

# Children's Devotional Guide

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Dedicated to  
my parents,  
Mr. Kwame & Mrs. Juliana Appenteng.

# FOREWORD

I recommend *CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL GUIDE*, authored by Sheila Addo, to parents, who desire to help their children build and keep a solid Christian and Bible-based foundation for their lives.

Its content are simply crafted to catch a child's attention, easy to understand and apply to daily living. There are content-related and diagnostic questions, as well as prayer points to ensure full application of lessons learnt.

*CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL GUIDE* is a precious gift any child should get hold of.

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# INTRODUCTION

**C**hildren's *Devotional Guide* is an excellent devotional for children of any age. The Word of God has been simplified to the barest understanding of your child. It also has questions that, we are convinced, will tickle your child's mind, as well as offer answers to help your child develop an in-depth knowledge of the Word of God. The book has been designed in such a way that children from age six and beyond, who can read on their own, can easily use it for their devotion with little or no supervision.

I respect children so much and I love them; they carry God's glory and He loves them too. Get a copy of this book for your child/children, their friends, the children in your community, and in your church. In the first place, you will be leading them to find God's will for their lives and, secondly, you will be empowering them with the most important habit in the world: reading! God will bless you and, together, we can raise children who are scripture-minded, Spirit-filled, well-nurtured and who love God.

God bless you abundantly.

**SHEILA ADDO**

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## NOTE TO PARENTS/TEACHERS

**A**lways start your devotion with a word of prayer, followed by a simple worship song [one or two], to put your child in a worship mood and also create the right atmosphere for your devotion.

Let your child read the scripture on his or her own. Follow it up with the reading of the illustrations or the explanations given in the book.

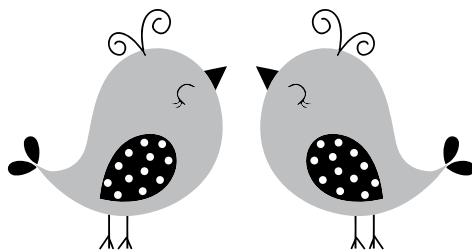
Ask your child to explain or tell you what he or she understands by the scripture and the illustration given.

Parents should explain further: Questions in the book can be asked by parents and children should be allowed to answer them, based on the scripture reading and the illustration. Children may be guided to colour or solve puzzles or answer questions posed.

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THEME: LESSONS FROM RUTH  
TOPIC: BEING HARDWORKING

BIBLE PASSAGE: RUTH 2:17-19



**MEMORY VERSE:** *So Ruth gathered barley there all day, and when she beat out the grain that evening, it filled an entire basket. Ruth 2:17, NLT*

**E**limelech and Naomi and their two sons – Mahlon and Chilion – lived in Bethlehem in Judah. There was a famine in Judah. Elimelech and his family, therefore, moved from Bethlehem to Moab. Ruth and Orpah were young women from Moab who got married to the sons of Elimelech and Naomi. Ruth and Orpah lived together with their in-laws.

After a while, Naomi lost her husband and two sons, so she decided to return to her native land, Judah. While Ruth made up her mind to follow her mother-in-law, Orpah, the other daughter-in-law of Naomi, decided to return to Moab.

The barley harvest was just beginning when Naomi and Ruth got to Bethlehem, in Judah. Boaz, a very rich and influential member of the family of Elimelech had a barley field. Ruth went to work in the field of this rich man. Ruth worked so hard in the barley field, never

relaxing. Boaz showed her kindness by allowing her to work with her harvesters. She went on gathering grain in the field until evening and when she had beaten it out, she found, she had nearly 10 kilograms.

Children, we should not be lazy – relaxing in our studies and work at home. Hard work brings a lot of good rewards. The harder we work, the more likely Mummy and Daddy will love us and God will bless us too. Hard work pays off in the end, so let us work hard.

**Lesson:** Learn to work hard.

**Prayer:** God, help me work hard at everything I find to do.





**MEMORY VERSE:** Ruth bowed down with her face touching the ground, and said to Boaz, "Why should you be so concerned about me? Why should you be so kind to a foreigner?" **Ruth 2:10, GNT**

**R**uth was a very respectful woman who showed so much humility towards Boaz and honoured him, the first time they met.

How do you behave towards people you have just met for the first time? Do you show respect to them? You can never tell: they may be of great help to you. They may also be the people God may use to bring about a "turn-around" in your life.

Ruth found favour in the sight of Boaz and got married to him-a rich and influential man. This was a great "turn-around" for Ruth. She was no more a poor widow, but a rich man's wife. They had a son whom they named Obed. He became the father of Jesse who also gave birth to David. The poor young woman, Ruth, now a proud mother, married to a rich and influential husband! Children, the people we show respect to may be a source of blessing to us.

**Lesson:** Show respect to everyone, even those who may not be your friends.

**Prayer:** Lord God, please give me the spirit of humility to show respect to people who come my way.

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1. Courageous
2. Success
3. Believe
4. Risky
5. Bold
6. Esther
7. King
8. Wrong
9. God
10. Step
11. Give
12. Day



MEMORY VERSE: *Go gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan and fast for me.* ESTHER 4:16a

**E**sther was a beautiful lady who married King Ahasuerus of the Medo-Persian Empire. Esther was taken care of as an orphan by her senior cousin, called Mordecai, who took her as a daughter. Esther always humbled herself and listened to Mordecai's advice. Mordecai asked her to see the king about a plot by a man called Haman to kill all the Jews. This was a "dangerous mission" because you could not see the king if he had not called you.

Esther sent a message to Mordecai at first: *"All the world knows that anyone, whether man or woman, who goes into the king's inner court without his summons is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter; and the king has not called for me to come to him in more than a month"* (Esther 4:11, TLB).

However, Esther gathered courage through the prayer support of the Jews and went on the mission. Esther went to see the king about Haman's plot to eliminate the Jews. Haman had promised to put some huge amount of money in the king's treasuries. King Ahasuerus had set Haman's seat above all the princes that were with him.

The Jews, however, got saved as a result

of Esther's obedience to the instructions of Mordecai to see the king.

Children, let us learn to obey the advice and instructions of the elderly, for they will only lead us to safety.

**Lesson:** Obey the advice and instructions of the elderly.

**Prayer:** Dear God, please grant me the grace to be obedient to the elderly.

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S	T	R	O	N	G	L	Y
S	T	A	R	S	A	B	C

1. Abraham   4. Pleased   7. Star  
2. Strong   5. Head  
3. Surely   6. Tail

THEME: LESSONS FROM ESTHER  
TOPIC: BEING PRAYERFUL

BIBLE PASSAGE: ESTHER 4:15-17

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." **ESTHER 4:16, NIV**



**E**sther could never have gone to the king without God's help. As they prayed and fasted, God helped her. Prayer makes possible what is impossible.

No matter how unkind your teacher may be, when you pray, God can touch his or her heart. Let us try to pray when we face challenges rather than panic. The tough situations we face in school can be dealt with through prayer.

Esther was a young girl, who was admired by everyone. She was the daughter of Abihail, a Benjamite, who was an uncle of Mordecai. When Esther's parents died, Mordecai adopted her as his daughter.

Esther was made the queen in place of Vashti and she remained firm in her prayer life. Haman, one of the king's officials, planned to destroy the Jews. Esther ordered that her people, the Jews, fast for three days, so they would be saved from destruction.

No matter how young you are, you have to be prayerful. Prayer works. After the three-day fast, the decision to destroy the Jews was cancelled. Pray about every situation that bothers you and God will, surely, see you through.

**Lesson:** Learn to pray about every situation.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to put my whole trust in You alone about every situation.

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P	R	O	R	R	A	N
K	Y	P	M	T	Y	G
F	A	S	T	I	N	G

1. King
2. Pray
3. Esther
4. Tough
5. School
6. Try
7. Solved
8. Fasting

THEME: LESSONS FROM ESTHER  
TOPIC: BEING COURAGEOUS

BIBLE PASSAGE: ESTHER 5:1-5

**MEMORY VERSE:** Now it happened, on the third day of her fast, Esther put on her royal robes and went and stood in the inner courtyard of the palace, facing the throne room. **ESTHER 5:1**

**E**sther was such a courageous woman: She knew it was most risky going to the king when he had not called her, but she went in to see him anyway. The king received her kindly and did not kill her.

One rule that was well known in the province of Persia was that, if anyone -- man or woman -- went into the inner courtyard to see the king without being summoned, that person had to die (Esther 4:11). Everyone --

from the king's advisers to the people in the provinces -- knew that and Esther knew that too. But after Esther had fasted together with her people for three days, she gathered the courage to go and see the king. Esther was such a courageous woman.

God will always grant us His favour when we are courageous. So, take a bold step today and

believe He will give you success. He will give you success in your examinations and in whatever else you do.

**Lesson:** Do not be afraid to take bold steps, after you have prayed.

**Prayer:** Lord, please give me the courage to obey You in all situations, so that I will succeed in everything I do.





Elkanah had two wives: Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none. Each time Elkanah offered his sacrifice at Shiloh, he would give one share of the meat to Peninnah, equally giving one share to each of her children. Because he loved Hannah very much, he would give her a double portion (1 Samuel 1:5).

Hannah did not have a child, so she prayed fervently to God. She knew God would give her a baby. Hannah prayed earnestly at Shiloh. She prayed so much that the priest Eli thought she was drunk. God, indeed, heard her and she had a baby boy and named him Samuel.

Do not give up yet; just continue to pray.

**Lesson:** Pray! Pray! Pray about every situation!

**Prayer:** Dear God, please grant me the grace to keep on praying, no matter how hopeless the situation may look.



THEME: LESSONS FROM HANNAH  
TOPIC: BUILDING YOUR FAITH IN GOD

BIBLE PASSAGE: SAMUEL 1:18-20

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"May you always think kindly of me," she replied. Then she went away, ate some food, and was no longer sad.*  
**1 SAMUEL 1:18, GNT**

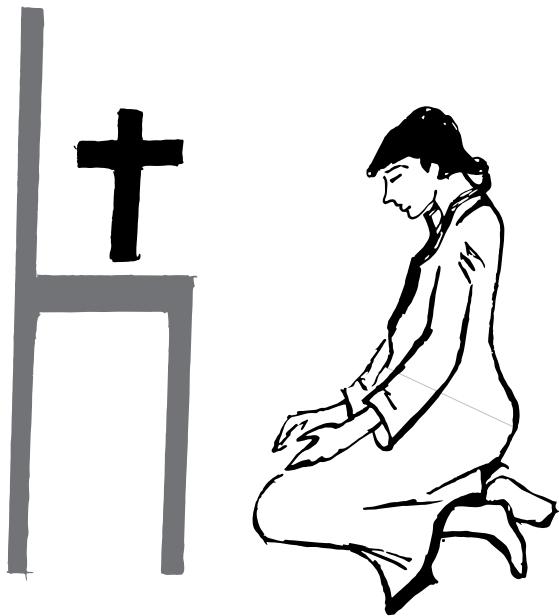


Peninnah teased and humiliated Hannah. Hannah built up her faith in God through prayer. When Eli the priest encouraged her, asking her to go in peace because the God of Israel would answer her prayer, she believed He would surely do it. She, therefore, went her way and ate and was no longer sad. This truly showed that Hannah believed God would surely answer her prayer and bless her with a child.

When we pray, let us believe that God will give us answers. Our prayers always have to be backed by faith. Believe God can bless you with whatever position you are desiring to be in class and answer any other prayer. He can do everything. Just pray consistently about your desires and God will surely grant them.

**Lesson:** God will truly honour His Word.

**Prayer:** Dear God, please give me a solid faith in You.



THEME: LESSONS FROM HANNAH  
TOPIC: GOD WILL ANSWER YOUR PRAYER

BIBLE PASSAGE: SAMUEL 1:19-20

**MEMORY VERSE:** "... and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I asked the Lord for him."

**1 SAMUEL 1:20, NLT**

**W**hen we build our faith in prayer, we need to equally expect that God will surely answer our prayer. After Hannah's fervent prayer, she was blessed with a son, whom she named Samuel. She also had many other children (1 Samuel 2:5). Finally, it became so obvious that God had heard and answered Hannah's prayers.

What have you asked God for? Are you still praying about it? Do you have faith that God will answer you? Relax, for your answer will surely come. Sometimes, it will take days, or months; at other times, even longer still. However, whatever the case may be, God will, surely, answer. Have faith in Him.

**Lesson:** Always believe that God will answer your prayers.

**Prayer:** I thank You, Lord, for answering every prayer according to Your will and in Your time.

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Y	W	A	B	E	M
I	E	I	O	A	L
N	R	T	R	P	K
G	K	H	N	O	M

1. Lord
2. Hannah
3. Born
4. Praying
5. Answer
6. Keep
7. Faith
8. God
9. surely

THEME: LESSONS FROM JOB  
TOPIC: GOD'S PROTECTION

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOB 5:19-21

MEMORY VERSE: *He shall deliver you in six troubles, yes; in seven no evil shall touch you.*  
JOB 5:19

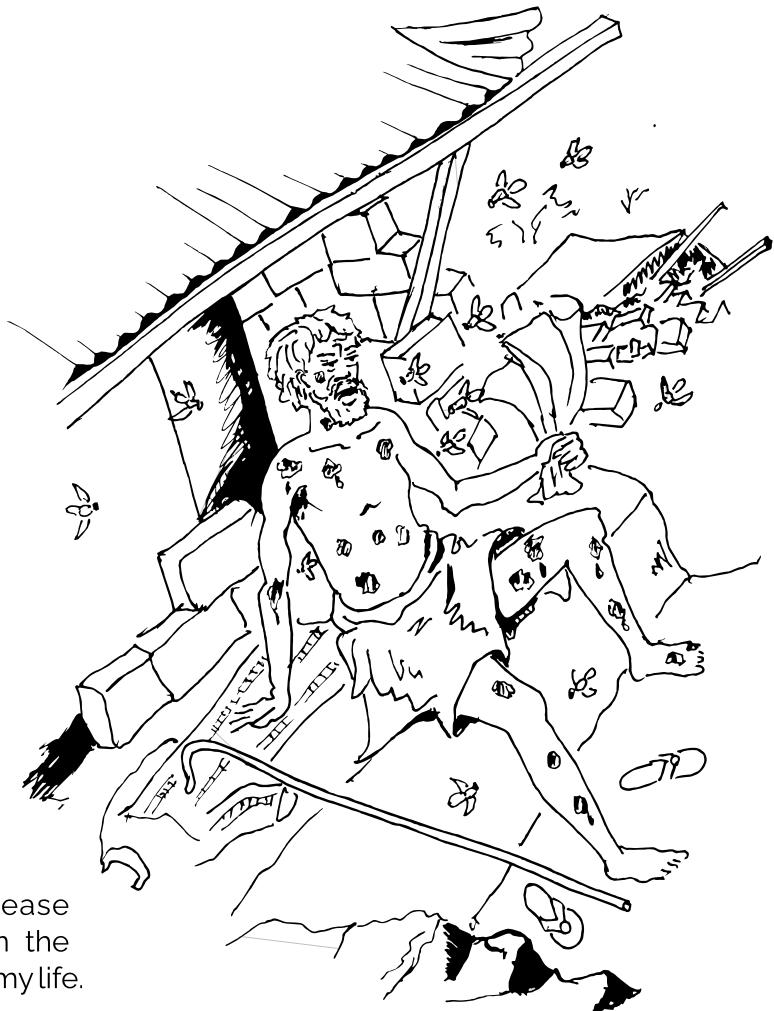
**T**ime after time, God will save us from harm. God does not save us only "one time", but at all times, when we are faced with trouble. Never be afraid of the traps and plans of people who dislike you. You will always escape their traps, if you depend on God for His protection. His protection is always there for you and it is real.

Job believed in God's protection and He delivered him from affliction and pain. Never forget to pray for God's protection before you step out every day to school, church and any other place.

God will, surely, hear your prayer and protect you.

**Lesson:** Always remember to pray for God's protection.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, please protect me from any harm the enemy has planned against my life.



THEME: LESSONS FROM JOB  
TOPIC: LIVING A LIFE OF PURITY

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOB 1:6-8



**MEMORY VERSE:** *Then the Lord said to Satan; have you considered my servant Job that there is none like him on the earth; a blameless and upright man who fears God and shuns evil. JOB 1:8*

**C**an God truly say about you, that you are upright? Can God truly say of you that you are living a life that pleases Him? How wonderful it would be if God could say this about you.

Job was so upright that God could trust him to stand firm in the face of temptation. If your friends try to tempt you into sinning, can you stand against or resist them? If your friends give you the bad advice, to sneakily copy someone else's work at school, can you boldly tell them, because you are a believer you will not do that?

Let us try our best to always do what is right. Anytime we realise we have sinned against God, let us quickly confess and repent of our sins.

**Lesson:** Do not give in to the bad advice from your friends. Live an upright life.

**Prayer:** O Lord, make me as strong and upright as Job, so You can boast of me.

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1. Believe	6. Temptation	11. Trust
2. Satan	7. Sinning	12. Copy
3. Upright	8. Positive	13. Face
4. School	9. Please	14. Work
5. Friends	10. Job	

THEME: LESSONS FROM JOB  
TOPIC: FLEE FROM LUST

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOB 31:1-4

MEMORY VERSE: *I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl. JOB 31:1, NIV*

**A**covenant means a strong agreement that should not be broken. Job made a covenant with his eyes that he would never lust after a girl. "To lust for (after)" means either "desiring strongly" or "yearning" so much for "what normally does not belong to you legally". The word "lust" refers mostly to the yearning immorally for the opposite sex: someone you are not married to.

What has been described as lust is sinful and indulging in it always leads to disgrace. Let us wait patiently for the right time when we are fully matured and working to get married before we involve ourselves in what is only meant for married couples. Lust can finally lead you into pre-marital sex and God hates fornication.

Let us learn to keep ourselves pure as children and God will be pleased with us.

**Lesson:** Run away from lust (bad desires).

**Prayer:** Lord, please, protect me from the spirit of lust.

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1. Love	5. Sin	9. Pray	13. Physical
2. Please	6. Hepatitis	10. Eternal	14. Church
3. Active	7. Syphilis	11. Life	15. Diseases
4. Sexual	8. Gonorrhea	12. Wages	16. Word
			17. Tree

THEME: LESSONS FROM MARY  
TOPIC: REMAINING CHASTE

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 1:22-25

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Behold the virgin shall be with child and bear a son and they shall call his name Immanuel, which is translated God with us.*  
**MATTHEW 1:23**



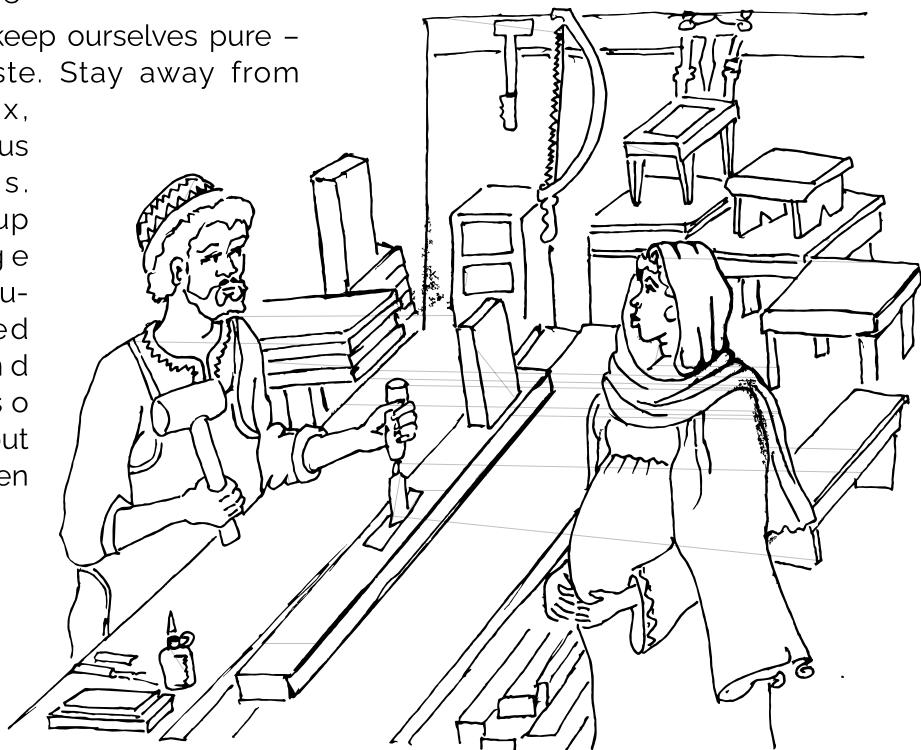
**M**ary was a virgin at the time she became pregnant with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Mary was chaste or pure: she never fornicated with Joseph, the man she was engaged to. Her ability to keep herself pure pleased the Lord so much. It is so clear that Mary would not have been the right candidate to conceive Jesus if she had not been a virgin.

Let us learn to keep ourselves pure – remaining chaste. Stay away from premature sex, which has serious consequences. You may end up with teenage pregnancy, sexually-transmitted diseases and equally also become a dropout from school. When you live a life of purity, God will honour you. Living a life of chastity also promotes good health. God blesses

you for remaining chaste as a young person.

**Lesson:** Abstain from premarital sex or fornication because of the very serious dangers involved.

**Prayer:** Our Heavenly Father, please keep me pure and free from sexual immorality.





**MEMORY VERSE:** *Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her."*

**LUKE 1:38**

Mary was a young woman, who was promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was from the family of King David. She was not yet married to Joseph.

One day, an angel came to Mary and told her she would become pregnant and give birth to a baby who would be called Jesus. Mary accepted the message in humility, although she was a virgin. She was prepared to accept whatever God wanted to do in her life. Why? The reason was that she knew God's plan was always the best.

We need to humbly accept who we are. We should believe that whatever God allows to come our way is the best. Mary, out of humility, accepted God's will for her to give birth to the Savior Jesus.

Humility is always the key to accepting what is best from the Almighty God.

**Lesson:** Be humble.

**Prayer:** O Lord, help me to walk by faith and in humility, to receive the very best from You.



# THEME: LESSONS FROM MARY

## TOPIC: SHOWING APPRECIATION TO GOD & WORSHIPPING HIM

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 1:46-49



**MEMORY VERSE:** *For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.* LUKE 1:48, NLT

Mary left hurriedly after her visitation by the angel, to the town in the hill country of Judea to visit Elizabeth. Being filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth said in a loud voice on seeing Mary, "You are the most blessed of all women and blessed is the child you will bear." Mary was full of gratitude and showed appreciation to the Almighty God for choosing her as the vessel for the delivery of such a wonderful baby.

When God does what is truly good for us – bringing a miracle our way -- let us show appreciation to Him. Let us always worship God sincerely. In the process of being thankful to

Him, it is good to tell Him, "Lord, You have never withheld your goodness and mercies from me. I am ever so very grateful to you." Be grateful to God for all He does, no matter how small it is. Thank Him that you are enjoying another day. Be grateful for both the food you eat and the lives of your parents.

**Lesson:** If you call the Almighty God your Heavenly Father, you have much more reason to be thankful, for, above all, you are His child!

**Prayer:** Father, may I ever thank, praise and worship You.

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1. *Morever*
2. *Grateful*
3. *Thankful*
4. *Goodness*
5. *Worship*
6. *Miracle*
7. *Blessing*
8. *Mercies*
9. *Way*
10. *Lord*
11. *State*
12. *Lowly*
13. *Estate*

THEME: LESSONS FROM EZEKIEL  
TOPIC: WINNING SOULS FOR THE LORD

BIBLE PASSAGE: EZEKIEL 2:1-5

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Son of man," he said, "I am sending you to the nation of Israel, a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day." **EZEKIEL 2:3, NLT**



**E**zekiel was a prophet in his time. God gave him a mission to send His Word to the people of Israel who were so rebellious. They did not respect God and were stubborn (Ezekiel 2:4).

There are friends in our class, community and church who may be very stubborn and will not take any correction. We are not to give up on such friends. Let us continue to share the Word of God with them. He will help them turn from their stubborn ways.

We also have to share our testimonies with them over how God has been faithful to us ever since we gave our lives to Christ. They may also have the desire to give their lives to Christ and change from their bad ways.

**Lesson:** Share Christ with someone today.

**Prayer:** Please, Lord, grant me your grace to share your Word with my unsaved friends to draw them to You.

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1. Children	5. Lesson	9. Nation
2. Rebelled	6. Share	10. God
3. Friends	7. Class	11. Word
4. Christ	8. Forget	12. Die

THEME: LESSONS FROM EZEKIEL  
TOPIC: SHARING THE WORD OF GOD WITHOUT FEAR

BIBLE PASSAGE: EZEKIEL 3:4-9

**MEMORY VERSE:** Now I will make you as stubborn and as tough as they are. I will make you as firm as a rock, as hard as a diamond, don't be afraid of those rebels. GNT **EZEKIEL 3:8-9**

The people of Israel were very stubborn. Ezekiel, thus, had to be very firm in his desire to share the Word of God with them. In the same manner, you should not give up on your stubborn friends. Pray to God for confidence to share the Word of God with them. Some may make fun of you, but never stop. Remain firm, and continue in your mission. God will, surely, change them in His own time.

Despite all the opposition and mockery, do not give up, still be determined to share the Word of God in many other different ways. You can choose to either share the Word of God through Gospel tracts or using text message from your phone, etc. God will richly bless you.

**Lesson:** There will be those who will laugh at you as you share the Word of God. Do not give up.

**Prayer:** Lord, please help me to never give up sharing Your Word with those who do not know You -- no matter what!

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1. Daniel	6. Chief	11. God
2. Heart	7. Eunuchs	12. Simply
3. Afraid	8. Friends	13. Refused
4. Defile	9. Feared	14. Not
5. King	10. Loved	

# THEME: LESSONS FROM EZEKIEL

## TOPIC: LIVING A FREE LIFE FROM REBELLION

BIBLE PASSAGE: EZEKIEL 2:7-10

**MEMORY VERSE:** *But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house, open your mouth and eat what I give you.* **EZEKIEL 2:8**

**G**od advised Ezekiel never to be as stubborn as the Israelites. The only way to do this was to be filled with the Word of God.

In our efforts to share the Word of God with our friends, so they will no more be stubborn, we should also make sure that we know the Word of God pretty well. We can easily be influenced by them and rather follow their ways, if we do not make time to study the Word of God and also memorize it. We also need to live a godly lifestyle as we win souls for Christ.

God bless you that you have chosen not to be like your rebellious friends. What God hates is when you do what your friends, who do not know Christ, do. We should not allow our unsaved friends to influence us – that is, we should rather influence them with our positive character.

**Lesson:** Do not displease our Heavenly Father by behaving just like your stubborn friends.

**Prayer:** Lord God, make my godly lifestyle so attractive to my stubborn friends.

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1. Generation
2. Desiring
3. Involved
4. Righteous
5. Meddle
6. Household
7. Sinful
8. Among
9. Peers
10. Today
11. Found
12. Stand
13. Bless
14. God

THEME: LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH  
TOPIC: PRAYING FOR OTHERS

BIBLE PASSAGE: NEHEMIAH 1:1-4

**MEMORY VERSE:** *So it was, when I heard these words that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days, I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.* **NEHEMIAH 1:4**

Nehemiah had a great concern for his fellow Jews who had returned from exile in Babylonia. Those who had survived and were back in the homeland were in great difficulty and the foreigners, who lived nearby, looked down on them. Another concern he had was that, the walls of Jerusalem and the gates, had still not been restored since the time they were burnt down. He decided not to just sit unconcerned as if he was not affected. Instead, he prayed for the salvation of the people of Israel. He prayed that God would come in to deliver His people.

We should always desire to help those who are in trouble. Do not just stand aloof and watch people go through pain. Help, if you can, and pray always for such people.

Nehemiah prayed for his people who were the children of Israel. He fasted and prayed day and night. He trusted that God would forgive the sins of the Israelites. We can also pray for our friends. We can trust God to heal them when they are sick; for their financial needs to be met, etc., etc.

**Lesson:** Pray for others.

**Prayer:** O, God, may I always pray for my friends – trusting You to meet all their needs.

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1. Israelites	5. Friends	9. Night
2. Intercede	6. People	10. Day
3. Support	7. Trusted	11. God
4. Healing	8. Pray	12. Wept

## THEME: LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH

## TOPIC: BEING WISE

BIBLE PASSAGE: NEHEMIAH 2:11-13

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any animal with me, except the one on which I rode.*  
**NEHEMIAH 2:12**



We do not always have to reveal our plans and dreams to our friends. We need to learn to keep such dreams to ourselves. Some friends may fight against us, if we tell them our beautiful dreams. Such friends may do whatever they can to stop people who may be willing to help us from doing so.

Keep your dream to yourself and always pray about it until you see God bring it to pass.

When Nehemiah sought to help his fellow Jews, he did not tell anyone what God had put in his heart. He was very wise. Someone could have gone ahead

to fight him and prevent him from achieving what God wanted him to. Remember what happened to Joseph when he revealed his dreams to his brothers -- they sold him into slavery. Keep your plans secret. Keep your ideas to yourself until it is time for God to use you for His purpose. Be wise like Nehemiah.

**Lesson:** Keep your plans and ideas secret from your friends, until God's time to fulfil them is due.

**Prayer:** God, help me not to be careless about the beautiful plans and ideas You give me by revealing it to people carelessly.



## THEME: LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH

TOPIC: SEEKING WISDOM TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT  
PEOPLE TO PLAY RESPONSIBLE ROLES

BIBLE PASSAGE: NEHEMIAH 7:1-3

**MEMORY VERSE:** *I gave the responsibility of governing Jerusalem to my brother Hanani and to Hananiah, the commander of the fortress - a very faithful man who revered God more than most people do. NEHEMIAH 7:2*



**A**fter Nehemiah had accomplished his vision of getting the walls of Jerusalem built, he sought to get people to put in charge of governing the town. One of the people he selected was Hananiah. Hananiah feared God more than most people did.

Let us always make sure that we give roles to people who fear God. When you want to select anyone among your friends to help you undertake any task, always choose those who fear God. People, who fear God, will always make sure your efforts do not go down the drain. People, who fear God, always want the well-being of others and so handle roles with a great sense of responsibility. People who fear God are also not deceitful. People who fear God are humble too.

**Lesson:** Always make the right choice: "Choose a God-fearing person" for any task.

**Prayer:** God, help me to make the right choice when selecting a person for a task.

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1. Beautiful	6. Heart	11. Fight
2. Reveal	7. Nehemiah	12. Friend
3. Dreams	8. Prevent	13. Goal
4. Visions	9. Learn	14. Keep
5. Against	10. Never	

**THEME: LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH**  
**TOPIC: GOD CAN HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOALS****BIBLE PASSAGE: NEHEMIAH 2:18-20**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us, therefore we His servants will arise and build but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."* **NEHEMIAH 2:20, NKJV**

**W**hen Nehemiah and others started to build, Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem tried to make fun of them. Although they were despised by the others, Nehemiah was never discouraged. He believed he would accomplish his dream by the help of God, and the walls of Jerusalem would surely be built.

God can help us achieve our goals in life if only we do not give up. We should not allow the bullying of friends to prevent us from focusing on achieving our goals. Do not be afraid, take a bold step to start your "dream" and God will, surely, make it come to pass. Get friends who can support you to achieve your dream. Every goal can be achieved in Jesus' Name.

**Lesson:** Pray to God all the time to help you achieve your goals in life.

**Prayer:** Lord God, help me to be prayerful and build up my faith, in my desire to achieve my goals in life.

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1. Abideth

2. Fruit

3. Vine

4. Forth

5. Branches

6. Need

7. Bear

**THEME: LESSONS FROM DANIEL**  
**TOPIC: DETERMINE NOT TO COMPROMISE****BIBLE PASSAGE: DANIEL 1:6-8**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank, therefore did he request of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. DANIEL 1:8*

In the third year that Jehoiakim was king of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon attacked Jerusalem and surrounded the city. In addition to what was valuable that he took, he ordered that his chief official select some young men from both the royal and noble families who were handsome, intelligent, well trained, quick to learn and free from physical defects. They would be qualified to serve in the royal court. Among the young men chosen were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azaria whose names were later changed to Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, respectively.

These young men pleaded with the guard in charge to provide them with vegetables and water alone for ten days, instead of the food from the king's table. When time was up, they looked healthier and stronger than all those who had been eating the royal food.

Daniel feared God and loved Him with all his heart, so he decided he would never do what would displease Him. He was not afraid of what the king might do to him: he simply would not sin against God. He and his friends refused to eat anything that was going to defile them.

We have to stand for the Lord, no matter the situation. Never compromise on your Christian standards. Then God will surely grant you His favour.

**Lesson:** Never be interested in what is worldly (for example, secular music, indecent dressing, etc.) - compromising as a Christian.

**Prayer:** Lord God, help me never to compromise on my Christian standards.



THEME: LESSONS FROM DANIEL  
TOPIC: BEING GUIDED BY WISDOM

BIBLE PASSAGE: DANIEL 2:13-16



**MEMORY VERSE:** *So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time that he might tell the king the interpretation.* DANIEL 2:16

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had a dream that worried him so much. None of his fortune-tellers, magicians, sorcerers and wizards could either tell or explain the dream to him. The king became very angry over this and ordered the execution of all his royal advisors in Babylon. Daniel then went to the guard who had been ordered to carry out the executions. Choosing his words very carefully, Daniel asked for the reason for such a harsh order. Then he sought permission for some days to wait on God. Daniel and his friends prayed and that same night the mystery was revealed. If Daniel had not chosen steps of wisdom ("choosing his words very carefully" and asking for permission for some time to wait on God), he, along with his friends and other officials, would have been killed by the executioners.

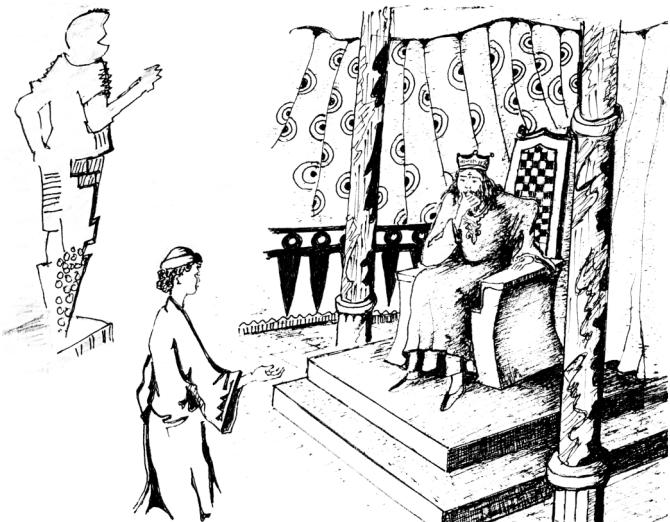
We always need wisdom when challenges come our way. Daniel needed wisdom to come up with what could convince the king to be patient, in his decision to execute him and his friends along with the rest of the wise men in Babylon. Daniel was such a wise young man. Again, he never prayed alone

about the issue; he asked his friends to join him in doing so. Wisdom is one of the keys that can save you from trouble. God surely did reveal the amazing secret about the king's dream concerning future kingdoms to Daniel in the night vision.

**Lessons:**

- Seek counsel from God before you make every difficult decision.
- Pray to God for wisdom to solve every difficult problem.

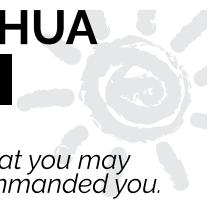
**Prayer:** Lord God, please give me wisdom.



THEME: LESSONS FROM JOSHUA  
TOPIC: BEING COURAGEOUS

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOSHUA 1:7-9

**MEMORY VERSE:** Only be strong and very courageous that you may observe to do according to all the law which my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left that you may prosper wherever you go. **JOSHUA 1:7**



**J**oshua, son of Nun, was Moses' helper. After Moses died, Joshua was instructed to lead the people of Israel to cross the River Jordan into the land they had been given. God asked Joshua to be confident and determined: never to be discouraged.

Without confidence, you can never achieve whatever is great. Do not be afraid to take bold steps to achieve your goals, no matter the challenges. God will always be there to help you. You have to be courageous when you are put in a leadership position in class, church and in your community. We need courage to implement our visions in life.

**Lesson:** Do not be afraid to attempt any task you believe God wants you to do. Write your examinations and do your assignments with courage.

**Prayer:** Lord God, please help me to be courageous.

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1. Stage
2. Face
3. Turned
4. Reward
5. Pass
6. Scared
7. Final
8. Goliath
9. Fight
10. Test

THEME: LESSONS FROM JOSHUA  
TOPIC: BECOMING AN ENCOURAGER

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOSHUA 18:1-4

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Then Joshua said to the children of Israel, "How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers has given you?" JOSHUA 18:3*

**J**oshua was not just an ordinary leader, but a real encourager too. He encouraged the people of Israel to rise up and possess their land.

Sometimes, people may need you to encourage them, so that they can move on in taking the necessary steps of faith to achieve their goals in life. You need to encourage your friends, especially when they are "down". You should never discourage people. Instead, try to always support them with prayer and pieces of advice. One day, such people will thank God for your life and you will receive God's blessings.

**Lesson:** Encourage and support others.

**Prayer:** Father, help me to encourage others around me, especially when they are "down".

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1. Daniel	6. Days	11. Perform
2. Acknowledge	7. Dreams	12. Fact
3. Secret	8. Vision	13. Glory
4. Heaven	9. Miracle	14. King
5. Latter	10. Remember	15. Great

THEME: LESSONS FROM JOSHUA  
TOPIC: PREPARING ADEQUATELY BEFORE ANY TASK

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOSHUA 1:11

**MEMORY VERSE:** Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, "Prepare yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan." **JOSHUA 1:11**



It was finally time for Joshua and the people of Israel to cross the river Jordan. Joshua made sure the Israelites had made provision for the journey. He asked them to get what food they would need for their journey ready.

You cannot execute a task without first making good preparations. If it is about your academics, you need to study very hard before the day of the examinations. If it is about preparing for school, make sure you pick the right books before you set off to school, according to your study timetable. Your school uniform should be well ironed and shoes well-polished, the day before you have to go to school. Prepare always before every task. God bless you.

**Lesson:** Learn very well before writing your examinations in school. Prepare adequately before attempting any other task.

**Prayer:** Lord God, please grant me the grace to prepare effectively before attempting any task ahead of me.

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1. Water
2. Journey
3. Provision
4. Head
5. Task
6. Cross
7. Jordan
8. Learn
9. Three
10. Fully
11. Days
12. Over
13. Snack
14. Prepare
15. Need
16. Set
17. Make
18. Camp
19. About

**MEMORY VERSE:** Now, Joshua son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly saying; view the land especially Jericho. **JOSHUA 2:1**

**I**t is always important to assess any task to find out if you can handle it, before you even begin it.

Unfortunately, the land the Israelites were asked to occupy already had some people living on it. Joshua, therefore, had to send two men to go and assess the inhabitants living in the land: their stature, lifestyle, religion, etc. This was to make sure that they would be able to fight the inhabitants and gain victory. Secondly, the assessment was to also help them make the necessary preparation before going out to war.

**Lesson:** Always try to assess yourself by answering a few test questions before attempting any examination at school.

**Prayer:** Lord, grant me wisdom to make a "fair assessment" of myself before any examination or task.



THEME: LESSONS FROM SAMUEL  
TOPIC: TAKING UP RESPONSIBILITY

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 SAMUEL 7:14-17

MEMORY VERSE: *Samuel continued as Israel's judge for the remainder of his life.* 1 SAMUEL 7:15

**S**amuel always prayed to God on behalf of the Israelites. The towns from Ekron to Gath that the Philistines had captured from Israel were restored to Israel. There was peace between the Israelites and the Amorites. He continued as Israel's judge all his life.

Have you taken up any responsibility in your school? Are you playing any role in the church? Accept any responsibility you may be given and work hard in the role you choose. Make sure you make a good impact in the lives of people. Any responsibility you are given at school should be helpful to everyone there. You can do this effectively if you are selfless, hardworking and God-fearing. Make sure you make a very positive impact in your generation by playing your role with diligence. You will build a strong reputation for yourself.

**Lesson:** Play any role you have been given in either school or church very well. Work hard to achieve greatness.

**Prayer:** Grant me Your grace, Lord, to perform any responsibility I am given very well.

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1. Hardworking
2. School
3. Hear
4. Play
5. Bethel
6. Gilgal
7. Ramah
8. Dispute
9. Home
10. Altar
11. Judge

**THEME: LESSONS FROM SAMUEL****TOPIC: DO NOT BE GREEDY****BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 SAMUEL 8:1-3**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *But they were not like their father, for they were greedy for money. They accepted bribes and were very corrupt in the administration of justice.* **1 SAMUEL 8:3**

**L**et us not be greedy. Let us not take advantage of people below us when we become leaders. Let us be content with whatever rewards we are given after playing our roles.

We should not deceive people to take what belongs to them. You may, sometimes, not even receive a direct reward at all. Nevertheless, God will reward you through some other means. Sometimes, your rewards may come through gifts from people, as well as their prayer support.

Let us rely on God for the "greatest reward" in the services we render in our school, church and community.



**Lesson:** Learn to be honest when you are placed in a leadership position. Let us not steal what belongs to others.

**Prayer:** Dear God, help me to be honest and not greedy.

THEME: LESSONS FROM SAMUEL  
TOPIC: SEEKING ADVICE FROM THE LORD

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 SAMUEL 8:6-9

MEMORY VERSE: *Samuel was terribly upset and went to the Lord for advice.*  
**1 SAMUEL 8:6**

Sometimes, in life, we may find ourselves at crossroads - confused about what decision to take. We may also feel upset and may not know what to do next. In any of these situations, we need to go to God in prayer. We need to ask God what exactly we should do. It is always safe to know God's will at every point in time to avoid mistakes.

Just pray a simple prayer, "God show me your way". God will surely speak to you or you can speak to anyone you believe is spiritually more matured to support you in prayer.

Be, therefore, patient to hear God's response before taking a decision.

**Lesson:** Always make sure to know God's will in every decision you make.

**Prayer:** Father, show me Your direction in every situation I find myself.

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1. Sacrifice	6. Down	11. Class
2. Person	7. Period	12. Life
3. Teach	8. Poor	13. Weak
4. Friends	9. True	
5. Cross	10. Money	

**THEME: LESSONS DRAWN FROM TIMOTHY**  
**TOPIC: ALLOWING TO BE MENTORED****BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 TIMOTHY 1:1-4****MEMORY VERSE:** *To Timothy, my true son in the faith, may God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy and peace. **1 TIMOTHY 1:2***

**P**aul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, took Timothy and mentored or guided him. He taught Timothy, giving him good advice – enabling the young man to handle his own personal ministry. He guided Timothy in so many ways by giving him very valuable pieces of advice.

Do you have a mentor? Besides our biological parents, we also need to have another adult who can mentor and guide us: This is quite needful, especially because it enables us to make important decisions. We can choose our mentors from among either the set of teachers in our schools, or good adults in our churches and communities. Our mentors need to be God-fearing.

**Lesson:** Trust God to give you a mentor.

**Prayer:** Lord God, please lead me to the right person to mentor me.



THEME: LESSONS ABOUT JESUS  
TOPIC: JESUS, THE TRUE SON OF GOD

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 1:18-20

**MEMORY VERSE:** *This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. MATTHEW 1:18, NLT*



**J**esus is the true Son of God. The Bible makes it clear that Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. It means Jesus was not an ordinary man: He was God. It is, therefore, easy to put your trust in Him. He is your Healer, Provider, Comforter and Helper. Go to Him in prayer anytime you need help. He is truly the Son of God and He never fails. He is God, so He can perform miracles.

When you have difficulties in your studies, go to Jesus and He will help you. If you are seriously ill, trust God: He will, surely, bring about a supernatural healing. If you are struggling with sin – doing bad stuff and not doing the good you know you should do -- ask Jesus to help you. He will clean you through the power in the blood He shed on Calvary's cross. He will also help you to overcome every sin.

**Lesson:** Anytime you need help, you can put your trust in Jesus. Through prayer, you will receive your answer.

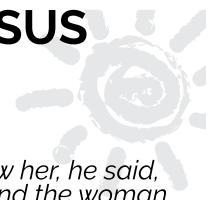
**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, I commit every difficult situation in my life to You. I have complete trust in You that you can deal with each one of them.

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1. Believe	7. Joseph	14. Found
2. Fully	8. Womb	15. Respect
3. Today	9. Honour	16. Died
4. Betrothed	10. Glory	17. Jesus
5. Birth	12. Power	18. Learn
6. Mary	13. Everything	19. Child

THEME: LESSONS ABOUT JESUS  
TOPIC: JESUS THE HEALER

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 9:20-22



**MEMORY VERSE:** *But Jesus turned around and when he saw her, he said, "Be of good cheer, daughter, your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour. MATTHEW 9:22*

**J**esus heals, and, in fact, He can do so instantly. The woman in the scripture of Matthew 9:22 had been ill for twelve years, but she got healed by Jesus, instantly. Are you suffering from any sickness like asthma or sickle cell? Believe that Jesus is the Healer. He can, most surely, heal you. Jesus only expects you to have faith. Miracles are very easy and simple for Jesus to perform.

The woman had suffered from severe bleeding for twelve years. When she decided to see Jesus, she went up behind Him and touched the edge of His cloak. She said to herself, "If only I touch His cloak, I will get well". Surely, indeed, she got well through faith. There is no sickness Jesus cannot heal. Pray for healing for your friends, parents and siblings through Jesus Christ and they will surely receive their healing. Only have faith!

**Lesson:** Always pray to Jesus whenever you or anyone you know is sick. They will surely be healed.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, heal me of every sickness in my body.



## THEME: LESSONS FROM JOSEPH

### TOPIC: LEARNING TO BE EARNEST

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 37:1-3

**MEMORY VERSE:** Jacob's son Joseph was now seventeen years old. His job, along with his half-brothers, the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah was to shepherd his father's flocks. But Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things they were doing. **GENESIS 37:2**

**J**oseph's brothers disliked him, but God loved him so much. Joseph never compromised -- he did not join his siblings in wrongdoing. He rather reported to his father "some of the bad things" that the brothers were doing and that brought him favour with both God and his father.

It is always important we do not conceal any wrongdoings of both our siblings and friends, either in school or at home. It could be an unnecessary disturbance in class, bullying of other colleagues, stealing items and so on. Report them to the right person, so such wrongdoers can be disciplined. They might dislike you, but God will reward you. Joseph always spoke the truth. He never took part in the wrongdoings of his brothers.

**Lesson:** Be bold enough to expose every wrongdoing in either your class or home.

**Prayer:** Lord God, please help me to be an earnest person. Let me never be afraid to always speak the truth.



**J**oseph feared God. He loved the commandments of God and desired to follow them day and night. Joseph knew God's commandment which said, "Do not commit adultery". He determined never to sleep with Potiphar's wife.

Portiphar's wife told a lie about Joseph, that he rather wanted to sleep with her. Joseph was put in prison, but God was with Joseph even in prison.

Our friends may tease us that we are fools because we do not get involved in some of "their bad habits". However, we should know that when we live upright lives, we would surely be honoured at last. If Joseph had slept with Potiphar's wife, it would have brought him shame.

Sin can result in premature death. You can contract a sexually-transmitted disease as a result of sexual immorality. We may also lose the opportunity to be leaders in either our schools or communities, if we are noted to be living ungodly lifestyles.

**Lesson:** Learn to live a life that honours God always.

**Prayer:** Almighty Father, please help me to bury any ungodly lifestyle in me and live a life that honours you.

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R	P	O	D	T	L	I
D	M	A	E	S	Y	N
A	O	T	D	F	B	G
C	H	I	L	D	A	S

1. <i>Strife</i>	9. <i>Gifts</i>
2. <i>Manner</i>	10. <i>Surely</i>
3. <i>Noah</i>	11. <i>Mummy</i>
4. <i>Character</i>	12. <i>Siblings</i>
5. <i>Reward</i>	13. <i>Child</i>
6. <i>Family</i>	14. <i>Boat</i>
7. <i>Class</i>	15. <i>God</i>
8. <i>Awarded</i>	16. <i>Men</i>

**THEME: LESSONS FROM JOSEPH**  
**TOPIC: BEING HARDWORKING**

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 41:46-49

**MEMORY VERSE:** *During those years, Joseph gathered all the crops grown in Egypt and stored the grain from the surrounding fields in the cities. GENESIS 41:48, NLT*

The king of Egypt had a dream and Joseph showed him the meaning. The dream finally came to pass. Remember that Joseph was sent to prison after Potiphar's wife had falsely accused him of desiring to sleep with her. However, because of Joseph's faithfulness even in prison, he was called to interpret Pharaoh's dreams. He had earlier interpreted the dream of the king's cupbearer and baker. By the dream, the baker was hanged, but the cupbearer was set free. The king's cupbearer told the king that Joseph could interpret his dream.

The interpretation Joseph gave through the wisdom of the Almighty God was exactly what happened in Egypt.

There were seven years of plenty, meaning, the land produced abundant crops. There was so much corn like the sand of the sea. Joseph stored some of it from the fields around. He carefully measured out what had to be stored up for survival during the famine. If Joseph had not worked hard, the seven years of famine would have killed many people and animals too. You always have to work hard at whatever task you are given.

**Lesson:** Learn to work hard at every task you are given.

**Prayer:** Father, I present every task I have been given before you. Help me work hard at them.

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1. King	7. Children	13. David
2. Sport	8. Strength	14. Hands
3. School	9. People	15. Win
4. Shepherd	10. Wonder	16. Class
5. Jesse	11. Heart	
6. Prefect	12. Work	

**THEME: LESSONS FROM JOSEPH**  
**TOPIC: LOVING YOUR BROTHER****BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 44:1-2**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Joseph commanded the servant in charge of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with as much food as they can carry and put each man's money on top of his sack."* **GENESIS 44:1, GNB**

**J**oseph had finally become the governor of Egypt. There, indeed, came the seven years of famine. He had stored up a lot of food for survival.

Joseph's brothers also visited Egypt to buy food. Joseph ordered his servants: "Fill the men's sacks with as much food as they can carry, and put each man's money on top of his sack". Joseph, indeed, showed such great love to his brothers, although they sold him into slavery.

Let us love our brothers, even when they wrong us. Joseph, in the end, saved his family also from hunger and possible death.

Remember our "brothers" are not only our siblings, but those who are

our friends in our communities and schools. We, therefore, need to show love to everyone, whether a person treats us well or not.

**Lesson:** Let us not pay evil for evil.

**Prayer:** God, fill my heart with love even towards those who wrong me.



# DAY 38

## THEME: LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

### TOPIC: FEARING GOD

#### BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 1:5-7



**MEMORY VERSE:** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.* PROVERBS 1:7, KJV

**W**hat does it mean to fear God? To fear God just means to have reverence for Him. When you fear God, it becomes very difficult to disobey Him. You will always want to live a life that honours Him. One way to do this is to obey His instructions. The fear of God is the beginning of knowledge. If you want wisdom from God, fear Him. If you want to reach higher heights in life, fear God. If you want to succeed in life, fear God. There is so much we can have from God if we would only fear Him. The fear of God brings His protection, as well as long life. It also brings both God's favour and grace.

God will give you grace to learn hard and become intelligent like the Hebrew boys, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, when you fear Him. They were so intelligent that King Nebuchadnezzar made them leaders. It means that the fear of God can put you in a high position. The fear of God brings good health also.

**Lesson:** Yearn to fear God.

**Prayer:** Help me, Lord. O, put in me the fear of You.

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O	E	E	S	B	C	F	E	I
N	W	R	N	S	E	F	D	O
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1. Fear
2. God
3. Reverence
4. Knowledge
5. Succeed
6. Favour
7. Grace
8. Hebrew
9. Leader
10. Yearn
11. Protection
12. Obey



**W**isdom is very important in our daily lives. We need wisdom to make very important decisions in life. Wisdom helps us to make the right choices. Choosing the right career requires the wisdom of God.

Wisdom indeed comes from God. Without the wisdom of God, we will make terrible decisions in life. When we walk closely with God, and obey His instructions in His Word, He grants us wisdom. How do we walk closely with God? It is by reading the Word of God daily, making sure we obey the instructions written in it. We should also not fail to memorize the Word of God.

The wisdom we get from the Word of God will help us to make tough decisions in life and avoid unnecessary mistakes. Let us pray about every decision we want to make in life and seek wisdom from the Almighty God.

**Lesson:** Let us seek wisdom from God and we will become very wise.

**Prayer:** Dear God, please bless me with wisdom as You did for Solomon.

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N	N	O	P	L	P	C	N	L
O	G	M	G	I	V	E	S	Y

1. Children
2. Benefits
3. Bible
4. Command
5. Loving
6. Walking
7. Truly
8. Mouth
9. Fact
10. Gives
11. Wisdom

**MEMORY VERSE:** *My child, don't forget what I teach you. Always remember what I tell you to do. My teaching will give you a long and prosperous life. PROVERBS 3:1-3, GNT*

There are many blessings in keeping God's commands. One such blessing is long life and prosperity. Sin can cause you to die prematurely. When you indulge in fornication, for example, you may die prematurely as a result of contracting a sexually-transmitted disease like HIV or Hepatitis B. You may also suffer from persistent infections like gonorrhea, syphilis and candida. You may also die as a young woman if you attempt abortion as a result of unwanted pregnancy. You can also die prematurely if you smoke dangerous substances like cigarettes or cocaine. You may also die prematurely if you make friends, who have not been brought up well in their homes and so have bad habits. They may influence you badly and win you over - inviting you to parties organized late in the evenings, as well as night clubs. They could also introduce you to all forms of criminally bad habits like stealing, etc., etc. Remember the Bible says that bad friends destroy good character. May God help you to obey His commands, so that you live long.

**Lesson:** Learn to obey the instructions God has given in His Word, so that you will live long.

**Prayer:** Dear God, please bless me with a heart of obedience.

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1. Prematurely
2. Diseases
3. Blessings
4. Death
5. Honour
6. Obey
7. Cause
8. Life
9. Live
10. Never
11. Help
12. Past
13. Sin
14. Die
15. Sex



**MEMORY VERSE:** *Wealth you get by dishonesty will do you no good, but honesty can save your life. PROVERBS 10:2, GNT*

**R**ighteousness brings security. God is Omniscient – that is, All-knowing – hence, He is able to see ahead. He sees the dangers ahead of us and clears the way so that we do not fall into traps set according to the plans of the enemy. In that way, God has saved many from road accidents, attacks of armed robbers and so many other dangers. Get close to God, live a righteous life and he will save you from all harm.

God loves the righteous and always makes sure that they are secured. God always keeps His children who live righteous lives out of trouble. Righteousness always brings security. Remember Job was attacked by the devil, but God preserved his life. In fact, God had built a hedge or a wall of protection around Job.

Desire to live right today and always, and God will surely keep you from harm. He will protect you all the way. He will give you a long life.

**Lesson:** Yearn to always be right with God.

**Prayer:** God, help me live an upright life.

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T	R	E	A	S	U	R	E	S	T
A	T	T	A	C	K	S	S	K	G

1. Righteous
2. Security
3. Accident
4. Enemy
5. Robbers
6. Armed
7. Dangers
8. Attacks
9. Saved
10. Plans
11. Treasures
12. God
13. Trap
14. Surest



**MEMORY VERSE:** *The ant is a very tiny animal, yet filled with wisdom. As small as it is, it is able to gather food and store it for the future.*

**PROVERBS 6:8**

**D**o you save some of the money either Mummy or Daddy give you for school? You can use such savings any time neither of them have enough money to give you. Saving for the future is a very healthy exercise. Wise people learn to save all the time, especially when there is plenty.

Joseph did exactly so in Egypt. He saved enough food when there was plenty in Egypt and that prevented the people there from dying during seven years of famine that immediately followed.

What are some the things you can save for future use? When Mummy and Daddy buy you clothing, you can keep some and wear them later. When those you are using become old, you can start wearing the new ones you kept. This would save Mummy and Daddy that extra cost. You can use some of the money you save to buy whatever else you may need in school, like pencils, eraser, crayons, etc., etc., without

bothering your parents. God bless you for learning how to save towards the future.

**Lesson:** Learn to save a little of any money you receive from your parents or relations.

**Prayer:** God, grant me the ability to save.

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Y	E	U	B	I	A	N	N	P	O	Q
M	N	R	L	S	B	L	C	R	F	A
P	O	E	E	E	K	M	L	E	K	M

1. Ant
2. Abundance
3. Save
4. Today
5. Waste
6. Harvest
7. Future
8. Money
9. Learn
10. Wisdom
11. Store
12. Bible
13. Wise
14. Resources



**MEMORY VERSE:** *But while he sleeps, poverty will attack him like an armed robber. PROVERBS 6:11, GNT*

**T**he ant is never lazy. Indeed, it is a very hardworking animal. As little as the ant is, it can still gather enough food for itself. Laziness brings poverty. It also brings hunger. Laziness can make you perform poorly in class because you do not put in the extra effort to study.

If you are aspiring to be a great person in future you have to work hard, by learning effectively, doing your assignments from school with diligence and delivering them at the right time. Plan a very good time-table so that you can learn effectively.

You also have to work on your talents or gifts. Very talented people reach higher heights in life. Identify whatever gift you may have. Find someone who is quite competent in using such a gift, and let the person help you sharpen your own. Remember that because David was such a skillful musician, a door was opened for him in King Saul's palace. He played his harp to provide music in order to drive away

demonic spirits that were disturbing King Saul. Never be lazy, work hard at both your academics and whatever talent you may have.

**Lesson:** Avoid any form of laziness and work hard.

**Prayer:** Lord God, grant me the grace to work hard in my academics, never ignoring my talents either.

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1. Gather
2. Hardworking
3. Ourselves
4. Laziness
5. Enough
6. Poverty
7. Hunger
8. Animal
9. Learn
10. Endeavour
11. Never
12. Little
13. Class
14. Food
15. Ant

THEME: RELYING ON GOD  
TOPIC: BEING ABLE TO TAKE INITIATIVE

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 6:6-8

MEMORY VERSE: *They have no leader, chief, or ruler, but they store up their food during the summer, getting ready for winter.*

PROVERBS 6:7-8, GNT



The ant has no captain, overseer or ruler to guide it in performing its duties. No one gives the ant instruction to do what is right. You do not need to have anyone tell you to do what you know is right. Do whatever you are supposed to do without anyone forcing you to do it. Take the initiative and perform duties in class, home and church.

At home, you can take the initiative to wash the dishes after the family has finished eating. In church, you can take the initiative to lead your friends in praise and worship, when your children's service teacher is not available. Learning to take initiative also prepares you for leadership role among either your peers in school or your friends within the community. It also builds your confidence. God bless you for learning to take initiative.

**Lesson:** Do not wait to be instructed before you

perform your duties. Take the initiative when you realize you can be of help.

**Prayer:** God, grant me the grace to always take initiatives.

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B	K	S	L	P	T	Y	I	P	S	O
L	L	S	O	Q	R	K	L	V	F	M
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C	A	P	T	A	I	N	T	E	L	L

1. Initiative
2. Always
3. Perform
4. Anyone
5. Order
6. Classroom
7. Bless
8. Task
9. Kept
10. Clean
11. Performs
12. Captain
13. Duty
14. Direct
15. Tell
16. Ant

THEME: THE COVENANT-KEEPING GOD  
TOPIC: GOD CAN BE TRUSTED

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 18:1-3

**MEMORY VERSE:** *The Lord is my rock, and my fortress and my deliver: my God, my strength in whom I will trust, my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. PSALM 18:2*

**W**hen we put our trust in God, He strengthens us in every situation of our lives. He grants us the grace to withstand all the challenges in life. God is an "unfailing God". He never failed Hannah when she trusted Him for a baby: never failed Job when he was seriously afflicted. God did not fail Noah and his family: He protected them against the flood.

We can trust Him to heal us when we are sick. We can equally trust Him to provide us with our needs and to also protect our friends and loved ones. We can trust Him for knowledge, etc., etc., too. If there is anyone we can truly trust and have faith in, it is God. God will never expose any secrets you share with Him through prayer. He can still be trusted even when you have sinned against Him. He can really be trusted.

**Lesson:** Learn to put your trust in God in difficult times.

**Prayer:** Father, I present every challenging situation in my life to You. I fully trust You to turn them "around" in my favour.

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D	K	H	P	M	N	O	E	A
G	R	A	N	T	S	G	Q	B
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1. Healing	6. Prayer	11. Fail
2. Flood	7. Faith	12. Sick
3. Trusted	8. Loved	13. God
4. Grants	9. Noah	
5. Expose	10. Baby	

## THEME: COVENANT KEEPING GOD

## TOPIC: GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL

BIBLE PASSAGE: DEUTERONOMY 7:8-9

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and his commandments, to a thousand generations.* **DEUTERONOMY 7:9**



**G**od will always keep His Word. He is the Ever-Faithful Lord. He keeps His promise to us His children – that is, every promise in His Word. These include long life (if we honour our father and mother), good health, wisdom, unending protection (Psalms 23:4), etc. When you love God with all your heart, He will, surely, keep His Word to you. Certainly, God keeps His "covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him" and keep His commandments.

We have to love the Word of God and yearn to keep His commandments. He will be faithful to us, if we obey Him fully.

**Lesson:** Do your best to love God and live up to His standards.

**Prayer:** Almighty Father, I pray that you help me obey Your commandments, so that I can experience Your faithfulness.

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T	P	R	O	M	I	S	E	M

1. Faithful
2. Steadfast
3. Children
4. Promise
5. Honour
6. Always
7. Father
8. Wisdom
9. Good
10. Heart
11. Lord

**THEME: COVENANT KEEPING GOD****TOPIC: GOD IS MERCIFUL****BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 KINGS 11:11-13**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *However, I will not tear away the whole kingdom, I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of my servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen.* **1 KINGS 11:13**

**D**avid's son, Solomon, loved many strange women of the nations about which the Lord said unto the children of Israel: "Ye shall not go in to them." He also loved foreign gods. God was not happy with his character. However, for the sake of his father David, who was the man after God's own heart, He decided not to rend the whole kingdom from Solomon's son, but to give him one tribe to rule over.

God is merciful and always remembers His covenant with His children. It does not matter what sin you have committed against God, He can still show you mercy. God is ever merciful and equally ever ready to forgive you of every sin once you repent. His covenant of blessings will be your portion.

**Lesson:** Tell God how sorry you are about your sins. God is ever merciful to forgive you.

**Prayer:** Lord God, please show me your mercy anytime I come to You, pleading for it.

S	I	N	C	E	R	E	L	Y	K	I	N	G
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R	U	G	O	A	G	A	I	N	S	T	J	R
G	R	O	R	M	S	U	R	E	L	Y	C	C
I	E	N	D	F	O	D	H	O	E	R	D	Y
V	F	E	E	C	O	N	F	E	S	S	I	S
E	T	H	R	O	U	G	H	L	O	R	D	I
P	L	E	A	D	T	O	D	A	Y	I	N	N

1. Plead	5. Surely	9. Forgive	13. King
2. Mercy	6. Gone	10. Through	14. Lord
3. Against	7. Sincerely	11. Confess	15. Today
4. Sin	8. Wayward	12. Solomon	



**MEMORY VERSE:** *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*  
**ROMANS 3:13, NIV**

**S**in is whatever displeases the Lord. It makes us fall short of God's glory. There is a glory that covers us as children of God. However, when we decide to live in sin that same glory of God is taken off from us. Before we can have the glory of God upon us, our ways must first honour God. Those whose ways honour the Lord always have His glory poured on them. Our lifestyles must speak clearly that, indeed, we are the children of God and the disciples of Jesus Christ.

The way we dress, the kind of friends we associate ourselves with, and the books we read must all honour the Lord. Remember, if you decide to continue to live in sin, God's glory will depart from you, causing you to become rather ordinary. People who bear God's glory are highly respected, and great doors are opened for them. If you want to become a great man or woman of God, desiring to become a "star" in the area of your gifting or talent, yearn to live a life that honours God.

**Lesson:** Stop sinning and honour God.

**Prayer:** Please God, forgive me of all my wrongs and pour Your glory on me.

A	F	W	W	L	S	I	N	T	S	S
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M	A	K	G	O	O	D	I	I	P	G
I	N	T	N	L	C	M	H	M	A	N
T	Y	A	G	O	K	N	S	L	R	S
S	T	G	V	V	W	Y	D	A	A	Y
I	I	A	I	E	S	L	N	S	T	O
G	M	I	L	B	E	R	E	P	E	R
H	E	N	T	A	T	A	I	D	H	T
T	D	S	Y	D	D	E	R	R	G	S
S	B	T	A	B	H	D	F	L	F	E
O	F	F	E	N	D	E	D	G	O	D

1. Acknowledge
2. Admit
3. Sight
4. Sin
5. Separate
6. Love
7. Bad
8. Against
9. Good
10. Sign
11. Friendship
12. Anytime
13. Dearly
14. God
15. Destroy
16. Ever
17. Psalmist
18. Offended
19. Man

**MEMORY VERSE:** *It is because of your sins that he doesn't hear you. It is your sins that separate you from God when you try to worship him. ISAIAH 59:2, GNT*

**G**od hates sin and anytime we sin, He hides His face from us as children. God really loves children, but He cannot go against His own Word of "hiding" His face from us when we sin against Him. If you want to be closer to God as a child, live a life that honours Him.

Sin can be both "sweet" and "attractive", but it will always "push" God away from you. It is simply terrible when God moves away from us. For, He is the source of our strength and provides us with all our needs -- giving us on that account, good health, protection and joy.

If God were not close to us, we would not experience the joy of fellowshipping with Him. Our lives would not be complete without God. You just simply would not want to miss a warm daily friendship with God because of sin! There is so much in God: peace, joy, protection, greatness, long life, etc. God can do every good that we desire. What you need to do is to get closer to Him.

**Lesson:** Do not let sin steal the warm friendship and fellowship you have with God.

**Prayer:** God, help me always to live a life that honours You.

B	D	I	S	G	R	A	C	E	A
W	R	A	B	S	A	L	O	M	M
I	E	O	R	I	T	E	S	S	N
C	F	S	T	O	R	Y	I	I	O
K	R	P	A	H	M	P	S	N	N
E	A	Q	M	L	E	N	R	N	F
D	I	F	A	K	R	R	A	E	O
A	N	P	R	L	O	T	E	D	R
M	A	R	R	I	E	D	L	F	C
C	U	S	T	O	M	A	R	Y	E

1. Brother
2. Disgrace
3. Amnon
4. Force
5. Absalom
6. Customary
7. Sinned
8. Refrain
9. Married
10. Tamar
11. Rites
12. Israel
13. Story
14. Grace
15. Wicked

THEME: SIN  
TOPIC: SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES ON MAN  
BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 6:21-23

MEMORY VERSE: *The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROMANS 6:23*

**T**he Bible says when we sin, the end result is death. That means, we can die spiritually too just as well as this could happen physically. One way of experiencing physical death can be especially through premarital sex, by contracting its related transmitted infections. This can result finally in death.

Spiritually, death can occur when your spirit is weak as a result of sin. You may lose interest in going to church as a result of guilt. You may also lose interest in having your Quiet Time (morning devotion). You equally may not be able to pray or tell others about Christ. etc. When you become "spiritually dead", you also become less active to the promptings of God. This should never happen to us!

We need to be spiritually active. Our lives must please the Lord

because sin is destructive. After every sinful act, there are costs or bad result. One result of sin that the Bible mentions clearly is death - meaning, spiritual death. This is when the individual feels far away from God and is less active to the promptings of the Lord. The individual is then no more sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. One clear sign is loss of the desire to read the Word of God and also prayer. At the beginning the individual is spiritually weak. And, later such an individual becomes spiritually dead when he or she then loses complete interest in whatever concerns the Lord and, eventually, goes back to the world.

**Lesson:** Keep away from sin and live for Christ.

**Prayer:** God, I pray that you always grant me the grace to live a life that honours You.

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T	A	M	O	A	C	I
P	K	E	R	T	E	V
F	O	L	D	H	P	E

1. Bible
2. Lesson
3. Death
4. Occur
5. Active
6. Weak
7. Quiet
8. Time
9. Word
10. Bless
11. Fold

# THEME: SIN

## TOPIC: GOD SHOWS US HIS LOVE BY DISCIPLINING US WHEN WE SIN

### BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 12:5-8

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Because the Lord disciplines those he loves and punishes everyone he accepts as a son. HEBREWS 12:6*



No doubt, the Bible makes it clear that God disciplines those He loves. When God loves you, He will do all that is possible to stop you from sinning. He is known to do this for people He truly loves. The Bible says, the wages of sin is death, so why would anyone who truly loves you want to allow you to die? No! He will rather "prune" you that is, make sure that all the negative areas or weaknesses in your life are dealt with. This can be done, sometimes, through disciplining since, quite often, we harden our hearts and refuse to repent. Because God wants to see you in heaven rather than hell, He disciplines you, so that you get a "change of heart".

Let us accept the corrections God directs our way, yearning earnestly to live in ways that honour Him. God truly wants to see then that your life is "enriched" again with prayer, and meditating on His Word after He disciplines you. He wants to see you restart the Christian walk in faith, honouring Him every day and bearing good fruit. God's discipline is never "to push you into sin", but to enable you to ever grow more and more in Him.

**Lesson:** God loves you, so stop sinning today.

**Prayer:** Father, please, grant me Your grace to live a life that honours You.

S	T	R	O	N	G	A	B	E	A	O
I	P	S	B	A	C	D	R	T	B	S
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D	N	I	F	O	B	L	A	I	E	I
E	I	R	C	K	P	L	L	F	R	R
E	S	I	G	M	M	N	M	T	I	I
D	H	A	T	H	F	E	C	E	O	T
P	M	C	D	L	E	V	B	A	U	U
D	E	A	T	H	F	E	C	E	S	A
A	N	A	S	S	U	R	E	D	L	L
O	T	A	A	N	I	F	A	I	Y	L
P	A	I	N	F	U	L	M	E	P	Y
P	A	F	U	L	E	K	L	S	M	K
P	H	Y	S	I	C	A	L	L	Y	L

1. Indeed	6. Spirit	11. Painful
2. Dies	7. Realm	12. Never
3. Assured	8. Physically	13. Strong
4. Death	9. Spiritually	14. Sin
5. Punishment	10. Seriously	15. Sure
		16. Men



**MEMORY VERSE:** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 JOHN 1:9*

**J**esus, the only Begotten Son of God, was sent to come and die for us and save us from our sins. God sacrificed His Son purposely because of our sins. What sin, therefore, He can not forgive? He is always faithful and just to cleanse us from every unrighteousness. Remember, God is pure: He wants everyone who walks with Him to be pure. Thus, when we sin, we need to be sorry. Then God will clean us from all our sins, so we could go back to Him again.

God alone can forgive your sins and cleanse you from every one of them. Let us get close to Him and ask Him to forgive us any sin we have committed against Him. Remember, no matter how big your sin is, God can forgive you. No matter how small your sin is, God expects you to stop and ask for forgiveness.

God bless you for living a life that honours Him.

**Lesson:** Never forget to ask God to forgive your sins every day.

**Prayer:** Dear God, please, forgive me all my sins. (Mention the sins you can remember.)

B	E	A	G	A	I	N	E
E	V	P	U	R	E	V	A
G	E	S	I	N	I	S	L
O	R	G	A	G	T	T	O
T	Y	I	R	F	B	O	N
T	S	O	R	R	Y	P	E
E	F	M	A	T	T	E	R
N	C	L	E	A	N	S	E

1. Begotten	8. Every
2. Cleanse	9. Again
3. Forgive	10. Pure
4. Matter	11. Sin
5. Alone	12. Gag
6. Sorry	13. One
7. Stop	



**MEMORY VERSE:** *You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.* **PSALM 86:5**

**T**here is no sin that is so great that God cannot forgive. No matter how big the sin is. God is always ready to forgive and cleanse you. He can rescue you from being held in the deepest part of your sin, where it is just too impossible to stop it.

Sin in itself cannot be measured. Every sin is the same in the sight of God. The Bible says that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. No matter how big you see your sin, God can cleanse you from it. God's forgiveness is forever assured.

What are some of the sins we, sometimes, battle with as children? Lying, stealing, backbiting, "copying" in class, etc., etc: all of these can be forgiven.

**Lesson:** Every sin can be forgiven. Do not be afraid to ask God to forgive you your sins.

**Prayer:** Father God, please, search my heart and cleanse me from all my sins.

P	H	K	G	F	C	C	S	B
A	M	E	H	E	H	O	T	A
R	O	E	A	A	E	N	R	D
E	N	P	F	R	A	F	U	Y
N	E	K	U	F	T	E	G	L
T	Y	S	E	A	I	S	G	E
S	S	G	G	I	N	S	L	R
A	A	O	U	T	G	A	E	U
F	D	D	H	H	S	I	N	S

1. Heart	7. Struggle	13. God
2. Huge	8. Fear	14. Badly
3. Bad	9. Surely	15. Sins
4. Assure	10. Confess	16. Out
5. Keep	11. Parents	17. Hot
6. Cheating	12. Faith	

THEME: SIN  
TOPIC: THE EFFECT OF UNFORGIVENESS

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 18:15-17

**MEMORY VERSE:** *If a brother sins against you, go to him privately and confront him with his fault. If he listens and confesses it, you have won back a brother.* **MATTHEW 18:15**

The Bible teaches us not to keep the wrongs of others in our hearts. We need to have the confidence to go to those who have offended us to make them aware of how hurt we are. Keeping others' sins against us within our hearts will make us desire for revenge. Revenge is, obviously, not right. Let us leave revenge to God. Our responsibility is to forgive.

Keeping such sins and hurts within us can go a long way to even affect the people around us. How? We may enter into a state of sadness as a result of pain from the hurt. Then we would not want to be close to those friends who have hurt us anymore.

God forgave us first, so let us also yearn to forgive others.

**Lesson:** Always quickly forgive people who offend you.

**Prayer:** Father, grant me the grace to let go every hurt within me.

F	P	A	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T	F	A
D	O	H	A	R	M	L	O	V	E	A	F
E	L	R	P	A	S	T	K	I	L	L	P
M	E	S	G	D	A	V	I	D	M	E	N
O	A	A	P	I	D	E	S	I	R	E	D
N	R	U	L	A	V	W	R	O	N	G	D
I	N	L	A	P	O	E	M	N	A	K	P
C	O	P	Y	K	I	N	D	N	E	S	S
R	E	M	E	M	B	E	R	M	K	O	P

1. Forgive
2. Pay
3. Harm
4. Spirit
5. Past
6. Demonic
7. Learn
8. Saul
9. Love
10. David
11. Play
12. Desire
13. Kindness
14. Remember
15. Kill
16. Men
17. Wrong
18. Red
19. Copy

THEME: SIN  
TOPIC: SIN BRINGS DISGRACE

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 SAMUEL 13:12-14

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Where could I go in my shame? And you would be called one of the greatest fools in Israel. Please, just speak to the king about it for he will let you marry me.* **2 SAMUEL 13:13**



The story is about a young man called Amnon who fell in love with his half-sister (step-sister), Tamar. Because they were not married, it was not right for him to sleep with her. He, however, sinned against God by forcibly having sexual intercourse with Tamar.

The Bible says that when Amnon demanded to sleep with Tamar, she told him of the consequences. Obviously, it was going to end in disgrace if he did. And when he raped her, indeed, it resulted in that and a further tragic punishment for Amnon later: Tamar's brother Absalom, after two years, killed Amnon.

Sin always brings disgrace. Whatever wrong is done secretly will be exposed openly by God. It is, therefore, better to avoid living in sin we commit secretly. What can you ever hide from God?

Refrain from sin today and avoid disgrace.

**Lesson:** Always yearn to avoid sin.

**Prayer:** Dear God, grant me the grace to live a life of purity, even in secret.

C	R	E	V	E	A	L	Y
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M	R	V	L	I	F	E	R
I	I	E	A	D	A	B	N
T	E	S	E	C	R	E	T
B	N	B	E	S	T	E	A
A	D	A	B	K	L	K	N

1. Commit
2. Reveal
3. Live
4. Best
5. God
6. Time
7. Yearn
8. Tan
9. Fit
10. Secret
11. Friend
12. Life

THEME: SIN  
**TOPIC: SIN MAKES US WEAK SPIRITUALLY**

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 143:1-4

MEMORY VERSE: *My spirit is weak within me; my heart is overcome with dismay. PSALM 143:4*

**T**he Psalmist asked that God should strengthen him quickly because his spirit was weak. He was "down" spiritually. When you are down spiritually, you become inactive in your prayer life and also in your service for God. You lose the desire to both share the Word of God with others and go to church, etc., etc. You need to be strong spiritually in order to fight battles – meaning, spiritual battles.

Friends who may not have the spirit of God in them may hate you unnecessarily just because you love God. You can overcome every trial the devil brings your way, if you pray always. Be well-versed in the Word of God. Some of the trials we may face include, poor academic performance, rejection by friends, financial challenges in our families, etc.

Pray to God and ask Him to strengthen you today, so that you can be "spiritually strong" to overcome every trial that comes your way.

**Lesson:** Desire to be "spiritually" strong by living a holy life.

**Prayer:** Dear God, please strengthen me. Help me live for You and also build up my prayer life.

P	S	A	L	M	I	S	T	T
A	P	E	A	P	O	O	R	E
F	I	B	N	K	D	T	I	M
A	R	A	C	E	O	T	A	P
I	I	U	Q	P	M	U	L	T
L	T	P	S	A	R	Y	S	A
I	W	R	S	T	O	P	T	T
N	E	A	E	P	A	O	A	I
G	A	Y	A	R	A	T	F	O
F	K	K	L	S	K	F	E	N
A	C	A	D	E	M	I	C	S

1. Psalmist	6. Seal	11. Weak
2. Spirit	7. Trials	12. Psalm
3. Enemy	8. Poor	13. Stop
4. Academic	9. Temptations	14. Fail
5. Failing	10. Pray	

THEME: RIGHTEOUS LIVING  
TOPIC: RIGHTEOUSNESS BRINGS DELIVERANCE

BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 11:19-21

MEMORY VERSE: *You can be sure that evil people will be punished, but the righteous will escape. PROVERBS 11:21, GNT*

**W**hen you live right, God will bless you and all your children and their children too. Righteousness brings deliverance. Righteous living is so important to a person. It does not only attract the blessings of God to such a person, but generations after him. The righteous person is always delivered from the traps of the enemy. Many are the traps set for children of God. Some are traps of disgrace, rejection, as well as those meant to hinder us from achieving our goals. Righteous living will help you obtain both God's grace and favour and true safety.

Living a righteous life means, making the conscious effort to live a life that honours God.

**Lesson:** Believe that God will deliver you from every trouble if you live a righteous life.

**Prayer:** Father God, I pray that You grant me the grace to live a life that honours You.

G	H	P	A	P	O	E	R	A	O
F	O	O	K	A	F	J	I	B	V
T	L	A	N	I	S	O	G	S	E
R	Y	S	L	K	W	I	H	T	R
A	F	U	N	S	I	N	T	A	C
P	E	R	F	E	C	T	E	I	O
S	A	E	O	N	K	P	O	N	M
K	B	K	R	E	E	A	U	A	E
F	S	N	C	M	D	L	S	F	H
P	T	O	E	Y	N	O	P	K	E
O	A	W	S	K	O	N	T	P	L
R	E	J	E	C	T	E	D	R	P

1. Goal	8. Forces	15. Alone
2. Top	9. Sure	16. Stain
3. Traps	10. Abstain	17. Joint
4. Holy	11. Overcome	18. Wicked
5. Life	12. Rejected	19. Honk
6. Perfect	13. Help	20. Know
7. Righteous	14. Enemy	21. Fun



**MEMORY VERSE:** *The Lord opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord raises those who are bowed down. The Lord loves the righteous.* **PSALM 146:8**

**G**od loves everyone. Nevertheless, He loves the righteous even more. He is close to those who love Him. Do you love God? Do you live a life that honours Him? Do you obey His commands? God really loves people who obey His commands. His ears are always open to such people. He protects them, grants them good health, long life, favour, success in examinations, etc.

God enjoys the company of the righteous, but hates that of sinners. The righteous, therefore, has close friendship with God. There are so many benefits we obtain when we develop a close relationship with God. Among others, our prayers are answered quickly and we enjoy His protection and favour. Yearn to become a friend of God.

**Lesson:** Strive to live a righteous life for God.

**Prayer:** Lord God, please help me live a righteous life for You.

R	L	G	A	P	P	M	F	L	S
E	I	A	G	O	D	O	A	O	U
L	V	G	Z	O	S	N	M	F	R
A	I	S	H	R	U	E	I	L	P
T	N	T	E	T	R	Y	L	O	R
I	G	R	A	L	E	H	Y	U	I
O	P	I	L	I	L	O	K	R	S
N	E	V	T	F	Y	N	U	I	E
S	R	E	H	E	K	O	M	S	A
H	S	F	A	P	O	U	N	H	L
I	O	M	E	T	T	R	A	B	T
P	N	B	I	B	L	E	K	F	H

1. Living	7. Money	13. Seal
2. Person	8. Poor	14. Surprise
3. Relationship	9. Life	15. Rely
4. Flourish	10. Family	16. Health
5. Righteous	11. Strive	
6. Honour	12. Bible	

THEME: RIGHTEOUS LIVING  
TOPIC: RIGHTEOUSNESS BRINGS SUFFICIENCY

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 37:23-26

**MEMORY VERSE:** *I have been young and now I am old. Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendant begging for bread. PSALM 37:25*

**G**od will never neglect the righteous. He will always make sure the righteous have enough to live on. In times of troubles, as well as in need, the righteous are remembered by God and He attends to them! The righteous will always experience the abundance of God's goodness, grace, favour, blessings, etc.

God loves you. Be assured that when you decide to live a righteous life, God will never leave you to lack. Mummy and Daddy will have enough to take care of you: buy your needs for school; feed you; pay your hospital bills; get clothing for you, etc. You will always rise above your peers who may still be meddling in sin. In times of difficulty, God will come to your rescue quickly.

**Lesson:** Trust God that He will grant you the grace to live a righteous life.

**Prayer:** Father, help me live a life that honours You.

W	T	O	D	A	Y	F	F	R	B	G	P
F	A	V	O	U	R	L	R	I	E	O	A
D	Y	L	F	K	L	I	I	C	N	S	R
I	I	A	M	L	O	F	E	H	E	S	E
S	H	B	P	I	N	E	N	L	F	I	N
O	E	S	A	Q	G	H	D	Y	I	P	T
B	A	T	P	T	T	K	S	F	T	I	S
E	T	A	R	S	F	L	T	K	D	N	E
D	I	I	O	R	I	S	R	Y	C	G	L
I	N	N	T	E	G	M	E	J	H	L	D
E	G	D	E	A	H	O	L	S	E	I	E
N	L	E	C	L	S	O	D	C	A	V	R
T	I	E	T	I	I	T	E	L	T	I	L
M	E	D	I	N	N	H	R	A	I	N	Y
O	S	S	O	G	G	P	L	S	N	G	A
P	M	L	N	K	R	Q	Y	S	G	T	B

1. Parents	6. Favour	11. Protection
2. Elderly	7. Today	12. Sin
3. Gossip	8. Smooth	13. Tie
4. Friends	9. Disobedient	14. Cheating
5. Stain	10. Class	15. Real

THEME: RIGHTEOUS LIVING  
TOPIC: RIGHTEOUSNESS BRINGS PROTECTION

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 PETER 3:12-14

**MEMORY VERSE:** *For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.* **1 PETER 3:12**

**G**od loves the righteous. Therefore no matter what, He will make sure they are always protected against their enemies, agents of the devil and evil "friends" whose thoughts and plans are wicked. The righteous are dear to God's heart.

God protected David against the attacks by King Saul, because he feared God. Daniel's friends were protected against the flames of the furnace they were put into, because they were righteous. Daniel was protected in the lion's den, because he was living a righteous life.

When our lives honour God, it does not matter how crafty the plans of our "friends" against our lives could be, He will surely come to our rescue. His eyes are always on the righteous. He will guard you and make sure you do not fall into unnecessary trouble.

**Lesson:** Do the utmost best you can to live a life of purity.

**Prayer:** Lord God, please help me live a life of purity.

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1. Punish
2. Severely
3. Intelligence
4. Attract
5. Favour
6. Surely
7. Cheat
8. Class
9. Saved
10. Repent
11. Personal
12. Lord
13. Work
14. Christ
15. Learn
16. Big
17. Good
18. Saviour
19. Today
20. Hard
21. Real (2)
22. Rely
23. Eat
24. Tell
25. Lead
26. Lie



**MEMORY VERSE:** *And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth in earth. MARK 4:5*

**O**ur hearts need to be prepared in such a way that they can receive the true Word of God that comes to us, as well as to also help us grow and bear fruit. One such heart is a repentant heart, a humble heart; and a heart like that of a "little child". Symbolically, the "heart" must have "earth" that is rich in nutrients (the Word of God, prayer, etc.) to enable the Word of God received to remain, grow and bear fruit.

Therefore, a heart, which symbolically does not have much earth, may quickly accept the Word of God, but would, most likely, not grow to expectation and bear fruit. Therefore, the children of God need to have hearts that will easily receive the Word of God, so that it can grow well and yield much fruit.

As children, we need to do our best to keep the Word of God in us by memorizing some constantly. That is the only way we can keep the Word of God and help it bear fruit.

**Lesson:** Constantly memorize the Word of God.

**Prayer:** Dear Father, help me to always read Your Word, as well as memorize some.

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1. Word	9. Unrepentant
2. Pick	10. Children
3. Ground	11. Storage
4. Kept	12. Parable
5. Always	13. Mind
6. Stubborn	14. Heart
7. Forgotten	15. Able
8. Notes	16. Loop

THEME: THE PARABLES  
TOPIC: THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

BIBLE PASSAGE: MARK 4:7-9



**MEMORY VERSE:** *And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. MARK 4:7*

**M**any issues of life, sometimes, hinder us from accepting the Word of God and allowing it to grow in us. Sometimes, unforgiveness, pain, regrets, sin, hurts and many more make it difficult for us to accept the Word of God.

The Word of God, sometimes, sounds untrue to us, when we harbour pain and unforgiveness in our hearts. But God, sometimes, allows what is not very pleasant to happen to us as children, so that we can see His glory. Sometimes, our own mistakes and carelessness can make us fall into bad situations. These troubles and others can serve as thorns. They destroy the Word of God after it comes to us. They stop the Word of God from growing and yielding fruit. As a result of the state of our hearts then, we are not able to bear fruit.

So, we must let go any hurts, regrets and fears. We must deal with any unforgiveness, pain, etc., in our hearts. In that way, the Word of God can grow in us and also yield fruit. Remember, when we go to heaven, God would like to see what we did for Him on earth. Well, we can do much for Him when we bear good fruit.

**Lesson:** Search your heart to find out what is serving as a thorn and let go of it.

**Prayer:** Lord God, please, grant me a pure heart.

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L	K	L	I	O	K	L	F
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1. Guard
2. Protective
3. Covering
4. Potential
5. Matured
6. Water
7. Oxygen
8. Soil
9. Richly
10. Keep
11. Rocky
12. Cop
13. Eye
14. Over

THEME: THE PARABLES  
TOPIC: THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

BIBLE PASSAGE: MARK 4:8-9

**MEMORY VERSE:** *And others fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred. MARK 4:8*



**A**nytime we prepare our hearts well, the Word of God stays in it and bears fruit to the glory of God. We then begin to live lives that please the Lord. We also begin to bear the fruit of the Spirit: *"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"* (Galatians 5:22-23, NIV). Let us serve God faithfully.

The traits of malice, backbiting, disrespect, etc., are all not pleasing to the Lord. If we want to bear fruit, we should not allow these to grow in our hearts. We should get rid of all of them. Our hearts should be well prepared and freed from all these, so that we can bear good fruit and win as many souls as possible for the Kingdom of God. If our hearts can be receptive and become good grounds for the Word of God to grow in there, they have to be freed from hurt, unforgiveness, envy, backbiting, etc. Let us yearn to fill our hearts with only what is good.

**Lesson:** Rid your heart of whatever will hinder you from bearing the fruit of the Spirit.

**Prayer:** Lord God, please help me to serve You faithfully and bear the fruit of the Spirit.

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A	K	G	L	O	R	Y	A	B

1. Peace	7. Spirit	13. Pain
2. Word	8. Malice	
3. Love	9. Glory	
4. Joy	10. Rudeness	
5. Hurt	11. Fruit	
6. Kindness	12. Thorns	

THEME: THE PARABLES  
TOPIC: THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 12:16-21

**MEMORY VERSE:** So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." **LUKE 12:19**



The Bible tells us about a rich man whose land produced plentifully. He decided then to tear down his barns and build larger ones to store his grain and goods. However, he did not rely on God for his protection. He thought the quantity of crops and goods he had stored was enough to keep him alive. Do not be foolish -- doing as this rich fool did. Our lives do not depend on the resources we have: We must depend solely on God. The riches of our parents cannot sustain us. We need to pray to God for His protection always and completely rely on Him.

Children, we should never be too full of ourselves or be complacent -- that is, we should never think we have it all. No, let us understand that whatever we have is from God. The resources of our parents and guard-

ians are all from the Almighty God, hence let us always give thanks to God for His blessings.

**Lesson:** Remember always that whatever you have now is from God and give Him thanks.

**Prayer:** Father, thank You for all that I have. I believe it is Your grace that has brought me thus far.

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N	S	E	R	V	A	N	T	P	B	R	R	H
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1. Jacob
2. Esau
3. Journey
4. Rebekah
5. Parents
6. Concubines
7. Servant
8. Kindness
9. Anger (2)
10. Blessed
11. Living
12. Fled

THEME: THE PARABLES  
TOPIC: THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 25:1-10

**MEMORY VERSE:** *The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.* **MATTHEW 25:3-4**



Our God has the power to do all, because He is the Limitless One. He has the power to make your parents rich. He has the power to give you your first choice of school. He has the power to make you great. He has the power to keep you from poor academic performance, etc., etc.

However, all these can be made possible if we plan very well as children so that our desires fall in place with the will of God for our lives. You can be whatever God wants you to be, but if you do not plan well, study hard, make adequate preparation towards your examinations, it can, sometimes, become impossible to achieve your goals.

The five wise virgins in the parable had a goal. Their goal was to meet the bridegroom, but they knew equally well that the bridegroom might delay. So, they thought it necessary to make preparations for it, that is, take extra oil along to make sure that their lamps would never go out. The five wise virgins prepared adequately to achieve their goal.

Do your maximum best in class: Never be lazy and God will help you achieve your academic, as well as other goals. Always give God the glory for all you have and depend on Him to sustain you. Remember, the foolish ones did not have extra oil and so they could not achieve their desire of meeting the bridegroom.

Always bear in mind that the bridegroom represents Jesus Christ and He will come unannounced. So, it is very necessary that you be prepared at any time.

**Lesson:** Always live your life as if Christ is coming "TODAY".

**Prayer:** My Father, help me to work out my salvation with fear and trembling.

**THEME: GIVING**  
**TOPIC: GIVE TO THE POOR****BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 3:3-6****MEMORY VERSE:** *Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."***ACTS 3:6, NIV**

**C**hildren, sometimes, you may not have the money, but you can give in kind to a friend. You can give out some of your clean old clothing with your parents' permission. You can also share your food with others who are hungry. You can also spend some of your precious time to pray for them (That is also giving). There are so many other ways you can give to support others. Peter did not have money to give to the poor cripple: What he did was to pray to God to heal the cripple.

Giving should always be from the heart. It should never be done under compulsion. Any amount of food, used reading books, old clothing, etc., can be given to support the needy. Therefore, there is always no end to whatever is available that you can give to support the poor.

**Lesson:** Remember to give to the poor always.**Prayer:** God, grant me a heart that loves to give.

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1. Love	8. Death	15. Pope
2. Away	9. Slavery	16. Sold
3. Sold	10. Never	17. Way
4. Hate	11. Saved	18. Very
5. Brother	12. Perhaps	19. Pal
6. Joseph	13. People	
7. Possible	14. Son	

THEME: GIVING  
TOPIC: DO NOT TURN AWAY THE NEEDY  
BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:40-42

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.* MATTHEW 5:42

It is, sometimes, difficult to lend when people want to borrow from us as children. Sometimes, the resources we have might not be enough to lend to others. However, God expects us to share out of the little we have. We should never turn away those who want to borrow from us, especially if we have the needed resources to help.

Sometimes, we can inform our parents to help if it is beyond us. We should never be stingy. As you give to your friend, God will provide you with your needs. Learn to give to the poor. God will give our parents more if they give to support the poor. Remember, “*give and it will come back to you good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over*”. Luke 6:38.

**Lesson:** Help by giving in any way you can.

**Prayer:** Father God, grant me the grace to always help the needy.

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O	G	A	S	A	F	E	M	K	O
D	Y	T	H	K	M	O	N	E	Y

1. Children	7. Poor	13. Assist
2. Bible	8. Cash	14. Cot
3. Assist	9. Friend	15. God
4. Borrow	10. Sick	16. Parents
5. Money	11. Clear	
6. Learn	12. Gas	

## THEME: GIVING

## TOPIC: TREASURE IN HEAVEN CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 19:16-22



**MEMORY VERSE:** Jesus said to him, if you want to be perfect, go sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven and come and follow me. **MATTHEW 19:21**

**W**hat is heaven? A lot of people are interested in obtaining treasures on this earth. We love to store a lot of our old dresses in our wardrobes. Our old story books are still on the shelf gathering dust, while toys and other items we no longer use are left lying around in our storerooms. When we give such stuff out to the poor, we are storing our treasures in heaven and God will surely bless us.

When we love to give, our lives will be filled with blessings. God also answers our prayers when we give to others. Giving also reflects the "God nature" in us: Remember, God is kindhearted. He sent His Only Son to die for us. God is, indeed, the first who truly gave.

Our treasures in heaven are stored safely in the form of blessings (they are blessings from giving to the poor, offerings given at church, etc.,). God releases them to you on this earth as and when you need them. The blessings can be in the form of healing, financial breakthrough, success, good academic excellence, etc. Treasure in heaven can never be destroyed by the devil. Instead of piling up your bless-

ings on earth by not giving and being stingy, store it rather in heaven. Do make sure your treasure is stored in heaven. God will bless you. Remember, a treasure in heaven can never be destroyed.

**Lesson:** Always desire to give.

**Prayer:** Help me, God, to always give to store up my treasure in heaven.

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O	S	R	E	P	T	S	F	A	P

1. Blessings	8. God	15. Stored
2. Bless	9. Heaven	16. Rib
3. Kept	10. Money	17. Sure
4. Healing	11. World	18. Has
5. Devil	12. Poor	19. Ill
6. Store	13. Never	
7. Friends	14. Treasure	

THEME: LESSONS FROM DAVID  
TOPIC: LEARNING TO BE HARDWORKING

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 SAMUEL 6:1-11

**MEMORY VERSE:** Then David mobilized thirty thousand special troops and led them to Baal Judah to bring home the ark of the Lord of heaven enthroned above the cherubim. **2 SAMUEL 6:1**

**D**avid was noted to be very hardworking in many ways: Remember David, the one among his brothers who was looking after the sheep of Jesse, their father? He was also skillful at playing a musical instrument – the harp. And, no doubt also, he worked very hard at both his gift and skillfulness at playing the harp. By such great skill at playing the harp, he got Saul delivered from the torments of an evil spirit.

The foregoing scripture states that, at this time, David mobilized several thousands of men to bring home the ark of the Lord of heaven, enthroned above the cherubim. It was a lot of hard work. David finally managed to bring the ark to the city of Jerusalem with such great celebration – giving God such huge glory over it. The ark had remained in the home of Obed-Edom for three months.

**Lesson:** Work hard, It pays.

**Prayer:** Dear Father, help me to work hard at any task I set myself to do.

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H	D	M	O	N	T	H	S	M	O	N

1. Celebration	6. Player	11. Gift
2. Mobilized	7. Uzzah	12. Homes
3. Great	8. Cherubim	13. Skillful
4. Months	9. David	14. Skill
5. Torments	10. Saul	



MEMORY VERSE: *And David danced before the Lord with all his might.*  
2 SAMUEL 6:14

**D**avid loved God so much that he did not really care about dancing before the Lord in the presence of "all", even though he was the king. He danced with all his might to the extent that he even "exposed" himself.

Do you love God to that extent? Can you put aside your status as a rich man's son and still go to your friends who are poor and share the Word of God with them? Can you put aside your position as the school prefect and go from one classroom to the other – sharing the Word of God? Can you dance your heart out, as David did, regardless of what people will say about you in church? Love God with all your heart and let it really reflect in all you ever do.

**Lesson:** Never be ashamed to do whatever your heart sets to do for the Lord, no matter the mockery you may receive from your friends.

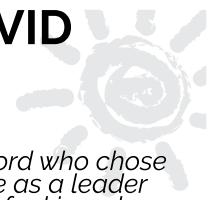
**Prayer:** Dear Father, help me to give my all to You, even if others laugh at me.

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1. Classroom
2. Presence
3. Position
4. Danced
5. David
6. Love
7. Prefect
8. Care
9. Word
10. King
11. Rich
12. Lord
13. Inspire
14. Avid
15. Prefer

THEME: LESSONS FROM DAVID  
TOPIC: RESPECT FOR GOD

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 SAMUEL 6:20-21



**MEMORY VERSE:** *David retorted, I was dancing before the Lord who chose me above your father and his family and who appointed me as a leader of Israel, the people of the Lord; so I am willing to act like a fool in order to show my joy in the Lord.* **2 SAMUEL 6:21**

**D**avid was, indeed, a man after God's own heart. David said he was willing to act like a "fool" to show his joy for the Lord.

We need to love God with all our heart. We should never feel ashamed to show our love to God because of what people will say. We should express such love by dancing in church, sharing the Word of God, even in the market and with our mates at school.

We should be able to do all mentioned with all our heart when we remember God's greatness and all He has done for our lives. We should be able to offer Him thanksgiving in all forms. We can shout, clap and jump -- all in showing appreciation to our God!

Let us give Him all the reverence in this manner, regardless of whether we are, in the midst of those even younger than ourselves.

God is so great!

**Lesson:** Let us give God all the respect He deserves, no matter what people may say.

**Prayer:** Father, grant me the grace to always lift Your name high, no matter where I find myself.

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1. Power	7. Respected	13. Leader
2. Great	8. People	14. Midst
3. Deserves	9. Younger	15. Fool
4. Israel	10. Deserves	16. David
5. Reverence	11. Heart	17. Leader
6. Remembered	12. Willing	18. Serves
		19. Amidst

THEME: LESSONS FROM DAVID  
TOPIC: BEING APPRECIATIVE OF GOD'S GOODNESS

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 SAMUEL 7:15-19

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Then David went into the tabernacle and sat before the Lord and prayed, "O Lord God, why have you showered your blessings on such an insignificant person as I am?"* **2 SAMUEL 7:18**

**D**avid recognized the fact that God picked him when he was just a mere shepherd boy and made him a king. He could also count many other blessings besides – including victories in wars. Above all, now God had decided to make his dynasty an eternal one! David was, therefore, so very grateful to God.

Do we show our deepest appreciation to God when He brings what is truly good our way? When we attain good positions in class at the end of the term, we need to give all the glory to God. Let us never regret showing our appreciation to God for whatever He does for us. When blessings come our way, let us recognize the fact that none happened by our own strength, acknowledging it was God who has done them all. David recognized the fact that it was God who helped him defeat Goliath. So, after the defeat of the giant, he gave all the glory to God. We should always recognize the fact that without God's grace, all our efforts will be in vain.

Let us appreciate God when we can

wake up from bed, set off to go to school and return safely, and also get well when we fall ill.

**Lesson:** Thank God for all His goodness to you.

**Prayer:** Father God, I thank You for Your goodness, amazing grace and abundant blessings.

B	A	P	P	R	E	C	I	A	T	I	O	N
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1. Blessings
2. Showered
3. Shepherd
4. Tabernacle
5. Addition
6. Deepest
7. Recognized
8. Grateful
9. Insignificant
10. Children
11. Dynasty
12. Count
13. Appreciation
14. Lord
15. Academic
16. Way
17. Additions
18. Get
19. Lie
20. Rare

THEME: LESSONS FROM DAVID  
TOPIC: COMMITTED TO WORSHIPPING GOD

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 SAMUEL 7:21-22

MEMORY VERSE: *How great you are, Lord God; we have never heard of any other God like you. And there is no other God.*  
**2 SAMUEL 7:22**

**D**avid always worshipped God with songs and words of adoration. David loved God and always desired to worship Him. His many worship songs were to honour and adore the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Let us love to worship God through songs and prayer. We should not worship God only in good times. Even when the situation is difficult, like not doing so well in your examinations or taking a whipping from your teacher in class, we should praise God. Nothing should prevent you from worshipping the King of kings and Lord of lords. When we also even need answers from God, we should learn to give Him worship and adoration.

**Lesson:** Worship God in both good and bad times.

**Prayer:** My God and Everlasting Father, I worship You.

W	R	I	T	T	E	N	F	N	T	D
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D	E	S	O	N	G	S	Q	G	P	O
P	S	M	U	S	I	C	L	S	O	D

1. Worship	9. Through	17. Lover
2. Praying	10. Heard	18. Pop
3. Great	11. Music	19. Rough
4. Desired	12. Love	20. Leaf
5. Written	13. God	21. Tap
6. Deserves	14. Lord	22. Sod
7. Never	15. Words	
8. Kings	16. Songs	

**THEME: LESSONS FROM ABRAHAM**  
**TOPIC: BELIEVING IN GOD'S PROMISE****BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 15:4-6****MEMORY VERSE:** *Abraham put his trust in the Lord and because of this the Lord was pleased with him and accepted him.*  
**GENESIS 15:6**

**A**braham once had a vision and heard the Lord say to him that He would shield him from danger. However, Abraham's greatest desire was to have children. God took Abraham outside his tent and said, "Look at the sky and try to count the stars: you will have as many descendants as that ... Abraham put his trust in the Lord." Abraham believed strongly what the Lord had said and had faith that God could make it come to pass.

Let us also strive to believe in God. If you want to be first in class, believe God can surely make it happen. All you need to do is to study hard. Stand on His Word: "You will surely be the head and not the tail" - claiming God's sure promise for your life. Instead of giving up, believe in every promise God has made, and watch them come to pass.

**Lesson:** Believe in God's promises for your life.

**Prayer:** Father God, please build my faith and trust in You.



THEME: LESSONS FROM ABRAHAM  
TOPIC: COMING TO GOD IN HUMILITY

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 18:27-32

**MEMORY VERSE:** Abraham spoke again: "Please forgive my boldness in continuing to speak to you, Lord. I am only a man and have no right to say anything." **GENESIS 18:27**



**T**hough Abraham was reckoned a righteous man, he always went to God in humility: never thinking that his righteousness entitled him to be proud and "feel big" in the presence of the Lord. He went to God constantly in deep respect anytime he presented his requests to Him.

Children, God is Almighty, Omnipotent, Omniscient and Everlasting: Let us always give Him the due respect anytime we go to Him in prayer. We need to go to God always in humility, causing Him always to be gladly ready to answer us because we do not have a proud heart.

A proud heart is an abomination to God. God loves the humble and resists the proud. When we go to God in pride, we only tend to show Him we are capable of answering our own prayers. We need to see God as the King of kings, One Who alone can answer our prayers. When we go to Him in prayer in humility, it also means we recognize the fact that He is our only hope.

**Lesson:** Let us show humility anytime we go to God.

**Prayer:** Father God, I pray that You grant me the spirit of humility, especially when I come into Your presence.

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I	E	S	O	E	H	E	O	N
N	N	P	U	C	T	F	R	T
G	T	O	S	T	Y	K	D	M

1. Abraham
2. Everlasting
3. Righteous
4. Omnipotent
5. Omniscient
6. Boldness
7. Respect
8. Prayer
9. Mighty
10. Command
11. Lord
12. Speak
13. Sin

**THEME: LESSONS FROM ABRAHAM**  
**TOPIC: SHOWING KINDNESS TO OUR FELLOW BROTHER****BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 14:12-16****MEMORY VERSE:** *When Abraham heard that his nephew had been captured, he called together all the fighting men in his camp, 318 in all and pursued the four kings all the way to Dan. GENESIS 14:14*

There was war in Sodom and Gomorrah where Lot lived. Abraham did not allow his nephew Lot to be killed. He quickly gathered all his men together and rescued him. They fought the four kings all the way to Dan, who had taken captives, including Lot. Abraham could have decided not to help in his nephew's plight. After all, his nephew had decided to choose to live in Sodom - the "juicy" part of the land.

Showing kindness to our friends, especially when they are in trouble is so important. We should never refuse to save our friends from danger. We should always be willing to give a helping hand to our friends. Some friends might not have been kind to us in the past, but when they need help, we should still be willing to give it. Some might have cheated us badly in the past, but we should still help them when they are in danger.

**Lesson:** Show kindness to even people who have wronged you.

**Prayer:** Father God, I pray that you grant me the grace to show kindness to people who may not have even treated me well.

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H	V	A	M	E	N	K	P	O	F	N	E
E	E	N	M	P	W	L	A	N	D	D	D
R	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	P	S	A

1. Overlook	7. Killed	13. Friends	19. Light
2. Nephew	8. Save	14. Plight	20. Amen
3. Danger	9. Gather	15. Children	21. Her
4. Kindness	10. Lot	16. Land	22. And
5. Kings	11. Danger	17. Overlooking	23. Ends
6. Men	12. Dan	18. Skilled	24. Over

**THEME: LESSONS FROM ABRAHAM**  
**TOPIC: PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN THE LORD**

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 15:4-6

**MEMORY VERSE:** Abraham put his trust in the Lord, and because of this the Lord was pleased with him and accepted him.  
**GENESIS 15:6**

**A**braham was a hundred years old and Sarah ninety when they had a child. Abraham had to solidly put his trust in the Lord whilst waiting for that wonderful blessing from God. Do you believe God can do the impossible for you too? What God expects of you is to put your trust in Him. Help me, Lord.

Anytime there seems to be no hope and what you are seeking God to do for you is delaying, learn to put your trust in Him. God has the power to do more than we can ever think; however, He does all in His very own time. Never feel discouraged: just put your trust in the Lord and He will be pleased with you.

**Lesson:** Build a solid trust in the Lord.

**Prayer:** My God, I pray that You help me build a solid trust in You.

A	B	R	A	M	S	T	A	R	S
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D	T	C	O	U	R	A	G	E	R
T	R	U	S	T	L	H	O	P	E

1. Abram	6. Seeking	11. Hope
2. Courage	7. Learnt	12. Power
3. Stars	8. Never	13. Ever
4. Hope	9. Sky	14. Were
5. Trust	10. Time	15. Sins

**C**hildren, it is not only people we know that we must show kindness to: We need to also help or serve other people who might not necessarily be our friends, siblings, parents, grandparents, etc. Strangers also deserve blessings from the Almighty God. Let us, however, be very careful regarding the type of strangers we entertain. We should always be led by God.

One day, the Lord appeared to Abraham in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and saw three men. These men were strangers to Abraham. He pleaded with them not to pass by, but to allow him to serve them. Abraham provided water for them to wash their feet and brought some food, so after "a morsel of bread"

they would be "comforted" before they passed on.

After the men were comforted, they asked for Sarah. The Lord said, "I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life and lo, Sarah your wife shall have a son." Showing kindness to a stranger can always be a source of blessing.

Nevertheless, as young people, we always have to be very careful we find out from either our parents or the elderly before we offer any services to strangers.

**Lesson:** Show kindness to people you may not know, as you are led by God.

**Prayer:** Father Almighty, help me to be kind-hearted. Let me show kindness to people I may not even know.

B	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N
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A	I	A	S	E	H	E	L	P
N	N	L	O	S	E	R	V	E
D	D	M	B	U	I	K	P	M
P	N	I	T	R	P	N	O	F
A	E	G	A	E	M	L	G	S
R	S	H	I	S	H	O	W	K
E	S	T	N	A	N	T	F	P
N	K	Y	P	E	O	P	L	E
T	S	I	B	L	I	N	G	S

1. Blessing
2. Grandparent
3. Children
4. Kindness
5. Serve
6. Friends
7. Almighty
8. Sure
9. Home
10. Obtain
11. Siblings
12. Help
13. People
14. Show
15. Ant
16. His
17. Ends



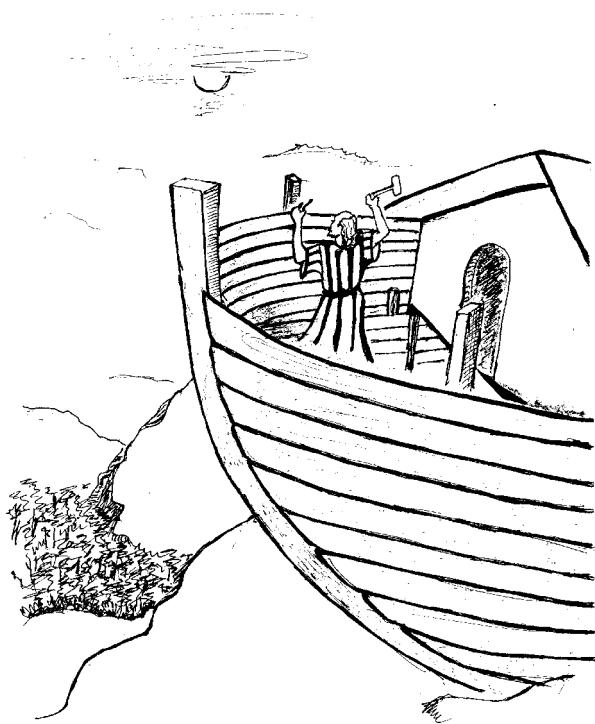
God gave Noah clear instructions as to how to construct the ark and the animals to carry along – mostly two by two – male and female. God also showed him whom to take along – that is, his family members, namely, his wife, three sons and their wives.

Noah did not leave even a single bit out of the instructions God gave him: the dimensions of the ark, etc., were all seen to in amazing detail. It was difficult though, but Noah loved God with all his heart and was so determined to follow His instructions strictly. He loved the Lord, therefore, he was determined to please Him.

Pleasing God brings His blessings and protection. God protected Noah and his family from the floods, because of his obedience. As Christians, God may give us clear instructions as to what to do. He may lead us to either go and share His Word with someone or deliver a message from Him. Whatever instructions God gives, we need to make sure we follow them strictly and He will be pleased with us.

**Lesson:** Follow every instruction God gives you with all your heart.

**Prayer:** Father Almighty, I pray for a heart of obedience to follow every instruction you give me. Amen



THEME: LESSONS FROM NOAH  
TOPIC: STRIVING TO LIVE A LIFE THAT HONOURS GOD

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 6:9-11

**MEMORY VERSE:** *This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time and he walked faithfully with God. GENESIS 6:9*

**I**t is, sometimes, difficult for us to believe that God can help us to reach perfection in whatever we do. We cannot be like God who is perfect in all His ways. However, He grants us the grace to strive to be perfect in our relationship with Him. This may reflect in how we comport ourselves, relate with people, etc. This means that God can help us to consciously live a life that honours Him.

Noah is mentioned as being perfect in his generation. Among your peers, do you stand out? Do people know you to be a committed Christian in your school, church and community, as a whole? Or, are you seen rather as the naughtiest person in your class? Let us yearn to make good names for ourselves.

**Lesson:** Do your best to live a life that honours God.

**Prayer:** God Almighty, please help me live a life that honours You.

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T	E	L	U	R	E	E	E	I
I	G	R	A	C	E	S	N	A
O	G	R	A	N	T	S	I	N
N	C	O	M	P	O	R	T	S

1. Perfection	7. Comport	13. Lure
2. Refuse	8. Grant	14. Walk
3. Desire	9. Children	15. Well
4. Sinful	10. Grace	16. Sin
5. Loves	11. People	
6. Christian	12. Right	

THEME: LESSONS FROM NOAH  
TOPIC: SEEKING WISDOM FOR ALL THAT WE DO

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 8:6-11

MEMORY VERSE: *Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. GENESIS 8:7*

**W**isdom is very important in every decision we make in our lives. Noah did not decide to move out of the ark with his family and the numerous animals hastily. He took his time to be sure the water had dried up and the land was, indeed, dry. First of all, he sent out the raven. This is wisdom. We should never take decisions hastily. Let us seek wisdom from God, so that we do not run into any trouble.

According to the account, Noah did not take a hasty decision to move the animals and his family out of the ark. When he realized the land could be dry, he first sent out a raven, which went on flying to and fro for a time until the waters dried up from off the earth. He then sent a dove out of the ark to check whether the waters were abated from the face of the ground. These were both means of using wisdom from God to make decisions.

**Lesson:** Always seek wisdom from God through His Word and prayer before taking a decision.

**Prayer:** God Almighty, grant me wisdom in making any decision ahead of me.

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I	A	E	Q	S	F	T	M	Y
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I	S	E	M	B	A	R	K	A
O	T	R	O	U	B	L	E	N
N	U	M	E	R	O	U	S	D
I	M	P	O	R	T	A	N	T

1. Raven	7. Wisdom	13. Land
2. Noah	8. Numerous	14. Make
3. Decision	9. Earth	15. Life
4. Water	10. Animals	16. Seek
5. Hasty	11. Trouble	17. Seeker
6. Important	12. Embark	18. Leap

THEME: LESSONS FROM NOAH  
TOPIC: LEARNING TO BE PATIENT

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 8:9-12



**MEMORY VERSE:** *And he waited yet another seven days and again he sent the dove out from the ark.* **GENESIS 8:9**

Noah did not only send out the raven, but waited patiently thereafter for another seven days. Then, he let out the dove also to ensure the land was, indeed, dry from the flood. This was a step and sign of patience which caused Noah to become sure that it was finally safe for the family and all the animals in the ark to move out.

Remember, Noah sent out the dove three times before he finally decided to disembark, along with his family and the animals, from the ark. If they had gone out prematurely -- that is before the floodwaters had dried up - many of the animals could have died.

Therefore, we need to always be patient to be certain before we take every step in life. Being patient in this manner can help prevent danger.

**Lesson:** Always be patient to hear from God before you make any decision in life.

**Prayer:** Father Almighty, let me hear from You before I make every decision in life.

P	D	A	N	G	E	R	A	R	K	F
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V	O	P	I	F	P	M	S	P	I	I
E	V	E	R	E	O	K	U	L	T	L
N	E	O	A	M	N	L	T	K	E	Y
T	P	P	V	A	B	C	R	F	D	P
O	K	L	E	B	Q	R	E	L	P	E
A	S	E	N	E	N	D	A	Y	S	P
H	T	N	O	A	H	A	P	L	K	L
F	I	N	A	L	L	Y	M	O	V	E

1. Prevent	7. Safe	13. Raven
2. Danger	8. Dove	14. Step
3. Patience	9. Ark	15. Move
4. Family	10. Finally	16. Dad
5. People	11. Days	17. Reap
6. Noah	12. Waited	18. Anger

THEME: LESSONS FROM JACOB  
TOPIC: LEARNING TO WORK HARD

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 29:25-30

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Then Jacob also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years. GENESIS 29:30*



**Y**ou cannot achieve what you want in life without hard work. Every desire of your heart can be obtained through prayer and also hard work.

Jacob worked hard for seven years to marry Rachel, but his uncle Laban tricked him and rather gave him Leah. He, therefore, had to work an extra seven years more to obtain Rachel as his wife. In all, Jacob had to work for more than 14 long years to marry Rachel. Jacob was so determined to marry Rachel that he worked very hard to have her.

Whatever you want to achieve in life is possible, but you may have to go the extra mile to attain your desire. Always fix your sight on the goal set before you and then decide within your heart that you want to achieve it. Once you take that decision, pray, work hard and you will, surely, achieve your goal.

**Lesson:** Hard work pays, hence do your best to go the extra mile to achieve your goals in life.

**Prayer:** Father Almighty, help me to work hard at all that I set my mind to do.

J	A	C	O	B	L	O	O	A
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S	A	S	E	R	V	E	D	H
E	B	C	Q	R	T	M	E	I
V	A	N	H	C	P	A	R	E
E	N	M	K	E	L	R	L	V
N	M	K	E	L	L	R	I	E
L	O	V	E	D	P	Y	F	Q
G	O	A	L	S	A	K	E	M
S	U	R	E	L	Y	L	P	N
D	E	T	E	R	M	I	N	E

1. Jacob	7. Determine	13. Goals
2. Rachel	8. Order	14. Life
3. Laban	9. Marry	15. Van
4. Leak	10. Loved	16. Pay
5. Seven	11. Surely	17. Sake
6. Served	12. Achieve	

## THEME: LESSONS FROM JACOB

## TOPIC: CONTROL YOURSELF

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 25:29-34

MEMORY VERSE: *Jacob said, "First, swear to me." And he did it.**On oath, Esau traded away his rights as the firstborn.*

GENESIS 25:33, THE MESSAGE



**J**acob and Esau were twin brothers who were living together with their parents, Isaac and Rebekah. Jacob took the birthright of Esau who was the eldest. This is how it happened:

One day Jacob was cooking a stew. Esau came in from the field, weak from hunger. Esau said to Jacob, "Give me some of that red stew — I'm starved!" That's how he came to be called Edom (Red).

Jacob said, "Make me a trade: "You must sell me your rights as the firstborn son."

Esau said, "I'm starving! What good is a birthright if I'm dead?"

Jacob said, "First, swear to me." And he did it.

On oath, Esau traded away his rights as the firstborn. Jacob gave him bread and the stew of lentils. He ate and drank, got up and left. That's how Esau showed how little he cared about his rights as the firstborn son.

Esau threw away his position and blessings as the firstborn, because he could not control his hunger. In the same way, you can also give away your valuable treasure if you do not learn to control yourself.

**Lesson:** Learn to control yourself.

**Prayer:** Father Almighty, help me to control myself and value the gifts You have given me.

P	H	M	A	R	Y	P	C	M
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S	E	P	F	O	A	M	T	I
E	L	S	M	M	N	A	E	E
P	F	V	I	R	G	I	N	D
H	C	O	N	C	E	I	V	E

1. Person
2. Refrain
3. Herself
4. Mary
5. Joseph
6. Conceive
7. Chaste
8. Virgin
9. Married
10. Man
11. Rain
12. Chasten

THEME: LESSONS FROM JACOB  
TOPIC: DETERMINED TO RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSINGS

BIBLE PASSAGE: GENESIS 32:26-30

**MEMORY VERSE:** *And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed."* GENESIS 32:28

**J**acob was determined to receive God's blessings (Genesis 32:26). He struggled with God until he was blessed finally. Remember, Jacob stole the birthright of his twin-brother Esau. Esau was angry, so Jacob ran away to his uncle Laban. Jacob worked very hard for this crafty uncle.

Although he had problems there with his brothers-in-law (Rachael and Leah's brothers) as well as Laban, Jacob was still determined to make it. He continually kept asking God for His blessings.

We do not have to give up, when we perform badly in school. We must keep praying to God and working hard. This can bring about a change. God is always ready to answer our prayers if we do not give up. Remember: *"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results"* (James 5:16-17, NLT)

Determination and prayer can bring down God's blessings in difficult times in your life.

d to succeed in life, and God will help you.

**Prayer:** Father God, I pray that You grant me the grace to succeed as I put in my best.

L	D	L	O	N	G	E	R	A	B
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D	G	R	E	C	E	I	V	E	G
P	R	E	V	A	I	L	E	D	S

1. Learn	6. Prevailed	11. God
2. Desiring	7. Pray	12. Until
3. Blessed	8. Longer	13. Blessings
4. Answer	9. Surely	
5. Receive	10. Israel	

THEME: SEEKING PROTECTION FROM GOD  
TOPIC: BEING ASSURED OF THE FUTURE

BIBLE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 41:9-11

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.* **ISAIAH 41:10, NLT**

**G**od is always with His children: through "thick and thin"; through the storms; through difficult times and through challenging moments. He is ever ready to stay with you through any trouble till His glory is revealed. God always reassures us to never be afraid of "tomorrow", for He holds the future in His hands.

Allow God to strengthen you during any difficult time and be hopeful that all will be well. You may be faced with poor academic performance, but be encouraged that, very soon, it will be over. Have faith that your future is secured, despite your poor academic performance. God is with you and He will ensure that your situation becomes better.

**Lesson:** Always know that your future is secured, because God is with you.

**Prayer:** Father God, I thank You that You are in charge of my future.

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R	I	O	M	G	N	O	K
T	C	D	A	J	H	K	E
A	H	S	R	O	A	T	D
N	O	T	K	S	S	C	L
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T	O	F	K	A	S	Y	D

- 1. Important
- 2. Joshua
- 3. Fight
- 4. Cooked
- 5. Jericho
- 6. Asses
- 7. Land
- 8. Market
- 9. City
- 10. Handle
- 11. Best
- 12. Task
- 13. Ask
- 14. Task

THEME: SEEKING PROTECTION FROM GOD  
TOPIC: GOD'S CONSOLATION IS ASSURED IN YOUR ANXIETY

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 94:17-19

MEMORY VERSE: *When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer. PSALM 94:19, NLT*

**N**ever be anxious about whatever you face. God is always right there with you in times of trouble and loss. You may be feeling sad as a result of losing your position in class, but God is still there to comfort and encourage you. His promises for you are sure and true.

He is always there with us when we feel rejected. He is also with us when we are "down" -- comforting us when we are in pain; when friends desert us, and when we feel lonely. He stands by us and never leaves us. Let everybody desert you, but God will remain a true friend ever.

**Lesson:** Always remember God Who is closer to you than you think. He protects you always.

**Prayer:** God, I present every challenging situation in my life to You. Please, help me!

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1. Anxious	7. Feel
2. Never	8. Always
3. Trouble	9. Position
4. Lonely	10. God
5. Comfort	11. Life
6. Desert	12. True

THEME: SEEKING PROTECTION FROM GOD  
TOPIC: GOD BLESSES WITH A SOUND MIND

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7

**MEMORY VERSE:** *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.* 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

The spirit of fear does not come from God. If you find yourself facing what would be making you afraid, remember that sense of fear is from the devil. God blesses us with the sound mind and certainty that He is with us.

Build your faith in Him, no matter the troubles you may face. Put your mind to rest and believe that God "can make a way where there seems to be no way". Have hope in God: the future is bright! Anytime you feel both afraid and confused about any situation, pray to God for direction. And, do not be afraid to take a bold step when you know what God wants you to do.

**Lesson:** Allow God to fill you with the "spirit of a sound mind" as well as do away with the "spirit of fear".

**Prayer:** Father, deliver me from anxiety and fill me with the "spirit of a sound mind".

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1. Remember	8. Bright
2. Certainty	9. Fused
3. Build	10. Spirit
4. Afraid	11. Faith
5. God	12. Pray
6. Direction	13. Hope
7. Future	

THEME: SEEKING PROTECTION FROM GOD  
TOPIC: ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE AT ALL TIMES

BIBLE PASSAGE: PSALM 23:1-4

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadows of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff they comfort me.* **PSALM 23:4**

**G**od is in heaven. We cannot see Him, but He is also present with us. No matter where we go, God sees us and ensures that we do not fall into the traps of the enemy. He also keeps us out of trouble and ever plans a way of escape for us.

Do not be afraid. Call on God anytime you are in trouble and He will deliver you! We have His full assurance as His children that He, indeed, is with us. He is there beside us in every situation. He never ever leaves us! Anytime we find ourselves in danger, we should never forget to first call on God in prayer. He will surely respond and rescue us.

**Lesson:** Be assured of God's presence wherever you are. Whenever you find yourself in any trouble, call on Him.

**Prayer:** Father, I pray that you build my faith in You always, especially when I am in trouble.

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B	I	R	E	M	F	A	F	E	M
S	E	C	R	E	T	O	P	F	A

1. News	5. Friend	9. Truth
2. Disbelief	6. Love	10. Secret
3. Release	7. Apply	
4. Bad	8. Steps	

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THEME: SEEKING PROTECTION FROM GOD  
TOPIC: ASSURANCE OF GOD'S DELIVERANCE FROM TEMPTATIONS

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:12-14

**MEMORY VERSE:** *The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.* 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13, NLT

As God's children, we will face temptations always. Sometimes, our friends may ask us to get involved in their bad acts. If we do not follow them, they may accuse us falsely, as well as brand us with bad names, although we may be innocent. Though it will be tough, God will surely always create a way of escape for us.

We need to learn to go through temptations without sinning. There will surely always be an end to each one of them. Pray always and be strong in your faith in God. In the end, you will see how faithful God is.

**Lesson:** God is always faithful to show us a way out of temptations.

**Prayer:** Dear God, keep me away from temptations and deliver me from evil.

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O	R	L	M	E	A	K
R	P	E	O	P	L	E

1. Trouble	5. Plan
2. Harm	6. Sure
3. Protector	7. People
4. Trap	8. Evil