

## Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

### Beginner Lesson One Hundred Nineteen: Jonathan is Ransomed

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Kings  
Bible Reading & Discussion: Genesis 9:4; I Samuel 14:20-22, 24-46  
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions about Prayer  
Learning Objectives: (1) Saul made an oath cursing anyone that ate food until evening. (2) Jonathan did not hear the oath and tasted some honey. (3) Saul said that Jonathan must die. (4) The people of Israel ransomed Jonathan so that he did not have to die. (5) Jesus Christ has ransomed believers so that their sins are forgiven and they do not have to die eternally.
- 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 songs about the Bible & the Kings, including visuals and motions as appropriate. For free songs sung to familiar hymn tunes, use the following link.  
<http://gardenofpraise.com/biblsong.htm>
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use  
15 minutes Strategies: Leader Read Aloud and Character Cues  
Scripture: Genesis 9:4; I Samuel 14:20-23, 24-46  
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Divide students into three groups. One group will stand when Saul's dialogue is read; one group will stand when Jonathan's dialogue is read, and one group will stand when the people's dialogue is read. Leader should prepare ahead by marking the passage according to who is speaking. To help students to follow who is speaking, leader should say "Name said" instead of reading a pronoun. Leader should pause, giving students time to respond.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: None  
10 minutes Strategy: Order Please  
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle in order by height or birth date, etc. Students answer questions in this order.  
Questions:
- Saul made an oath cursing anyone that did what? (Ate food)
  - Did Saul's son Jonathan know about the oath? (No)
  - What did Jonathan taste? (Honey)
  - How did the people feel at the end of the day? (Faint)
  - What did the people do that was sinful? (Ate the meat with the blood)
  - When Saul wanted to plunder the Philistines, the priest said, "Let us draw near to blank here." (God)
  - Saul asked God if He would give the Philistines into Saul's hand. Did God answer Saul? (No)
  - What did Saul say would happen to the one that was guilty of sin? (He shall surely die.)
  - When lots were cast to find out who was guilty of sin, who was taken? (Jonathan)
  - Jonathan told Saul that he had tasted a little honey. Jonathan said, "Here I am; I will blank." (Die)
  - The people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has worked this great salvation in Israel? Far from it! As the Lord lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground for he has worked with blank this day." (God)
  - The people ransomed Jonathan, so that he did not blank. (Die)

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Transitional Thought: To be ransomed is to be set free. The people of Israel set Jonathan free from death, which was the debt that was to be paid for breaking Saul's oath. Jesus ransomed believers when He paid their debt for them on the cross. Believers in Jesus Christ are forgiven of their sins and are set free from the debt of eternal death, which is the consequence of sin.

**Group Prayer** Through prayer, praise God for Who He is and for Jesus Christ's sacrifice that allows believers to be forgiven of their sins.

**Bible Memory** Materials: White board with markers and eraser

10-15 minutes Strategy: Clap, snap, tap

Instructions: Have students sit in a semi-circle or rows facing a white board with the following passage written on it:

Question: What is prayed for in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will pardon our sins.

Verse: "and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12

Students read the passage in unison a couple of times. Then sounds are used to replace some of the words and the passage is read using the sounds instead of the words. Example: forgive(n) = clap, clap; debts = snap fingers; debtors = tap one foot, etc.

**Bible Craft** Materials: Books from previous lesson, book material, markers, art supplies, sample project

As time allows Activity: The Lord's Prayer Book

Note: Each student will make an eight page "Lord's Prayer" book that will be completed during several lessons. A new page will be completed each lesson until the entire prayer is included in the book.

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Any students that are not up to date with this project should complete pages as described in previous lessons. On the seventh page, have students copy or glue, "and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" and illustrate with a black heart with the red words "Paid in Full" across it. Collect the books for use during future lessons.

Have students recite the parts of the Lord's Prayer that they have learned to this point: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

**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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Questions about Prayer

Question: What is prayer?

Answer: Prayer is talking with God.

Verse: "Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven...'" Matthew 6:9a-b

Question: What is prayed for in the first petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God may be honored.

Verse: "...hallowed be your name." Matthew 6:9c

Question: What is prayed for in the second petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That the gospel may be preached, believed, and obeyed in all the world.

Verse: "Your kingdom come..." Matthew 6:10a

Question: What is prayed for in the third petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That men on earth may serve God as the angels do in heaven.

Verse: "...your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10b

Question: What is prayed for in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will provide our physical needs.

Verse: "Give us this day our daily bread," Matthew 6:11

Question: What is prayed for in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will pardon our sins.

Verse: "and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12

Question: What is prayed for in the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will keep us from sin.

Verse: "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." Matthew 6:13