

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Preschool Lesson One Hundred Twelve: Samuel Judges Israel

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Judges
Bible Reading & Discussion: I Samuel 7:3-17
Bible Memory & Craft: Verses about the Holy Spirit
Learning Objectives: (1) Samuel instructed the Israelites to put away foreign gods, to direct their hearts to the Lord, and to serve Him only. (2) The Israelites followed Samuel's instructions and said, "We have sinned against the Lord." (3) The Lord routed the Philistines with the sound of mighty thunder. (4) The hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. (5) Samuel judged Israel all of his life and Israel had peace. (6) The Holy Spirit is the Helper Who dwells with believers forever.
- 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: Ask students to help lead songs about the Bible & the Judges. Encourage students to think about what they are singing. Include actions and visuals as appropriate.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Impromptu Retelling
Scripture: I Samuel 7:3-17
Instructions: After Scripture has been read, students perform roles by pantomiming actions and repeating lines from the reading. Leader prompts students as needed. (Scene 1: Samuel & Israel; Scene 2: Samuel & Israel at Mizpah; Scene 3: The Philistines; Scene 4: Victory & Peace; Scene 5: Samuel Judges)
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Word poster #3 "Work of the Holy Spirit," add "Helper"
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:
- Samuel told the people of Israel that they must "...put away the foreign blank..." (gods)
 - Samuel also said, "...direct your blank to the Lord and serve him only..." (Heart)
 - The people of Israel said, "We have blank against the Lord." (Sinned)
 - The Philistines went up against Israel. How did the Israelites feel? (They were afraid.)
 - The Israelites said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our blank for us." (God)
 - Samuel cried out to the Lord and offered a burnt offering to the Lord. The Lord answered Samuel with the mighty sound of blank and the Philistines were thrown into confusion. (Thunder)
 - The Philistines were subdued. "The hand of the blank was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. (Lord)
 - Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life traveling between four cities: Bethel, Gilgal, Mizpah, and his home at Ramah. At Ramah, Samuel built a blank to the Lord. (Altar)
- Transitional Thought: The people of Israel confessed their sin and turned from their foreign gods to follow and serve the Lord. This is a picture of a person that becomes a believer in Jesus Christ. The person confesses his/her sin and repents (turns from the sin) to follow and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit, the Helper, who dwells with them forever.

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Tell students that in this lesson we see that the Holy Spirit is the Helper. Have students repeat the words and with open left hand "help" raise/lift right fist.

Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is, for the work of Jesus Christ, and for the work of the Holy Spirit.

Bible Memory 10-15 minutes Materials: White board with markers and eraser
Strategy: Body Motions
Instructions: Have students sit in a semi-circle or rows facing a white board with the following passage written on it:

Verse: "...he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth...." John 14:16-17

Exaggerated body motions are chosen to represent most words in the passage. Students repeat the passage a few times using words and body motions.

Bible Craft As time allows Materials: Paper, scrap paper of various colors, glue, sample project
Activity: Torn Paper Mosaic
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Give each student a piece of paper that has the words "The Holy Spirit dwells with believers forever" written on it in large block/outline letters. Show students how to tear scrap paper into small pieces and then glue the torn paper into the letters like a mosaic. Discuss with students the fact that salvation cannot be "lost;" it does not go away. The Holy Spirit seals a believer and dwells with the believer forever.

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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The Work of the Holy Spirit

Verse: "...For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." Romans 8:26

Verse: "And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin...because they do not believe in me." John 16:8-9

Verse: "It is the Spirit who gives life..." John 6:63a

Verse: "...when you heard...the gospel of our salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit..." Ephesians 1:13-14

Verse: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." Galatians 5:22-23a

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