

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM

**"Let the little
children come to me
and do not hinder them"**

Matthew 19:14

**They need
SALVATION**

YOU
can bring
a child
to the feet
of Christ

God tells you:

WALK BY MY SIDE

7 Days of Fun!

Songs, Bible verses, activities, and a message to the heart

Let us rescue the children



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Introduction

“Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God” Mark 10:14.

“In His work as a public teacher, Christ never lost sight of the children... His large heart of love could comprehend their trials and necessities, and find happiness in their simple joys; and He took them in His arms and blessed them. In these children who were brought in contact with Him, Jesus saw the future men and women who should be heirs of His grace and subjects of His kingdom, and some of whom would become martyrs for His sake. He knew that these children would listen to Him and accept Him as their Redeemer far more readily than would the grown people, many of whom were worldly-wise and hardhearted. In His teaching He came down to their level. He, the Majesty of heaven, did not disdain to answer their questions and simplify His important lessons to meet their childish understanding. He planted in their expanding minds the seeds of truth, which in after years would spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life.” *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 179.

As Jesus told his disciples not to prevent the children from approaching him, he was speaking to his followers of all ages, that is to say, the leaders of the church: ministers, elders, deacons, and all Christians. Jesus draws children to Him, and He commands us to let them come- as if to tell us: they will come, if you do not hinder them.

“As the Holy Spirit moves upon the hearts of the children, co-operate with His work. Teach them that the Saviour is calling them, that nothing can afford Him greater joy than for them to give themselves to Him in the bloom and freshness of their years.

The Saviour regards with infinite tenderness the souls whom He has purchased with His blood. They are the claim of His love. He looks upon them with unutterable longing. His heart is drawn out, not only to the best-trained and most attractive children, but to those who by inheritance and through neglect have objectionable traits of character.” *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 44.

We are about to begin a special week of child evangelism dedicated to all children, especially those who have never had the opportunity to hear from the Word of God.

We must make great efforts to be able to reach a good number of children. We must prepare each one of the materials, including the flyers, in advance.

These activities can be done in different places. It can be done at a member’s home, where there is ample room for these meetings, in some special church space, outdoors in a park, or in a living room.

In the Evangelism Manual, you will be able to see each of the details to be taken into account for the success of the evangelistic work with the children.

It would be great if we could schedule the continuity of these meetings throughout the year, making a weekly meeting.

Find people who, with all their heart, desire to do this job. Each one of the collaborators must prepare every detail in advance. If the material cannot be printed, prepare enough audiovisuals to illustrate each of the parts.

The venue must be prepared for the occasion, with all the details taken care of. One can decorate it and put music so that all the children feel comfortable.

We encourage the brethren to pray a lot so that the Lord may touch the hearts of the children who will come to listen to each one of the topics. Each church will schedule the topics according to their possibilities.

Let’s invite all the children, friends, children of members, and visitors to participate in the program.

“If children early become familiar with the truths of God’s word, a barrier against ungodliness will be erected, and they will be able to meet the foe with the words, “It is written.” *Gospel Workers*, p. 208.

May God bless all the brethren and let us continue praying so that God may open the hearts.

. . . General Program . . .

God Is Telling You: "Walk by my side"

≡ General Objectives:

That the child may:

- Understand the message of salvation
- By faith, receive Jesus as his/her Savior and Lord of his/her life.

≡ Time: 7days

≡ Theme Bible verse: John 3:16

≡ General Programming:

Day	Main lesson	Specific objectives for the day	Memory verse	Bible story and verse	Complementary activity
1	God wants to give you salvation.	That the child may accept the salvation that God offers.	John 3:16	A bad child is saved. John 3:26 Psalms 68:19 Psalms 104:24 Psalms 116:12	Drawing with the bible text
2	God wants you to be His son/daughter.	That the child may accept being a child of God.	Romans 5:8	Mefiboset. 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13 Romans 5:8 Jeremiah 31:3 Romans 3:23 Romans 5:8 John 1:12	Make a cube with drawings that represent every part of salvation.
3	God wants to show you His love.	That the child may understand the love of God towards him/her. That the child may recognize that he/she is a sinner.	Jeremiah 31:3	Creation. Genesis 1-3;12:1-5 Isaiah 43:1 John 144:1-3 Revelation 21:21 Revelation 21:4	Mural about creation
4	God wants to free you from sin.	That the child may repent of his/her sin.	Romans 6:23	Jesus heals a leper. Matthew 8:1-4	Write a list of sins we have committed.
5	God sent His Son to save you.	That the child may accept the sacrifice of Jesus for him/her.	Isaiah 53:6	Death of Jesus. Isaiah 53:6 1 John 1:7 John 10:17-18 1 Peter 2:24 John 18,19,20	Divide a sheet in two equal parts. Draw what Jesus did for you and me, and what happened afterwards.

6	God tells you: Walk By My Side	That the child may desire to walk with Jesus every day.	Psalms 51:7	Calling of Paul Acts 9:1-31 Psalms 51:7 John 3:36 Revelation 3:20	A drawing of a child walking with Jesus. Color it. On the empty lines below, let the children write next to the reading "Today I have decided: _____
7	God is preparing a dwelling place for you in heaven.	That the child may desire to prepare him/herself for the second coming of Christ, and longs to go live with our Lord.	John 14:2	John 14:1-3 Revelation 21;22:1-3	Draw how they imagine heaven. Craft: paper trumpets

≡ Day 1

Salvation

≡ **Biblical Base:** John 3:16, Psalms 68:19, Psalms 104:24, Psalms 116:12, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8

≡ **Main lesson:** God wants to give you salvation.

≡ **Story:** A child poorly spoken of is saved.

≡ Objectives

That the children may know that:

- God has a plan to save us.
- God gave us His son to die for us.
- Accept the salvation that God offers them.

≡ Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day, and Bible memory verse in illustrative drawings. Illustrative materials for prayer. Souvenirs with the Bible text of the day so that every child may take it home. Materials for crafts.

≡ Welcome

Give the welcome in a happy and fun way. Greet the children as a group. Present yourself to the children along with all the other teachers that will be participating in the activity.

≡ Music Time

Begin teaching happy songs that will motivate the group. A greeting song can be used for this occasion.

After greeting and singing the opening song, practice the motto song.

Options: Welcome! – What Happiness!

≡ Lesson of the day

Introduction

Find an element that the story contains (for example: a wagon, a nurse's apron, a flashlight, a backpack) so that you can use it as an intro to the lesson.

Example 1

Hey kids, how are you? Look what I have brought: a small wagon! This type of transportation is used in some places. It is pulled by horses, and can reach a medium speed. Today I will tell you a story where you will see what happened with a wagon like this.

Example 2

Put on some ripped and teared clothes to imitate a homeless person...you can also dress a child that you know like this. He/she could carry a piece of cardboard to put on the floor to sleep on.

-Hey kids! How are you? Let me present a friend to you. What happened to you?
-I am a very poor child and live on the streets. I sleep underneath cars on this cardboard.
-But that is dangerous. Go sleep at your home...
(Establish a small conversation like this, introducing the story).

Lesson

In a big city in Ireland a group of people, driven by the love of Christ and desire to serve their Savior, made a home for street children. They went out at night to go through the public streets to pick up these children and save them from their bad ways, guiding them to a correct path.

How wonderful! Many children have been benefited by these people! Surely through those people many others were favored.

You know...God's love is like the love that these people share. Even though we cannot see him, touch him, or speak to him face to face, God cares for all mankind. He has given us a beautiful place to live, trees that give us oxygen, super-rich fruits to eat...like bananas, strawberries, and many others, friends with whom to play, relatives who love us etc... (Name the God-given benefits that you have observed in the children). The Bible says, "Blessed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation" Psalm 68:19, Psalm 104:24, Psalm 116:12.

Let's continue with our story...

On a cold night, one of these children was on an isolated street in the city. He was a child who had grown up without a home or family. His life was sad. He was only accustomed to doing bad things. He beat children for fun, scared the elderly, lied, and stole not only when he needed something, but also for fun. He was part of a small gang of thieving children. Every night they gathered together to break into a house.

Are you anything like this child? Do you do bad things too? You know; many of us aren't like this child, but we do lie, sometimes we keep something that is not ours, we fight with our friends, we say bad words, and we are gossipers. All the bad things we say or do are called sin. And the Bible says in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

How sad! We have all sinned and now we are far from God. We can no longer be children of God. In Romans 6:23 it says that "The wages of sin is death."

How much pain! The price for so much evil that reigns in our lives is death, but thanks to God's great love for us, he sent us a solution.

But.....what happened to our friend in the story?

At that moment he waited punctually, shivering in the cold while he waited for his companions with whom he would break into a house that night.

Suddenly a strong hand touched his shoulders. It was one of those merciful brothers who had come out to pick up the lost children to take them to the lodge. It was already dark, so he could see only the tall silhouette of this gentleman, for in that corner there was no light. Taken by surprise, he was frightened; But a kind voice said to him:

- Child, what are you doing at this hour on the street? Children your age should not be out on the street at this hour... go to your house and sleep!

-I don't have a house or bed - It was a short answer, but with an expression of pain painted on his face.

- "What a pity, young man!" If I could find a bed for you tonight, would you come with me?

- "Sure!" replied the child.

- "Then go to x Number x street," said the stranger, "and there you will find a bed."

God, our Father, also remembered us. Although we are sinners, He gave us a solution so that we can be saved. God gave His son Jesus to come to earth and give His life for every sinner. Romans 5:8 says "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Jesus was born like all of us here on Earth. He grew up, became an adult, but you know what? He never sinned. And despite all of that, He gave His life for you and me and died on a cross. His hands were nailed, and they placed a crown of thorns on His head. He did all this for each one of us. He died for our sins.

The child of the story listened attentively and before saying otherwise, the boy turned and ran to the place the man had told him about.

- "Wait!" said the man. How are you going to get in? You need a permit. No one can enter without knowing the password. Can you read?

- "No," said the child.

- Then you will have to know the following words: John 3:16. Don't forget it, because without this you won't be allowed to enter. John 3:16....this will let you in.

It was a cold and stormy night. It was about to rain. The poor boy longed for a bed and a yummy plate full of hot food. It seemed more advantageous to him to accept the new offer than to wait for his friends whom he didn't know what time they would arrive. So he accepted and went, repeating John 3:16, John 3:16...to himself.

Soon he came to the street and found himself in front of the indicated house. There was an entrance with a big iron door. Will you let me in here? The child thought. He was not a shy, but a daring child. So he loudly rang the bell. The night Porter opened and asked:

- Who is it?

- "It is I, please, Sir; I am John 3:16.

- Okay; Just enter, that's the password. - He took the child and closed the heavy iron door.

Our little friend entered a well-lit and clean room; They gave him new clothes, and let him take a clean bath before he changed. Then they took him to the kitchen and gave him a hearty soup with a large piece of bread. Next they took him to a nice, sheltered bed, like he had never seen before. As he was falling asleep, he thought: "This name brings luck! From today on, I'll call myself that!

The next morning, after a rich breakfast, the boy was let go because the place was just for sleeping.

He walked through the streets uneasily, and always afraid to meet his companions with whom he used to steal. What would they say now that he had not presented himself the night before at their meeting place? But the events of the previous night and his new name occupied his mind so much that he did not pay attention to the street, and when he turned at the busy street corner, a wagon hit him. Soon a great number of people gathered: they brought a stretcher and took him to the hospital because he was wounded very badly. There he regained consciousness, and a nurse approached him to get his name and address. When he was questioned, he answered:

- What shall I tell them? I used to have another name, but now my name is John 3:16.

This response provoked laughter.... they thought that it was because of the strong blow to his head. The wounds were bandaged and the patient was taken to the recovery room. Many of his wounds were severe, and he soon began to have a fever.

But only one idea seemed to dominate his fever-caused fantasies; His clear voice always echoed through the room:

- John 3:16; John 3:16 This has to help me...this has helped me.

These words caused curiosity in the room. What did the child mean by the words John 3:16? Immediately, one took out the Bible, searched for these lines, and read the precious words: "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God loved us so much that He gave us His only son, Jesus Christ, so that if we believe in Him, we too will have eternal life.

Jesus died on the cross for you and for me. He died in our place. But we must believe now. If we believe in Jesus ' sacrifice for us, then we will have eternal life.

Do you believe that Jesus died for you?

Deep silence reigned in the room when the poor sick heard these precious words with the strong confidence of the small boy.

This had to help me, and this has helped me.

So many hearts were opened to this wonderful message—that God so loved the world. And without knowing it, the words of this small boy served as an instrument from God.

When the night of fever passed, and the boy improved, he looked around with a lot of attention. Everything was very peaceful and quiet around him. At that instant he heard a voice from a neighboring bed:

– John 3:16 How are you today?

From where do you know my new name?” asked the child.

–“From where do I know it?” You didn’t stop saying John 3:16 while you were sick.. and I say blessed be John 3:16! Don’t you understand what it means? John 3:16 is a verse in the Bible, it is a message from God to man.

–“Read me something from the Bible!” he begged.

For the first time the words of love and consolation penetrated their ears.

–“This is very nice,” he murmured.

Soon, he knew this verse by heart and with his vivid eyes said: – I don’t only have a new name, but also something else that is new and better!

John 3:16 is a gift for you today. A wonderful promise for your life. And you- do you also want to accept what God says to you? He has given you the solution for your life, just as He gave it to this little boy.

He gave you His son, Jesus, to die for you on the Cross of Calvary. He died a long time ago so that you may have life. He died in your place, and gave His life for every sinner. Even though He did not commit sin, or do bad things, He died so that each one of us could live.

You know what? The boy in this story decided to change his life forever. After a few days he recovered fully. He helped all the sick people in that hospital with words of encouragement. He then met with the hostel’s friends who led him to live in a Christian home to go to school. After a few years he became a great preacher.

What’s your decision today? Will you continue like this? Lying, stealing, saying bad words, fighting, disobeying? God calls you to give Him your heart. God tells you: I gave my son Jesus to die in your place.

You only have to do one thing: Ask forgiveness for all those bad things you do, and God will forgive you.

Do you want to give the Lord Jesus your heart today? Pray with all the children who want to give their heart to Jesus.

≡ Teaching the Biblical text

This moment is important because we are recording the word of God in the children’s minds.

Introduction: We have heard so much about John 3:16! I want to learn it by heart now! Who can teach me?

(Prepare the visual beforehand. One suggestion is to make it on a large cardboard so that it can be read clearly)

Text from John 3:16.

- **John 3:16**
- **“Because God so loved the world,**
- **That He gave his only begotten Son,**

- **That Whosoever believeth in him,**
- **Shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”**

≡ **Presentation: Show the Biblical text presented in a visual.**

Let someone read it. Then look it up in the Bible and have someone present read it again.

Show that it is written in the Bible.

- **Explanation:** Explain each part of the text carefully so that the student may understand it better.
- **Application:** God- He loved you so much, that before you even existed, He sent His son Jesus to die for your sins. If you only believe in Him, you will have eternal life. When Jesus returns to this earth one day, we will go to live in heaven with Him forever. How wonderful! Shall we learn it?
- **Repeat:** Invite children to read the text, and repeat it several times. We can do boys first, then women, then all, then the tall ones, then the middle ones, the short ones, etc. using different modes of repetition.

≡ **Time of Prayer**

Continue the program without stopping, have the time of prayer.

At this moment, we will dedicate ourselves briefly to teaching the kids how to pray. Since it is the first time they pray, teach it in a simple and easy way.

For example:

It's a good time for us to talk to God again!

Whenever we want to talk to God, we can do it because He always listens to us. We call this praying. Praying is talking to God like talking with a friend.

We will pray together. (Remember to always speak plural, us, including gratitude for always listening to us).

≡ **Optional activities**

- **Oral activity**
- **Counseling**

After the topic, call all the children who decided to believe on Jesus as their Savior. Counseling is used to know how much the child understood from the message, to find out how he/she responded to the message, to clarify doubts, and to correct misconceptions.

Encourage them to continue coming every day, and to base their decisions on the word of God.

With the help of several teachers, talk to the children in small groups. Review the message of salvation to know their understanding and clarify the difficult points. Written texts are provided for the child to read during the week; (More details in the Evangelism Handbook).

≡ **Craft of the day**

We will prepare a small painting with the text John 3:16 so that the kids may hang it in their homes. If they are over 9 years old, they can draw the letters themselves. If they are underage, paint the letters for them, so that they may color the letters in. The picture can have two sides. The text without letters can have the verse represented with drawings like: a heart-world-cross; a white heart with the word "believe" in the center; a sky, and on the other side the written text.

≡ **Games**

If the day is favorable, you can play games with the children or invite them to eat something.

- Idea 1: Musical chairs game.

Place chairs in a circle all with their backs towards the companion. Keep in mind that a chair should be missing when playing, because a child should stand. Go around the chairs singing (the song of the day) until a whistle sounds. Quickly sit down...the child still standing will have to recite the text, before going out to sit somewhere else.

- Idea 2: Handrail game.

Let everyone sing while seated on chairs that are forming a circle (with everyone facing the middle). While singing, a small picture with the memory verse in pictures will be passed from hand to hand until the whistle sounds. When it rings, the child who has it should recite the text or sing a piece of the theme song.

≡ Day 2

Children of God

≡ **Biblical Base:** 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13, Romans 5:8, Jeremiah 31:3, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8, John 1:12.

≡ **Main topic or teaching:** God wants you to be His child.

≡ **Story:** Mephibosheth.

≡ Objectives

That children can:

- Believe that God is our father.
- Be willing to Accept Jesus as the only Savior.
- Accept being children of God.

≡ Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day, and Bible memory verse in illustrated form. Illustrative materials for prayer. Souvenirs with the Bible text of the day so that every child may take it home. Materials for crafts. Remind them of some of the activities that were done the day before.

≡ Welcome

Give the welcome in a happy and fun way. Greet the children as a group. Present yourself to the children along with all the other teachers that will be participating in the activity. Begin speaking by conversing about how their day went. Remind them of some of the activities that were done the day before. Sing the song "What Happiness" together.

≡ Music Time

Start by going over the previously learned song.

Then teach the theme song of the day. Take the instruction leaflet into account. Do not forget that it is a moment of joy where we will show our love for the children.

Option: Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

≡ Bible lesson of the day

Introduction

(Enter in with a crutch saying) – Oh! Oh! Excuse me, I can't walk. I'm lame! I don't want this anymore, but I have to do it not to fall. Oh! Oh!

Do you know what crutches are? Do you know what they are for? Crutches are made of many materials. Some are of wood, some are made of metal, some are made special for specific people, and others are not. Their purpose is to help someone walk. There are many people who are helpless, but with the help of a crutch they can walk. It's like having a foot that helps the foot that cannot walk. Today we will study about a man who was supposed to use one of these; (Show the crutch).

Lesson

Mephibosheth lived in a very special house. It was not an ordinary house. He lived in a beautiful palace. It was the house of a king- King Saul.

He wasn't just any child, he was the king's grandson. His father's name was Jonathan.

Surely, as family of a king, he had all the prettiest thing you could ever have. Toys, food, outings, and even a nanny who was with him at every moment, playing, walking, and giving him food. He was privileged to have everything he wanted.

You know what? We don't live in a palace, but we have also received many blessings from God. He loves us so much that He created many things for our benefit. He's given us the most delicious fruits: bananas, apples, oranges, tangerines, strawberries, pineapples, etc. He has given us vegetables: potatoes, corn, kale, tomatoes—So many yummy foods, that we can't even name all of them!

And not just that. He's given us a chance to have a mom and a dad.

He has given us friends to spend a pleasant and unforgettable time with.

God loves us so marvelously. Jeremiah 31:3 says, "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."

Let's continue the story...

One day the king was informed that there was a war that he and his army should fight.

He said good-bye to his grandson and told the nanny to take good care of him.

Hardly anyone from the palace stayed there. It was a very hard war that this army had to face.

The days passed and suddenly the news reached the palace that the king had died along with Prince Jonathan. Oh!! Much sadness started to spread throughout the palace. Not only that, but also cries of despair! People ran everywhere. Back in the day, when someone lost a war, then the enemies would enter the palace and kill all those who were found within.

The nanny, listening to everything that was happening, quickly came out of the palace and took the little boy with her. She ran as fast as she could, trying to go as far as possible to bring the little prince to safety. She ran and ran until suddenly she tripped, and fell hard on the floor. "Ouch! Ouch!", were the child's cries from the floor. "My legs hurt! My legs ache, Ouch!, Ouch!, my legs!"

"Calm down, my little boy, don't cry- we must run." Taking the boy up again into her arms, she kept running until she reached a quiet and sheltered place where the child would be safe.

She then quickly checked his legs, and very sadly discovered that he had become crippled. The boy had broken both of his legs. She couldn't find a doctor because they'd be in danger, so the nanny decided to leave it.

Both of Mephibosheth's legs were broken and twisted. He was going to stay that way for the rest of his life!

Poor Mephibosheth! Our legs are not crippled, but we have a very serious problem like he had. We are full of evil in our hearts.

Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned and are come short of the glory of God." All of us who live in this world are sinners, and sin separates us from God. We're full of evil. Our desires are to do bad things. Let us remember that these bad things are called sin.

The lies, the fights, the bad thoughts, the bad words, stealing, coveting, and many more things.

We constantly do these things, and many of them may even seem like a normal thing, but God does not like that.

But what happened to Mephibosheth?

Some time passed, and a new king took the throne. That King's name was David.

David had been Jonathan's best friend during many years of his life. Their friendship was very special. They even made a friendship promise.

One day King David was sitting on his throne, thinking. He thought about his great friend Jonathan and wondered: Is there anyone left of the family of Saul so that I may have mercy towards him?

He sent for the palace guards so he could ask ask, until a servant named Siba told him that he knew of someone.

The King immediately asked more about the matter and with great joy found out that it was the son of Jonathan, his great friend.

So King David immediately sent for him. How wonderful!

You know? God also remembered us and in spite of our situation he sent us a solution.

Someone had to die so that man could gain salvation.

God sent his Son Jesus to give his life for us.

Romans 5:8 says, “ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Jesus was born a baby. He grew up and became an adult, but He never, ever sinned. Then He was accused and died without guilt, carrying the sins of all men.

But on the third day, He was resurrected and today He lives and is in heaven telling the Father: I died for that sinner.

But what happened to Mephibosheth?

Mephibosheth couldn't believe the messengers. He was scared and didn't know what to do-whether to go or not to go. But he prepared himself as best as he could, and went out into the palace. With the help of a guard he reached the royal throne and cast himself with his face towards the ground.

David told him not to be afraid. He told him that he had loved his father very much and for his father's sake, David would return all the lands that belonged to King Saul. David also told him that from that moment on he would always eat at the royal table with him.

But Mephibosheth said, “Who is your servant for you to look at him? I'm not worth any more than a dead dog.”

But David treated him with a lot of love. He gave him servants and everything that belonged to his father.

What a wonderful story! God is giving you a special invitation today too! He wants to live in your life forever. He wants to be the king of your heart. He wants to be your father and wants you to decide to be His son.

John 1:12 says: “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”

Then He invites you to receive Him in your heart, to believe that He is a God of love who gave His son to die for you. If you do those two things- receiving and believing- then you have the right to call yourself a son of God.

Do you want to be a son of God? Don't wait anymore. Decide today. Open your heart to Him, and believe in Him as your Savior so that He may live in you.

Pray and ask the Lord to live in you always!

≡ Teaching the Biblical text

To teach the Biblical text at this time, we suggest you prepare it with large letters (depending on the size of your group of children) as an old scroll. Connect enough paper and paste the letters of the text.

Text:

- **John1:12**
- **“But as many as received him,**
- **to them gave he power**
- **to become the sons of God,**
- **even to them that believe on his name.”**

Don't forget to follow these steps to teach the text:

- **Introduction:** You can talk about how it was written in ancient times and show your roll. If it's long, ask two volunteers so they can hold it up front.
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the text together as you open the roll.
Then you will read it in a strong and clear voice
- **Explanation:** With short words, explain the text. Remind and emphasize today's lesson.
- **Repetition:** Use innovative methods to review the lesson.
- **Application:** It is important, in short, to apply the text to the life of the child as if it was studied today.

I suggest you emphasize that if you give your life to the Lord and believe in Jesus, you are the children of God.

≡ Time of Prayer

As you know, this is an important moment when we bring the children to talk to God.

Suggestion: carry a pre-prepared bag (can be paper).

On this day we will talk about how important it is to give thanks. Give your own examples of gratitude.

Let the children write all the thank yous they have on the bag.

This activity will take a few moments to give everyone the opportunity to give thanks.

Another option is to bring drawings prepared based on different acknowledgments, such as: drawing of two parents, house, friends, siblings, school, etc., so that they can find what they are thankful for, and paste it unto the bag.

≡ Optional activities

Name, (along with the students), the steps of salvation that we have studied.

- God loves us
- I am a sinner
- Christ died for me
- I receive Him in my heart
- I am saved

≡ Craft of the day

Make a cube with drawings that represent each part of salvation.

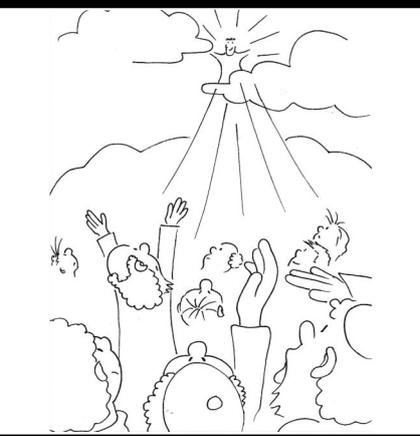
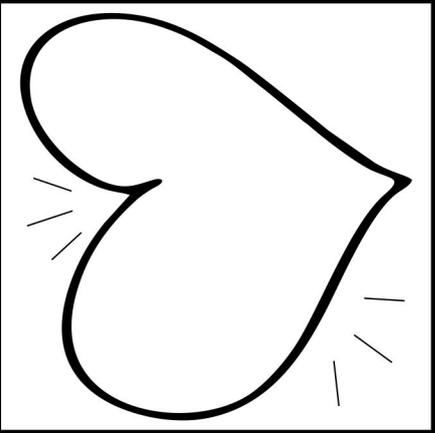
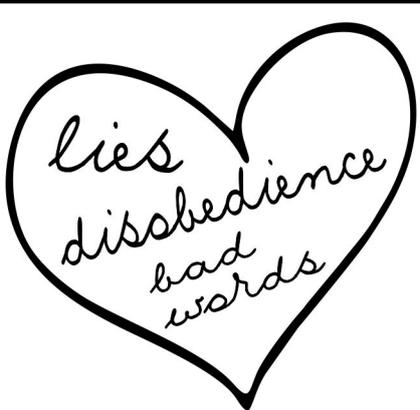
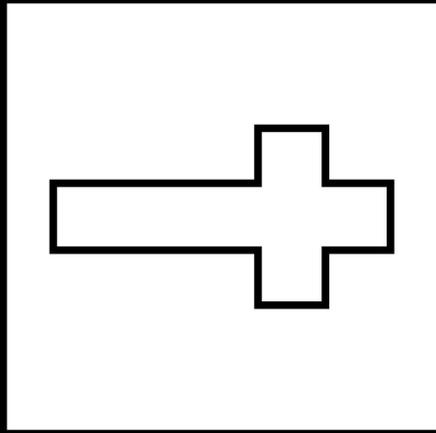
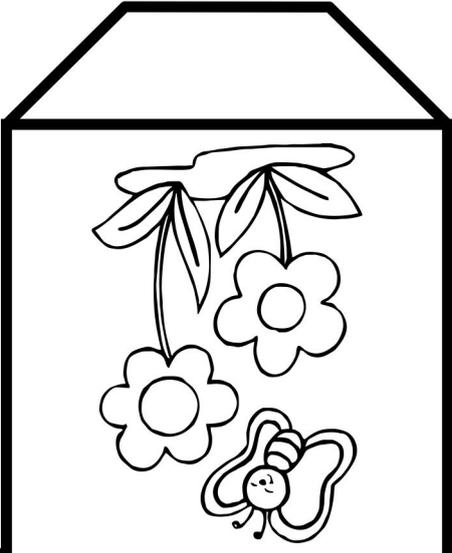
Prepare the outline of how to make a cube on a piece of paper in advance.

Each part of the cube will contain a drawing from a child of something that represents a step of salvation.

- Love of God (something from creation).
- I am a sinner (heart written with words: Lie, bad words, etc.).
- Christ died for me (a cross).
- I receive him (a white heart).
- Eternal Life (Can be a drawing of the second Coming or the sky).

After the activity allow the children to explain what it means.

For example:



≡ Day No.3

An Incomparable love

≡ **Biblical Base: Creation. Genesis 1-3; 2:1-5, John 8:12, Isaiah 43:1, John 14:1-3, Revelation 21:21, Revelation 21:4.**

≡ **Main teaching: God wants to show you His love.**

≡ **Story: Creation.**

≡ Objectives

That children can:

- Understand God's love.
- Understand how great God's love for us is.
- Be sure that God loves us.

≡ Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative images. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenirs with the Bible text of the day so that every child may take it home. Materials for crafts.

≡ Welcome

Give the welcome in a happy and fun way. Greet the children as a group. You can start with a small act between the teachers reminding the kids of what was studied the day before.

≡ Musical moment

Start with cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You can use a greeting song for this occasion. Then teach the theme song of the day. Note the instruction leaflet.
Option: He is great!

≡ Bible Lesson of the day

Introduction

Blindfold two children. Let them sit in a chairs and have them guess a flower by its smell. Do the same with some fruits, letting the kids play and try.

Today we're going to study how God made these things.

Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5.

That's how it all began.

The Earth was a total chaos, the darkness covered the abyss, and the spirit of God moved on the surface of the waters.

And God said, let there be light! And the light came to exist.

God considered the light to be good and separated it from darkness.

He called the light day, and the darkness, night.

And the evening and the morning came: that was the first day.

You know what?

Our lives were also like the earth before we met Jesus- cluttered and empty. But when we hear what Jesus did for us, it's like a light entering our hearts.

Once again Jesus turned to the people, and said to them, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12).

Our life changes when we let ourselves be guided by that light- the light of God in our lives.

Then God separated the waters from the firmament. Do you know how this happened? Genesis explains it.

And God said, let the firmament exist in the midst of the waters, and let them be separated!

And so it happened: God made the firmament and separated the waters that are below, from the waters that are above. God called the firmament heaven.

And the evening and morning passed: that was the second day.

And God said, let the waters below the sky gather in one place, and let dry land appear! And so it happened. God called the dry land earth, and all the waters sea And God felt this was good.

And God said, let there be vegetation upon the earth; Let it produce herbs that give seed, and trees that give their fruit with seed, all according to their species!

And so it happened. The vegetation began to sprout: herbs that gave seeds, and trees that gave their fruit with seed, all according to their species. And God felt that it was good.

Close your eyes for a moment and imagine how it all happened step by step. It must have been wonderful to see the trees grow. The flowers form, the grass... Mmm How wonderful! The second and third day of creation had passed.

And you...

Do you know of the benefits that come from water and everything else on earth?

There are many plants that have great benefits for us. For example: Lemons are very good, especially when our throat hurts. Then we can eat lemons, and it will heal us.

(talk about the benefits of plants for us. Take into account the best known in your city).

Creation continued and birds, fish, the sun, moon, and stars, were all created. All the animals were created. That happened on the fourth and fifth day.

A great work was created on the sixth day. God created man and woman. He took dust of the earth and formed man. Then he blew the breath of life and the man became a living being.

We exist thanks to the wonderful love of God. He made each one of us—we are his children.

We are God's because He created us, and he also died for us (Isaiah 43:1).

The earth had been finished beautifully so that we could live in it. That was creation.

God is now preparing another city so that we can live in. A beautiful city where there will be no more death, or pain. That place is in heaven.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Revelation 21:4).

Jesus tells us: Do not be in anguish. Trust in God, and trust in me too. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." (John 14:1-3).

Do you know what this city is like? The Bible tells us.

The twelve doors are twelve pearls, and each door is made of a single pearl. The main street of the

city is pure gold, as transparent glass (Revelation 21:21).

That's a wonderful city! We can't imagine what it'll be like.

Soon He will come looking for us, so that we may go live with Him in that beautiful city! God has such a great love for us, that he desires us not to be here in a world full of evil but in heaven- where he lives! God has so much love for us!

≡ Teaching the Biblical text

- Jeremiah 31:3

Let us remember that this is a very special moment. It is when we record the word of God in our student's hearts.

Prepare the verse in large cards beforehand. e.g.

- **The LORD hath appeared**
- **of old unto me, saying,**
- **Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love:**
- **therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.**

Follow the steps shown in the instruction leaflet.

- **Introduction:** Today I want everyone to give each other a hug. A big, big hug. Give the kids a few minutes for this activity.
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible text. The teacher should read strong to accompany the children in reading.
- **Explanation:** In this step, explain the most difficult words of the text: they are manifested, eternal, prolong, and mercy.
- **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn from this text.
- **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

≡ Time for Prayer

It is time to talk to God. Start the class by going over what was learned about the time of prayer. This class will be a time of prayer requests.

We can take a very big role and let the children write down their petitions there. It is important to pray, (if we have many students) in a general way. But if we have only a few names in each of the prayer petitions, then it is important that our students know that we pray for them and do not leave anyone out.

Be careful with petitions that may have doctrinal problems. e.g. Praying for a dead grandfather.. For my dead animal, etc...

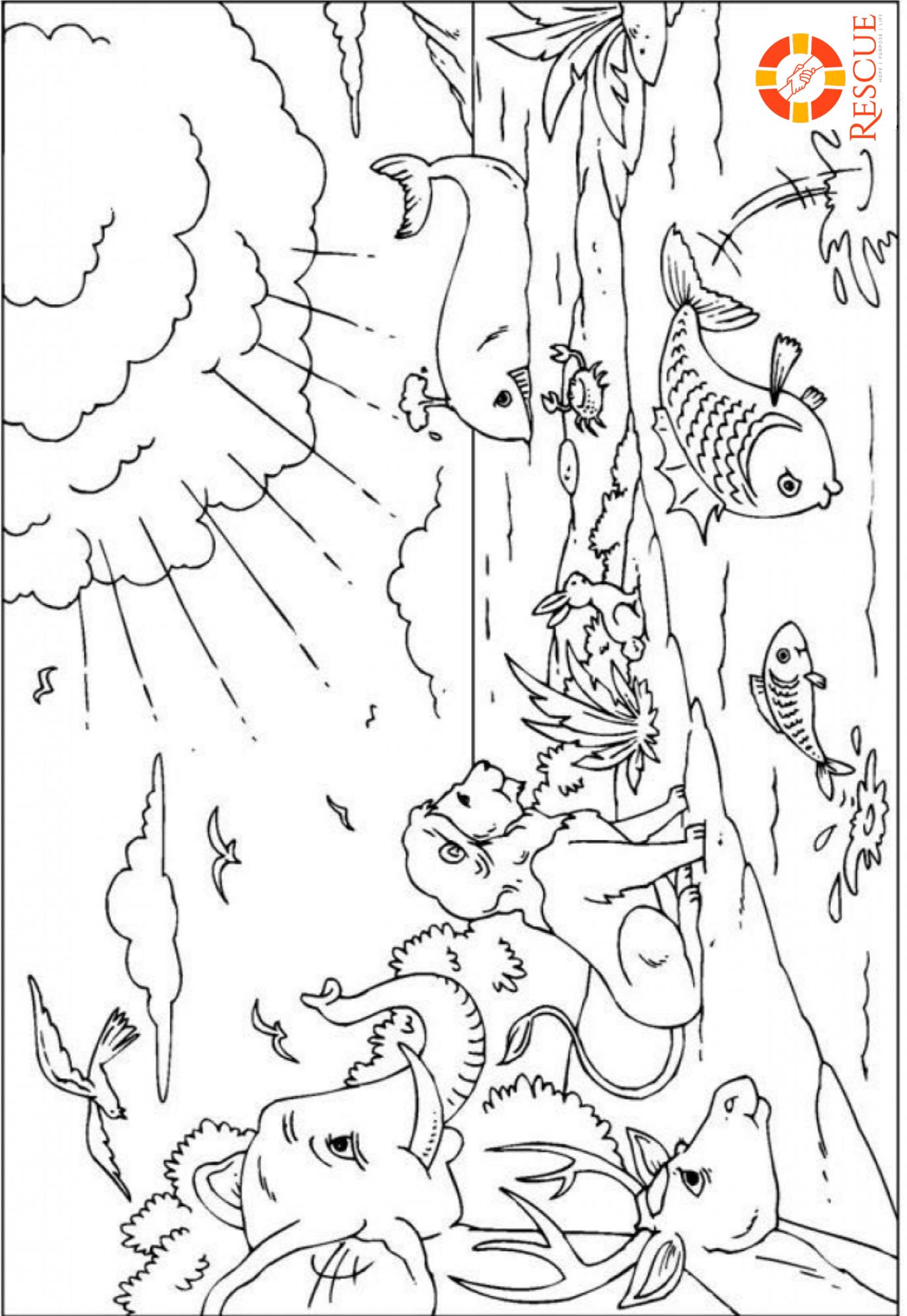
≡ Optional activities

In this class, a mural will be made; a great landscape where all of God's creation is shown. Fruit trees, terrestrial animals, reptiles, birds, sun, moon, stars, man, plants in general, flowers.

We can bring pictures to color in, and allow the children to cut and paste. or let them draw it all.

You can give some of the pictures to the kids so that they can color them in at home, and then bring them the next day to class so that they can glue it.

For example:



RESCUE
HOPE | PURPOSE | LIFE

≡ Day No. 4

Release

≡ **Biblical Base: Matthew 8:1-4, Revelation 21:27, Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4**

≡ **Primary education: God wants to rid you of sin**

≡ **History: Jesus Heals A Leper**

≡ Objectives

That children can:

- Recognize themselves as sinners.
- Feel the desire to repent of sins.
- Ask the Lord for the forgiveness of their sins.

≡ Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenirs with the Bible text of the day so that every child may take it home. Materials for crafts.

≡ Welcome

Give the welcome in a happy and fun way. Greet the children as a group. You can start with a small act between the teachers, reminding the kids of what was studied the day before.

≡ Musical Moment

Start with cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You can use a greeting song for this occasion. Then teach them the theme song of the day. Note the instruction leaflet.
Options: Sorry Lord!, If you love Jesus.

≡ Bible lesson of the day

Introduction

Dress yourself in a way that covers your face and arms. Talk about what leprosy is. Perform an act about a leper. Show how they lived, where, what their sickness was. This act is intended to give information about lepers. The outfit will help you draw attention.

Lesson

One day, a long time ago, Jesus had come down from a mountain, and great multitudes were following him. Wherever Jesus went, the people followed. They wanted to hear the teachings of Jesus. Suddenly, in the distance..Unclean! Unclean! Unclean! -was heard.

Back in the day, when a leper was approaching a city, he had to shout "unclean!" so that the people would get away from him.

It was a very cruel disease. Lepers, as we have said, could not be with the people they loved. They

lived on the outskirts of the city with other people who had the same disease. People could only bring them food from a distance.

Their skin fell off slowly, they had a lot of pain, and their bodies weakened more and more as time went on. All the lepers lived a very sad life.

(Make a pause with silence...) You know what? We have a great disease.

Our disease is also very serious. It is a disease that slowly kills our hearts.

Sin is our disease.

All of us have sinned. Sin is all the bad things we do or say, such as lying, saying bad words, disobeying, mistreating someone, stealing, killing, wanting what is not yours, and all the many bad things we do or say.

Perhaps you may think: I only did a small sin. But these are very big sins.

Do you know that for God there are no small or big sins? All sins are alike and the Bible says: For the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23 p.p.). This means that the payment, or the price for sinning is to die.

But we previously studied that God is preparing a beautiful city for us to live in!

And now? Can't we go?

In Revelation 21:27, he says: "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Nothing bad will ever enter heaven.

But what happened to the leper?

The cries were now heard closer and closer... "Unclean! Unclean!", until suddenly they saw the leper approaching.

"Get out!", people were screaming. But Jesus didn't leave.

The leper came to Jesus and knelt at His feet.

Then the leper began to shout: "Lord, if you want, you can cleanse me." He wanted to be healed, and that is what he asked of Jesus: to be healthy.

This man was looking for a solution for his life. He wanted to go back to his friends and family.

Will there be a solution for us?

What will the solution be?

The Bible says in "Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our LORD." This means that God's gift to us is eternal life through Christ Jesus.

Wonderful! God granted us a solution! It is forgiveness through Jesus.

Jesus stretched out His hand and touched the leper, saying: "Be clean", and his leprosy instantly vanished!

Then Jesus said to him, ' Look, don't tell anyone; But show yourself to the priest, and present the offering that Moses ordered, to testify to them.

So we also have a solution....1 Corinthians 15:3, 4 " For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures."

Christ died in our place. He was born as a small baby and grew up like all of us. Then He innocently died on a cross. He had done nothing wrong and yet He died for everything we do. But on the third day, He rose and is now in Heaven, interceding before the heavenly Father. That means, that when we do something wrong and we repent, Jesus says to God: I died for this boy, or this girl. I took his/her place. Now all we have to do is to repent of all our sins, and ask God for forgiveness for all those bad things we do or say. But this must be done by heart. And our desire should be not to repeat those sins anymore. But if we ever do it again, we must turn our hearts to God and He will forgive us again.

Do you want to ask God for the forgiveness of your sins? He's waiting for you with open arms.

I'll help you.

Pray with me: Thank you for being our Father, for loving us so much, for giving us all that we have. I want to apologize for all the bad things I do and say. For lying, swearing, stealing, and disobeying. I'm asking you to help me not to do it anymore.

Thank you for giving us Jesus to die on the cross for us. I ask you to cleanse my heart of all these sins.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

What a good solution God gave us!

Let us thank God that we have a chance of salvation!

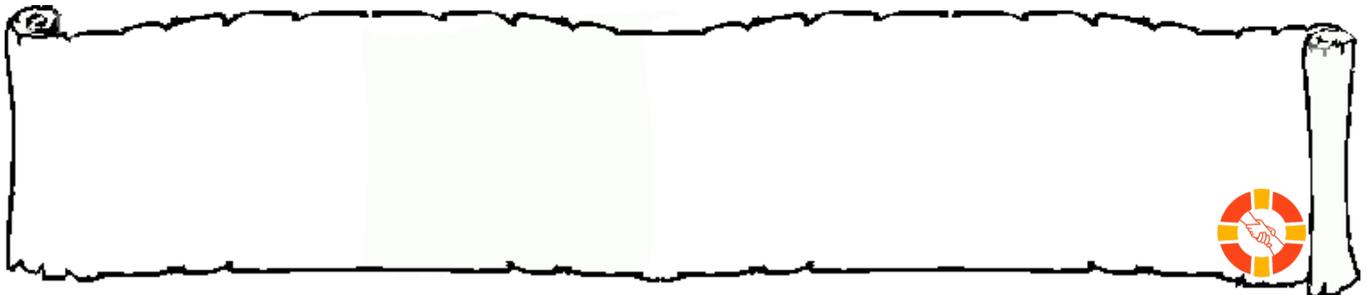
≡ Teaching the Bible Verse

Let us remember that this is a very special moment. It is when we record the word of God in the hearts of our students.

Prepare the Bible verse on a long poster in advance...write it on a line that we can later unroll.

- **Romans 6:23**
- **“For the wages of sin is death;**
- **but the gift of God**
- **is eternal life**
- **through Jesus Christ our LORD.”**

Follow the steps shown in the leaflet:



- **Introduction:** Do a little summary of the meaning of sin and the things we do, as a review of the lesson.
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the text.
- **Explanation:** Explain the difficult words. Don't forget to talk about the solution to sin: repentance, so as not to leave a negative thought in children.
- **Application:** It is the continuation of the explanation.
- **Repetition:** Find creative methods for this part.

≡ Time of Prayer

The time to talk to God. In this class we will pray for something we desire with all our hearts. Help the students to pray for those things that can really be achieved. For example: that they may improve in their studies, for their parents, for friends, etc..

Unite everyone by the hands, and pray. We can begin to pray, then let the children express their desires, and then we end the prayer. We call this type of prayer a conversational prayer.

Don't forget to give everyone a chance to pray.

≡ Optional activities

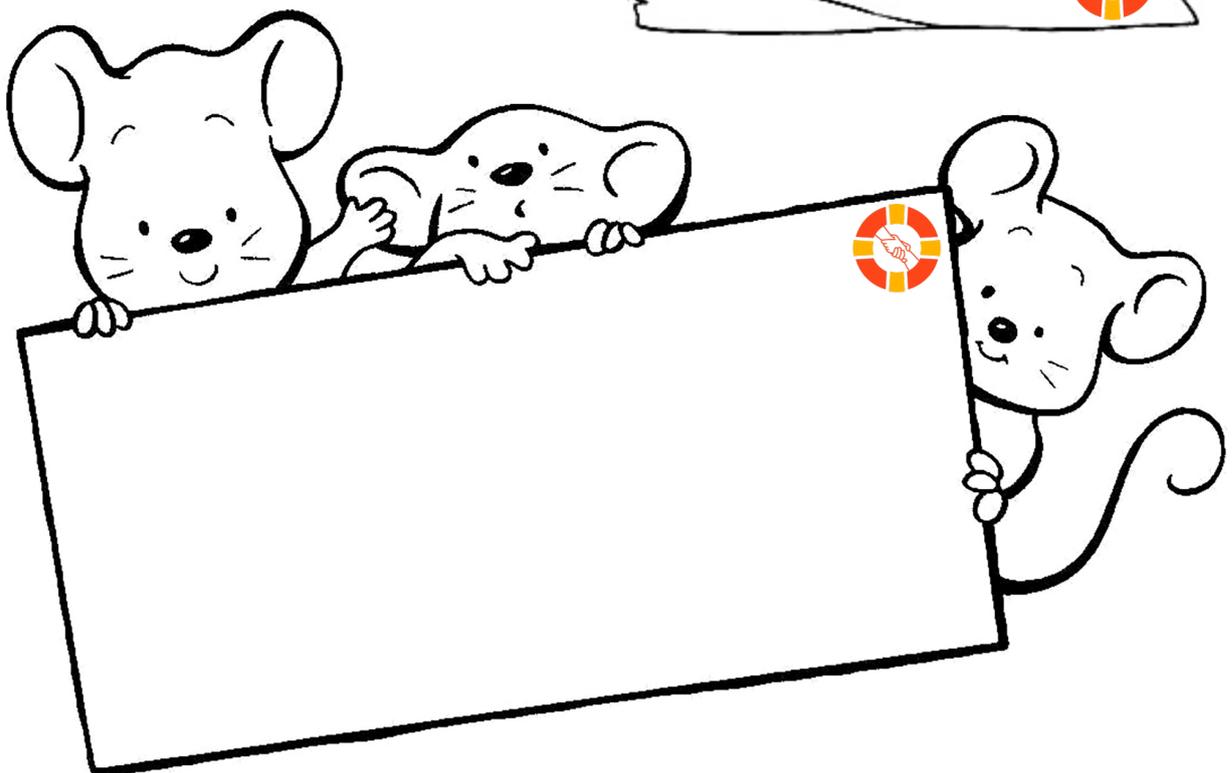
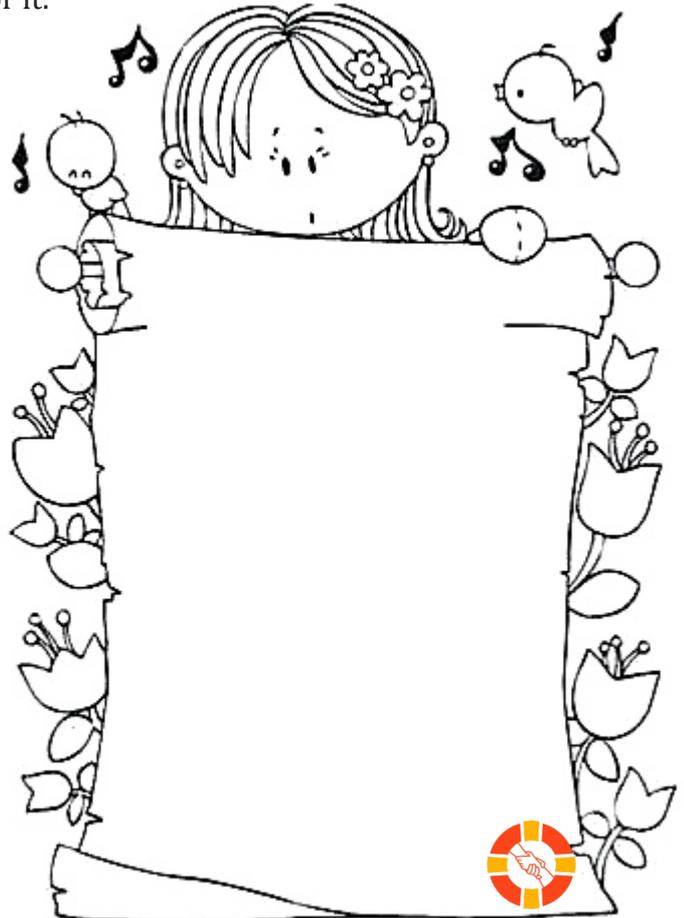
Distribute paper and pencils to everyone. Allow all the students to write their sins on their paper without showing it to others. Then let everyone throw them into a fire together. Pray, asking God for the forgiveness of all the sins we have committed, pleading that we may not do it again.

Explain how the Lord also forgets our faults.

≡ Craft of the day

Write the memory text in the drawing and color it.

For example:



≡ Day No. 5

A Solution For Man

≡ **Biblical base:** Isaiah 53:6, 1 John 1:7, John 10:17-18, 1 Peter 2:24, John 18, 19, 20.

≡ **Main topic or teaching:** God sent His son to save you.

≡ **Story:** The death of Jesus.

≡ **Objectives:**

That children may:

- Know the story of the death of Jesus.
- Understand the sacrifice of Jesus.
- Accept the sacrifice of Jesus

≡ **Materials**

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and memory verse as an illustration. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenirs with the Bible text of the day so that every child may take it home. Materials for crafts.

Welcome

Give the welcome in a happy and fun way. Greet the children as a group. You can start with a small act between the teachers reminding the kids of what was studied the day before.

Musical moment

Start with cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You can use a greeting song for this occasion.

Then teach the theme song of the day. Note the instruction leaflet.

Option: It Was Your Choice

≡ **Bible Lesson of the day**

Introduction

Bring some items like nails, a crown of thorns, or other things that were used at the death of Jesus. Another option is to start off by talking about the different ways of dying.

Lesson

Today we'll study about one of the saddest stories we've ever heard. We are going to study the story of Jesus and what He did for you and for me.

As you may have already heard, a long time ago God sent Jesus to the earth. He came here for a purpose. He was born in a stable. A stable was a place where animals lived. He was born there, from a mother like yours.

Jesus was a child like everyone else, but He had something different from the children of that time and now. He never committed any sin.

He grew up and began His work here on Earth. He helped people, healed the sick, resurrected the dead, preached and spent time with all the children. He told them stories and taught them beautiful

lessons about nature.

He had 12 friends who went with Him everywhere. They were His disciples. He spoke to them, teaching them every day and every hour.

One day, Jesus made a special request to His disciples. He sent them to a place where they would find a donkey. The disciples had to tell the owner of the animal that the teacher needed it.

Jesus was known by many people because they had witnessed the miracles He had done.

The disciples took the donkey to Jesus and He climbed onto the animal. They entered the city and all the people put clothes on the road and with palm branches they shouted: Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the Son of David!

After a few days, Jesus sent His friends to prepare a place to go to dinner together. He knew what was going to happen, and wanted to spend more time teaching them.

Then the disciples gathered in an upper chamber, and they dined there. At one point, Jesus said that one of those who were there would betray Him. They all began to murmur and wonder who it was. Some told Him that they were sure that they would never do it and even said that they were willing to give their lives for Jesus.

A few minutes later, someone left the room slowly so that no one would notice him. It was Judas.

After a while, when everyone finished, they left towards a mountain called the "Mount of Olives".

There Jesus wanted to pray to God, and to ask Him for strength. He asked the disciples to pray with Him and went up a little higher. But you know what? They fell asleep.

Jesus prayed for a while and then came down from the mountain.

Murmurs were heard of people approaching. They quickly all realized that soldiers were coming.

From the approaching crowd, Judas came out and kissed Jesus.

Jesus said to him, "with a kiss you betray the Son of God?"

You know what?

It's hard to understand Judas. But how many times do we do the same! We accuse a friend in front of the teachers without even talking to him first.

We tell everyone that we are friends, but when one makes a mistake, we say nothing at the moment, and then we accuse him to the adults. That does not mean that we are going to help others to do bad things. No, we must correct them, and let them know when they make mistakes. And if they don't listen to us, then we can go and talk to the adults.

Jesus had not committed any sin and yet was giving Himself to His enemies. They just wanted the death of Jesus. They didn't want Jesus to do miracles. They were persecuting Jesus.

We, unlike Jesus, have committed sins and deserve death.

We are lost, as the Bible says in Isaiah 53:6. We were lost like sheep; Each one went his own way, but the Lord took all our iniquity.

Jesus was willing to give His life for sinners. He knew that the only solution for man was to give His life for us. We all do bad things over, and over again. And we only obtain forgiveness through what Jesus did for us.

Jesus was brought before the authorities. There He was asked a number of questions so that they could find fault in Him. He was taken to different important officials around the country, but they could find no fault in Him. They whipped Him, put a crown of thorns on Him, mocked Him, and treated Him very badly.

People were furious and shouted "Crucify Him." He could have freed Himself, but He knew that He had to die for the sinner.

Pilate, who was the ruler at that time, brought Jesus before the multitude. It was a custom to release a prisoner at the Easter celebrations that were taking place at that time. Then he asked the crowd if they wanted him to release Jesus.

The whole crowd kept screaming and saying, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Pilate then asked: "And whom shall I release?"

The whole crowd shouted, "Barabbas! Release Barabbas!" Pilate asked for water and washed his hands. But he was afraid of the crowd, so he commanded Jesus to be killed.

We, unlike Jesus, have committed faults and deserve death, but Jesus did not fail. He never committed sin.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24).

Because Jesus died on the cross, we now have the possibility to be saved.

We have the possibility of going to heaven because of what Jesus did for each one of us on the cross.

He gave His life for all of us.

Jesus was crucified on a mountain called Calvary with two thieves. After being there, Jesus died and the earth shook.

Jesus was taken down from the cross and taken to a grave. There were soldiers guarding, so that no one would steal the body of the Master.

Suddenly the earth trembled and a light came out of the grave.

Jesus was resurrected. He resurrected and today He lives and is in heaven interceding for each one of us.

Now He can tell God: "Father, I have died for the sinner."

Jesus died taking the place that we should have taken. He died for everyone who accepts His sacrifice in their heart.

It's your turn to choose today—to accept Jesus in your heart and what He did for you.

Decide today to accept the Master- to accept the one who gave His life for you and for me.

≡ Teaching the Bible Verse

Let us remember that this is a very special moment. It is when we record the word of God in the hearts of our students.

Prepare the Bible verse on a scroll, like in antiquity.

- **Isaiah 53:6**
- **All we like sheep have gone astray;**
- **we have turned every one to his own way;**
- **and the LORD hath laid on him**
- **the iniquity of us all.**

Follow the steps as shown in the manual.

- **Introduction:** How can we show love to someone we love very much?
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. The teacher will read it loudly to accompany the children in the reading.
- **Explanation:** In this step, explain the most difficult words in the verse.
- **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn about this verse.
- **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

≡ Time of Prayer

Now is the time to talk to God. In this class, we will talk about prayer and give some comparisons.

For example: Prayer is like a traffic light. Sometimes God answers us with a no. Other times He

gives us a yellow light, meaning that we have to wait, and sometimes it is a green light, meaning answered prayer.

The Telephone of Heaven: Jeremiah 31:3.

Etc.

Allow a child to pray with your help today.

≡ Optional activities

Divide a sheet into two equal parts. It can be an A4 sized sheet.

The children will draw on each side of the sheet.

They will draw what Jesus did for each of us on one side, and on the other side what happened after the death of Jesus.

It is important that we do not help them as this will encourage them to think. If a child is unable to make the drawings, we can give them some indications, draw a model on the blackboard, or give them a little help.

Allow the children to color the pictures.

≡ Craft of the day

Paste pieces of paper into the children's hands in the praying figure to make a picture for them to take home. Make a small frame for the drawing.

For example:



≡ Day No. 6

Walk By My Side

≡ **Biblical Base:** Acts 9:1-31, Psalm 51:7, John 3:36, Revelation 3:20.

≡ **Main teaching:** God tells you to walk beside Him.

≡ **Story:** Call of Paul.

≡ Objectives

That children may:

- Understand that God desires us to walk by His side
- Learn how we can walk next to Jesus.
- Wish to walk with Jesus every day.

≡ Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and illustrated memory verse. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenirs with the Bible text of the day so that every child may take it home. Materials for crafts.

≡ Welcome

Give the welcome in a happy and fun way. Greet the children as a group. Present yourself to the kids along with the other people that will help lead the activities of the day.

≡ Musical moment

Start with cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You can use a greeting song for this occasion. Then teach the theme song of the day. Note the instruction leaflet.
Option: God Is Saying: Walk at my side

≡ Bible lesson of the Day

Introduction

Blind game. Cover the eyes of a child and allow them to walk for a moment without seeing anything. Make sure they do not see but are careful enough not to fall.

Lesson

Today we will study the story of a man named Saul.

Saul was a studious man of scripture. He liked to work with the priests who taught him. Once they gave him a difficult task: he had to find the people who believed in Jesus, and put them in jail.

Since he was very obedient, he fulfilled that task. Jesus ' disciples knew of those death threats, so they hid. But they still did not stop telling everyone about Jesus and what He did here on earth.

One day, Saul learned where the disciples were. So he went to the high priest and asked him for letters of expulsion for the synagogues of Damascus. He knew there were many followers of Jesus

there. He wanted to find these men and women on the roads or cities, and take them to Jerusalem as prisoners.

You know what? He thought that what he was doing was right, so he was determined to put all Christians in jail.

Every one of us has our life. And we think that everything we do is right, but maybe it's not. What do you do every day?

I'll tell you what I do. I get up early, prepare breakfast for everyone who lives in my house. I wake them up, we praise God together, and then we have breakfast.

Then each one goes to do his daily activities; some go study and others work.

What do you do? Maybe you study, maybe you play, maybe you work, and so on.

Each one of us has different activities and we each try to do everything as correctly as possible.

But let's get back to the story.

On the journey, it came to pass that, as Saul approached Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly shone around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying:

"Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me?"

It was impressive. A light coming down from the sky- bright, strong, and radiant. It was something indescribable. That light made Saul fall down.

Maybe a light has not appeared to you, but you have heard about what God did for us: He gave us Jesus to die in our place.

The Bible says in John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Now that we've heard what Jesus did for you and for me it's our turn to choose.

Do you know what it means choose? Choosing is to select one of two things.

We have two choices: We can either choose Jesus (and with Him we have eternal life); or reject it, which is to remain on the path to death.

There are two options, and one choice we have to make.

But what happened to Saul?

Saul asked:

— Who are you, Lord?

"I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest,"—replied the voice—. Get up and go into the city, because there I will tell you what to do.

The men who traveled with Saul were astonished, for they heard the voice, but they saw no one. Saul rose from the ground, and when he opened his eyes, he could not see. So his companions took him by the hand and guided him to Damascus. He was blind for three days, without eating or drinking anything.

There he was- blind and thinking about all that he had done against the disciples of Jesus.

And you; have you decided what decision to make?

Revelation 3:20 says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

God invites you to accept His invitation. He wants you to walk beside him, He wants you to accept being His son, and He wants to give you eternal life.

To walk with God is to accept Him and decide to always do His will. It is to follow Him every day, obeying His word.

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias, whom the Lord called in a vision.

— Ananias!

— Here I am, Lord.

— Go, and find the House of Judas, on the street called Right, and ask for a certain man named Saul

of Tarsus. He is praying and has seen a man named Ananias in vision, who will come and puts his hands on him to renew his sight.

Then Ananias replied:

– Lord, I have heard so much about this man and all the evil that has caused your saints in Jerusalem. And now we have him here, authorized by the Chiefs of Priests, to make prisoners of all those who invoke your name.

– Go- the Lord insisted- because that man is my chosen instrument to make my name known to both the nations and their kings, and the people of Israel. I will show him how much he will have to suffer because of my name.

Ananias left and when he came to the house, he laid hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the way, sent me to renew your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Something like scales immediately fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then Saul arose and was baptized; And, having eaten, he recovered his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples who were in Damascus, and then went on to preach in the synagogues, claiming that Jesus is the Son of God.

Saul heard God’s call and decided to walk with Him. What is your decision?

Are you choosing to walk with Jesus? But how do you walk with Jesus?

We have to open our hearts and tell God to live in us. Say as it is written in Psalm 51:7, “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”

If we ask the Lord to live in us, and to clean us up, then He will. We just have to ask.

Do you want to ask God to live in your heart and clean your heart?

Let us pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thank you for calling us to walk with you. Thank you for Jesus sacrifice in dying on the cross for me.

Now Lord, I ask you to live in my heart always; cleanse my heart and forgive all of my sins. Help me not to do them anymore.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Now we can be sure that we have chosen to walk with God. Now we can be sure that the Lord has forgiven us of all our sins.

But we must remember something. Always thank our Lord for His sacrifice. Pray every day for the forgiveness of your sins.

We must remember to read the Word of God every day. And don’t forget to attend Bible class, where we will learn more about how to walk with Him.

Thank you, God, because I can always walk beside you.

≡ Teaching the Bible Verse

Let us remember that this is a very special moment. It is when we record the word of God in the hearts of our students.

Prepare large cards beforehand with the Bible verse paraphrased.

- **Psalm 51:7,**
- **Purge me with hyssop,**
- **and I shall be clean:**
- **wash me,**
- **and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Follow the steps as shown in the manual.

- **Introduction:** How do we clean ourselves? How many times a day do we do it? How can we clean ourselves of sin?
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. The teacher will read it loudly to accompany the children in the reading.
- **Explanation:** In this step explain the most difficult words in the verse. Some of these include his-sop, purify me, clean, wash me, snow (in case the kids don't know what snow is)
- **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn about this verse.
- **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

≡ Time of Prayer

Let us remember that this time is special. It is the time to talk to God. Today we will dedicate prayer time to give thanks because we can walk with Jesus. Let all the kids get into groups. Each group will be with a teacher. Pray together, thanking God for encouraging us to walk by His side.

≡ Optional activities

Give the children a picture of a child walking with Jesus. Allow children to color the pictures. Give them the option to do it with watercolors, markers, or paint.

Below the drawing put a phrase that says: "Today I have decided: _____", allowing the children to complete it with their decision....

≡ Craft of the day

Help the children make a card to remember the day they decided to walk with the Lord.
For example:



≡ Day No. 7

A Special Home

≡ **Biblical Base:** John 14:1-3, Revelation 21; 22:1-3; Matthew 24:27.

≡ **Main theme or teaching:** God is preparing a dwelling place for you in heaven.

≡ **Story:** The Heavenly City.

≡ Objectives

That children may:

- Want to prepare for the second coming and go live with the Lord.
- Know about the city that God is preparing for us in heaven.

≡ Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and illustrated memory verse. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenirs with the Bible text of the day so that every child may take it home. Materials for crafts.

≡ Welcome

Give the welcome in a happy and fun way. Greet the children as a group. Present yourself to the kids along with the other people that will help lead the activities of the day.

≡ Musical moment

Start with cheerful songs that can motivate the group. You can use a greeting song for this occasion. Then teach the theme song of the day. Note the instruction leaflet.
Option: "Maybe"

≡ Bible lesson of the day

Introduction

Talk about the different types of houses that exist. Show examples in photos.

Lesson

Jesus was very fond of talking with His disciples. He always went out to the mountains to spend time with them. In His conversations, He always taught them.

They were worried about what would happen when the teacher was no longer with them.

One day the master said to them, "1Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:1-3).

He told them not to be anxious because He was going to prepare a dwelling place in heaven for all His children. He promised them that He would return again, to get them, and bring them to heaven to

live with Him.

And to you; have you ever been afraid like the disciples were?

Would you like to go live with the Lord in heaven?

The same promise that was made to the disciples is true for us today.

We will go to live in that city that Jesus is preparing for all his children very soon.

But... what will that city be like?

You know what? John was shown a vision, and the Bible tells us what he saw.

“1And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. He will wipe all their tears away. 4He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21:1-4)

He who sat on the throne said, “I make all things new!”

He showed Me the Holy city, Jerusalem, which came down from heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a precious stone, similar to a transparent Jasper stone. It had a large and high wall, and twelve doors guarded by twelve angels, in which were written the names of the twelve Tribes of Israel. Three doors were facing east, three to the north, three to the south, three to the west. The city wall had twelve foundations, in which were the names of the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

The angel who spoke with me wore a gold cane to measure the city, its doors and its wall. The city was square; The length was the same as the width. The angel measured the city with the cane, and measured two thousand hundred kilometers: its length, its width and its height were the same. He also measured the wall, and it measured sixty and five meters, according to the human measures that the angel gave. The wall was made of Jasper, and the city was pure gold, like a polished glass. The foundations of the city wall were decorated with all kinds of gemstones: the first with Jasper, the second with Sapphire, the third with Agate, the fourth with Emerald, the fifth with Onyx, the sixth with Carnelian, the seventh with Chrysolite, the eighth with Beryl, the ninth with Topaz, the tenth with Chrysoprase, the eleventh with Hyacinth and the twelfth with Amethyst. The twelve doors were twelve pearls, and each door was made of a single pearl. The main street of the city was pure gold, as transparent glass.

I did not see any temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need sun nor moon to shine it, because the glory of God illuminates it, and the lamb is its light.

Their doors will be open all day, for there will be no night.

Then the angel showed me a river with water of life, clear as crystal, that came out of the throne of God and the lamb, and ran through the center of the main street of the city. On each side of the river was the tree of Life, which produces twelve crops a year, one per month; And the leaves of the tree are for the health of nations. There will be no curse. The Throne of God and the lamb will be in the city and his servants will worship him.

How Wonderful! Have you imagined that city?

You know what? We have never seen that city, and it is difficult to imagine it, but it is so beautiful that it is impossible to fully imagine it.

But it will be wonderful to live there. There will be no death. We will also be able to see all the loved ones we have lost. We will be able to play with animals that we can't touch now; Animals like lions, leopards, tigers, and elephants. We will be able to fly with eagles, and other animals, swim with dolphins and whales. It will be so wonderful to live there!

But how can we get there?

Jesus will come looking for us with power and great glory.

The Bible says in Luke 21:27, "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

His coming will be like lightning.

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matthew 24:27).

All of us human beings that live on this planet will see the Lord come in the clouds of heaven.

Think with me for a moment... how should we live while we await Jesus' arrival? We have the answer in the Bible. In Titus 2:11-14 it says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Do you know why He's coming back?

He is coming to save all who await him. That's what it says in Hebrews 9:28.

Are you waiting for the Lord? Prepare to give your heart to the Lord every day.

≡ Teaching the Bible Verse

Prepare the visual of the Bible verse in advance for today. We can prepare a drawing with the heavenly city and behind it write the phrases of the Bible verse.

Bible verse memorization can be done before or after the lesson.

- **John14:2**
- **In my Father's house are many mansions:**
- **if it were not so,**
- **I would have told you.**
- **I go to prepare a place for you.**

- **Introduction:** One or two students will be called to come to the front. Then we ask them which type of house they would like to live in.
- Then talk about the city that the Lord is preparing us.
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the biblical verse. The teacher reads aloud to accompany the children in reading.
- **Explanation:** In this step, explain the most difficult words in the text.
- **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn about this verse.
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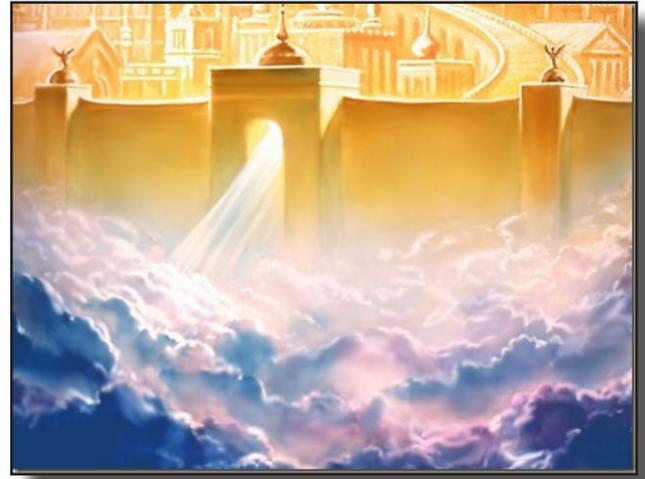
≡ Time of Prayer

We're going to talk to God. Remember that several days ago we have been talking about prayer? Today we will give the opportunity to a child from our class to pray; to talk with God about his heart's desires.

≡ Optional activities

Give the children pages so that they can draw how they imagine heaven.

For example:



☰ Craft of the day

Allow children to make paper trumpets. Let us remember the trumpets that the Angels will play when God comes to get his children.

Homemade trumpet

- 1 A paper towel tube
- Metallic paper
- 1 glass of Styrofoam (expanded polystyrene)
- Glue that does not affect the Styrofoam (without toluene)

Line the paper towel tube with the metallic paper or aluminum foil that we use for cooking. Stick the glass of Styrofoam on one of the ends, gluing it to its base.

Make a small hole in the glass to connect it with the paper roll. Then it should be ready!



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