseph that he held Pharaoh’s cup under the grapes and squeezed the juice into his cup and gave it to Pharaoh.

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After hearing the dream, Joseph told the cupbearer the meaning. You saw three branches which symbolizes three days. In three days, you will get your job back. You will be working for Pharaoh again tasting his drinks. The cupbearer was happy.

Joseph told the cupbearer that he was put in prison because of a lie. He asked the cupbearer to tell Pharaoh about him.

- Baker dreamed he had 3 baskets of baked goods on his head.
- Birds were eating the baked goods.
- Baker would die in 3 days.
- Joseph told the correct meanings to dreams.
- Cupbearer got his job back tasting drinks for the Pharaoh.
- Baker was killed.
- Two long years past before the cupbearer remember Joseph.
- Pharaoh had a dream.
- Cupbearer remembered that Joseph had told him what his dream meant.
- Joseph tells the Pharaoh the meanings of his dreams.
- The skinny cows ate the fat cows but were still skinny.
- Dried up grain heads ate the good heads of grain.
- Seven years crops would grow.
- Seven years crops wouldn't grow.
- Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of food collection.
- Joseph was **RESCUED** from prison and **RESTORED** to place of honor.
- Jesus came to **RESCUE** us.

The baker was excited to hear about the cupbearer's dream so he told Joseph his dream. He said, "In my dream, I had three baskets on my head. Each basket had bread in it. The problem was that birds kept eating the bread out of the top basket."

I am sure Joseph wasn't happy to tell the meaning of this dream to the baker. Joseph told the baker that the three baskets represented 3 days. In three days, the Pharaoh was going to take the baker out of prison and cut off his head. Then the birds were going to come and eat him.

Three days later, on the Pharaoh's birthday, the baker and the cupbearer went to stand before the Pharaoh. The Pharaoh gave the cupbearer his job back and had the baker killed.

Do you remember what Joseph asked the cupbearer to do for him? He asked him to tell Pharaoh about him, but the cupbearer forgot. Poor Joseph! Let's look at our verse again. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joseph was hopeful that the cupbearer would tell Pharaoh about him but once again it looked like he was forgotten, but God remembered him. He was saving Joseph for a very special time.

The time eventually came, two years later, the Pharaoh had a dream. The Pharaoh wanted to know what his dream meant. The cupbearer remembered Joseph. Joseph was taken out of prison and cleaned up, shaved, and given new clothes and taken to Pharaoh.

Pharaoh told Joseph his dreams. His dreams involved seven skinny cows and seven fat cows, and seven good heads of grain and seven dried up heads of grain. Joseph told Pharaoh the meanings of the dreams.

The seven skinny cows ate the seven fat cows and were still skinny. The seven dried up heads of grain ate the seven good heads of grain and were still dried up. These

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dreams stand for seven years when food will grow and seven years when no food will grow. The bad years will be so bad that the good years will be forgotten.

Joseph told Pharaoh that he needed to find someone to put in charge of collecting food and saving it for the poor years. Pharaoh knew immediately that he wanted to put Joseph in charge. That is how Joseph moved from prison to palace. If we look back at the verse for today we will see that we don't need to be discouraged, that the Lord your God will go with you wherever you go.

The two parts of the 4 Chapter gospel for today are RESCUE and RESTORATION. Joseph was rescued from prison which could have meant death. Instead, he was restored to a place of honor and position. Jesus rescued us from sin and death and restored us to a position where we can share the Good News of Jesus with others.

### ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



Have you ever been in a situation where you were afraid or discouraged? Have you ever felt alone? Who did you turn to? I want you to read our lesson verse 5 times each day. Ask God to be with you. Let's read the verse again. Joshua 1:9b- "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." God always goes with us.

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## Series A- Unit 3 Lesson 3

### Joseph- Forgives His Brothers



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Restoration:** Joseph had the opportunity to treat his brothers the way they treated him but he chose to rescue them from the famine.

**Truth:** God wants us to forgive others when they hurt us.

**Response:** With God's help, I will forgive those who treat me badly.

**Ephesians 4:32- Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

We need to be kind and caring to each other. We need to forgive others when they do wrong to us because Christ forgives us.

#### CREATION



#### ***How did it all begin?***

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### ***What went wrong?***

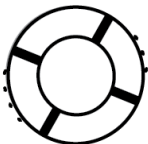
*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

*Genesis 3:6-10*

*Romans 3:23*

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#### RESCUE



#### ***Can anything be done?***

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### ***What will the future hold?***

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

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**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



Remember last week in our lesson where you imagined you were in trouble for painting bad words on the school slide. It's time to finish the story.

After just one day of sitting at the discipline table during lunch, the principal called you back into his office. It appears that one of the teachers found red spray paint on the shoes of a student. It was evident that the spray paint had drifted onto the shoes while the paint was being sprayed. When that student was questioned, he admitted that he had painted the words.

The principal has called you in to tell you that the situation is solved. You won't have to clean the mess or sit at the discipline table anymore.

You are still upset. Can you really forgive the students who thought you were guilty? Can you forgive the principal for making you sit at the discipline table? Can you forgive the student who should have admitted his guilt earlier?

Our verse for today says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Genesis 41-45**



To start the lesson today I want us to think back a few weeks to when we first started to talk about Joseph. How many brothers did Joseph have? Did they treat Joseph nice or were they nasty? What happened when Joseph went to visit his brothers? Remember Joseph was thrown into a pit and later he was pulled out of the pit and sold as a slave. When we are treated mean we often want to treat the person mean in return but that is not God's plan. Our verse for today says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." You need to listen to the story today and find out whether Joseph chooses to treat his brothers kindly or whether he chooses revenge. Will he choose to forgive like the verse tells us to?

In the 4 chapter gospel we are looking at RESTORATION. Restoration is when we say, "What will the future hold"? "How can I join God in His work"? In our lesson today, Joseph has the opportunity to treat his brothers the way they treated him but he chooses to rescue them from the famine.

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- The Four Chapter Focus is RESTORATION.
- How can I join God in His work?
- Joseph is in charge of the food supply for Egypt.
- Joseph's brothers needed food.
- They came to Egypt.
- Joseph recognized his brothers but they didn't recognize him.
- Joseph's brothers bowed to him.
- Joseph tested the brothers.
- Joseph put them in prison. Then he sent them home with grain but he kept one brother in prison.
- Joseph tested the brothers some more.
- Finally Joseph told his brothers who he was.
- Joseph forgave them.
- Joseph had his family move to Egypt.
- Our verse for today says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."
- By forgiving his brothers, Joseph was joining God in reaching his brothers.

Last week Joseph told the cupbearer and the baker what their dreams meant. The cupbearer was supposed to tell Pharaoh about Joseph but he forgot.

Then the Pharaoh had a dream and Joseph is the one who told him what it meant. Joseph told Pharaoh to find someone who was wise to save food so they wouldn't be hungry during the seven years when food wouldn't grow. Pharaoh chose Joseph.

During the next seven years, Joseph worked with the Egyptian people. They built places to store the extra food. He kept records for awhile but eventually, they saved so much food that Joseph stopped keeping records because they couldn't measure it anymore. (Genesis 41:49)

After seven years where lots of food grew, the seven poor years started. When the people were hungry, they came to Joseph. He opened the big store houses and sold grain to the Egyptians. The famine was in the other countries also. The people began coming to Egypt to buy food. The famine was also in Canaan, the land where Joseph's brothers lived with their families. They needed food also. Joseph's father, Jacob, sent ten of Joseph's brothers to Egypt to buy food.

Joseph had a younger brother,

Benjamin. Jacob kept Benjamin at home with him. He didn't want anything to happen to Benjamin since he had lost Joseph.

The brothers traveled to Egypt. When they arrived they were taken to Joseph. They had to bow to Joseph since he was in charge of the food. Do you remember when Joseph had the dreams that made his brother upset? (In the dreams the stalks of grain belonging to the brothers bowed to his stalks of grain. Then he dreamed that the sun, moon and stars bowed to him.) Now the dreams have come true.

Joseph recognized his brothers but they didn't know him. They didn't expect Joseph to be a leader. Remember they had sold him as a slave.

Joseph questioned them. He even threw them into prison to test them. After three days he brought them out of prison and gave them grain and sent them home. He told them that to get more grain they had to bring their younger brother Benjamin the next time. He kept one brother in prison.

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Joseph was testing his brothers to see if they were still mean and dishonest. He also wanted to see how they treated their youngest brother Benjamin. Joseph had the silver they paid for the grain put back into each sack. The brothers were scared.

When the brothers came back the next time, they brought Benjamin. They also brought the silver they found in their sacks. On that trip, Joseph had the steward put his silver cup into Benjamin's sack of grain so he could accuse him of stealing. As they traveled home, he sent his servants to chase them down. The servants searched the sacks for the cup. They found it in Benjamin's sack. The servants were instructed to bring Benjamin back as a slave. The brothers all returned. Each one wanted to take Benjamin's place as a slave and allow Benjamin to go home.

Joseph tested the brothers more to see if they had changed. Finally, Joseph told the servants to leave the room. Then, he told his brothers he was Joseph. He told them how he God had put him into this position. He told them about the famine that would last for five more years. He invited them to go back to Canaan and pack up their families and move to Egypt.

What would you have done if you were Joseph? Would you have been nice to your brothers after the way they had treated you or would you have treated them mean? Let's look at our lesson verse again. Ephesians 4:32- "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Look at your life. Is there someone you need to forgive?

In the 4-chapter gospel, RESTORATION is the focus for this lesson. Joseph recognized that God rescued him and now he needed to share Good News with his brothers. In this situation he was restoring them as his brothers. Joseph was joining God in reaching his brothers.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week, I want you to think about someone who has done something to you to upset you. Maybe they have treated you mean or said something nasty. Treat them the way the verse tells us to. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Next week I want you to share with your listener how you lived out this verse.

## Series A Review Unit 3

**Note to teachers:** Review games are a fun way for you to re-teach the material you taught throughout the unit. When students realize they will need the answers for the review, they will listen more intently. I have seen teachers build on the material all year and have fabulous retention results. You can adjust the questions and games to fit your students.

Today's game has a new twist. I made cards with points ranging from 5 to 20 points. I also drew water balloons on cards. The cards are placed face down on a tray. Divide the class into two groups. When a student answers a question correctly, he chooses a card. If it is points, he can choose to stop and keep those points or select another card. If the second card is points, he adds them to the first. He can stop and keep the points or try again. If he stops the points are safe. If he draws a water balloon, he loses all the points from that turn. (Water balloons wash the points away) This is a fun game. A team can be far behind and catch up if they are willing to take risks...

1. What part of the Four Chapter Gospel represents when we sin? *FALL*
2. What part of the Four Chapter Gospel shows Jesus dying for our sins? *RESCUE*
3. After beginning a relationship with Jesus, we have a responsibility to join Jesus and tell others about Him, that is what part of the Four Chapter Gospel?  
*RESTORATION*
4. What part of the Four Chapter Gospel answers the question, Where did I come from? *CREATION*
5. Finish the verse, Romans 12:12, "Be \_\_\_\_\_, patient \_\_\_\_\_, faithful \_\_\_\_\_. (*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*)
6. Who was the young man in our Bible narrative that was his father's favorite?  
*(Joseph)*
7. What special gift did Joseph's father give him that made his other brothers jealous?  
*(beautiful coat)*
8. Joseph's brothers were shepherds. They took care of the sheep. They travelled a distance to provide pasture and water for the flocks. Joseph went to visit. What did they decide to do with Joseph when they saw him coming? *(They threw him into a cistern or pit)*
9. The brothers needed to tell their Dad about Joseph disappearing. What did they use to tell a lie to their Dad? *(They took Joseph's coat and dipped it in animal blood and took it to Dad so it would look like a wild animal killed Joseph)*
10. What part of the Four Chapter Gospel is represented by the brothers' actions? *FALL*
11. Joseph was put in a pit then sold as a slave, then ended up in jail because someone told a lie. We are not told how Joseph behaved in jail but he was put in charge. How would you act if these bad things happened to you?
12. Two new prisoners were put in jail for Joseph to watch, who were they? *(Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker)*
13. One morning the cupbearer and baker were sad. What was wrong with them?  
*(They had both had dreams)*
14. What did the cupbearer dream? *(3 branches of grapes...squeezed into cup...)*
15. What did Joseph say would happen to the cupbearer? *(He would get his job back)*

16. What did the baker dream? (*3 baskets of baked goods...birds eating them*)
17. What did Joseph say would happen to the baker? (*He would die*)
18. When the Pharaoh had a birthday party, he called for the cupbearer and baker. He gave the cupbearer his job back but had the baker killed. Joseph had asked the cupbearer to tell the Pharaoh that he was in jail for something he didn't do. Did the cupbearer remember Joseph? (*No*)
19. Two years later, Pharaoh had dreams. The cupbearer remembered Joseph. Pharaoh called for Joseph. Tell me something about Pharaoh's dreams. (*7 skinny cows, fat cows, good heads of grain, dried up heads of grain...*)
20. Fill in the missing words, "Be strong and \_\_\_\_\_. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ for the LORD your God will be with you \_\_\_\_\_." (*courageous, afraid, discouraged, wherever you go*)
21. Joseph was put in charge of storing food in Egypt. How many years of good food crops did they have before the bad years when no food would grow? (*7*)
22. Who, that Joseph knew, came to Egypt to buy food when the famine hit? (*brothers*)
23. Joseph recognized his brothers, but they didn't recognize him? How did he test them? (*put money in sacks, called them spies, threw them in jail, kept one brother...*)
24. On the second trip to buy food, who did the brothers need to bring with them? (*younger brother Benjamin*)
25. What did Joseph have put in Benjamin's sack? (*silver cup*)
26. Joseph's brothers wanted to take Benjamin's punishment when the silver cup was found. This showed they had changed. They were no longer \_\_\_\_\_. (*mean, jealous, hateful...*)
27. Joseph asked his brothers to move their families to Egypt since there were still 5 more years of famine coming. He showed them \_\_\_\_\_. (*love, compassion*)
28. Finish the verse, "Be kind and \_\_\_\_\_, forgiving each other, \_\_\_\_\_." (*compassionate to one another... just as in Christ God forgave you*)

# Series A- Christmas Lesson 1

## Jesus Comes as a Baby to be our Rescuer



### 4 Chapter Focus

**Rescue:** Jesus came to earth so He could become our Savior, or rescuer.

**Truth:** God sent Jesus to earth to rescue us and give us hope.

**Response:** I will recognize that Jesus is the reason for Christmas.

**I John 4:14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

God sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world.

### CREATION



### ***How did it all begin?***

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

### FALL



### ***What went wrong?***

*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

*Genesis 3:6-10*

*Romans 3:23*

*Romans 6:23*

### RESCUE



### ***Can anything be done?***

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

### RESTORATION



### ***What will the future hold?***

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

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**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



What is an angel? Have you ever seen an angel? Have you ever received a message from an angel? In our lesson today, we are going to hear about two people in the Bible that received messages from angels. These messages were very important. Think about what could have happened if they had not listened to the messages.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Genesis 1&3, Matthew 1, Luke 2**

- The next two weeks will be Christmas lessons.
- The Four Chapter focus is RESCUE.
- Can anything be done?
- Jesus came to earth as a baby to grow up and die on the cross for our sins.
- Jesus didn't stay dead. He came alive again.
- God made a beautiful world.
- He made Adam and Eve and put them in the garden.
- Satan convinced Eve to eat fruit from a certain tree.
- Adam and Eve were not to eat from that tree.



For the next two weeks we are going to learn about Christmas. This is the real Christmas lesson. For weeks you have been seeing Christmas decorations and hearing Christmas music. The stores are busy with lots of people buying gifts to give to family and friends. There is excitement in the air but did you know that Christmas is really about Jesus being born on earth?

The Four Chapter Gospel focus is on RESCUE. Jesus came to earth as a baby so He could then grow up and die on the cross for our sins. Jesus didn't stay dead. Instead He came back to life, three days after his death, so He could go to heaven and prepare a place for us to live forever. (John 14:6) After hearing this lesson, you will be able to

answer the questions: "Can anything be done?" and "How does Jesus fix this broken world?"



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- Eve ate the fruit and gave some to Adam and he ate the fruit.
- Adam and Eve sinned.
- They tried to hide from God.
- God was sad.
- God still loved them and wanted to RESCUE them.
- God decided to send His Son Jesus to pay for their sins.
- The Angel Gabriel visits Mary to tell her she will have a baby.
- The baby will be named Jesus.
- He will be the Son of God.
- Mary agrees to be a servant.
- Mary visits her relative Elizabeth who is also going to have a baby.
- The baby inside Elizabeth leaps for joy.
- The Holy Spirit tells Elizabeth about the baby.

Remember in the beginning of the year we learned that God made a beautiful world. He made Adam and Eve and put them in a beautiful garden. The garden was supposed to be their home. One day the snake, who was really Satan came to Eve and convinced her to eat fruit off a certain tree. It was the tree God told Adam and Eve not to eat from. Eve ate the fruit. She thought it tasted so good that she gave it to Adam and he ate the fruit. God allowed Adam and Eve to understand that what they did was wrong. Adam and Eve sinned. Adam and Eve were sad that they disappointed God and disobeyed Him. They tried to hide from God.

God was very sad. He made Adam and Eve leave the garden. They were punished because they sinned. God killed an animal and used the animal skin to make clothes for Adam and Eve. God still loved

them and He wanted to RESCUE them.

God decided to send His Son Jesus to the world so that Jesus could pay for the sins of the people. The verse for today's lesson is from I John 4:14 "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world." God wants us to be RESCUED so we can live in heaven forever.

God's chosen people, the Jews were waiting for a Savior to come. They waited many years. One day Mary, a young woman, engaged to be married, was surprised by a visitor. The visitor was an angel from God. The angel's name was Gabriel.

The Angel Gabriel had a message for Mary. He said, "Good morning, "You are very special in God's eyes." Mary was upset. She didn't understand what the Angel was saying.

The Angel Gabriel continued, "Mary, do not be afraid, God is very pleased with you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a baby boy. You will name him Jesus. He will be great. He will be the Son of God. God will make him King like his father David was long ago. He will rule over his people forever. His kingdom will never end." Gabriel also told Mary that her relative Elizabeth, who was old, was also going to have a baby.

Mary asked the Angel questions. She didn't understand how she could have a baby. She wasn't married. The Angel told her that the baby would come from the Holy Spirit.

Mary told the angel, "I serve the Lord. May it happen to me just like you have said." Then the angel left.

Mary wanted to visit her relative Elizabeth. She traveled more than fifty miles to Elizabeth's house. When she arrived, the baby inside Elizabeth jumped for joy. The

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baby already knew that Mary was special. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit told Elizabeth about Mary's special assignment. Mary didn't even have to tell Elizabeth the news. Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months then she returned to Nazareth.

As Mary walked to Elizabeth's and returned to Nazareth, I am sure she spent a lot of time wondering what her life would be like since she was going to have a baby.

- Joseph is planning to marry Mary.
- Joseph finds out about the baby.
- Joseph tries to decide how to handle the situation.
- An angel visits Joseph in a dream and tells him that the baby is from the Holy Spirit.
- Joseph is told to name the baby Jesus.
- Joseph obeys the angel and marries Mary
- The Four Chapter focus is RESCUE.
- Jesus is the RESCUER

Mary was supposed to get married to Joseph. In Bible times if you got pregnant and weren't married they would stone you and you died. Mary probably wondered what Joseph would say when she gave him the angel's message. Mary didn't need to worry.

Joseph learned Mary was pregnant and while he was deciding how to handle the situation, an angel came to him in a dream. The angel told Joseph to marry Mary.

The angel told Joseph that the baby would come from the Holy Spirit. He also told Joseph that the baby would be named Jesus, because He would save His people

from their sins.

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel told him to do. He took Mary to his house as his wife.

When the baby was born, they named him Jesus. Jesus wasn't born in a nice clean hospital room. You will have to wait until next week to find out the details of His birth.

The Four Chapter focus is RESCUE. Did you notice the angel told Joseph to name the baby Jesus because He would save His people from their sins? Jesus came to be our RESCUER. We are born as sinners. Can anything be done? The answer is YES! Jesus came to earth to grow up to die on the cross to pay for our sins. Come to Jesus right now. He is waiting to listen to you. Pray, *"Dear Jesus, I am a sinner. I do bad things. Please forgive me. Jesus come live inside of me. I want to begin a relationship with you. Please give me the gift of eternal life. I love you Jesus. AMEN!"*

Read the verse for today which says, "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



We are into the Christmas season. I want you to read Matthew 1:18-25. Draw a picture of Joseph sleeping and the angel coming to him in a dream. Bring the picture to Bible Adventure next week to show me.

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### The Shepherds Hear, See, and Tell



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Restoration:** The shepherds came to the stable to see Jesus. When they left the stable, they went around telling others the Good News.

**Truth:** God wants the world to know that Jesus is the Savior of the world.

**Response:** I will choose to tell others about Jesus.

**Luke 2:17-** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

After the shepherds visited Jesus, they left and went out and told everyone they met about Him.

#### CREATION



#### **How did it all begin?**

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### **What went wrong?**

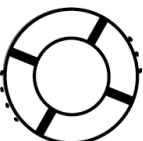
*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

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#### RESCUE



#### **Can anything be done?**

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### **What will the future hold?**

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

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**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



Have you ever been somewhere and seen something exciting? When you came home, did you just forget about it or did you call a friend and tell them? Many of you probably have cell phones. As soon as you see something exciting you take a picture and send it to your friends. You don't even wait until you get home. You send it right away. Today we are going to hear the Christmas truth. Pay attention to the shepherds. Find out what they did after they saw Jesus in the manger.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Luke 2**

- The Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION
- God created the world.
- Adam and Eve disobeyed
- God promised a Messiah
- The angel told Mary the baby would be great and would be called the Son of the Most High.
- Mary was planning to marry Joseph.



Today we are going to hear the Christmas lesson. The Christmas truth is all about Jesus coming to earth as a baby. The shepherds came to see the baby and then they shared the Good News with others. The Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION. We can answer the question: "How can I join God now in His work?"

God's chosen people were not free. They were being controlled by the Romans. God provided the Ten Commandments and the law but they chose to disobey and do their own thing. Over and over again God had helped them to win over their enemies, but they continued to do as they pleased.

Remember, when God created the world everything was good and perfect, but then, Adam and Eve disobeyed and sin came into the world. God promised a Messiah, a Rescuer, would come but God's chosen people were still waiting.

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One day in the town of Nazareth, a young woman named Mary was visited by an angel. The angel had a message for Mary. He told her that she was special to God and he told her not to be afraid. The angel continued by telling Mary that she would have a baby boy. He would be God's Son and His name would be Jesus. Jesus was the Rescuer the people were waiting for. The angel also told Mary that He would be great and would be called the Son of the Most High (see Luke 1:32-33).

- Joseph was told in a dream about the special baby.
- Caesar Augustus required everyone to go to their hometown to pay taxes.
- Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.
- The town was full.
- Jesus was wrapped in cloths and laid in an animal feed box.
- An angel told the Good News to the shepherds.

This was huge news for Mary! She didn't understand how she could have a baby inside. The angel told her that God/Holy Spirit would make it happen. Mary was willing to do what God asked.

Before the angel came to visit, Mary was planning to get married. How would Joseph, her husband-to-be feel about this news? Mary didn't need to worry because God took care of telling Joseph.

Joseph was concerned that Mary was going to have a baby but God took away his concerns. Joseph was sleeping when he had a dream. In his dream, an angel came from

God to tell him to marry Mary. The angel told Joseph that the baby was God's Son. Joseph was also told that the baby should be named Immanuel, which means God with us. Joseph and Mary got married.

Caesar Augustus, the man in charge, decided that everyone needed to go back to where his family came from so they could be counted. Mary and Joseph both came from Bethlehem, so they began the long trip back.

When they arrived in Bethlehem they looked for a place to stay. Many people were visiting the city, so they couldn't find a room in the inn. When the baby was born, He was wrapped in pieces of cloth and put in an animal feed box called a manger. (Imagine, no clean hospital, no soft blankets, no crib.... Is this the way an important person is usually treated?)

The same day that Jesus was born the news began to spread. Jesus was God's Son, so you would think that important people would have learned about His birth first but God had other plans. Shepherds were out in the field taking care of their sheep. It was an ordinary night that was about to become extraordinary.

An angel came to the shepherds with a message. "Do not be afraid. I have good news for you. Today in Bethlehem a Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord." The angel continued by telling the shepherds how they would find the baby. "He will be wrapped in pieces of cloth and will be in a manger."

The angel who brought the message was joined by many angels in the sky. Together they praised God saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

After the angels went back to heaven, the shepherds made the choice to go to Bethlehem. They found baby Jesus and Mary and Joseph. The shepherds visited the

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baby and then began to tell the good news to everyone. Everyone who heard the news was amazed.

Our verse for today is Luke 2:17- *“The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”*

- The Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION.
- How can I join God now in His work?
- The shepherds came to see Jesus
- When they left the stable they went around telling the Good News.
- We are supposed to tell the Good News also.

The **4 Chapter Gospel** focus for this lesson directs us to RESTORATION. We can answer the question, “How can I join God now in His work?” The shepherds came to the stable to see Jesus. When they left the stable, they didn’t just go back to their sheep and forget about what they saw. Instead, they went around telling others the Good News. That is what we are supposed to do. Now that you have heard the real Christmas truth, who are you

going to tell? The shepherds told other. “When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child”. We have the job of telling the world that Jesus came to earth as a baby at Christmas time. Jesus grew up and died on the cross to pay for our sins, so we could have eternal life in heaven. Jesus came back to life and is in heaven making a place for us.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week you will be thinking a lot about Christmas. Take time to read the Christmas lesson from Luke 2:1-20. It would be great if you could read it every day. When you read it each day, find one thing that you didn’t know before. Draw a picture of the Christmas truth.

## Series A- Unit 4 Lesson 1

### The Boy Jesus at the Temple



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Creation:** Before Jesus came to earth as a baby, He was already in heaven. He is part of the God-head, Trinity. Jesus was in Genesis. He was with God.

**Truth:** Jesus is God

**Response:** I will recognize that Jesus is God and was perfect and knows everything.

**John 1:1-** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Word in this verse is Jesus. Jesus was with God from the beginning and Jesus is God.

#### CREATION



#### **How did it all begin?**

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### **What went wrong?**

*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

*Genesis 3:6-10*

*Romans 3:23*

*Romans 6:23*

#### RESCUE



#### **Can anything be done?**

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### **What will the future hold?**

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

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**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



How many of you have ever been left at church, or a store, or a friend's house by your parents because they forgot you? I heard about a teen from a family with six children. One Sunday after church he realized the family had gone home without him. When someone took him home and he walked into the house, his Mom asked where he had been. She didn't realize that he wasn't with them. It's scary to think we could be left behind. In our story today, we are going to hear about a time when Jesus was left behind.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Luke 2**

- Jesus came earth as a baby.
- Before He came to earth, He was in heaven.
- Jesus is part of the God-head, Trinity.
- Jesus was 100% God and 100% man
- The "Word" in our Bible verse is Jesus.
- Our Four Chapter Focus is CREATION
- Where did I come from?
- We don't know much about Jesus early life.
- Joseph and Mary presented Him at the temple when He was eight days old.



At Christmas, we celebrated the birth of Jesus. Jesus came to earth as a baby but He was also God. Before Jesus came to earth as a baby, He was already in heaven. He is part of the God-head, Trinity. Jesus was in Genesis. He was with God.

Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. Our verse for today says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1) The "Word" in this verse is Jesus. Our Four Chapter Focus for today is CREATION. *Where did I come from?* Although Jesus came to earth as a newborn baby, He was also God and He always was. That is very hard for us to even think about. Today, are going to focus on Jesus.



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After Jesus was born we don't hear very much about His early life. We know Joseph and Mary presented Him at the temple when He was eight days old. At the temple Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the Savior. Can you imagine? They

- At the temple Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the Savior.
- When Jesus was a young child the Wise Men brought Him gifts.
- Joseph and Mary moved to Egypt with Jesus to protect Him from King Herod.
- Each year Jewish people celebrate Major Feasts.
- Jesus family traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover.
- Passover reminded the Israelites of the time the death angel passed over their homes.
- When the Feast was over, the families began to walk home.
- After traveling a day, Joseph and Mary discovered that Jesus was not traveling with them.
- Joseph and Mary returned to Jerusalem to find Jesus.

knew who Jesus was when He was only eight days old!

We know Jesus was a young child when the Wise Men brought gifts to Him. We know Jesus, along with Mary and Joseph, left Bethlehem and moved to Egypt to be safe from Herod.

Joseph and Mary stayed in Egypt until King Herod died. After King Herod died, Joseph was told in a dream to move back to Israel. They returned to Nazareth. We don't know anymore about Jesus until He is twelve.

Open your Bible to Luke 2. The first part of Luke 2 tells us about the birth of Jesus. The last part of Luke 2 tells us about Jesus when He was twelve.

Each year the Jewish people celebrated major feasts to help them remember what God had done for them. Jesus' family celebrated these events. One of these was the Feast of the Passover. Remember our lessons on Moses? Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. God had to

get Pharaoh's attention so he would let the people go. God sent ten plagues. One of those plagues was the death of the first-born son. To avoid the trouble the Egyptians were having, the Israelites had to kill a lamb and put the blood on the door frame. When the death angel saw the blood, he would pass over them and not let anyone die. The Israelites obeyed and they saw God's mighty hand against the enemy. The firstborn in every Egyptian family died but the Israelite families didn't experience death because of the blood on the doorframe.

God didn't want the Israelites to forget what He had done for them so they celebrated the Feast of the Passover every year.

When Jesus was twelve, he traveled with Joseph and Mary to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. This trip would have taken several days. It was about seventy miles from Nazareth to Jerusalem. Many families probably walked together.

When the Feast of the Passover was over, the families started walking home. Joseph and Mary were in the group that started to return to Nazareth. After traveling for a day, they discovered that Jesus was not with them. Can you imagine? How would your parents feel if they left you somewhere and traveled a whole day without you before they discovered you weren't there?

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Joseph and Mary turned around and returned to Jerusalem to search for Jesus. After three days they found Jesus in the temple courts. He was listening to the teachers and

- Jesus was in the temple courts.
- He was listening to the teachers and asking them questions.
- Everyone was amazed.
- Our verse says, “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
- Jesus told Joseph and Mary that He had to be in His Father’s house.
- Jesus was obedient to Joseph and Mary.
- Jesus grew in wisdom and stature.
- Jesus always made right decisions.
- Jesus lived on earth but He was still God.

asking questions. Everyone was amazed at how much He understood and by the questions He was asking. The people in the temple knew Jesus was different.

Remember our verse for today that says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1. Jesus was God. That is why He was able to amaze the teachers by how much He knew.

Joseph and Mary were concerned since Jesus had been away from them for three days. Mary asked Jesus why He treated them like this. Jesus answered. “Why were you searching for me? Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” Mary and Joseph didn’t understand His answer. Jesus was obedient to Joseph and Mary.

Jesus traveled home with Joseph and

Mary and He obeyed them. Even at age twelve, Jesus knew who He was and the purpose for His life. The Bible says that Mary treasured all these things in her heart. *(Before Jesus was born, Mary was told that Jesus was the Son of the Most High-God. She probably did a lot of thinking about the importance of Jesus and all the things she had been told).*

The end of Luke 2 tells us, “Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” We are not told any more about Jesus’ childhood. Even though Jesus was God, He still learned and had choices to make everyday. Jesus was different from us. He always made the right decisions.

Jesus lived on earth but He was still God. Jesus was around when God created the world. He was in heaven. Jesus came to earth as a baby. Then, He grew up. He died for our sins and came alive again. Jesus returned to heaven to make a place for those who love Him. We have just answered the questions, “How did it all begin?” and “Where did I come from?” Jesus always was. Remember our verse says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



Our verse for today is not very long. I want each of you to memorize it for next week. Write it down. Read it everyday. Remember Jesus is the “Word”. Jesus was with God at creation. Tell your listener that the “Word” is Jesus.

## Series A- Unit 4 Lesson 2

### Jesus Calls the First Disciples



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Creation:** Jesus chose people who were doing everyday things to follow Him. Each of us needs to choose to follow Him. We can ask, Why am I here?

**Truth:** Jesus asked ordinary people to help Him teach others about God.

**Response:** I will be willing to learn about God and then share it with others.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:24 - The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

God is the one who calls us to do things for Him and He will help us do those things because He always does what He says.

#### CREATION



#### **How did it all begin?**

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

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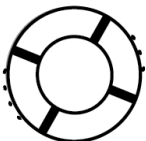
*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

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#### RESCUE



#### **Can anything be done?**

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### **What will the future hold?**

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

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### Teacher Note Box:

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



“Pick Me! Pick Me!” Have you ever said this? Perhaps you are attending an assembly and the person on stage needs a volunteer to “help him”. Everyone is so excited. Lots of hands are waving in the air. You see this as fun. You want to be involved.

Perhaps you are outside playing ball. There are two team captains. You are just waiting to be chosen. Excitement is building.

In our lesson today, Jesus is ready to officially start His ministry time on earth. He is ready to choose special helpers. I don’t believe there was lots of excitement or people begging to be chosen. They didn’t know what Jesus was planning to do. Let’s find out how Jesus chose His disciples.

Being chosen to help at the assembly or to be on a team is just temporary. Choosing to be on Jesus team has eternal rewards. God calls each of us. He will give us what we need to follow Him.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Luke 5:1-11, Mark 1:16-20, Matthew 4:18-22**

- The Four Chapter focus is CREATION.
- Where did I come from?
- How did it all begin?
- Why am I here?
- The verse for today says, “The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.”



Last week in our lesson, Jesus was just twelve years old. He amazed the teachers in the temple by answering their questions. Today Jesus has started His ministry of preaching the “Good News of the Kingdom of God”.

Once again, our Four Chapter Gospel focus is on CREATION. We ask: How did it all begin? Where did I come

from? We will see that Jesus chose people who were doing everyday things to follow Him. Each of us needs to choose to follow Him. We can ask, Why am I here? Our verse for today says, “The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.” I Thessalonians 5:24. We will find out how Jesus chose His disciples.

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- Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.
- Jesus spent forty days alone in the wilderness after being baptized.
- Satan tempted Jesus.
- Jesus answered each temptation with a Bible verse.
- Jesus read scripture in His hometown of Nazareth.
- The people didn't believe Jesus was who He said He was.
- Jesus traveled to other towns.
- He drove out evil spirits.
- He healed many people.
- People began to follow Jesus.
- Jesus preached to people from Simon Peter's boat.
- Jesus told Peter to cast the nets into the water.
- Peter caught so many fish that he had to call for help.
- They filled two boats with the fish.
- When the boats returned to shore, Jesus asked the fishermen to follow Him.

Jesus began His ministry by being baptized by John the Baptist. After He was baptized, He spent forty days alone in the wilderness. He spent time with God before He started preaching. During this time, Jesus was tempted by Satan. Every time Satan tried to get Jesus to do something He shouldn't do, Jesus responded with Bible verses. Jesus didn't give in to Satan and the temptations.

After Jesus was tempted, He returned to Nazareth, His hometown. He taught in the synagogue. He read scripture from Isaiah to the people. It was written many years before Jesus was born. The scripture talked about Jesus preaching and healing. When He was done reading, He told the people the scripture He just read to them was actually about Him. The people in Nazareth were upset with Jesus. They didn't believe He was the Messiah or Savior.

Jesus traveled to other towns telling people about God. He drove an evil spirit out of one man. He healed many people. People began to follow Him.

One day, people were crowding in close to Jesus to hear Him preach. Jesus was near a lake. He saw two fishing boats.

He climbed into Simon Peter's boat and Simon Peter pushed the boat out into the water. Jesus sat down in the boat and taught the people about God.

When Jesus was done teaching the people, He asked Simon Peter to push the boat out into deeper water. Jesus asked Simon Peter to cast the nets into the lake. Fishing was Simon Peter's job. He knew about fishing. Simon Peter responded to Jesus' request by saying, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." Did you notice, Simon Peter called Jesus "Master"? How did Simon Peter know Jesus was important?

Simon Peter obeyed Jesus and cast the nets into the lake. He caught so many fish that the nets began to break. Simon Peter had to call his partners to help him. They caught so many fish that both boats began to sink. Think about this: These fishermen had fished all night and hadn't caught any fish. Now Jesus asked them to put the nets into the lake and the result was two boats full of fish. Can you imagine how much money these fishermen could get by selling the fish?

Simon Peter saw the miracle Jesus had just performed. Jesus asked Simon Peter and his partners Andrew, James and John to join Him in ministry. He asked them to become disciples. The Bible says, "They pulled their boats up on shore, left

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- Peter, Andrew, James and John became disciples.
- They left everything to follow Jesus.
- These men were not kings, presidents or highly educated.
- Our verse says, “The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.”
- Jesus would teach and train these men to serve in the best possible way.
- These men could answer the question: How did it all begin?

everything and followed Him.” These men probably had the biggest catch of fish in their life but they left it all behind to follow Jesus. They didn’t ask whether they would be paid to help Jesus, they just followed. They weren’t saying, “Pick me! Pick me”, but Jesus chose them anyway.

These men were not kings, presidents, highly educated, rich or important but they followed Jesus. Our verse for today says, “The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.” Jesus chose these men to be His disciples. Jesus would teach and train them so they could serve Him the very best way possible.

Jesus chose Peter, Andrew, James

and John. He would also choose eight more disciples. These men could answer the question: “How did it all begin?”

### ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week, I want you to think about your life. Have you ever said to Jesus, “Pick me! Pick me!”? Pray and ask Jesus what He wants you to do with your life. Even though Jesus is not walking on earth today, He is still looking for those who will serve Him. Read the lesson verse every day. The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

## Series A Unit 4 Lesson 3

### The Wise and Foolish Builders



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Restoration:** Jesus desires for each of us to hear and obey His Words. He wants us to build on a strong foundation so we can then be a testimony to others.

**Truth:** Jesus wants us to hear and obey His words so we can have a strong foundation

**Response:** I will build my life on Jesus by learning and living Bible truths.

**Matthew 7:24-** “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

God wants us to hear the Words from the Bible and obey them. Then our life will be on a good foundation.

#### CREATION



#### **How did it all begin?**

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### **What went wrong?**

*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

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#### RESCUE



#### **Can anything be done?**

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### **What will the future hold?**

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

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Teacher Note Box:

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



**Option 1:** Bring in a pan of sand and place a block structure on it. Pour water on the sand to demonstrate how unstable the block structure is. In another pan, place a flat rock or brick with a block structure. Pour water into this pan to demonstrate its stability. The structure on the rock is standing strong. The structure on the sand has moved and is no longer straight. We need to build our life on Jesus then we will be strong to stand up for what is right. Our verse for today is: Matthew 7:24- *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”*

**Option 2:** Today we are going to pretend that we are at the beach. Pretend to kick off your shoes and run through the sun warmed sand. You head straight for the water’s edge. You drop to your knees and begin to build a sand castle. You have plastic buckets to mold the wet sand. Soon your castle looks great. You place a flag on the highest tower. You are happy with your efforts and you run off to catch the waves. An hour later you come back to find your castle is gone. You are disappointed. Who destroyed your work? Then you notice that the beach chairs are closer to water and you remember the tide is coming in and the waves smashed your castle. In our lesson today, we are going to learn to build our life on a strong foundation, Jesus. Then, we will be able to stand strong against Satan. Our verse says, *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”* Matthew 7:24.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

Matthew 7:24-29, Luke 6:47-49



Our Four Chapter lesson focus for today is RESTORATION. When you restore something you make it look as beautiful as it did when it was new. Jesus wants to restore each one of us. We will answer the question: *How can I join God now in His work?*

The lesson verse for today is: Matthew 7:24- *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”* God wants us to hear the Words from the Bible



## Series A- Unit 4 Lesson 3

- Our Four Chapter Focus is RESTORATION.
- When something is restored it is made to be as beautiful as when it was new.
- How can I join God now in His work?
- The verse says, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."
- We need to hear and obey the words from the Bible.
- This lesson is part of the Sermon on the Mount.
- A crowd of people were listening to Jesus.
- Jesus used word pictures.
- The wise man built his house on a rock.
- The rain came down, the streams rose, the winds blew.
- The house did not fall because it was built on rock.
- When we hear God's Words and don't obey, we are like the man who built his house on sand.

and obey them. Then our life will be on a good foundation.

*(Some lessons create great word pictures. This lesson is one of them. To make this lesson different, give each child a piece of paper and pencil. Fold the paper into sections so you have 6 blocks to draw in. Then the students can draw the scene as it is taught. If drawing is not an option, have them picture it in their brains.)*

This lesson is part of Jesus' teaching known as the "Sermon on the Mount". There was a crowd of people listening. Jesus taught the people about many important things. He taught them about murder, adultery, divorce, oaths, getting even when someone does wrong to you, love for enemies, and sharing with the poor. Jesus taught the crowd about prayer and fasting. He taught them to lay up treasures in heaven, not to worry and not to judge others. He taught them how to ask, seek and knock. He showed them how to follow Him and how to avoid false prophets. He finished His Sermon on the Mount with our lesson for today

Jesus often used stories with word pictures. You could see the story in your brain. Open your Bible to Matthew 7:24. We are going to read Matthew 7:24-28.

Verse 24 says "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. We are going to draw this story in your brain. Can you see a big ear with words going in? It isn't enough for the words to just be heard by the ear. The next picture in your brain needs to show a person obeying those words. Perhaps the feet are taking you to serve someone in need... The next word picture is a wise man building a house on a rock.

Verse 25 says, "The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock". What is the picture in your brain? Imagine a big thunderstorm with high winds and powerful sheets of rain pounding against the house. Next your brain should show you streams of water getting higher and wider by the second. Now the steam has surrounded the house but the house doesn't move.

## Series A- Unit 4 Lesson 3

Verse 26 says, “But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand”. In your brain do you see the big ear with the words going in? Only, this time, you don’t see anyone

- Picture a house on top of a pile of sand.
- The rain came down, the streams rose, the winds blew.
- The house on the sand fell with a crash.
- Can you see damage?
- The house didn’t have a firm foundation.
- Hearing and obeying the Bible and having a relationship with Jesus will provide a firm foundation.
- Is your brain telling you to tell others about Jesus?
- That is part of the RESTORATION process.
- You are responsible for telling others about Jesus.
- Who in your class needs to hear about Jesus?

obeying the words from the Bible. Now put a new picture in your brain. This time there is a pile of sand with a house sitting on top.

Verse 27 says, “The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” Go back to verse 25 and the huge thunderstorm with the powerful winds and the sheets of rain. The streams are becoming wider, deeper and moving very quickly. Suddenly the pile of sand gives way and the house sitting on the sand collapsing into the stream and is gone. Can you see the damage in your brain? This damage took place because the house wasn’t on a firm foundation. Hearing and obeying the Bible and having a relationship with Jesus will provide the firm foundation.

Verse 28-29 says, “When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.” Does the picture in your

brain show the people talking to each other saying things like, “Wow! That was a great story. I know what I need to do. I need to follow what Jesus says. He is a wonderful teacher. He knows what He is talking about. I need to let my neighbors know. They need to listen to Jesus also.”

Is your brain telling you to tell others about Jesus? I hope so. That is part of the RESTORATION process. You have a responsibility to tell others about Jesus. That answers the question we had at the beginning of the lesson that asked, “How can I join God now in His work”? Who is sitting in your class that you can tell about Jesus? Who is on your ball team that needs Jesus?

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week I want you to look at your time. What do you do with the hours between when you get home from school and when you go to bed? How much of that time is spent doing homework? How much time are you spending watching television, playing games on your tablet/computer? How much time are you spending at sports, scouts, church...? Ok, one final question, How much time are you spending reading the Bible and doing what it says? Pray and ask God to help you build a foundation on the rock.

## Series A Review Unit 4

**Note to teachers:** *Students love competition. They also enjoy playing jeopardy. Some students are risk takers and will ask for hard questions. Others will stick to 10 and 20 point questions. The easiest ways to put together a jeopardy board is to draw it on a white board and circle the points when they are answered. I like to use two colors of markers and circle one teams points in "red" and one in "blue". They like seeing the circles representing their team. You can also write the points on "post it" notes and pull the cards and give them to the team as they answer correctly.*

For our review week, we are going to play Jeopardy. I have 5 categories for you to choose from. People, Places, Objects, Verses, Anything. Each category has questions worth, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 points. I will divide you into two teams. When you answer a question correctly, you get the points for your team. If you make too much noise, I will take points off your score.

### People

- 10 Who was the baby born in a stable who was God? *(Jesus)*
- 20 Who was the King who wanted to kill Jesus when He was a baby? *(King Herod)*
- 30 Who build a house on the rock? *(wise man)*
- 40 Name two of Jesus' first disciples. *(Peter, Andrew, James, and John)*
- 50 Who recognized Jesus as Savior when He was brought to the temple at eight days old? *(Simeon and Anna)*

### Places

- 10 Where did Joseph and Mary take Jesus when He was eight days old? *(Temple)*
- 20 Where did the foolish man build a house? *(sand)*
- 30 Where did Jesus spend forty days alone at the beginning of His ministry? *(wilderness)*
- 40 Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus after He was lost for three days? *(temple)*
- 50 What was the name of Jesus' hometown where He read scripture? *(Nazareth)*

### Objects

- 10 If a house is build on this, it will be gone when a storm comes. *(sand)*
- 20 Jesus sat in this to teach the people who were near the water. *(boat)*
- 30 What did the Israelites put on their door posts to avoid death? *(blood of a lamb)*
- 40 What did the disciples leave behind to follow Jesus? *(boats and fish)*
- 50 John the Baptist baptized Jesus, what did he use for baptism? *(water)*

### Verses

- 10 John 1:1 says, In the beginning was the Word. Who does "Word" refer to? *(Jesus)*
- 20 It is not enough just to hear God's word, what else must we do? *(put it into practice)*
- 30 Quote John 1:1- *(In the beginning was the Word and the Word...)*
- 40 Quote I Thessalonians 5:24- *(The one who calls you is faithful...)*
- 50 Quote Matthew 7:24- *(Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine...)*

### Anything

- 10 What were the first disciples doing when Jesus chose them? *(fishing)*
- 20 When Jesus was in the temple at age twelve, what was He doing?  
*(listening to the teachers and asking questions)*
- 30 Even though the fishermen had fished all night and caught nothing, what happened when Jesus asked them to cast their nets? *(They overflowed with fish)*
- 40 How can you build your life on the Rock? *(begin a relationship with Jesus)*
- 50 Why was Jesus' family in Jerusalem? *(celebrating Passover)*

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# Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 1

## Jairus' Daughter is healed

### Woman Sick for 12 years healed



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Rescue:** Jesus gave life to Jairus' daughter. He rescued her from death and gave her life. He did this to show his power and His care for people.

**Truth:** Jesus wants us to trust Him with the situations we have in life.

**Response:** I will take my problems to God and not try to take care of them myself.

**1 Peter 5:7- Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.**

We need to give all of our concerns/problems to Jesus because He cares about us.

#### CREATION



#### ***How did it all begin?***

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### ***What went wrong?***

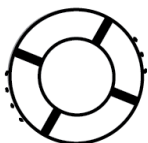
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*Romans 6:23*

#### RESCUE



#### ***Can anything be done?***

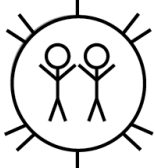
*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### ***What will the future hold?***

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 1

**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



How many of you have been fishing? You have your fishing pole with fishing line attached. On the end of the line, you put a hook, bait and a weight? Then, you cast the line into the water. You are still holding the pole and most of the fishing line but the other end of the line with the hook, bait and weight have been cast (thrown) into the water. You had to “cast” or throw the line into the water or you wouldn’t be able to catch fish. Sometimes we “cast” our line into the water and then we immediately reel the line back in and we don’t wait for the fish to try the bait. We become impatient. Let’s look at our verse for today and see if we do the same thing with our anxieties or problems. Our verse from 1 Peter 5:7 says, “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” We are told to cast our problems on Jesus because He cares for you. We should not take the problems back and try to solve them on our own

We need to cast or throw our problems to Jesus so we can catch the blessings Jesus has for us. Jesus wants us to trust Him. He cares about us. When we try to handle our own anxieties or problems we will struggle.

In our lesson today, we will learn about a situation where people had to give their problem to Jesus. They didn’t have anywhere else to turn to.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Luke 8:40-56, Mark 5:21-43**

- The Four Chapter lesson focus for today is RESCUE.
- Can anything be done?
- How does Jesus fix this broken world?
- Jesus was teaching people using parables.
- Parables are stories to teach lessons to the people.



Today’s lesson focuses on the RESCUE part of the 4 Chapter Gospel. We will answer the questions; *Can anything be done? How does Jesus fix this broken world?* We are going to look at two situations where these questions will be answered by Jesus.

## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 1

Jesus was busy teaching people. He was using parables, stories, to teach lessons to the people. In Luke 8, just before our lesson today, Jesus calmed a

- Jesus returned to Capernaum.
- The crowd was waiting to welcome Jesus.
- Jairus, a ruler was waiting for Jesus.
- Jairus' twelve-year-old daughter was sick.
- She was dying.
- Jairus believed Jesus could help him.
- Jairus believed the verse, Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.
- Jesus agreed to go to Jairus' house.
- A woman in the crowd had been sick for twelve years.
- She spent all her money on doctors but nothing helped.
- She touched the hem of Jesus robe.
- Jesus felt power leave his body.
- The sick woman was healed.
- Jesus asked, "who touched my clothes?"
- The woman also lived out the verse for today by casting her anxiety of Jesus.
- Jairus may have felt like Jesus wasn't moving fast enough.
- Jairus received news that his daughter had died.
- Jesus didn't listen to the news.

storm and healed a man who was demon possessed. Then Jesus got back into a boat and returned to Capernaum. The crowd was waiting to welcome Jesus.

Jairus, a ruler in the Synagogue (church for Jews), was waiting for Jesus. Jairus was an important man among the Jews. He was the one who made sure that everyone followed the rules. Jairus came to Jesus with a problem. He had a daughter who was about twelve years old. She was very sick and was dying. Jairus was willing to live out I Peter 5:7 which says, "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." Jesus agreed to travel with Jairus to his home. Jairus was probably excited that Jesus agreed to come with him.

As they traveled toward Jairus' home, many people crowded in on Jesus. One of the people in the crowd was a woman that had been sick for twelve years. The Bible says that she spent all her money on doctors. Instead of getting better, she was getting sicker. The woman who was sick knew that Jesus had power to heal. She sneaked in behind Jesus and touched the hem of His robe. As soon as she touched Jesus, she knew she was healed. Jesus also knew about the healing immediately. Jesus stopped walking and turned around. He asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

No one answered right away. The disciples were surprised by his question. Jesus waited. The woman knew she was healed. She stepped forward and fell at

Jesus feet. She was scared. She told Jesus her story. She lived out the verse for today which says, "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." I Peter 5:7. She cast her anxiety on Jesus and He healed her.

How do you think Jairus felt when Jesus stopped to question the crowd? Do you think that Jairus started to take his problem back from Jesus? He may have thought, "I can't believe this, my daughter is dying and Jesus isn't moving fast enough." We aren't told what Jairus was thinking.

## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 1

While Jesus was talking to the woman and the crowd, men came from Jairus' house to tell him that his daughter was dead. Jesus didn't pay any attention to the news of the girl's death. He just told Jairus not to be afraid. He told Jairus to believe.

- Jesus went to Jairus' house.
- People were crying and mourning the little girl's death.
- Jesus told the crowd the girl was sleeping.
- Jesus took the girl's Dad and Mom into the room along with a few disciples.
- Jesus took the girl's hand and told her to get up.
- She got up and walked around the room.
- Jesus did this to show His power.
- Something can be done to fix our broken world.
- Jesus is waiting to RESCUE us.

Jesus continued to walk to Jairus' house. There was lots of noise coming from Jairus' house. People were crying and mourning the little girl's death. Jesus told the people she was not dead, just asleep. They laughed at Jesus. They didn't believe that Jesus could do anything to ease their anxiety but they were wrong.

Jesus took the girl's Dad and Mom along with Peter, James and John with him into the girl's room. Jesus took the little girl by the hand and told her to get up. The Bible says that immediately she got up and walked around the room.

Jesus told those in the room not to tell anyone what happened. Jesus told them to give the girl something to eat. Jesus did this miracle to show His power and care for us.

We have just learned about two remarkable stories from the Bible. Our Bible verse is great for both situations. I Peter 5:7 - "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." We also received answers for both questions. *Can anything be done?* Yes, something can be done. We can give our problem to Jesus. *How does Jesus fix this broken world?* In these stories Jesus provided needed healings. In our life, Jesus will fix our broken world of sin by giving us eternal life but we must ask Him. We can be RESCUED. Jesus is waiting for us.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This is your assignment for this week. Write down three situations that you need to let Jesus take control of. Pray and ask Jesus to take these problems from you. Then, make a choice not to take the problem back. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.



## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 2

### Jesus Feeds the 5,000



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Restoration:** Jesus used a little boy's lunch to feed many people. One little boy's lunch was used to show God's power to many people.

**Truth:** God reveals His power through miracles.

**Response:** I can join God in helping others.

**Romans 12:13** Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

We are told to share with others who have needs and serve them.

#### CREATION



#### **How did it all begin?**

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### **What went wrong?**

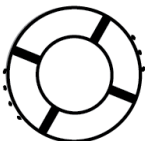
*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

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#### RESCUE



#### **Can anything be done?**

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### **What will the future hold?**

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 2

**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



*(Pack a child-size lunch to bring to class today. Bring about four items.)*

Is there anyone here who packed their lunch today? Tell me what you packed. You may have brought a sandwich, chips, apple, rice crispy treat and drink. What if your school teacher asked you to share your lunch with all the students in your class, would you? If everyone was really hungry, do you think you would have enough food for them? Do you think they would be full or do you think they would still want more? Would there be any leftovers? Our lesson verse for today, Romans 12:13 says, "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Today we are going to hear about a boy who shared his lunch with a whole crowd of people and there were leftovers.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:32-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-15**

- The Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION.
- How can I join God now in His work?
- We are learning about Jesus' ministry.
- Jesus told stories to help the people understand lessons.
- Jesus healed people and brought people back to life.
- Jesus' friend John the Baptist was killed.



Today our Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION. We will answer the question, "How can I join God now in His work?" There are always ways for us to join God. We just need to look around us. Our verse for today says, "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Today we will learn how one boy joined God in His work. He shared with those in need.

The past few weeks we have learned about Jesus' ministry. Jesus told stories to help people understand lessons. He also

showed fishermen how to fish. He healed a woman and brought a little girl back to life. Now we are going to learn about another miracle.

## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 2

Jesus was teaching great crowds of people. His friend John the Baptist had just been killed and Jesus wanted to spend some time with His disciples. He took them up on the side of the mountain and sat down to teach them. While He was there, a crowd

- Jesus wanted to spend time with His disciples.
- He went up on the mountain.
- A crowd of people followed Jesus.
- Jesus said down and began to teach them.
- Late in the afternoon, the disciples came to Jesus.
- They told Jesus it was time to send the people home.
- Jesus told the disciples to feed the crowd.
- A boy gave his lunch to Philip so the crowd could be fed.
- The lunch had 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread.
- Jesus accepted the lunch then looked to Heaven and gave thanks.
- Jesus broke the bread and fish into pieces.
- The disciples passed the food out to the people.
- 5,000 men were fed along with the women and children.
- The Bible says they ate and were satisfied.
- Twelve baskets of food were left over.
- Jesus told the disciples to collect the leftovers.
- One boy's lunch fed the crowd.
- We answer the question, "How can I join God in His work?"
- Share with the Lord's people who are in need.

of people came up on the mountain. The people were following Him because they were amazed by the miracles. It was exciting to watch sick people be healed.

Jesus taught the crowd. It was late in the afternoon when the disciples came to Jesus and told Him it was time to send the crowd home so they could get something to eat. (There were no McDonalds around.) They were not close to any place where food could be purchased. We are told they were in a remote place.

Jesus told the disciples to feed the crowd. Philip, a disciple, said that feeding them would take eight months wages. (Can you imagine if your parents had to give all the money they made from January thru August to feed a crowd of people?)

Among the people there was a boy who had his lunch. In the lunch he had two small fish and five small loaves of barley bread. It was just enough to feed his hungry belly but he was willing to share.

Jesus accepted this small lunch and prepared to perform a miracle. He told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups of fifty.

Jesus took this small lunch and looked up to heaven. He gave thanks and began to break the bread and fish into pieces. Jesus gave the food to the disciples and they began to share it among the groups of people.

This was not just a snack for the people. This was a meal for the people. In Luke 9:17 we are told that the people ate and were satisfied.

In Bible times they only counted the men. There were five thousand men listening to Jesus that day. Matthew 14:21 says, "the

number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children." (If each man had one woman and one child with him that would be fifteen thousand people.)

## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 2

Another amazing fact about this miracle is that there were leftovers. After everyone ate and was satisfied, the disciples picked up twelve baskets full of pieces of bread and pieces of fish. Jesus specifically told the disciples to pick up the leftovers. Jesus said in John 6:12- “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” The Bible doesn’t say what they did with the leftovers or how big the baskets of leftovers were. It is possible that the disciples served the crowd and didn’t have any opportunity to eat. The leftovers may have been intended for them to eat. Jesus may have used the leftovers to bless others.

Do you think the boy who shared his lunch was amazed at how he was able to join God in His work? Do you think the disciples were excited that they were able to join God in His work? In the Four Chapter Gospel, RESTORATION is the focus. We can bring people to Jesus. I am sure the people who were fed that day never forget what one little lunch did for them or how being with Jesus changed their life.

Our verse is easy to memorize. Romans 12:13 “Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” It is sometimes hard to live out. We want more and more for ourselves.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week, I want you to count how many pencils, notebooks, books... you have. Do you think you can share? Think about this. There is a project known as Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan’s Purse. People in the United States pack shoe boxes with items a child would enjoy. A booklet sharing the Good News of Jesus is packed in each box. The shoe boxes are then delivered to children around the world who have nothing. Imagine if the only gift you received for Christmas or for your birthday fit in a shoe box. Most of you would be disappointed. Yet, for many children this would make them very happy. Online, there are testimonies of the difference these gifts make in a child’s life. One brother and sister have Operation Christmas child birthday parties. At the parties, those attending pack boxes for children around the world. What can you share with a child in need?

## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 3

### Good Samaritan



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Fall and Restoration:** A man was beat up by robbers. He was left to die by the Priest and Levite. The Samaritan gave him hope by helping him.

**Truth:** Jesus wants us to treat others with the respect we want.

**Response:** I will treat others the way I want to be treated.

**Romans 12:10-** Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

We are told to love one another and show honor to others instead of putting ourselves first.

#### CREATION



#### ***How did it all begin?***

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

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#### FALL



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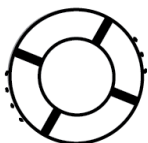
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#### RESCUE



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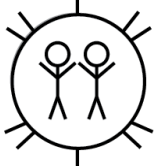
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#### RESTORATION



#### ***What will the future hold?***

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 3

**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



Imagine having a rough day in school. You are walking down the hall carrying a stack of books, along with a box of colored pencils and your musical instrument. You turn to talk friends and you fail to see the water spilled on the floor. You slip and fall. Your books scatter and your homework papers flutter through the air before slipping under the foot of a classmate. Colored pencils roll away. Your knee is throbbing in pain after striking the edge of your instrument case and you are embarrassed.

To make life worse, your friends never stopped to help. They laughed at the mess and continued on to Art Class. The Hall monitor tells you to hurry or you will be late but he didn't offer any help either. You sit there for a moment before trying to move. To your surprise the janitor comes around the corner and begins to help you collect your things. He smiles and encourages you. Do you think he was living out our verse for today which says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Luke 10:25-37**



*(The students enjoy reading this narrative from the Bible. Verses 30-35 are excellent verses for the students to draw. This lesson is also easy and fun to act out. You can also read it from the Bible but act out a modern-day twist).* Today's lesson is a parable. A parable is a story Jesus told that had hidden lesson to learn. Often Jesus would tell a parable to the crowd of people listening to Him. Then, Jesus would explain the story in more detail to the disciples.

Today our Four Chapter Gospel focuses are FALL and RESTORATION. We will answer the questions: "Have you experienced hurt or pain?" and "How can I join God now in His work?" We have experienced hurt and pain. Many things cause us pain. We can experience the love of Jesus like we will learn in this lesson. Once we have Jesus living in us, we are able to share the Good News with others.

The lesson verse says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Who can you honor above yourself?"

## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 3

- Our Four Chapter Gospel focuses are FALL and RESTORATION.
- Today's lesson is a parable.
- A parable is a story Jesus told that had hidden lesson to learn.
- Have you experienced hurt or pain?
- How can I join God now in His work?
- Our verse says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."
- A man asked Jesus how he could earn eternal life.
- Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, Love your neighbor as yourself."
- Jesus told a story.
- A man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho.
- Robbers jumped out and grabbed the man and beat him up.
- A priest or preacher came down the road.
- He saw the injured man.
- He walked to the other side of the road and did not stop to help.
- Another man, a Levite came down the road.
- He saw the injured man. He walked on by without offering to help.
- The Priest and Levite did not live out our verse which says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

A man came to Jesus and asked what he needed to do to earn eternal life. Jesus told him to follow the law. He said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, Love your neighbor as yourself." The man said, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus told this story: A man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. Robbers jumped out and grabbed the man. The robbers beat him up and took his clothes. They left him lying along the road half dead. Can you picture this scene? A man sprawled out on the road with blood dripping from his body. Perhaps his eyes were glazed and he was moaning. Can you see it?

Jesus continues to tell the story. A priest or preacher is coming down the road. This is a good man. He tells others about God. He serves at the church. Certainly, this man will stop and offer assistance, right? Wrong! Instead, the priest/preacher walks to the other side of the road to get as far away from the injured man as possible. He doesn't want to have any contact with blood. Blood will make him unclean and he won't be able to serve at the church.

Our verse says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Do you think the priest/preacher is living out our verse?

The story continues. Jesus tells about another man walking down the road. This is a Levite. The Levites were in charge of taking care of the church. This man knows how to work and he gets his hands dirty. Certainly, he will stop and help the injured man. Wait, I see the Levite

crossing the road. He also moves as far from the injured man as possible.

Is this man obeying the verse which says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." I didn't see him honoring someone above himself.

## Series A- Unit 5 Lesson 3

- A third man walks down the road.
- He is a Samaritan.
- Samaritans do not like Jews.
- The Samaritan took pity on the poor half dead man.
- He helps the poor man.
- He bandages his wounds and takes him to an inn.
- The Samaritan takes care of the man all night.
- The Samaritan pays the innkeeper to take care of him until he is healthy.
- The Samaritan lives out the verse, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."
- We can join God in His work. We can help with RESTORATION.

Jesus is ready to share the best part of the story. There is a third man walking down the road. He is a Samaritan. Samaritans do not like the Jews. Jesus shares a very happy part of the story. The Samaritan does not cross to the other side of the road. He doesn't laugh at the poor half dead man on the side of the road.

No, instead, he took pity on the man. He went to help him. Jesus doesn't tell us whether the Samaritan may have been afraid that robbers could still be hiding. Instead he bandaged the injured man's wounds. He poured oil and wine on the injuries to bring comfort to the man. After taking care of him the best he could, he got him up on his donkey and took him to an Inn where he could be cared for. (In Bible times an inn was like a hotel.)

The Samaritan man had to walk to the Inn because the injured man was on his

donkey. Once they arrived at the Inn, he took care of the man during the night. He probably didn't get much sleep. In the morning the Samaritan used his own money to pay the Innkeeper to take care of the injured man. He even promised to pay any additional expenses when he checked in later.

I believe we found someone obeying our verse which says, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." The Samaritan joined God in His work.

We can join God in His work. We can do nice things for others. Usually, after you reach out to others, you earn the privilege of telling them about Jesus. When you have that opportunity, you will be experiencing RESTORATION.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week I want you to look for an opportunity to honor someone above yourself. Perhaps it might be as small as letting someone else go through the lunch line first. You may be able to honor someone at your home by allowing them to choose what to watch on television or maybe you can be the one who takes care of the pets at your house.



## Series A Review Unit 5

I will provide two options for review for this unit. The first option provides an opportunity for the students to be creative. Each of the lesson verses in this unit can be easily illustrated. Divide the students into three groups (or six). Assign each group a verse to explain. Provide markers, pencils, large sheets of paper... Have the students illustrate the verse and then explain it to the entire group. Example: Many years ago students illustrated *Proverbs 28:19- Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty.* The picture included a person on a couch reclining with a cigarette, bottle... with a speech bubble that read, "I'm hungry. The other side of the poster had a person working in a garden and a table of food.

The second option is asking review questions. You could use play eraser the face, or the water balloon idea or tic tac toe for correct answers.

1. Who is ready to "RESCUE" us from all of our problems? (*Jesus*)
2. Finish the verse, "Cast all your anxiety... (*on Him because He cares for you.*)
3. What does it mean to "Cast all your anxiety on Him"? (*give Jesus your problems*)
4. Jairus was a powerful man. He was a ruler. What did He want Jesus to do for him? (*heal his daughter*)
5. What happened to Jairus' daughter while he was traveling to find Jesus? (*his daughter died*)
6. While Jairus was trying to talk with Jesus, another person was trying to get to Jesus also. This woman had been sick a long time. How long? (*twelve years*)
7. What did this sick woman do to be healed? (*touched Jesus robe*)
8. How did Jesus know she was healed? (*He felt power leave His body*)
9. What did Jesus do for Jairus' dead daughter? (*He made her live again*)
10. Jesus and His disciples wanted to spend some time together, but a crowd followed. Jesus began to teach the people. Late in the day, Jesus told His disciples to give the crowd something to eat. How much food did they have? (*one boy's lunch, 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread*)
11. What did Jesus do with this small amount of food? (*looked up to heaven and gave thanks*)
12. The disciples had the people sit on the ground. They passed out the food. Everyone had plenty to eat and there was food left over. How much food was left over? (*twelve baskets full*)
13. How many men were fed that day? (*5,000*)
14. Quote Romans 12:13, "Share with... (*The Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*)
15. What part of the Four Chapter Gospel is involved in this lesson? Think about Jesus using this boy to join Him in His work. (*RESTORATION*)
16. Remember the story of the man who was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. What happened to him? (*he was robbed, beat up and left half dead*)
17. Name one person who came down the road and saw the injured man, but didn't stop to help? (*Priest or Levite*)
18. The priest is like a preacher and the Levite works in the church. Should they have stopped to help? (*Yes*)

19. What part of the Four Chapter Gospel would you attach to the Priest and Levite since they didn't stop to help when they saw someone in need? (*FALL*)
20. Who stopped to help the injured man? (*Samaritan*)
21. Tell me two things the Samaritan did for the injured man? (*poured oil and wine on the injuries, bandaged the wounds, took the man to an inn and paid for his stay*)
22. Quote Romans 12:10- "Be devoted... (*to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.*)
23. When we join God in His work that is called \_\_\_\_\_ (*RESTORATION*)

## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 1

### Ten Commandments-overview



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Fall:** God created a perfect world but we chose to disobey. In a perfect world we would be living the 10 Commandments already but God had to give them to us because we don't live in a perfect world.

**Truth:** God gave us rules to follow so we could enjoy life.

**Response:** I will learn to obey all of God's rules.

**Matthew 22:37**-Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Jesus wants us to love Him with every part of ourselves. He wants all of our heart, soul and mind.

#### CREATION



#### ***How did it all begin?***

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### ***What went wrong?***

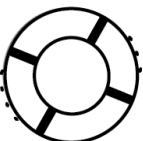
*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

*Genesis 3:6-10*

*Romans 3:23*

*Romans 6:23*

#### RESCUE



#### ***Can anything be done?***

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### ***What will the future hold?***

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 1

### Teacher Note Box:

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



*(Bring a whiteboard or poster board to class along with a marker).*

Today we are going to learn about the Ten Commandments. These are rules that God gave us to follow. First, I want to hear about the rules you need to obey. *(Write the rules as the students call them out).* Why do we have rules? How do the rules help us? What would life be like without rules? Let's look at your school. You know what time school starts and ends. You know what time to go to lunch or art. You know which side of the hall to walk on... You also know to "walk" quietly. Imagine what school would be like if students came and left the building anytime they wished. Or imagine what would happen if every class went to lunch or art whenever. What would happen if everyone ran and screamed in the halls? Even in your school, you can see how much chaos there would be with no rules.

God gave us rules. He didn't give us rules to be bossy. He gave us rules to make life much better for us. When we disobey the rules, we create our own problems.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

#### Exodus 20

*(This is a good lesson for the children to read from the Bible.)*

- Genesis 1- God created the world.
- Genesis 3- Adam and Eve saw fruit they were not to eat but they ate it anyway.
- Adam and Eve sinned.
- The Four Chapter focus is FALL.
- We all sin.
- God gave the Ten Commandments.
- Jesus reviews the Commandments in the New Testament.



At the beginning of the school year in Genesis 1, we learned that God created the world. The verse that week said, "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good." With each part of creation, God, said, "it was very good." Then, in Genesis 3 Adam and Eve saw fruit that they were told not to eat and they ate it anyway. That was sin. Now the world was not perfect anymore. The

Four Chapter Focus this week is FALL. Every one of us wants to do our own thing. We all sin.

## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 1

God saw the direction His people were going and He gave us the Ten Commandments to obey. In the New Testament, Jesus reviews the Commandments.

- “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
- Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt.
- There were more than one million Israelites.
- God decided to give them rules to follow.
- Moses went to Mt. Sinai to meet with God.
- God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.
- Moses shared the Commandments with the Israelites.
  - No other gods
  - No idols
  - Do not misuse God’s name
  - Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
  - Honor your Father and your Mother.
  - Do not murder.
  - Do not commit adultery.
  - Do not steal.
  - Do not give false testimony.
  - Do not covet.

Our lesson verse for today says, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Jesus wants us to love Him with every part of ourselves. He wants all of our heart, soul and mind.

God’s people were the Israelites. Remember when the Israelites moved to Egypt when there was a famine and Joseph was in charge. Well, more than four hundred years later, they are still there but now they are slaves. God sent Moses to lead them out of Egypt. They had to travel through the desert to get to Canaan. There were more than one million people traveling with Moses. Sometimes they disagreed and had problems. Moses tried to help everyone with their problems. God wanted the people to live a better life. God decided to give them rules to follow.

One day, God told Moses to have the people take a bath and put on clean clothes. Then, the Israelites followed Moses to the base of Mount Sinai. The Israelites were to stand at the bottom of the mountain while God talked with Moses.

Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because God had come down on the mountain in fire. There was thunder

and lightning. The whole mountain was trembling (shaking) and there were trumpets that got louder and louder.

God told Moses to come up to the top. While Moses was there, God gave him The Ten Commandments. We aren’t sure whether God spoke directly to the Israelites or whether He gave the commandments to Moses and Moses shared them with the people (see Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5:1-5 and 5:22-25).

Here are the commandments God gave to Moses to give to the people. God told the people that He was the Lord. He was the one who brought them out of Egypt. He told them **not to have any other gods before Him**. God told the Israelites **not to make any idols**. It was obvious that God didn’t want anyone to try to be above Him. Then, God told the people **not to misuse His name**. That means they were not to make fun of God’s name or use it in a bad way—no swearing. God also wanted the people to take time to worship Him. He wanted them to **remember the Sabbath day**

## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 1

**and keep it holy.** When God created the world, He rested on the seventh day and that is what He wanted His people to do.

Commandment #5 was to **honor your father and your mother.** The next rule God gave was **do not murder.** Then, God told the Israelites **not to commit adultery.**

- God gave the Ten Commandments to the Israelites.
- They are part of the Bible.
- The Bible is all true so the Ten Commandments are for us to follow today.
- FALL is our Four Chapter Focus.
- We sin. Something can be done.
- We need to obey God's Rules.
- "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

That means that when you are married to someone, you don't switch and find someone else. Commandment #8 was **do not steal.** If it is not yours, don't take it. Rule #9 reminded the people that it is not good to tell a lie. It says, **do not give false testimony.** There was one more commandment, **you shall not covet.** That means you need to learn to be satisfied with what you have. You shouldn't want what someone else has.

God gave the commandments to the Israelites. The Ten Commandments are part of the Bible and the Bible is all true so the Ten Commandments are for us today.

Do you think the Israelites listened and obeyed? Do we obey? God wants to *restore* us to a relationship that pleases Him. Often, we try our own way. We get stuck in FALL. We sin and do things our way and then we wonder why things are bad.

It is important to learn and obey the Commandments. You can learn a song and sing them.

### 10 Commandments Song (To the tune of *Jingle Bells*)

*No other gods, no idols.*

*Don't misuse God's name.*

*Keep the Sabbath holy.*

*That's God's special day. HEY!*

*Honor your mother and your father.*

*Don't murder, lust, or steal.*

*No false tales, don't envy*

*This is God's great deal. HEY!*

Our verse for today reminds us to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Can you imagine what life would be like if we followed God's rules?

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week I want you to take the card with The Ten Commandments and read them through every day. Pray and ask God to help you to obey them. If there is one commandment that is really hard for you to obey, like stealing, I want you to ask God to help you overcome the problem.

## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 2

### Ten Commandments- 1-4 Love for God



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Restoration:** God provided 4 rules to remind us how to show respect and honor to Him.

**Truth:** God wants us to love Him and put Him first in our lives.

**Response:** I will love God and put Him first in all I do.

#### Matthew 22:38-This is the first and greatest commandment

The first and most important command is to love God.

#### CREATION



#### **How did it all begin?**

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### **What went wrong?**

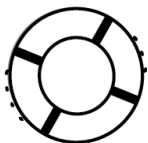
*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

*Genesis 3:6-10*

*Romans 3:23*

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#### RESCUE



#### **Can anything be done?**

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### **What will the future hold?**

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 2

**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



**Option 1:** I want you to imagine a throne sitting at the front of the room. It is made of rich walnut wood with gold overlay. The cushioned seat is beautiful deep red velvet.

Who sits on a throne? A king or queen or a prince or princess or someone of great importance sits on the throne. Have you ever wished you were sitting on the throne? What kinds of decisions would you like to make? Would you be fair to others?

What happens when the wrong person is on the throne? - Life isn't good. What if we put God on the throne? God deserves to be on the throne. He made us and the rules He gives to us will make life better if we obey them.

**Option 2:** Bring in a cluster of grapes. Lift them with one hand. Hang them over your finger and show how you could carry them. Talk about what it would look like if two people had to carry them. That is how it was when the spies checked out Canaan. It took two men to carry a cluster of grapes. The land was wonderful.

**Option 3:** Bring in a toy cow or similar animal. What can this toy do for you? Would you bow down to this cow? Would you dance in front of this cow? Can this cow help you out with your problems? In our lesson today, the people made a statue of calf (young cow). This statue or idol caused lots of problems for the people.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Exodus 20- Ten Commandments, Exodus 24:12-18 Moses on the Mountain, Exodus 32 and Deuteronomy 9- Golden Calf, Numbers 13-14- Exploring Canaan**



Last week we learned that God gave us Ten Commandments to follow. This week we are going to take a closer look at the first four Commandments.

These commandments focus on our relationship with God. The verse last week reminded us to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." The very next verse in the Bible says, "This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:38. Loving God is very important. God commands that we love Him with every part of ourselves.



## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 2

- God gave us Ten Commandments to follow.
- We are going to look at the first four this week.
- These focus on our relationship with God.
- “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
- “This is the first and greatest commandment.”
- We are selfish. We want to do things our way.
- Our Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION.
- How can I join God in His work?
- God chose Moses to lead the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land.
- The trip could have taken a few months but because the Israelites chose to disobey it took forty years.
- Moses sent twelve spies to check out the Promised Land.
- They were supposed to check on the people, food, soil, strength of city...
- The spies returned with a cluster of grapes that took two people to carry.
- The people were huge.
- The cities were well built.
- The spies were afraid they would be defeated.
- Because they didn't trust God, they weren't allowed to travel to the Promised Land.
- God provided for them while they were stuck in the desert.

We are selfish people. We want to do things our own way. We sin. We don't love God the way we should. We need to ask for forgiveness and love God as we should. Our Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION.

We will answer the question, “How can I join God now in His work?” The answer involves our actions.

Today we are going to learn about an experience Moses and the Israelites had as they traveled through the wilderness. God chose Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt where they had been slaves. God was planning to give them the Promised Land. The Promised Land would be a great place for them to live but because of disobedience they weren't able to enjoy it. The Israelites could have traveled a few months from Egypt to the Promised Land but because they didn't trust God to protect them on the journey, they had to wander in the desert for forty years.

Moses sent twelve spies into the Promised Land to check it out. The spies were supposed to find out what the food looked like, how well the cities were built and what kind of people lived there, what kind of soil there was and whether there were trees.

The spies returned with a cluster of grapes that was so big that it took two spies to carry it. Ten spies reported that the people were huge and the cities were well built. They were afraid they would be defeated. They didn't trust God to help them win against the enemies. Because they didn't trust God, they weren't allowed to travel on to the Promised Land.

While they were stuck in the desert, God provided for them. He gave them manna to eat and water. He protected them. Their shoes and clothing didn't wear out.

## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 2

- More than one million people were wandering around.
- They needed rules to follow.
- God gave Ten Commandments to be obeyed by all.
- The first four focus on God,
  - No other gods
  - No idols
  - Do not misuse God's name
  - Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
- God asked Moses to come back to Mt. Sinai for more instructions.
- Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and nights.
- Moses did not eat or drink during this time.
- The Israelites were restless.
- They asked Aaron to make them a god.
- Aaron didn't try to stop them.
- Aaron collected gold earrings to make the calf.
- The Israelites celebrated when they saw the statue or idol.
- They bowed down and offered sacrifices.
- God wanted to destroy the people.
- Moses returned to the camp.
- He heard singing and saw dancing.
- They were worshipping the calf.

By this time there were more than one million people wandering around in the desert. They needed rules to follow to make life better. Remember last week's lesson, God gave them the Ten Commandments to obey.

The first four commandments focus on our relationship with God. God wanted the people to put Him first. They were not to have any idols. They were not to use God's name in a nasty way-like swearing and they were to remember to keep the Sabbath holy.

After giving them the Commandments, God called Moses back to the mountain to give Him further instructions and to write the Ten Commandments on stone. In Exodus 24:12-18, Moses returned to the mountain with God. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and nights. During that time, Moses did not eat or drink.

Meanwhile, back in the Israelite camp, the Israelites were restless. They hadn't seen their leader Moses for forty days. They forgot the miracles God performed for them. They forgot about the instructions God had given them to put Him first and not to have idols.

The Israelites went to Aaron and asked him to make them a god. Aaron didn't try to stop them. He asked them to give him their gold earrings. Aaron used the earrings to make a golden calf. We don't know how Aaron came up with this idea. It may have come from the Egyptians. They worshipped statues. The Bible says that Aaron fashioned

the calf with a tool. He brought the golden calf out for the Israelites to see.

Aaron decided to have a party to celebrate and worship the golden calf. God told Moses that it was time for him to return to the people. He said the people were being corrupt which means they were ready for destruction.

God told Moses that the people were bowing down to golden calf and offering sacrifices to it. God was ready to destroy the Israelites but Moses asked God to allow them to live.

When Moses returned to the Israelite camp, he heard singing and he saw dancing. They weren't singing praises to God and they weren't worshipping Him

## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 2

- The commandments say, “Have no other gods before me, and don’t make idols.”
- Moses questioned Aaron.
- Aaron blamed the people.
- Moses asked who would stand for the LORD.
- Moses told the people they committed a great sin.
- Moses offered to go to God to try to pay for their sins.
- Moses fell prostrate before the LORD for forty days and nights.
- He didn’t eat or drink during this time.
- God punished the Israelites.
- He had Moses grind the calf to powder and sprinkle it on the water.
- The people had to drink the water with the powder on it.
- God RESTORED the Israelites to a relationship with Him after they were punished.
- It is our responsibility to let others know what God wants.

through dancing. No, instead they were celebrating in front of a statue of a calf. The statue couldn’t hear them or help them. They were disobeying two commandments. “Have no other Gods before me, and don’t make any idols.”

Moses questioned Aaron. Aaron blamed the people. “You know how these people act. They told me to make them a god who could lead them.” Aaron continued, “I threw the gold into the fire and this calf came out.”

Moses asked who would stand for the LORD. He asked who would put God first. The next day Moses told the people they had committed a great sin. He offered to go to God and try to atone or pay for their sins. The Bible says that Moses fell prostrate before the LORD for forty days and forty nights. He ate no bread and drank no water because of all the sin the Israelites committed.

After Moses spent forty days with God, he punished the Israelites. Moses threw the calf into the fire and burned it. Then he ground the calf to powder and threw it in the drinking water and the people had to drink it.

Moses spent forty days pleading for

God to spare His people, the Israelites. Moses didn’t want God to destroy the people for their sin. After they were punished, God restored them. This story is recorded in Exodus and Deuteronomy. It is important to remember to put God first. Once we know this, we need to share it with others. Our Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION. It is our responsibility to tell others what God wants.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



I want to tell you a true story. Perhaps this will help as you share the first four commandments with others. Maybe this story will give you courage to stand up for God. *A preschool child was playing on the floor as his Mom helped other Moms at a school event. One Mom was using God’s name in a nasty way. The small child jumped up and said, “You just used God’s name in a bad way.” The room went silent. The Mom apologized for her language.*

Can you be that brave? Are you willing to help others learn to put God first? This week, I want you to share this lesson with someone.

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## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 3

### Ten Commandments, 6-10 Love for People



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Restoration:** God provided 6 rules to help us in our relationships with others.

**Truth:** God expects us to treat others the same way that we want to be treated.

**Response:** I will be nice to other people.

**Matthew 22:39**-And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.

After we love God, we need to show love to our neighbor like we show love to ourselves.

#### CREATION



#### **How did it all begin?**

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### **What went wrong?**

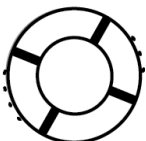
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#### RESCUE



#### **Can anything be done?**

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### **What will the future hold?**

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 3

### Teacher Note Box:

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



Think about this. You are on the playground at school. It is time to play kickball. Twelve children choose infield and all try to be the first one to kick the ball. In the field you have three children. All three want to be the one who rolls the ball. Finally, the ball is rolled in and one person kicks it into the outfield. The three children in the field watch it go. Each waits for someone else to chase it. The person who kicked it runs to first and then back to home and screams, “one run”. Do you think this game is going well? What is wrong? Are there rules for kickball? Are they being followed? Will this game be fun or a disaster? What makes us think we can live life without rules? Let’s look at the rest of the Ten Commandments and learn how God wants us to live. When one person disobeys the rules, everyone suffers.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

Exodus 20, Numbers 30, Joshua 5-7

- We are studying the Ten Commandments.
- The first four Commandments focus on our relationship with God.
- The last six Commandments focus on our relationship with others.
- Our Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION.
- What will the future hold?
- God expects us to treat others the same way we want to be treated.
- The Israelites spent forty years wandering around in the desert.



For the past two weeks we have been learning about the Ten Commandments. The first four rules focus on our relationship with God. Today we are going to learn about the remaining six rules. These rules focus on our relationships with others.

Our Four Chapter Focus for today is RESTORATION. We will answer the question, “What will the future hold?” God expects us to treat others the same way that we want to be treated.

Remember the Israelites spent forty years wandering around in the desert because they disobeyed and they didn’t trust

## Series A- Unit 6 Lesson 3

- Moses wasn't allowed to go with the Israelites into the Promised Land.
- Joshua was chosen as the new leader.
- Joshua led the Israelites as they marched around Jericho.
- God gave the Israelites victory over Jericho.
- At the end of marching on day seven the people shouted and the walls fell down.
- The Israelites were to destroy everything in Jericho except the precious metals which were to go in the Lord's treasury.
- Achan disobeyed. He took items that weren't his.
- Joshua sent men to capture Ai.
- They were chased back in defeat.
- Joshua was upset. He went to the LORD.
- The LORD told Joshua there was sin among the Israelites.

God. Finally, at the end of the forty years, they were ready to move forward into the Promised Land. Moses wasn't allowed to go with the Israelites into the Promised Land. He died in the desert.

God chose a new leader for the Israelites. The new leader was Joshua. Joshua was one of the twelve spies who went into Canaan to check it out. Ten of the spies returned with a bad report but Joshua and Caleb came back and reported that although the people were huge and the cities were strong, they could win against them. God would be with them.

Joshua led the Israelites in a battle against Jericho. He obeyed God and marched the people around the city once each day for six days. Seven priests went ahead of the people carrying the Ark of the Covenant. On day seven, Joshua marched the people around the city of Jericho seven times. After marching around the city seven times, the priests blew one long blast on the trumpets. The people shouted and the walls fell down. The Israelites walked right in and

took control of the city. They obeyed God's plan and He rewarded them with a victory. They destroyed the people and the animals and they burned the city of Jericho. They put the precious metals of silver, gold, bronze and iron into the Lord's treasury.

There was one man who disobeyed God's command to destroy everything in Jericho. His name was Achan. We will hear more about him later.

I am sure that the Israelites felt pretty good knowing that God had given them victory over the city of Jericho. It was time to move forward and take the next city. Joshua sent men to spy on the city of Ai so he could put together an attack plan. The spies told Joshua he wouldn't need to send everyone to attack Ai. Two or three thousand would be enough to win.

The men started out to win against Ai but instead they were attacked and about thirty-six men died.

Joshua was upset. How could this have happened? Joshua and the men in charge of Israel tore their clothing and fell facedown on the ground before the LORD. Joshua asked God why He brought the Israelites across the Jordan River. He asked God if He planned to have all of the Israelites killed by the enemy.

The LORD told Joshua to stand up. He told Joshua that someone had sinned. The LORD said, "Israel has sinned. They have taken some of the devoted things. They have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions." The Lord

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told Joshua that He would not be with the Israelites until the sin was taken care of.

- Joshua spoke to the Israelites.
- Each tribe came to present themselves to Joshua.
- Achan was found to be the guilty person.
- Achan had stolen a robe, 200 shekels of silver and a bar of gold from Jericho.
- He broke at least three of the Ten Commandments.
- He coveted, he stole, he lied.
- Achan was put to death as punishment.
- The Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION.
- What will the future hold?
- If Joshua had not gone to the LORD about the problem, the LORD may have allowed them to be destroyed.

Joshua spoke to the Israelites. He told them that the next morning they were going to find the guilty person.

In the morning, each of the twelve tribes presented themselves to Joshua. The tribe of Judah was chosen. The clans from Judah came to Joshua. The clan of Zerahites was chosen. Next the families walked to Joshua. God showed Joshua that the family of Zimri was where the problem was. The men of Zimri came forward one man at a time. Achan was singled out as the person guilty of wrong.

Joshua asked Achan to tell him the truth about what he had done. Achan was required to tell the whole truth. Achan admitted that he sinned against the LORD. He admitted that he coveted the items so he stole them. Achan told Joshua that he had taken a robe, 200 shekels of silver and a bar of gold from Jericho.

Achan broke at least three of the Ten Commandments at one time. He coveted something that wasn't his. He stole the items and he lied and pretended everything was fine. Since about thirty-six men died when they went to fight Ai, and he was responsible, that may be considered murder. We don't know anything about his parents but disobeying probably dishonored his parent. Our sin affects other people.

Joshua sent messengers to Achan's tent. They found the stolen property and returned the items to Joshua. Achan's punishment was death.

The LORD was no longer upset with the Israelites. He came to Joshua and told him not to be afraid to attack Ai. The LORD said to Joshua, "I have delivered into your hands the King of Ai, his people, his city, and his land."

The Four Chapter focus is RESTORATION. If Joshua would have ignored the loss at Ai and would not have gone to the LORD about the problem, they would have been destroyed by the enemy. Instead Joshua chose to go to the LORD. He wanted to know what the future would hold for God's people.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week I want you to look at your life. Are there areas where you aren't completely obeying the Ten Commandments? God wants your complete obedience. Your disobedience may be hurting others. God expects us to treat others the same way that we want to be treated.



## Series A Review Unit 6

For this review, you will need pieces of yarn cut to different lengths, ranging from 6 inches to 15 inches. Take an empty egg carton and make a hole in each area that cradles an egg. Put the yarn pieces in the egg carton with an end sticking through a hole.

Divide the students into teams. When the student answers a question correctly he pulls one piece of yarn from the carton and stretches it on the floor. The other does the same thing when they answer a question. With each correct answer, a piece of yarn is pulled from the carton and laid end to end with the previous pieces of yarn. The team with the longest yarn wins.

1. God gave us rules to follow. They are The \_\_\_\_\_. (*10 Commandments*)
2. When something is a "Command", does that mean we need to obey it or can choose whether or not we obey.
3. Matthew 22:37 tells us how we are to Love the Lord our God. Tell me how... With all (*your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*)
4. At the beginning of the year we learned who created the world. Who made people? (*God*)
5. In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve ate fruit they were told not to eat that is \_\_\_\_\_ (*sin*)
6. The Israelites lived in Egypt for many years. They worked for the Pharaoh as \_\_\_\_\_. (*slaves*)
7. Who did God send as a leader to move the Israelites out of slavery? (*Moses*)
8. Moses was leading more than one million people from Egypt to the promised land and sometimes there were disagreements. God gave Moses the \_\_\_\_\_ to help the people live a better life. (*Ten Commandments*)
9. One of the rules is, "No other Gods", what does that mean? (*God must be the most important in our life. Don't put other things ahead of God.*)
10. Another rule says, "Do not misuse God's name." What does that mean? (*no swearing*)
11. God gave us the commandment to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." What is one thing we can do to keep the Sabbath holy? (*We can worship God.*)
12. Another commandment reminds us to "Honor your Father and your Mother." What is one way you can show Honor to Dad or Mom or both? (*show respect, do something nice for them...*)
13. The first four Commandments reflect our Love for God. The next six commandments reflect how we treat others. In addition to Honor your Father and your Mother, what are some things you should not do to others? (*murder, commit adultery, steal, give false testimony, covet...*)
14. Remember, God's Word is all true. Knowing that, how many of the Commandments should we obey? (*All of them*)
15. When we disobey God's Commandments, what part of the Four Chapter Gospel are we showing? (*FALL*)
16. When we ask God to forgive us for our disobedience and we join God in His work, we are showing what part of the Four Chapter Gospel? (*RESTORATION*)

17. While they were traveling toward the Promised Land, the people disobeyed God. As punishment, the Israelites had wander in the wilderness for \_\_\_\_\_ years. (*forty*)
18. While the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness, God provided for them. What are some ways he provided for them? (manna, water, shoes and clothes didn't wear out)
19. Moses sent spies to the Promised Land to check it out. How many spies did he send and how many came back with a good report? (*He sent 12 and 2 brought back a good report*)
20. God had Moses come up on Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. While he was on the mountain the people got impatient waiting. They asked Aaron to do something for them. What did they ask Aaron to do? (*make them a god*)
21. Moses was a great leader but he disobeyed God. His punishment was that he couldn't go into the Promised Land. Who was the new leader for the Israelites? (*Joshua*)
22. Joshua lead the Israelites in a battle against the city of \_\_\_\_\_. (*Jericho*)
23. To conquer the city they marched around the city one time a day for six days. On day seven what happened? (*They marched around the city seven times, blew their horns, and shouted. The walls fell down.*)
24. In the next battle, against the city of Ai, the Israelites lost. Why? (Achan sinned)
25. Achan stole items and hid them. What was his punishment? (*Death*)

## Series A- Easter Lesson 1

### John 13 Last Supper



#### 4 Chapter Focus

**Rescue:** Jesus came to earth to die on the cross to rescue us from eternal death and separation. Jesus showed us a way to serve others.

**Truth:** Jesus came to earth to serve and to give His life to provide us salvation.

**Response:** I will make the decision to begin a relationship with Jesus.

**Mark 10:45-** “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Jesus is the Son of Man. He came to serve us by giving His life to pay for our sins.

#### CREATION



#### **How did it all begin?**

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### **What went wrong?**

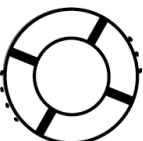
*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

*Genesis 3:6-10*

*Romans 3:23*

*Romans 6:23*

#### RESCUE



#### **Can anything be done?**

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### **What will the future hold?**

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

## Series A - Easter Lesson 1

**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



Homeless people aren't able to take a bath and put on clean clothes like we can. A woman was working in a large city where they helped homeless people. The men she helped hadn't had their feet cared for in a long time. The first day they peeled the stiff dirty socks off the feet and threw them away. Then they had the men soak their feet in warm water for about twenty minutes. They added antiseptics to clean the feet. The following day they had the men soak their feet for twenty minutes again. Now, they were ready to begin to trim the toenails and remove the rough spots. Each foot took a lot of work, time and care. When they were finished, each man received clean socks and shoes. Does this sound like a job you want to do? It takes a very special person to be able to wash feet like this. Jesus washed the dirty feet of his disciples.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**John 13**

- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus came to be a servant.
- Four Chapter focus is RESCUE.
- Jesus came to earth to die on the cross to rescue us from death and separation.
- We celebrate Jesus birth at Christmas.
- Jesus served others.
- Jesus turned water to wine at a wedding.
- Jesus came to be our rescuer.



Jesus is the Son of God. He is part of God. He is important. Even though He is important, our verse says, "For even the Son of Man (Jesus) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45. Jesus came to be a servant.

In the Four Chapter Gospel, we will be talking about RESCUE. Jesus came to earth to die on the cross to rescue us from eternal death and separation. Jesus showed us a way to serve others. Jesus came to be our rescuer.

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We will be looking at a few of the ways Jesus served. We celebrate Jesus birth at Christmas. He was born as a baby and His first bed was a box that cows eat from. We aren't told much about His childhood. As a young man he started His ministry. The first miracle that we are told about is the time when He changed water into wine at a wedding. He served the couple that got married by making the water become wine.

- Jesus often served those who were sick.
- Jesus served thousands with one boy's lunch.
- Jesus had twelve special helpers called disciples.
- Jesus taught His disciples.
- The biggest act of service would be dying on the cross.
- Jesus wanted to eat the Passover with His disciples.
- Jesus washed the disciples' feet.
- Jesus set an example for the disciples.
- Jesus lived the verse, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."
- Jesus came to die on the cross for our sins.
- The Four Chapter focus is RESCUE.
- Jesus provided a way for us to have eternal life.

Jesus often served those who were sick. He healed a man who couldn't see. He healed a man who couldn't hear. He healed a man who couldn't walk. Jesus healed a woman who was sick for twelve years. He brought a little girl back to life to help her Dad's faith grow stronger. Jesus served thousands of people with just a little lunch. He served people by talking to them about God and God's love.

Jesus had twelve special helpers called disciples. While Jesus taught great crowds of people, He also reserved special time just to serve/teach His disciples.

On several occasions, Jesus tried to tell His disciples that He was going to die. This was the biggest way He would serve. He would die on the cross for the sins of everyone. By dying and coming back to life, He could rescue us from being eternally separated from Him. Those who believed in Jesus would be with Him in heaven forever.

Jesus spent many days and hours with His disciples. When Jesus knew that it was almost time for Him to die, He wanted to eat a special meal with His disciples. Jesus and His disciples met in an upper room.

Jesus sent Peter and John ahead to prepare. They were to meet a man and find out where the upper room was where they could eat the Passover.

In Bible times, people walked everywhere they went. Their feet became hot and dusty. It was the responsibility of a servant to wash the feet of each guest whenever they entered a home. When Jesus and the disciples arrived at the room where they would eat the Passover, there wasn't a servant available to wash their feet. Jesus waited to see who would become the servant. None of the disciples chose to be a servant. Jesus didn't wash anyone's feet until after they ate the meal.

After they ate, Jesus got up from the table and poured water into a basin. He wrapped a towel around His waist and then He knelt and began to wash the feet of each disciple. Can you imagine? Here is the teacher, doing the job of a servant. Jesus washed the feet of each disciple to show them how they were supposed to serve others.

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John 13:14 says, "Now that I your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet".

Jesus finished His lesson on being a servant by saying, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them". (John 13:17) Jesus wants us to Serve others. Let's look at the lesson verse again. It says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Jesus came to earth to die on the cross to rescue us from eternal death and separation. Jesus showed us a way to serve others. He wanted the disciples to see that He was a servant. Jesus was providing a way for them to have eternal life. This is the RESCUE part of the 4 Chapter Gospel.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



Our verse says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45. You can't die to pay for the sins of yourself or anyone else, but you can serve. One way you can serve others is that you can invite others to Bible Adventure to hear about Jesus. You can also tell them about Jesus yourself.

Easter is very close. I want you to find at least two people that you can tell about Jesus. Do something nice for these people. If it is a friend at school, offer to take their lunch tray back to the counter or put their trash in the can. At home, you can set the table, take out the trash, clean your room, etc. Let your Mom or Dad know you are serving them to show you love Jesus.

Tell your Bible Adventure listener what you are planning to do so they can pray for you and ask you next week whether you followed thru.

## Series A- Easter Lesson 2 Resurrection



### 4 Chapter Focus

#### ***Rescue and Restoration:***

Jesus died and came back to life so we could repent of our sins and begin a relationship with Him. The lesson verse reminds us to repent and turn to God.

**Truth:** Jesus died and came alive again so we can have eternal life in heaven.

**Response:** I need to turn away from my sin and turn to God and receive the gift of eternal life.

**Acts 3:19-** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Repent means to feel sorry for what you are doing and to not want to do it again. Then, your sins will be taken away and you will be able to be good with the Lord.

#### CREATION



#### ***How did it all begin?***

*Where did I come from?*

*Genesis 1:1,31*

*Genesis 1:27; 2:7*

#### FALL



#### ***What went wrong?***

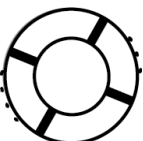
*Have you experienced hurt or pain?*

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#### RESCUE



#### ***Can anything be done?***

*How does Jesus fix this broken world?*

*Romans 5:8*

*Luke 19:10*

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

#### RESTORATION



#### ***What will the future hold?***

*Revelation 21:1-5*

*How can I join God now in His work?*

*Mark 16:15*

## Series A- Easter Lesson 2

**Teacher Note Box:**

### ADVENTURE CALLS- *CATCH*



Think about something you have done that you know was wrong. Perhaps you took something that didn't belong to you. You hide it in your room. Every time Mom walks in to put clean clothes in your drawer you hope she won't see the item. Each time she leaves the room you sigh deeply knowing the wrong is still your secret.

Then one day, Mom decides to really clean your room. She finds the item and questions you. You are angry, but you admit your wrong and ask for forgiveness. Suddenly, you feel so much better. You don't have to hide anymore.

This is how it is with sin. When we admit our wrongs to God we feel better. The burden we were carrying is lighter.

### ADVENTURE AWAITS- *KNOW*

**Matthew 21, 26-27, Mark 11-15, Luke 19-24, John 12-19**

- The Four Chapter focuses are RESCUE and RESTORATION.
- Jesus died and came back to life.
- Our verse says, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."
- Jesus rode a donkey to Jerusalem.
- People recognized Jesus as special.



Today is the second part of the Easter lesson. As we look at the Four Chapter Gospel we see that this lesson focuses on RESCUE and RESTORATION.

Jesus died and came back to life so we could repent of our sins and begin a relationship with Him. Our verse is Acts 3:19 "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

Jesus walked toward Jerusalem. He sent two of his disciples ahead to find a colt that no one had ever ridden. Jesus told the disciples to untie the donkey and bring it to Him. Jesus got on the donkey and rode toward the city. (*Matt. 21:1-6*)

People ran ahead of Jesus and covered the road with palm branches and coats. They did this because they recognized that Jesus was special and should be treated



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- People spread palm branches and coats on the road.
- They shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”
- The attitude of the people changed from “Hosanna” to “Crucify”.
- Jesus planned to celebrate the Passover meal with His disciples.
- Jesus had a few more lessons to teach the disciples.
- Jesus washed their feet.
- Jesus told the disciples who was going to betray Him.
- Jesus gave the disciples bread and grape juice.
- This represented His body and His blood.

with honor. The people waved palm branches and shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” *(Matt. 21:7-11)*

The people were happy to see Jesus come to their city but in a few short days, Jesus’ popularity would fall and those shouting “Hosanna” would be shouting “Crucify Him!” *(John 19:15)*

During the week, Jesus traveled outside of Jerusalem to visit friends in Bethany. A woman arrived at the house where Jesus was and chose to honor Him by pouring expensive perfume on His head. *(Mark 14:1-9)*

Jesus was planning to return to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover meal. Two disciples went ahead of the group so they could prepare for the celebration. *(Mark 14:12-16)*

Jesus arrived at the upper room with the disciples. Jesus had a few more lessons to teach the disciples. They ate a special meal together. *(Luke 22:14-16)*

Jesus got up from the evening meal and poured water into a basin. He wrapped a towel around His waist and began to wash the feet of each disciple. Usually when you arrived at someone’s home they would have a servant wash your feet. The disciples had not chosen to serve one another so Jesus showed them how to serve and to love. *(John 13:1-17)*

Peter was embarrassed that Jesus, the leader, their master, was teaching them how to serve. He didn’t want Jesus to wash his feet. Jesus explained that Peter needed to have his feet washed if he wanted to be involved with Jesus. Peter loved Jesus, so he was agreeable.

After Jesus washed the feet of each disciple He brought the lesson together. He told the disciples that He had just shown them by example how He wanted them to treat others.

Jesus explained what was going to happen. He told them that one of the disciples was going to betray Him. The disciples didn’t understand what Jesus was talking about.

Jesus told them that the one who took the piece of bread dipped in the dish would betray Him. Jesus dipped the bread and gave it to Judas Iscariot. As soon as Judas accepted the bread, Satan entered into him. Judas left the room. *(John 13:21-30)*

Jesus had a very important lesson to share with the disciples. He wanted to tell them that He was soon going to die on the cross. He took a piece of bread and broke it and gave a piece to each disciple. He explained that this was to represent His death on

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- Jesus told the disciples to eat the bread and drink the cup and remember Him.
- Jesus told Peter that he would deny knowing Jesus.
- Jesus went to Gethsemane to pray.
- Jesus was willing to be the RESCUER.
- Judas came to the garden with soldiers.
- Jesus was arrested and taken to the High Priest.
- Peter denied knowing Jesus.
- Jesus was taken to Pilate.
- Crowd shouted “Crucify Him”.

the cross. He also took grape juice and offered a drink of it to each disciple. He told them that this was a symbol of the blood He was going to shed (give up) when He died on the cross. *(Luke 22:17-22)*

Jesus told them to eat the bread and drink the cup, (juice) so they would remember Him. They were supposed to do that at other times and not just that night. Every time they did it they were to think about Jesus. *(Have you ever seen this in your church? At communion?) (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)*

Before they left the room where they had eaten, washed feet, shared the bread and the cup and learned lessons, Jesus told the disciples that soon He would be going away and they would all pretend that they

didn't know Jesus. Peter argued with Jesus. He believed that He loved Jesus enough to always stick by His side. Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crowed twice he would deny Jesus three times. *(John 13:31-38)*

The disciples and Jesus left the room where they had shared the Passover Meal. Jesus knew that soon He would die for our sins. He wanted to spend time praying, so He went to the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane to talk to God, His Father. He prayed for Himself, His disciples, and for all believers. *(John 17)*.

Jesus prayed and asked God if there was any other way for people to get to heaven. He was willing to die on the cross but He knew it was going to be very hard. He wanted to make it possible for everyone to turn from sin and go to heaven for eternity. He was willing to be the RESCUER.

While Jesus was still praying, Judas came into the garden with soldiers. They came to arrest Jesus. Judas gave Jesus a kiss to show the disciples which one to arrest. They took Jesus away to the High Priest. They wanted Jesus killed. *(Luke 22:47-53)*

Peter followed at a distance. He wanted to watch what was happening but he didn't want to be recognized as a disciple.

Remember Jesus told the disciples that they would all pretend they didn't know Him. Peter was asked if he knew Jesus and he said, “No”. He did that three times just like Jesus had told him. The rooster crowed and Peter was sad. *(John 18:15-27)*

Jesus was arrested and taken before Pilate, the Roman Governor, and Herod, the leader of Galilee appointed by Rome. They brought Him out before the people. Even though Pilate and Herod couldn't find a reason to kill Jesus the people were so stirred up that they shouted, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” That means to kill someone on a cross. *(John 19:1-16)*

## Series A- Easter Lesson 2

- Jesus was beaten and taken to Golgotha's Hill.
- Then killed Jesus on a cross along with two thieves.
- Joseph of Arimathea put Jesus body in a tomb.
- Stones were put in front of the tomb.
- Soldiers guarded the tomb so no one could steal the body.
- Women came to the tomb on the third day to put spices on the body.
- Jesus came to earth to be our RESCUER.
- Once we repent of our sin, we need to share the Good News of Jesus with others.

Jesus was beaten and then taken out to Golgotha's Hill where they killed Him on a cross along with two thieves. One of the thieves made fun of Jesus but the other thief recognized that Jesus was the Son of God and Jesus told that thief that they would be in paradise together. (*Matthew 27:32-44*)

Jesus died on the cross. The sky went dark in the middle of the day and an earthquake shook the earth. A soldier watching the events said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" (*Matthew 27:45-54*)

Joseph of Arimathea came and took the body of Jesus and with the assistance of Nicodemus, prepared Jesus' body for burial. After Jesus' body was in the tomb, a large stone was put over the entrance. Soldiers guarded the tomb so that no one could steal Jesus' body. (*Matthew 19:38*)

On the third day women went to put more spices on Jesus body and they found

the tomb empty. Jesus had come back to life just as He had said. He died to take our punishment for sins and rose again to give us eternal life. (*Luke 24:1-12*)

This Bible lesson is very important. Jesus came to earth to die on the cross and then He came back to life so we have life in heaven forever. Jesus is our RESCUER. We must "repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." Once we tell Jesus we are sorry and ask Him to forgive us then we are ready to share the Good News with others. We can help others know about Jesus by telling them.

## ADVENTURE CONTINUES- *GROW*



This week I want you to think about what Jesus did for you. Jesus loves you so very much. Even if you were the only person on earth, Jesus would still have died for you. Take a piece of paper and write a few things you have done wrong. How many of those things are you still doing? Are you willing to repent? Are you willing to say you are sorry and stop doing these things? Once you confess your sins and ask for forgiveness, and ask Jesus to live inside you, then you are ready to go tell others about Jesus.