

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Beginner Lesson One Hundred: Samson's Marriage

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Judges
Bible Reading & Discussion: Deuteronomy 7:3; Numbers 6:1-8; Judges 14:1-20
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions about Salvation Review
Learning Objectives: (1) Samson broke the Law of Moses when he married a Philistine. (2) Samson broke part of the Nazarite vow when he touched the dead lion. (3) In spite of Samson's sin, the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon Samson and gave him the strength to kill the lion and to strike down the thirty men. (4) To ultimately save man from the power and consequences of sin, it took the work of the perfect Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Opening** Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal.
Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you.
Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.
- Bible Facts** Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed
5-10 minutes Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate
Instructions: Lead students to sing songs about the Bible & the Judges. Spend time discussing the meaning of new songs. Ask students to help lead songs, including actions and visuals.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Emotion Motions
Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:3; Numbers 6:1-8; Judges 14:1-20
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. As leader reads aloud, students make motions that portray the emotions depicted in the passage (Desire, worry, threatening, sadness, anger, etc.). Leader guides students by introducing the emotion motions that will be used and by stopping occasionally to discuss the probable emotion and to allow students time to respond.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Beanbag, word poster #1
10 minutes Strategy: Beanbag Toss
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. The leader asks a question and then tosses a beanbag to someone who must either answer the question or toss the beanbag to someone else. When the question has been answered, the beanbag is tossed back to the leader.
Questions:
- A Nazarite was never to drink blank. (Wine)
 - A Nazarite was never to cut his blank. (Hair)
 - A Nazarite was never to touch a blank body. (Dead)
 - A Nazarite was to be blank to the Lord. (Holy)
 - In the last lesson we learned that Samson was to be a Nazarite and that he was to begin to save the Israelites from the hand of the Philistines. When Samson was ready to marry, he chose a daughter of the blank. (Philistines)
 - According to the Law of Moses, was an Israelite to marry a non-Israelite? (No)
 - The blank used Samson's choice of a wife, "for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines." (Lord)
 - When a young lion came roaring at Samson, the Spirit of the blank rushed upon him and he tore the lion in pieces. (Lord)
 - Later, Samson went back to see the body of the lion and he scraped honey from the carcass of the lion. Samson broke the laws of a Nazarite when he touched the blank body. (Dead)
 - To pay those that had solved the riddle by cheating, the Spirit of the blank rushed upon Samson and he struck down thirty men of the town and took their garments. (Lord)
 - Samson was so angry that he went back to his blank house. (Father's)

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Show students the word poster and have them act out the words: God is...Creator, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Merciful, Righteous, Just, Creator of Nations, God is in control, Long-suffering, Glorious, Deliverer, Savior, All-seeing, Faithful, Judge, Provider, Prayer Answerer, Sovereign, Gracious, Way to Heaven, Protector, Promise Keeper, Success maker, King of kings, Holy, Law maker, Skill instiller, Guide, Victory giver, Truth, Rest provider

Ask students which words on poster #1 describe God in this lesson. (Answers: In control, long suffering, etc.)

Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is, listing His attributes.

Note to Instructor: Students will review the 13 Questions about Salvation. Use game cards that were made during a past lesson to play the game.

Bible Memory Transitional Thought: Samson was an imperfect, sinful judge, breaking the Law of Moses by marrying a non-Israelite and breaking the Nazarite vow by touching a dead body. In spite of his sin, God empowered Samson and used him to deliver Israel. A perfect Savior was needed to ultimately deliver man from the power and consequences of sin, the God-man, Jesus Christ.

Materials: Question, answer, and verse game cards

Strategy: Beat the Clock

Instructions: Have students sit around a table or in a circle on the floor. Players are given cards that have been shuffled. Timekeeper tells players the pre-determined amount of time that players will have. When the timekeeper says, "Go," players begin finding and laying out matches as quickly as possible before the timekeeper says, "Stop." The player, pair, or group with the most correct matches wins. Have players "prove" their matches by reading them aloud. As the game is repeated, the class is challenged to beat their own number of matches.

Simpler variation: Instead of matching question, answer, and verse - all three, just match question and answer or just answer and verse or just question and verse.

Ideas for working with non-reading students: (1) Pair a reader with a non-reader and have them work together. (2) Divide the class into groups and have a helper work with each group. (3) Play the game as a class with the leader reading the cards aloud to everyone.





Bible Craft Materials: Unfinished rebus books from past lesson, markers, sample project

As time allows Activity: Rebus Book

Note: This project will be completed today.

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Hand out unfinished rebus books from past lesson. Assist students to turn the pages into Rebuses (or picture sentences) of the review questions, answers, and verses. Allow students to take home completed books.

Example:

"...you shall  his name  for he will save his  from their ."

Matthew 1:21

Closing Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.

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Question: What is the covenant of grace?

Answer: It is an eternal agreement within the Trinity to save certain persons

Verse: "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins." Romans 11:27

Question: What is election?

Answer: It is God's choice of certain sinners for salvation.

Verse: "Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world..." (Ephesians 1:4a)

Question: How does God save the elect?

Answer: God saves the elect by the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ.

Verse: "...you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Question: Being the Son of God, why did Christ become man?

Answer: Christ became man to fulfill the will of God the Father.

Verse: "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me." John 6:38

Question: Why did Christ die?

Answer: In the place of sinners, Christ died as the perfect sacrifice, taking the punishment for their sins and satisfying God's justice.

Verse: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..." Galatians 3:13

Question: How did Christ conquer death?

Answer: When Christ resurrected from the dead he overcame the power of death.

Verse: "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him."
Romans 6:9

Question: How does the work of Christ save sinners?

Answer: A sinner is saved through faith in the work of Christ.

Verse: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God..." Ephesians 2:8-9

Question: What is regeneration?

Answer: It is the act of God enlivening the sinner's heart, leading to faith.

Verse: "Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved."
Ephesians 2:5

Question: What is righteousness?

Answer: Righteousness is God's goodness and holiness.

Verse: "...not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ..."
Philippians 3:10

Question: What is justification?

Answer: Justification is the act of God counting a person righteous.

Verse: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through...Christ Jesus...to be received by faith." Romans 3:23-25

Question: What is repentance?

Answer: Repentance is turning from sin.

Verse: "...Are we to continue in sin...? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?" Romans 6:1-2

Question: What is sanctification?

Answer: It is the act of God making his people holy in heart and conduct.

Verse: "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless..." I Thessalonians 5:23

Question: Is the process of sanctification ever complete in this life?

Answer: No. It is complete only in heaven.

Verse: "...he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6