

Jesus, My Saviour and Friend

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Introduction

Special emphasis

Two lessons from this evangelistic series talk about eternal life and other three lessons highlight the problem of sin. Therefore, the special emphasis is different in each lesson. However, if you prepare one of these lessons on its own, feel free to use a different emphasis.

The teaching of the special emphasis has been woven throughout the narrative, but to help you in your preparation the teaching sections have been highlighted with a line beside the text. These are also marked out in the lesson plan.

You may feel it necessary to adapt the applications to better suit the children you teach. For example, the application may use a boy's name, yet you have only girls present. It could be that the application given is more applicable to older children, while yours are very young. Make the changes you feel are necessary. The important thing is that the Word of God is applied to their lives.

Since this series is primarily for evangelisation, you may not need to apply the truths so much for the saved child. In each lesson an application for the saved child is given, but use your discretion according to the needs of the children attending.

Make yourself available for counselling

When you present the Gospel message, there will be children who will respond to it independently. They may or may not at a later date tell you that they have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. There will, however, be others who would like some help. They may have questions to ask; they may need help or encouragement in knowing what to say.

As you teach the saved children, there may be times when they would like advice in a difficult situation; they may need clarification on how a particular lesson applies to their daily lives; they may find themselves in a situation where they do not know what the Bible says they should do; they may want to share a difficulty so that you can pray for them, especially if you are the only Christian support they have.

For these reasons it is important that the children know you are available to talk. It is also important that they know when and where to go when they want to talk to you. Finally, it is essential that unsaved children do not confuse coming to the Lord Jesus with coming to you.

In all cases you should not make yourself available at the same time as giving the Gospel invitation, so that the children never get the impression that they cannot come to Christ without coming through you, or that they are saved simply by waiting to speak to you.

An example for use with the unsaved child

“Do you really want to live for the Lord Jesus, but don't know how to come to Him? I will be glad to explain it from the Bible; come and see me. I'll be standing by that tree when the meeting is over. Remember, I can't take away your sin - only the Lord Jesus can do that - but I will be glad to help you understand better how you can come to Him. Just come and sit with me under that tree.”

An example for use with the saved child

“If you have trusted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and you have never told me about it, please let me know. I'll be standing beside the piano after the meeting is finished. I would like to know if you too have trusted the Lord Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, so that I can pray for you and perhaps help you.”

Using the flashcards

Please read the Bible text carefully and then compare the passage with the pictures provided. Write the order of events accordingly. It is useful to notice that some flashcards are only for applications, either for the saved or the unsaved children. Feel free to use them at the end, or even during the lesson. It is wise to practise using the visuals before teaching the lesson to children.

Extra visual aids

On a piece of card print out the words of the special emphasis for each lesson; back it with pieces of flocked paper. (Use lower case letters, so that even the younger ones can read the words easily.) Put this card on the board at the beginning of the class or when you first teach the special emphasis in the lesson.

Additional helps

Along the left and right margins additional helps are provided, giving background information and optional ideas on how to add interest to your lesson.

Have the children participate in different the ways suggested to enhance the learning process. For effective learning, some children need to see or write, others need to hear or speak, others need to touch or handle, and still others need active participation.

You can use these ideas in your club as time allows.

Some of the ideas might be more suitable for younger children. We would encourage you to think of other ways to involve the children, but also to make sure their participation during the Bible lesson does not get out of control.

Review questions

For each lesson some review questions are given. These can be used after the lesson or the following week, before teaching the new lesson.

Review time, if conducted in an orderly way, can be an ideal opportunity to reinforce what you have taught, while still being fun for the children. You can use this time ...

- 1 to find out how much the children are understanding and remembering.
- 2 to help you as a teacher to know what you need to emphasise more so that the children will remember better.
- 3 to provide a time of fun in the class. The children like competition and look forward to this part of the programme. But it is more than just a game: it is a time of learning.

In this textbook only questions on the lesson are included. It would be profitable to include questions also on the songs, verse and whatever else you teach. In this way the children realise that every part of the programme is important.

Carry-over activity

This could be a wonderful way to provide the children with opportunities to apply the truth in a simple, practical and interesting way during the week. Make sure the idea provided is applicable to your own situation, and remember to include some time for discussions, prizes, etc next time.

If possible you should provide the children with the necessary cards, paper, etc to help them. If you have time, you could do this activity together in the class.

Overview

Lesson	Special emphasis	Application	Memory verse
Jesus heals a paralysed man Mark 2:1-12 Matthew 9:1-8 Luke 5:17-26	Jesus can forgive your sins	Unsaved: Come to Jesus with your sins Saved: Invite a friend to club to hear about the Lord Jesus	"... You may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins ..." Luke 5:24
Jesus calms the storm Mark 4:35-41 Matthew 8:18,23-27 Luke 8:22-25	Jesus is Lord of all	Unsaved: Repent of your sins Saved: Obey His Word each day	Review Luke 5:24
Jesus meets a Samaritan woman John 4:1-42	Eternal life is a gift from God!	Unsaved: Receive eternal life today! Saved: Tell others where they can find eternal life, especially those who are sometimes despised	"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 6:23
Jesus heals a centurion's servant Luke 7:1-10 Matthew 8:5-13	Only Jesus can meet your deepest need	Unsaved: Ask Him to take away your sins Saved: Tell Him all your problems	"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" Acts 4:12
The good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37	Good works cannot give you eternal life	Unsaved: Ask Jesus to give you eternal life Saved: Do good to others	Review Romans 6:23

Lesson 1

Jesus heals a paralysed man

Scripture for teachers

Mark 2:1-12

Matthew 9:1-8

Luke 5:17-26

Special emphasis

Jesus can forgive your sins

Application

Unsaved: Come to Jesus with your sins

Saved: Invite a friend to club to hear about the Lord Jesus

Note for the teacher

This lesson outlines the problem of sin in our lives. Sin was the greatest problem that the paralysed man had. The Lord Jesus dealt with his sin first, and so should we. The children need to learn that sin is a serious matter and that God provides forgiveness through Jesus.

Memory verse

“... You may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins ...” Luke 5:24

Visual aids

- ◆ Flashcards: 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6 and 1-7
- ◆ Wordstrips: “Jesus can forgive your sins” (special emphasis) and “Tell others that Jesus can forgive them” (application for the saved child)
- ◆ Map

Lesson outline

Introduction

“Don’t push anymore!”

Progression of events

- 1 Many people gather to hear Jesus talking about God **God is holy**
- 2 A man in Capernaum has a great problem
You are born with the problem of sin
- 3 His friends take him to Jesus and make an opening in the roof
- 4 Jesus - “Son, your sins are forgiven you”
Jesus was separated from God because of sin
- 5 “Why does He talk like that?”

Climax

Jesus proves that He can forgive sins - “Get up and walk!”

Conclusion

You can be forgiven today

Teaching the memory verse

Memory verse

“... You may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins ...” Luke 5:24

Introduction

If I told you I could pick up a rock and make it turn into bread, would you believe I had the power to do it? Of course not, but there is Someone Who does have the power to do absolutely anything, and that is Jesus, God the Son. Let's find out about something extra special He has the power to do.

Presentation

Explain that the verse is completely true because it is God's Word. Show them how to find the verse, then read it from your Bible. Let the children read with you from your visual.

Explanation

“you may know” - You can be absolutely sure.

“that the Son of Man” - In the Bible Jesus Christ (God the Son) is sometimes called the Son of Man.

“has power on earth to forgive sins” - Jesus is able to forgive sin because He took the punishment for sin by dying on the cross, then He came alive again. Sins are the bad things you do, or even say or think, that break God's laws.

Application

Unsaved: If you have not trusted Jesus to forgive your sin, you can do it today. Jesus has the power to forgive you if only you will ask Him.

Saved: If you have already trusted Jesus to forgive your sin, remember He has power not only to forgive your sins but also those of your friends. You can tell them how God can meet their need for forgiveness when they trust in the Lord Jesus as Saviour.

Repetition

“Clap a word”

Have one child turn his back to the class while another points to an important word in the verse. As the class says the verse, they should clap on that word instead of saying it. The child with his back turned then tries to guess which word was left out. Choose new volunteers and repeat several times.

Always repeat the verse a couple of times before beginning your repetition activity.

Lesson

Flashcard 1-1

★ **Introduction:** “Don’t push anymore!”

“Don’t push anymore! There is no more room inside!”

★ **Progression of events:** Many people gather to hear Jesus talking about God.

There were so many people in that house. The Bible tells us that Jesus had come again to Capernaum. The people gathered to hear Him and to see His miracles. Some very important people, the Pharisees and teachers of the law, came from every village of Galilee, Judea and Jerusalem. Can you imagine the crowd? There were so many inside and outside the house.

What was Jesus doing? He was preaching to them. He was telling them about God, His Father. He knew they needed to hear about God. Some might have read the Old Testament part of the Bible, which is the Word of God. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law knew God’s Word really well, but many of them did not know God.

I wonder, do you know God? Do you know that He is holy? That means He never thinks, says or does anything wrong. He is different from you and me. We all think, say and do wrong things. God calls these things “sin”. He loves you and me very much and wants us to live in Heaven with Him. But He will not tolerate our sins and cannot allow sin in Heaven, the wonderful place where He lives. He has to solve the problem of our sin which separates us from a holy God. It was about God that Jesus was talking to the crowd.

As they were listening, suddenly some more people tried to push in.

“Hey, get away from here! Can’t you see there is no room?” others muttered.

Who was trying to get into the house?

No visual

★ **Progression of events:** A man in Capernaum has a great problem.

There were four men who lived in Capernaum. They had a very special friend. He had a great problem. The Bible tells us that he was paralysed. That means he could not use his legs, and possibly not his hands. Can you think of some things that this man could not do?

Let the children answer.

Yes, he could not feed himself, play, walk, run, go to school or work. How sad. Maybe when he was a little boy, his parents took care of him. But now that he was big, all he could do was to wait for his friends to help him.

But he had another problem. He was born with sin in his heart. You were born like that, too. Nobody taught you to do bad things, yet you know how to sin. I am the same. Maybe you think, “I haven’t been



Show a map of the area, pointing out Capernaum and the Sea of Galilee. Children will enjoy looking at maps. Capernaum had become the centre of Jesus’ ministry since His rejection at Nazareth.

Let preschoolers be the crowd, standing and listening.

This may have been Peter’s house, where Peter’s mother-in-law had previously been healed.

Count to four with preschoolers.

When you teach about sin, define it, give examples, state the punishment for sin

and incorporate an appropriate Scripture verse. Help the unsaved child see that he has sinned and is in need of a Saviour.

really bad, like other children!" In God's Word we read, "In everything give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). This is God's command to you and me. Do you give thanks about everything, as God commands?

Maybe you say, "I don't like this doll!" or, "I want another car to play with!" Have you ever wanted another toy, even though you have so many? Perhaps when you go to school, you see your friends and you say to yourself, "I wish I could have nice clothes like her" or "I want a bike just like his" or "My computer is older than his." What have you done? You are not happy with what you do have. You are not thankful. You have disobeyed what God tells you to do in the Bible. What does the Bible say?

Let the children answer, then read 1 Thessalonians 5:18 from your Bible.

"In everything give thanks." When you and I do not give thanks we sin against God. This man sinned against God, too.

His friends said, "Jesus is in our town. He can heal you. He did it for others many times."

"Oh, could He really heal me?" he must have thought.

Flashcard 1-2

★ **Progression of events: His friends take him to Jesus and make an opening in the roof.**

His friends carried him through the streets to the house where Jesus was. As he lay helplessly on his mat, his heart started to beat faster.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if Jesus could solve my problem? Imagine being able to take care of myself, not having to wait for someone to help me!"

I wonder how he felt when he saw the crowds in front the house. Would Jesus be able to solve his problem? His friends believed Jesus could.

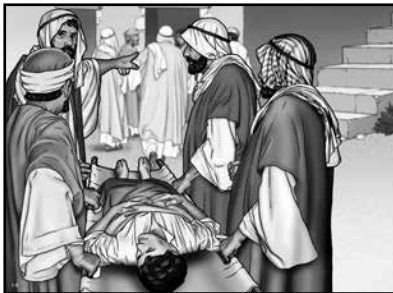
It was good that the four men wanted to bring their friend to Jesus. If you are saved, you can bring your friends to club so that they can learn how Jesus can forgive their sin.

There were so many people, would they be able to get into the house? But his friends had an idea.

"Let's go up onto the roof."

"Onto the roof?" you might think. The houses in Israel were different from ours. The roofs looked more like a terrace. There were stairs outside the house, which led to the flat roof. They must have struggled up the stairs. When they finally got up, they gently set the mat and their friend down.

"What are you doing?" the paralysed man said.



A typical eastern house of that time had steps up to the flat roof. The roof was usually made with crossbeams covered with thatch and hardened mud or with clay tiles.



Flashcard 1-3

“We’re making an opening in the roof!”

There was dust everywhere.

Let’s imagine we are in the house below. Look up! See what’s happening. There’s so much dust! We need to brush the dust off our shoulders.

Let the children act.

Perhaps all the people looked at the owner of the house. Maybe he glanced at Jesus. They were all puzzled. But Jesus knew what was happening. I think He stopped talking.

Flashcard 1-4

The four friends lowered the mat slowly, holding the ropes tightly. Everyone stared. They had never seen anything like that. What would happen? What would Jesus say?

Flashcard 1-5

Finally the mat was lowered into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus!

★ **Progression of events:** Jesus - “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

We read in the Bible that Jesus said to this man, “Son, your sins are forgiven you” (Mark 2:5).

Did Jesus not see he could not walk? Yes, but He knew about his other problem which was even more serious. What was this other serious problem? Yes, he was a sinner. But how could the Lord Jesus say that? Can He forgive sins?

Yes, He can. Jesus is God’s perfect Son. Some time after this, He was going to die. As He was hanging on the wooden cross, God punished Him for all our sins - the paralysed man’s, yours and mine. At noon time, the sun stopped shining. Darkness covered the land for three hours. God turned His face away because He will not allow sin in His presence and Jesus, His Son, was paying for our sin. Jesus was separated from God the Father and was left alone. Finally He cried, “It is finished!” (John 19:30). The punishment for our sins was paid. He doesn’t have to die again. You don’t need to be on a cross, because His death was enough. Today He is alive in Heaven and He can forgive your sins. This is why Jesus could say to the man, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Do you remember that some important people were also in the house? Who were they?

Let the children answer.

★ **Progression of events:** “Why does He talk like that?”

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law started to complain.

“Why does He talk like that? This is terrible! No-one can forgive sins except God!”

Children would enjoy acting out this part of the story with your guidance. You may want to bring a tile for the children to touch to help them remember.

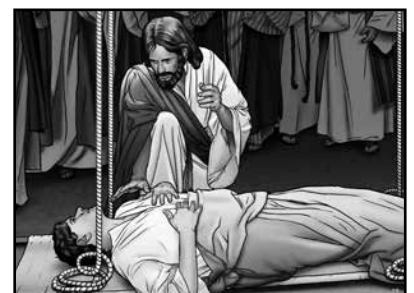


Have children look up and pretend to watch the man being lowered through the roof into the room.

Read (or have an older child read) these important words from your Bible.

Have the unsaved child understand that Jesus came to take the punishment for his sin. Jesus is the solution to his need for forgiveness.

Show card with special emphasis - “Jesus can forgive your sins”.



It was easier to say one's sins are forgiven because that is not immediately proved or disproved. To say a person is healed is more difficult because the results are immediately seen. In healing the man, Jesus was proving His power and authority as God to also forgive sins.



Stand up and walk. Let preschoolers pretend to be walking for the first time.



But Jesus knew their thoughts. Why? Because He is God, God the Son. He turned to them and said something very important. Would you like to know what He said? Let's read it from the Bible.

Read from Mark 2:8b-11 or have an older child help you do this.

★ **Climax: Jesus proves that He can forgive sins - "Get up and walk!"**

"Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

Jesus was saying to them, "I have done an invisible miracle - I have forgiven this man's sin. But you cannot see that. Now, to prove what I say, I will do a visible miracle, I will make this man walk."

The Son of Man has power to forgive sins. This is what Jesus said. He is the One God promised to send. He is God the Son and He has the power to forgive your sins too. Not after you die, but here on earth. The Bible says, "Whoever believes in Him will receive remission [forgiveness] of sins" (Acts 10:43b). You must tell Him about your sins and believe that He took the punishment for your sins. No other person can forgive you. No saint, no priest, no pastor, no preacher, not even your parents. Only Jesus. If you have never come to Jesus with your sins, come today. If you want to know more, or you don't know how to do this, wait at the end in the front row and I will talk to you. I will be happy to show you from the Bible how you can have your sins forgiven. Jesus said to everyone that He has power to forgive sins.

Flashcard 1-6

How could Jesus prove that He was God and could forgive sins?

Well, He told this man, "Get up and walk."

Everyone watched closely. Some must have come even closer. The paralysed man's friends were watching from the roof. He moved his legs and then jumped up onto his feet. He could hardly believe his eyes. Amazing! His legs were strong enough to hold him. But could he walk as well? One step, two steps. Yes, for the first time in his life, he could walk!

The people said, "Praise God! We have never seen anything like this!"

His friends were so happy. This man went home forgiven and healed.

Flashcard 1-7

★ **Conclusion: You can be forgiven today.**

You can go home forgiven too. If you have never come to Jesus with your sins, come today. Tell Him, "Dear Lord Jesus, I am sorry for all

my sins. I believe that when You died on the cross, You were punished in my place. Thank You that You are alive and can forgive me.” The Bible says He will forgive you (Acts 10:43b, 1 John 1:9).

If you have come to Jesus with your sins and you know that you are forgiven, do you have friends who need to be forgiven? Pray for them and be like the four friends. Tell them that Jesus can forgive them.

Review questions

- 1 Where did the people gather to hear Jesus? (In a house in Capernaum.)
- 2 What were the two problems that the paralysed man had? (Sinful and could not walk.)
- 3 What did his friends do to take him to Jesus? (Made an opening in the roof.)
- 4 Why is it a sin to grumble? (We disobey God’s command, “Be thankful for all things”.)
- 5 Why can the Lord Jesus forgive sins? (He is God and He was punished on the cross for our sins.)
- 6 What did the Pharisees think when the Lord forgave this man’s sins? (No-one forgives sins except God.)
- 7 What did the Lord do to prove that He was God and had forgiven the man’s sins? (He told the man to get up and walk!)
- 8 What did the people do when they saw the paralysed man walking? (They were amazed and praised God.)
- 9 What must you do to have your sins forgiven? (Believe that Jesus died in my place and ask Him to forgive me from all my sins.)
- 10 What does Luke 5:24 say about forgiveness? (“You may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins.”)

Carry-over activity

Invite a friend

Photocopy the invitation on page 45 and fill in the blanks of place, time, etc. A child who wishes could pick up one or two invitations.

Can you think of a friend just now, maybe somebody who is in your class at school? Wouldn’t it be wonderful if he could come to club to hear about Jesus and how to have his sins forgiven.

You could take one of these invitations (*show one*) and colour it in for him. Pray for him each day this week, asking God for an opportunity to invite him to club next week.

Be sure to make an application here for saved children so the lesson is also practical for them.

Show card with application for the saved child - “Tell others that Jesus can forgive them”.

Review game

Questions and points

Materials needed: Two small paper bags or envelopes, small papers with question numbers and points.

Place slips of paper labelled with review question numbers in a bag or envelope labelled with a “Q”, and slips with point values in one with a “P”.

For each turn, a child draws a number from “Q” and the team is asked the corresponding question.

If answered correctly the child draws from “P” and his team earns those points.

The next team then has a turn.

If you choose not to divide into teams, you may want to challenge the class as a whole to reach a certain total number of points.

Carry-over activity

Helping friends

Role-play several situations children might encounter in which a friend has a need (eg sickness, loneliness, death of a pet or loved one, parents' divorce, poor grades in school, etc).

Ask one child to be the friend with a need, then allow several children to demonstrate ways to meet that need.

For preschoolers: Use situations preschoolers can identify with (eg no toys or friends to play with, missing mum and dad, falling down and getting hurt, etc).

Lesson 2

Jesus calms the storm

Scripture for teachers

Mark 4:35-41

Matthew 8:18,23-27

Luke 8:22-25

Special emphasis

Jesus is Lord of all

Application

Unsaved: Repent of your sins

Saved: Obey His Word each day

Note for the teacher

This lesson is ideal for class participation. However, if the children are older, you might want to use questions instead.

Memory verse

Review Luke 5:24

Visual aids

- ◆ Flashcards: 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6 and 2-7
- ◆ Wordstrips: “Jesus is Lord of all” (special emphasis) and “Obey His Word each day” (application for the saved child)
- ◆ Map

Lesson outline

Introduction

Have you ever been in a rowing boat?

Progression of events

- 1 Jesus tells His disciples to cross the Sea of Galilee **God created all things**
- 2 Suddenly a furious storm started!
- 3 They are in great danger
Because of sin,
you are in danger
- 4 We are going to drown!
- 5 Jesus tells the wind and the waves - “Quiet! Be still!” **Jesus obeyed the Father**

Climax

All is calm!

Conclusion

“Who is this who commands even the winds and the waves?”

Show a map and let the children locate the Sea of Galilee. You may also want to point out the mountains around the lake as this will become significant when talking about the storm. Children benefit from locating places on a map.



Let preschoolers pretend to get into a boat.

The fishing boats used by the disciples were large enough for all of them but small enough to sink under a large catch of fish. Some of the boats had sails, but it is likely that most, including this one, did not (see Mark 6:48). *Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, page 986.

Show card with special emphasis - "Jesus is Lord of all".



The high hills and narrow valleys surrounding the basin of the Sea of Galilee act as wind tunnels, often producing sudden storms and

Lesson

★ **Introduction:** Have you ever been in a rowing boat?

Have you ever been in a rowing boat? I have, and it was fun. But when it was my turn to row, I found it hard. You have to pull really hard, with both hands at once. I was glad when we reached the shore!

The Lord Jesus and His disciples had crossed the Sea of Galilee many times. The disciples were good at rowing. Do you have any idea why?

Let them answer.

Yes, many of them were fishermen. Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John knew many things about boats and water.

Flashcard 2-1

★ **Progression of events:** Jesus tells His disciples to cross the Sea of Galilee.

One day, after Jesus taught the people by the lake, He told His disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake."

The Bible says that they left the crowd behind, got into a boat and set out. Perhaps it was James, John, Peter and Andrew who started to row.

Did the disciples realise who Jesus was? Did they understand yet that He is Lord of all? He created all things (John 1:3) - the sea, the sky and ... What else did He create?

Let the children answer.

God controls the sun and moon, when they rise and when they set. He controls the clouds and tells the sea how far it may come. In the Bible we read, "He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth'" (Job 37:6). He is the Creator. He created you and me. Because He is Lord of all, He can tell us what we must do. He knows what is best for us and we must do what He tells us. He told the disciples to get into this boat and they obeyed. In the Bible Jesus tells us, who are His followers today, what to do. One of His commands is, "Do not be afraid; only believe" (Mark 5:36). When others try to make us doubt God or what the Bible says, remember to do what Jesus said - "Do not be afraid; only believe." Because He is God you can trust Him.

As they were sailing, maybe they talked about the parables they had heard that day. The night was beautiful and the sea seemed so calm.

Flashcard 2-2

★ **Progression of events:** Suddenly a furious storm started!

Suddenly, without any warning, a furious storm started. The waves began to break over the boat. They were so big! The boat was starting to fill with water. Let's help the disciples row.

Younger children would enjoy acting this out.

Row harder! Oh, we need to bail the water out. Can you help me? Faster!

You must control this time of involvement and tell them precisely when to stop. Don't make this moment too long.

Flashcard 2-3

★ **Progression of events: They are in great danger.**

They were in great danger. The Bible says they were in danger of sinking. They must have been really afraid. What a big problem they had. They did all they could, but it was no use.

Maybe you think, "I have never been in danger of death." But do you know that you too are in great danger? The Bible says, "for all have sinned" (Romans 3:23) and "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). That means that you are in danger of being separated from God forever. The Bible says, "Children, obey your parents" (Ephesians 6:1). But you can't do that all the time. Have you ever got angry and shouted at your parents? "No, I don't want to do that!" Maybe your mum asked you to tidy up your bedroom and you got upset, "Why me all the time? Tell my sister to do it!" Disobedience is sin against God. Sin must be punished. You and I deserve to be separated forever from God. No matter how hard we try to be better, we can't. No matter what we do to escape from the punishment of sin, we can't. In the same way, the disciples tried everything they could, but they were still in great danger.

★ **Progression of events: We are going to drown!**

They must have shouted at each other.

"Faster, Andrew!"

"Move, John!"

But the waves were just as big. They thought they were going to die.

What was Jesus doing? Let's see what it tells us here in the Bible.

Read Mark 4:38a from your Bible.

"He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow."

You see, Jesus had a body like ours. The only difference is that He never sinned. In an amazing way He was not only man, but He was also God, God the Son. As a man, He got tired. He worked so hard all day and now He was asleep. He was a real man and He knows what it is like to be tired.

Flashcard 2-4

Let's read what the disciples did.

Read Mark 4:38b from your Bible.

"They awoke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?'"

squalls, especially toward evening. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary, N.T. Edition, page 122.*



Help the unsaved child see the seriousness of sin.

Share examples appropriate to your group. Examples of preschool sins might include fighting over a toy, pushing someone, not doing what mum or dad says to do.

Children would enjoy acting out this part of the story.

Jesus had found a resting place in the stern of the boat on a sailor's leather rowing cushion.

Preschoolers will enjoy pretending to sleep.



Ask, "What would you do if you were one of those disciples?" Letting children discuss their feelings as they relate to the Bible characters helps to make the story come alive for them. Discussion times are particularly helpful for children.

Jesus literally ordered the wind and waves to "be muzzled" or "be silent and remain so". His words and their effect showed His total authority as the Creator God.

Help unsaved children to see the wonder of God's love for them in spite of their sin.



Mark 4:39 seems to indicate that there were no residual waves after the storm ceased, as would normally be the case. This was a supernatural calm. Help children to appreciate this for the miracle that it is.



Would Jesus hear this cry? The waves and the winds made such a terrible noise. The Bible says that when someone cries for help, He hears (Jeremiah 33:3). Every time you pray, He hears you. Even when you whisper or pray silently. When you turn to the Lord Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He hears your call and takes them all away.

Flashcard 2-5

★ **Progression of events:** Jesus tells the wind and the waves - "Quiet! Be still!"

Jesus got up.

"You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" He asked the disciples.

Then the storm heard the voice of God. Jesus said, "Quiet! Be still!"

Jesus told the wind and the waves what to do. He is Lord of all.

Jesus tells you what you must do. Not only did He create you, He also died for you. Just before He died, He was taken before the high priest, where He was accused. But He never did anything wrong. He always obeyed His Father in all that He did. The Bible says that He did not defend Himself against their lies (Mark 15:3-5). When the soldiers mocked Him and pulled His beard and spat on His face, He did not answer back. He did not call the angels to strike them dead. He was like a lamb that is silent. He went through all the suffering for you. This was the only way for you and me to be saved from our sins. Jesus obeyed His Father and went to the cross. He rose after three days and today He lives with His Father in Heaven. He is Lord of all! He has the right to tell you what to do, just as He had the power to tell the waves and the wind to be calm.

Oh, the waves were so big. How could a few words make them go away? The wind was so fierce! How could Jesus' voice make it die down?

Maybe the disciples thought, "That's impossible!"

Flashcard 2-6

★ **Climax:** All is calm!

But, suddenly ... the wind died down and the waves became calm. Listen to what the Bible says.

In a quiet voice, read Mark 4:39 from your Bible.

"Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still!' And the wind ceased and there was a great calm."

The disciples looked at each other. They had never seen anything like that. The danger was gone.

"Do you still have no faith?" Jesus asked them.

★ **Conclusion:** "Who is this who commands even the winds and the waves?"

As they took hold of their oars again, they were amazed and full of fear.

The disciples wondered, "Who is this? He commands even the winds

and the waves, and they obey Him.”

Flashcard 2-7

Jesus tells you what you must do. He did all that was necessary for you. He died and rose again. What will you do with what Jesus has done for you? God’s Word tells us ...

Read Acts 3:19 from your Bible.

... “Repent ... and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.”
“Repent” just means turn around and face in the opposite direction.

You could demonstrate this by doing a U-turn.

If you have never turned from your sin to follow the Lord Jesus, you can do that now. Right where you are, you can pray, “I am sorry for my sins. Lord Jesus, I believe that You are God who created me. I believe that You died and rose again for me. Please forgive me and save me from my sin.” When you turn to the Lord Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He hears your call and takes them all away.

He wants you to obey Him by turning from your sin and following Him. If you don’t know how, I can help you from the Bible. You may stay behind and I will know that you want to talk with me.

If you have believed in God and you know that you are saved, then He tells you what to do. Read His Word each day and do what He tells you.

If you have Christian children attending you could develop the application as follows.

- ◆ If you read “Children, obey your parents” (Ephesians 6:1), how could you put that into practice?
Let children answer.
- ◆ If you read “Be patient with all” (1 Thessalonians 5:14), how could you obey God?
- ◆ If you read “In everything give thanks” (1 Thessalonians 5:18), when and where could you obey?

The wind and the waves did what Jesus told them. What about you?

Pray to end the lesson. Ask God to help children to turn from their sin and to obey Him.

Review questions

- 1 What did the Lord Jesus tell the disciples to do? (To cross the Sea of Galilee.)
- 2 Why does He have the right to tell us what to do? (He is God and He created us.)
- 3 What happened suddenly? (A furious storm started.)
- 4 What was the great danger? (They were in danger of drowning.)
- 5 What is our great danger? (Because of our sins, we are in danger

Invite children to receive the Lord Jesus.



Be sure to counsel children who stay behind. See “Steps for counselling the child who wants to come to Christ” (back cover).

Help saved children to apply this story to their lives.

Show card with application for the saved child - “Obey His Word each day”.

Review game

Finish the face

Materials needed:

A marker and one large sheet of paper.

Draw two large circles on a piece of paper.

Label one circle "teacher" and the other "class".

For each correct answer on the first try, the children may draw one feature (eye, mouth, hair, etc) on the class circle.

When a question is not answered correctly on the first try, a feature is added to the teacher circle.

Whoever's face is most complete at the end of the game wins.

You may want to print situations on slips of paper, toss them into a paper bag and let children take turns drawing from it.

of being separated forever from God.)

- 6 What did the disciples do when they realised they couldn't control the boat? (They woke Jesus and asked Him to help them.)
- 7 How can you call Jesus and ask Him to help you with your sins? (I must pray and tell Him I believe He is the only One Who can save me from sin. I must trust that what He did on the cross is enough to save me.)
- 8 Why can Jesus save you from the punishment of sin? (Because God punished Jesus in our place and God raised Him from the dead to prove that His death was enough.)
- 9 What obeyed the Lord Jesus' commands in this story? (The wind and the waves.)
- 10 What does Luke 5:24 say? ("You may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins.")

Carry-over activity

I want to obey God

Make photocopies of the boat on page 46.

On the picture of the boat, write about a situation when you want to obey God this week.

Carry-over activity

What if?

Discuss various situations children may face and suggestions of how they can obey God in those circumstances. Use "what if?" questions, for example ...

- ◆ What if your mother gave you some food you don't like?
- ◆ What if you were one of the last people picked for the football team?
- ◆ What if you forgot to do your homework and the teacher asked you where it is?

Conclude by emphasising that God will help the Christian child to do what is right. But you do not become a Christian by trying to be good. You need to turn from your sin and turn to the Lord Jesus and ask Him to forgive you and make you His child.

Lesson 3

Jesus meets a Samaritan woman

Scripture for teachers

John 4:1-42

Special emphasis

Eternal life is a gift from God!

Application

Unsaved: Receive eternal life today!

Saved: Tell others where they can find eternal life, especially those who are sometimes despised

Note for the teacher

With an older class, you can bring a map of Israel in Bible times and help them find various locations. Get familiar with different towns from the Bible and be prepared to share a little about the history of the Samaritans. The Samaritans were Jews who had mixed with non-Jews many years ago. Therefore, the real Jews hated and despised the Samaritans so much, that most of them would never go through Samaria on their way from north to south!

Memory verse

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” Romans 6:23

Visual aids

- ◆ Flashcards 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6 and 3-7
- ◆ Wordstrips: “Eternal life is a gift from God!” (special emphasis) and “Tell others where they can find eternal life, especially those who are sometimes despised” (application for the saved child)
- ◆ Map
- ◆ Glass of water
- ◆ Drinks for children

Lesson outline

Introduction

Find different towns and regions on the map

Progression of events

- 1 Jesus and the disciples leave Judea and go through Samaria

God loves all people

- 2 Jesus sits down by the well and meets the Samaritan woman

Sin makes you feel guilty

- 3 Jesus - “Will you give me a drink?”

Jesus died to give us eternal life

- 4 Samaritan woman - “Give me this water!”

Climax

The Samaritan woman goes back into her village - “Come and see a Man ...”

Conclusion

People from Sychar believe

The gift of God is eternal life though Jesus Christ

Lesson

★ **Introduction:** Find different towns and regions on the map.

Have a map of Israel and work out different locations with the older children. With the preschool children, you can make it short and simple.

Where was Jesus born?

Let the children answer.

In Bethlehem of Judea.

Have someone show it on the map.

This was in the south. But He grew up in Nazareth. Where was that?

Show on the map.

Up north in Galilee. What region was in the middle?

Have children come and see on the map.

Samaria. Who lived in Samaria? The Samaritans. They were not real Jews. Many years ago, they had mixed with people who were not Jews. This is why the Jews from Judea and Galilee did not like the Samaritans. They never talked to them. If anyone wanted to go from Judea to Galilee, they would never go through Samaria, but take a longer route.

★ **Progression of events:** Jesus and the disciples leave Judea and go through Samaria.

One day, Jesus and His disciples left Judea and went back to Galilee. Do you know what Jesus did? Something that the Jews would never do!

Let the children answer.

Yes, He went through Samaria. Maybe the disciples were worried about that, but did not dare ask Him why.

Why did He go through Samaria? He is the Son of God. God loves all people from all continents, countries, colours and races. The Bible teaches us, "God so loved the world ..." (John 3:16). That means everyone - you and me, tall or small, old or young. Maybe you are too small to read - He loves you! Maybe you don't have rich parents - He loves you! Maybe you are not so good at sports - He loves you too! Maybe you can't sing very well - He loves you just the same! He loved the Jews, but He also loved the Samaritans. This is why He went through Samaria. As Christians, we are to be like the Lord Jesus. We should tell others the good news about the Lord Jesus Christ, even those who are not accepted by others.

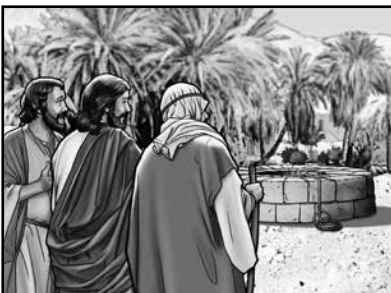
Flashcard 3-1

★ **Progression of events:** Jesus sits down by the well and meets the Samaritan woman.

They got to a place called Sychar, near a well that Jacob had dug many hundreds of years before. The disciples went to buy some food, and Jesus sat down by the well. It was the sixth hour, which means noon time (midday). It was so hot in that land and Jesus got tired and thirsty. He was a real man, with a body like ours. He never sinned in His body, but He got tired, thirsty and hungry just like us. Oh, how He longed

Point out the direct route on the map, as well as the route around Samaria (along the east bank of the Jordan) which most Jews took.

The unsaved child needs to know that God loves him personally and unconditionally. Use Scripture to give authority to your teaching.



Show the children a glass of water. Letting the children see the water and perhaps dip their finger in it will make this part of the lesson

to drink some water. But the well was so deep, and the Lord had no jar to get water with.

Flashcard 3-2

As He was waiting, a woman came to the well to draw water. This was one of the despised Samaritans that Jesus had come all this way to meet and to help. She was alone. That was strange, because usually all women would come together to draw water from the well in the evening, when it got cooler. Why was she coming now?

She was ashamed to be seen by the other people from the village, because she had done many bad things. But you and I are the same. Have you ever been bad to your friends and then you were ashamed to go and play with them again? Maybe you didn't do your homework and then you didn't want to go to school. Maybe you even skipped class. Sin makes you feel guilty. But most of all, your sin makes God feel sad. God cannot accept sin in His presence. The punishment for sin is to be separated from God forever (Romans 6:23a). God must punish your sin and this woman's sin. She knew she was a sinner and that is why she tried to avoid other people.

As she came closer and closer, she saw a man sitting. Maybe she became nervous. It was a Jew! Oh, no ...

Maybe she thought, "I will draw water quickly and say nothing."

★ **Progression of events:** Jesus - "Will you give me a drink?"

"Will you give me a drink?" Jesus said to the Samaritan woman.

"You are a Jew! I am a Samaritan. How can you ask me?" she answered.

Flashcard 3-3

But Jesus replied, "If you knew the gift of God and Who I am, you would ask for living water."

Gift of God? Living water? What is this? The woman did not understand. Do you understand? The Bible tells us that "the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23b). Eternal life is life with God forever.

But the Samaritan woman did not understand. All she could think of was the well.

"Sir, you have no jar. The well is deep. Are you greater than Jacob, who made this well?"

Jesus told her something very important.

Read from the Bible, or have an older child read.

"Whoever drinks the water I give him, will never thirst again. He will have eternal life" (from John 4:14).

Eternal life is a gift from God - for this woman, for you and me. Jesus

more concrete. Be sure to have drinks on hand for children (especially preschoolers) to enjoy now or at another point in the class.

Discuss with the children what it would be like to have to carry their water from a well each day. Discussion times can help children understand concepts.



Pretend to carry jar.



Read (or have an older child read) the verse from your Bible.

Show card with special emphasis - "Eternal life is a gift from God!"

told her that He can give us eternal life. Why? Because He left His perfect home in Heaven and came to earth. He let the soldiers beat His back, spit on Him and mock Him. He carried His cross to Calvary and was crucified between two criminals. He suffered so much and He died. He had no sin, but He accepted to be punished in our place. The Bible tells us that “whoever believes in Him should not perish [will not be punished for sin] but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Eternal life is life together with God, a new life where Jesus is with you.

Jesus can give you this gift today. If you want to have eternal life and you don't know what to do, I can show you from the Bible. Please stay behind near the board and I will come and talk to you. Eternal life is so important.

Flashcard 3-4

★ **Progression of events: Samaritan woman - “Give me this water!”**

The woman wanted to have this living water.

She said, “Give me this water!”

But Jesus wanted her to understand that it was a gift. She could do nothing to buy it, or earn it. No-one can be good enough to get eternal life. This woman was a sinner who needed the gift of God.

“Get your husband,” Jesus told her.

“Oh, no ...” Her face must have looked very sad because she had lived with so many men. She had not obeyed God. What could she tell Him?

“I have no husband,” she said quietly and ashamed.

“You are right!” Jesus told her. “You had five and the one you live with is not your husband.”

“Sir, I can see you are a prophet. I know Christ will come and He will tell us all things.”

Jesus said, “I am He.”

The woman believed what Jesus said.

Flashcard 3-5

★ **Climax: The Samaritan woman goes back into her village - “Come and see a Man ...”**

She was so excited that she forgot about the water she had come to get in her jar! She left it by the well and went back into the city. The Bible tells us that she told everyone she had met Jesus. Listen to what she said.

Read John 4:29 from your Bible.

“Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ [the promised Saviour]?” (John 4:29).

She believed! She received the gift of God, eternal life!



Hold up five fingers and let preschoolers count.



Pretend to enter the city and invite others to meet Christ. Preschoolers in particular would enjoy this.

You can receive eternal life today! Then you too can tell others about the Saviour, as this Samaritan lady did. Can you think of someone just now, with whom you can share the good news this week?

If there are Christian children present, you could develop the application thus:

If you have already received the gift of eternal life, you could help someone else to know about this gift which Jesus can give. Maybe you know a boy who is made fun of, or left out of games, or just despised, as this woman in Samaria was. Is there a girl in your school who is not popular because she has a different colour of skin, doesn't speak your language very well, or hasn't got nice clothes? Ask God to help you be kind to that child, just as Jesus was kind to this lady. Play with that girl or boy. Tell her or him the story of the Samaritan woman.

Flashcard 3-6

★ **Conclusion:** People from Sychar believe.

The people of Sychar came to the well to see Jesus for themselves. They listened as He taught them wonderful truths about God and about themselves. They realised that Jesus was different from anyone else they had met. They asked Him questions. They asked Him to stay with them in Sychar for two days, so that they could learn more. Many of them saw for themselves that Jesus was indeed the promised Saviour.

They believed in Him and said to the woman, ...

Read John 4:42 from your Bible.

... "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" (John 4:42).

Isn't it wonderful what happened when the lady told the people of Sychar about Jesus! If you have received eternal life, you can tell others that Jesus can give them this gift.

Flashcard 3-7

The Bible says, "The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23b). If you believe that Jesus died and rose for you, you will receive eternal life. It is a gift. You cannot pay for it. Being good will not be enough. All you can do is to receive this gift.

I want to give you a pen. Who would like to have it?

The child who actually comes and takes it from your hand receives the pen.

Just as you came and took my gift, so you must come and tell God, "I believe Jesus died in my place and rose again, so that I can have eternal life. Please forgive me for my sins so that I can live with You forever."

Come today and receive this amazing gift of eternal life!

If you have received the gift of eternal life, you should tell others the good news about the Lord Jesus Christ, even those who are not accepted

Show the card with application for the saved child - "Tell others where they can find eternal life, especially those who are sometimes despised".



Have several children share or role-play how they could tell someone about Jesus. Colourful tracts and other useful tools to help children learn to witness are available from your CEF® National Office.

If you need an address, contact the European Headquarters (address at the front of this book).

Invite children to receive the Lord Jesus. Refer to "Steps for counselling the child who wants to come to Christ" (back cover) for further instruction.



Review game

Come over, come over

Have teams form two lines facing each other, at least 2-3 metres (8-10 feet) apart if possible.

Ask questions to the teams alternately.

If a child answers a question correctly, he may call one member of the other team to join his team by saying, "Come over, come over, send (name) right over."

The child selected then walks over to join the other team.

(Do not let the children run and try to break through the lines!)

All children must be called on to change teams once before any name is called again.

The team with the most members at the end of the game wins.

by others. Can you think of someone who needs to hear about Jesus? Are you willing to go and tell him, even though he is really different from you and your friends?

Review questions

- 1 Where did the Lord Jesus go with His disciples? (They left Judea and went to Galilee through Samaria.)
- 2 Why did the Jews not like to go through Samaria? (Because they hated the Samaritans, as they were half-Jews.)
- 3 What kind of people does God love? (God loves everyone - people from all countries, of all ages and abilities, etc.)
- 4 Why did the woman come by herself to the well? (Because she was ashamed to join the other women in the evening, as she was a sinner.)
- 5 What do you feel when you sin against God? (I feel ashamed and deep down I know I have done something wrong.)
- 6 What did Jesus ask the woman to give Him? (A drink of water.)
- 7 What is "living water"? (Living water is eternal life - God's gift to us through the Lord Jesus.)
- 8 How can you have the gift of eternal life? (When I come to God in prayer and admit all my sins, accepting that Jesus died and rose again in my place.)
- 9 What did the Samaritan woman and the people from Sychar do with the gift of eternal life? (They believed and accepted the gift of eternal life that day!)
- 10 How does the Bible explain eternal life in Romans 6:23? ("For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.")

Carry-over activity

Eternal life

Draw a heart shape on a white card. Cut it and write "eternal life" on it. Wrap it in some nice wrapping paper, add a gift tag with "Romans 6:23" and tie it with red ribbon.

Encourage children to thank God for this gift if they have already received it.

Challenge Christian children to think of someone to whom they can give it, as a tool to explain the Gospel to that person. They could add the name of that person to the gift tag.

Carry-over activity for preschoolers

Wonderful things

Ask children to name wonderful things (eg parents, ice-cream, puppies, sunshine, toys).

After many have been named, tell them there's Someone even more wonderful than all those things - Jesus! Ask them to tell you why they think He's so wonderful. Emphasise that He loves them more than anyone else ever could, and He died and rose again for their sins.

Lesson 4

Jesus heals a centurion's servant

Scripture for teachers

Luke 7:1-10

Matthew 8:5-13

Special emphasis

Only Jesus can meet your deepest need

Application

Unsaved: Ask Him to take away your sins

Saved: Tell Him all your problems

Memory verse

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” Acts 4:12

Visual aids

- ◆ Flashcards: 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6 and 4-7
- ◆ Wordstrips: “Only Jesus can meet your deepest need” (special emphasis) and “Tell Him all your problems” (application for the saved child)

Lesson outline

Introduction

The master entered the servant's room one more time

Progression of events

- 1 A centurion's servant is very ill
- 2 The centurion wants to speak to Jesus
God speaks to us today through the Bible
- 3 The elders go to the Lord and beg Him to solve this big problem
You are born with the problem of sin
- 4 Jesus agrees to go to the centurion's house
- 5 “I don't deserve You to come under my roof!”
Because Jesus died and rose again, you can go to Him with your sin

Climax

The servant is up and well!

Conclusion

The Lord Jesus can solve the problem of your sin, too

Teaching the memory verse

Memory verse

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” Acts 4:12

Introduction

Can you tell me some names of people who are famous or important?

Let children respond.

These people are famous because of their position or something they have done. But there is one that is even more important than any of those - that name is Jesus.

Presentation

Explain that the verse is completely true because it's God's Word. Show them how to find the verse, then read it from your Bible. Let the children read with you from your visual.

Explanation

“Nor is there salvation in any other” - All of us have sinned. We've done things God tells us not to do in His Word, the Bible. No-one else but Jesus can save you from the punishment you deserve for your sin.

“for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” - The name of Jesus is special because He is God's only Son. He came from Heaven to earth and died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin, then rose from the dead. Calling on Jesus as your Saviour - believing on Him - is the only way to have your sins forgiven and have life forever with God. No other person could ever save you.

Application

Unsaved: If you have never called on the name of Jesus, asking Him to save you, you can do it before you leave today. Remember, Jesus is the only One Who can be your Saviour.

Saved: If you have already been saved, you can know God can forgive sin because He's done it for you. If God can do that, He can do anything! Remember that when you have a problem in your life, your mighty God is there with you. He is in control and can do anything!

Repetition

“Guess who”

Have one child turn his back and close his eyes. Without saying a name, point to another child to say the reference by himself in a disguised voice at the beginning and end of the verse. The entire class says the rest of the verse together. The child with his back turned then turns around and points to the child he thinks said the reference. Switch volunteers and continue the game.



This incident follows Jesus' sermon on the mount, which took place on the slopes outside Capernaum. Children will benefit from locating Capernaum on a map.

No doubt word of Jesus' miracles had spread all through the city, as the healing of the man let down through the roof had taken place only months before. Roman soldiers were likely on hand for crowd control as massive groups of people gathered around Jesus. This centurion was probably among those soldiers.



The distinction between Jew and Gentile was still very sharp at this point, which explains the centurion's reluctance to approach Jesus on his own.

In Matthew 8:5-13, the account says the centurion went to Jesus himself. Most

Lesson

Flashcard 4-1

★ **Introduction:** The master entered the servant's room one more time.

The master entered his servant's room one more time.

★ **Progression of events:** A centurion's servant is very ill.

He was lying in bed, in terrible suffering and about to die. This was his dear servant, whom he liked a lot. He valued this servant highly. He was really pleased with the way he behaved and worked for him. Maybe he was his best servant. The master was a centurion in the great Roman army, an officer who had one hundred soldiers under his command in Capernaum. What could he do for the servant? Who could solve his problem?

Flashcard 4-2

Jesus had come to their town. The Bible doesn't tell us, but the centurion probably thought a lot about Jesus.

★ **Progression of events:** The centurion wants to speak to Jesus.

"Oh, I must do something for my servant. Jesus healed others who were sick. This man is really special. Only Jesus can solve my problem."

While He was on earth, Jesus showed the people what God was really like. He spoke to them and told what God wanted them to do. He helped them with their needs and problems.

Maybe you think, "If only I could have lived in those times." But, you know, God speaks today too. How? Through the Bible! Each time you open this book God can speak to you, and you can talk to Jesus by prayer. You can tell Him all your needs and problems. He always has time to listen to you.

In Bible times, God spoke through Jesus and people could go to Him. The centurion knew he needed to talk to Jesus.

He called some of the elders of the Jews.

"Please, go to Jesus and tell Him about my servant. Only He can solve my problem. Ask Him to come and heal my servant."

Flashcard 4-3

★ **Progression of events:** The elders go to the Lord and beg Him to solve this big problem.

The elders did not refuse him. Even though he was not a Jew, they were friends. The centurion was a very important man, and also a very good man. Not only did he love his servant, but he also loved the Jews and helped them build the synagogue, the building where they met to worship God.

The Bible says they pleaded earnestly (Luke 7:4). That means they begged Jesus to come and heal the servant of the centurion. They insisted that He would come.

“This man deserves to have You do this, because He loves our nation and he built our synagogue,” they said.

Maybe they did not believe that Jesus could heal the man, but they wanted to please their friend, the officer. However, the centurion really believed that Jesus could heal the servant and meet this great need.

Do you know that you have a big problem, and you can't do anything to solve it? The problem is called sin. In the Bible we read, “For all have sinned” (Romans 3:23). Why is that? God gave the first people, Adam and Eve, one simple command, “Do not eat from one tree” (from Genesis 2:16-17). But they did. They chose not to obey God and they sinned against God. The Bible explains that because of their disobedience sin and death entered the world (Romans 5:12). This is why every child who is born knows how to sin!

If your mum tells you, “Do not eat from the cake yet,” you feel like you want to. Maybe you cut off a little corner and then you hide the cake, so that she won't see it. When you don't obey a command you sin, not only against your parents or your teachers, but against God. The punishment for sin is separation from God forever. Sin is a serious problem. Only Jesus can solve your problem and meet your deepest need, just as only Jesus could solve the serious problem of the servant.

Flashcard 4-4

★ **Progression of events:** Jesus agrees to go to the centurion's house.

Jesus knew about the centurion's problem. What do you think Jesus did? Let's read it from the Bible.

“Then Jesus went with them” (Luke 7:6a).

They must have been happy. The centurion waited at home.

Maybe he wondered, “Will Jesus have time to come to my house? He can surely heal my servant, because He has the power to do it. But will Jesus come to me? I mean, I'm not even a Jew. I don't feel very important in His eyes.”

Flashcard 4-5

★ **Progression of events:** “I don't deserve You to come under my roof!”

Not far from his house, everybody stopped. The elders, the crowds, the disciples and Jesus stopped. There was the centurion himself! What was going on? I will read to you from the Bible what he said.

Read Matthew 8:8b-9 from your Bible.

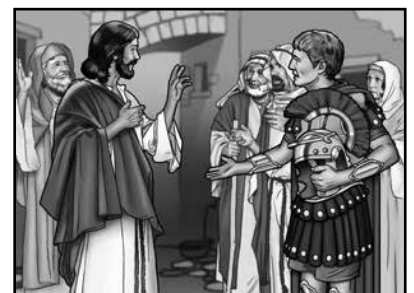
“Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

commentators agree that Luke's account gives the specific actual details, while Matthew was simply reflecting on what the centurion meant when he noted that his messengers do his bidding. Sending the elders to speak on his behalf was as if he were there himself.

Help the unsaved child see the importance of believing in Christ alone for his salvation.

Use examples appropriate to your group. For preschoolers your examples might include not doing what teacher says, knocking over someone's tower of blocks and not sharing.

Show card with special emphasis - “Only Jesus can meet your deepest need”.

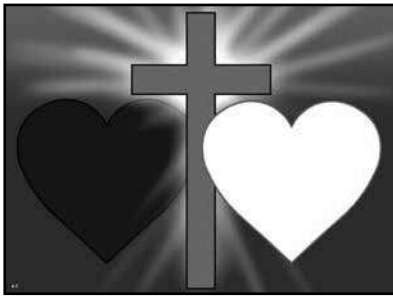


The centurion did not want Jesus to come to his house, as a Jewish teacher would damage

his reputation by entering a Gentile home. He demonstrated his humility and great faith in Jesus' power to heal through His authoritative word alone.

Hold up three fingers and let preschoolers count.

The unsaved child needs to know that God loves him personally and unconditionally.



When the centurion gave an order for something to be done by his soldiers, he did not need to do it himself. In the same way the centurion believed that Jesus could just say a few words and the servant would be healed. Jesus would not even have to go into the house.

He believed Jesus could solve his problem. He believed Jesus had power.

Why can Jesus solve the problem of your sin and my sin? Why can we come to Him with all our problems?

Flashcard 4-7

When He died on the cross, He took on Himself the punishment that you and I deserve. Jesus could do this because He was the only One Who lived a perfect life. After three days, God raised Him from the dead and gave Him all authority. Jesus is Lord. He has the power to help you.

Today Jesus is alive in Heaven near His Father and He can solve your sin problem. No matter how many sins you have, He can and wants to forgive them all. He wants to save you from your sin. God's Word says, "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21b). If you want to tell Jesus about your sin problem, but are not sure how to, I can help you from the Bible. Just stay behind at the end of club and I will talk to you.

The centurion believed that Jesus could solve his problem.

He said, "Say the word, and my servant will be healed. Just as I tell my soldiers what to do and they obey, You can tell this illness to go away. You are the great master."

Jesus was amazed at what the centurion said and told the crowd, "I have not found such great faith even in Israel."

Then he turned to the man and said some wonderful words. Let's read them from the Bible.

"Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you" (Matthew 8:13).

Maybe the crowds and his friends followed him to the house. They were all curious to see. I think they hurried.

The centurion was the first one to open the door and ...

Flashcard 4-6

★ Climax: The servant is up and well!

... the servant was up and well!

When did it happen? Exactly when Jesus told him that the miracle would be done. The centurion was excited! So was the servant. Jesus did solve the problem, just as the centurion believed He would.

Remember what Jesus said about this centurion, “No-one in Israel had such great faith in Him.”

Flashcard 4-7

★ **Conclusion:** The Lord Jesus can solve the problem of your sin, too.

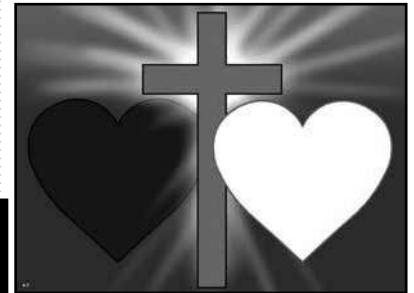
Will you trust this same Jesus to solve your sin problem? There is no-one else you can go to. Ask Him today to forgive your sins. You can pray a simple prayer like this, “Dear Lord Jesus, I believe that You took the punishment for my sins on the cross. I believe that You rose again and that You have power to take away my sins. Please forgive me.” If you do that and really, really mean it, He promises to take away your sins. Remember what God’s Word says - “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21b).

If you have saved children in your club, you could develop this idea further as follows.

If your sins have been forgiven, tell Him about your problems. Is there something that is worrying you? Do you have to go to the dentist or the doctor? Do you have an exam at school? Does your Dad have to work away from home? If you have the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, tell Him about those things that concern you. He can help you. He is the only One. Will you be like the centurion? He had great faith that Jesus can solve His problem. It can be just the same for you.

Review questions

- 1 What was the centurion’s problem? (His servant was very ill.)
- 2 What kind of man was this centurion? (He was kind and generous, and he feared God.)
- 3 Why did he send the elders to Jesus? (Because he believed that the Lord can make his servant well.)
- 4 How can you speak to God and how does He speak to you, today? (God speaks to me when I read His Word, and I can speak to Him when I pray.)
- 5 Why are we all born with the problem of sin? (When Adam and Eve sinned against God, sin entered into the world.)
- 6 What did the centurion tell Jesus? (“Don’t come under my roof. I myself have servants and tell them, ‘Go,’ or ‘Come,’ and they obey.”)
- 7 What did he believe that Jesus can do? (He believed that Jesus could command the illness to go away.)
- 8 What did the Lord Jesus say about this man’s faith? (He said that his faith was great and that He had not found such faith in Israel.)
- 9 What can Jesus do for you, when you come with the problem of your sin to Him? (He has the power to take my sins away and make me clean.)



Invite children to receive the Lord Jesus. Refer to “Steps for counselling the child who wants to come to Christ” (back cover) for further instruction.

Show card with application for the saved child - “Tell Him all your problems”.

Be sure to apply this lesson to the saved child. Help him see that God is all powerful and that God’s power is at work on his behalf.

Review game

Giant step

Materials: Two rocks (or other objects)

Divide the children into teams according to height to make the contest fair.

Place two rocks to indicate starting places and line up one team behind each.

Give questions to alternating teams.

When a child answers correctly, he gets to take a giant step.

(If you have limited space, use a baby step - one foot right in front of the other.)

His team’s rock is then moved to that spot and becomes the starting

point for the next person on the team.

The team that is the farthest after all questions have been asked is the winner.

10 What do you learn in Acts 4:12 about the Lord Jesus? (“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”)

Carry-over activity

Problem solving

Write a letter to God and tell Him about your problem. Tell Him why you believe He can solve it!

Carry-over activity

Can do

Let children name things God can do (eg make flowers grow, heal diseases, provide for our needs). Include in the discussion miraculous things God has done (eg created the world, made an enemy become a friend, give courage in scary situations, help loved ones receive Christ).

Close with silent prayer, encouraging children to ask God to help in an impossible situation they face.

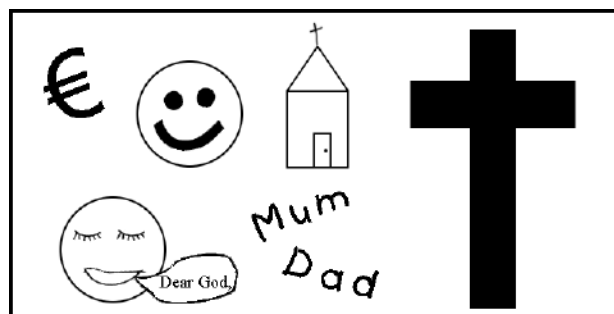
Carry-over activity for preschoolers

Count the ways

On the left side of a sheet of paper draw symbols to represent different ways people think they can get to Heaven - euro symbol (giving money), smiling face (being nice), church (going to church), face with eyes closed (praying), words “mum” and “dad” (Christian parents). Discuss each way, then let children count them.

On the other side of the paper draw a cross and ask if children can tell you the only real way they can get to Heaven. Share the Gospel.

Materials: A marker and one sheet of paper.



Lesson 5

The good Samaritan

Scripture for teachers

Luke 10:25-37

Special emphasis

Good works cannot give you eternal life

Application

Unsaved: Ask Jesus to give you eternal life

Saved: Do good to others

Note for the teacher

While the lesson about the Samaritan woman underlined that eternal life is a gift from God, this passage teaches the children that they are not good enough to go to Heaven. God's laws are good, but we cannot keep them. However, once we receive eternal life from God, He helps us to be good to others.

Memory verse

Review Romans 6:23

Visual aids

- ◆ Flashcards: 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 5-6 and 5-7
- ◆ Wordstrips: "Good works cannot give you eternal life" (special emphasis) and "Do good to others" (application for the saved child)
- ◆ Map

Lesson outline

Introduction

What is the difference between a "gift" and "wages"?

Progression of events

- 1 Man - "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
- 2 Jesus - "What do you read in the law?"
God's laws show us that He is holy
- 3 A man is attacked by robbers
- 4 A priest and a Levite go by
Because of sin,
you can't be good
- 5 A Samaritan helps him
Jesus is good and died for all the wrong things I did

Climax

"Which of the three men was his neighbour?"

Conclusion

Do the same!

Being good is not enough to have eternal life!

Remove Gospel visuals from flashcard book by cutting along dotted lines.

Be ready to fill in any truths they might forget.

Gospel presentation

Ask four children to come and hold Gospel visuals. Let each one share, in order, his part of the message.

Gold circle

- ◆ God is the Creator - He made you.
- ◆ God is holy - perfect in every way.
- ◆ God loves you.
- ◆ The Bible says, "For God so loved the world" (John 3:16).

Dark heart

- ◆ Sin is wanting your own way instead of God's way.
- ◆ You and I were born sinners.
- ◆ The Bible says, "For all have sinned" (Romans 3:23).
- ◆ We sin by ... *(give examples)*.
- ◆ God's punishment for sin is death - separation from God forever.

Red cross

- ◆ Jesus is God the Son.
- ◆ Jesus lived a perfect life.
- ◆ Jesus suffered, bled and died on a cross to take the punishment for our sin.
- ◆ The Bible says, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Clean heart

- ◆ Jesus died and rose again.
- ◆ Now He is alive in Heaven.
- ◆ You must admit that you have sinned.
- ◆ You must believe that the Lord Jesus died on the cross for you.
- ◆ You must choose to let Him be your Saviour.
- ◆ The Bible says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Lesson

★ **Introduction:** What is the difference between a “gift” and “wages”?

What is the difference between a “gift” and “wages”?

Let the children answer.

Yes, you have to work to get a wage. You just receive a gift. You don't have to pay for it, or work for it. Some people think that they can work their way to Heaven by doing many good things. They are wrong. I think that is the mistake that the man in our Bible lesson today was making.

Flashcard 5-1

One day a man who knew the Bible really well came to Jesus. He was “an expert of the law”. The first five books of the Bible are sometimes called “the Law”. They tell about God's commandments.

★ **Progression of events:** Man - “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

He asked Jesus, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

Notice, he was sure he must **do** something. Many people believe that if they do good works, they will go to Heaven when they die. But is that true?

★ **Progression of events:** Jesus - “What do you read in the law?”

Jesus knew that he was thinking about the law, so He asked, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?”

Flashcard 5-2

Have a child read Luke 10:27 from your Bible.

“So he answered and said, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbour as yourself.’”

Is this what the law of God said in the Old Testament?

Depending on the age of the children, read Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18 from your Bible.

Yes, it was correct.

Jesus said, “You answered correctly.”

Why did God give the law? He created you and me, He loves us and He knows what is best for us. God gave us the law (including the Ten Commandments) to show us how holy He is and how we should be. But no matter how hard we try to be good, we can't be good all the time. God cannot change His laws just because they seem too hard for us. He will help us to live for Him and to do what pleases Him. Jesus knew that this man could not keep God's law.

“I answered correctly,” the man might have thought. “I am so great - an expert in the law.”

But Jesus did not stop here. “Do this and you will live!”

Based on Romans 6:23.



Open your Bible to the passage for the lesson, so that children will see that this lesson comes from God's Word. Be sure to read from the Bible and quote Scripture throughout the lesson.

The lawyers were experts in the religious teachings of the Mosaic law. How to inherit eternal life was a topic of religious debate at that time.

Jesus accepted the authority of the Old Testament as a revelation from God. His question regarding the law referred to that part of the Old Testament.

The answer given was a combination of Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. This was the same answer given by Jesus to another lawyer on a different occasion (Matthew 22:34-40).



Let children locate Jerusalem and Jericho on a map. This activity will give children a frame of reference.



You may want to have several children role-play this part of the story, showing the three men and their reactions to the one in need.

The law required Jews to not only stop and help people, but to help even if an animal of either friend or enemy was in trouble (Deuteronomy 22:4, Exodus 23:4-5).

Ask the children why they think the Levite and priest avoided helping the injured man.

Maybe they were afraid that they too might be robbed, beaten and left to die.

You may also wish to note that both religious leaders knew that handling the injured and bleeding man would make themselves unclean and therefore unfit to lead the temple worship. It may have been more important to them to be seen leading the worship than to stop and help a man in need.

Often we think we have good reasons for not stopping to help someone. (For example, "I am going to Good News Club or Sunday school and it is important to be

The man realised that this was hard and, wanting to justify himself, he asked, "But who is my neighbour?"

★ **Progression of events: A man is attacked by robbers.**

Jesus told him a story. A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. The road was long, with many bends. It was dangerous and he was travelling alone. Perhaps he had heard the stories of robbers, and he might even have been afraid.

Suddenly some robbers jumped out from their hiding place. They beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. They stole his money and his clothes.

Flashcard 5-3

★ **Progression of events: A priest and a Levite go by.**

After some time, a priest came by. Maybe he was going to the temple to pray. This man knew God's law. He must have done many good things in his life. Maybe he was so sure that God would take him to Heaven. But you know what? He didn't stop. He passed by on the other side. We don't know why. Maybe he was in a hurry. Maybe he thought, "No-one will see me anyway."

Then came a Levite. He was working and serving in the temple, too. Surely he was going to help this poor man. He must have known the law, "Love your neighbour as yourself." But he went away quickly.

You know, you and I can't be good all the time. God's rule says, "Love your neighbour." You should love your sister and your friend at school. But sometimes you are selfish. "Why should she have the biggest apple?" "I don't want to share my toys with him!" "I want to play football, not mind my brother!" You can't be good because you are born with sin. The Bible says, "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). Suppose you are good all day and you are selfish only once, you have still broken God's law. Because God is perfect, not even one little bad thing can get into Heaven. You and I can't be good enough to go to Heaven. The expert of the law, the priest and Levite in the story were not good enough.

Flashcard 5-4

★ **Progression of events: A Samaritan helps him.**

Jesus went on. A Samaritan came by. Do you remember what we learned about the Samaritans?

Let the children answer.

Yes, you are right. They were the very people that the Jews hated. But this Samaritan did not mind. He saw the man and took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds. He even poured some oil and wine on the wounds to help them heal. Then he put him on his donkey and took him to an inn (hotel), a place where he could rest and recover.

The next day the Samaritan gave the owner some money and told him, "Look after this man. When I come back, I will give you more if it's necessary."

Oh, how good this Samaritan was!

He reminds us of the Lord Jesus, but Jesus was different in that He **always** thought, said and did what was good. He is the perfect Son of God. You and I have broken God's perfect law many times. We deserve to be punished for our sin. But Jesus was punished in our place when He died on the cross. In His amazing love, He wants to make us clean from our sin and to give us eternal life. In this new life Jesus guides us, strengthens us and blesses us. You need to ask the Lord to give you eternal life. The Bible says, "The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23b).

I know a little boy who broke his dad's clock. He was so afraid of the punishment. But his bigger brother told their father, "I did it." So, the father sent him to stay in his room all day, and the little brother went free. It was the same with Jesus. God punished Jesus in our place. If you believe that He died in your place and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will give you eternal life. If you are not sure what to do, please come to me at the end of club. I will be happy to talk to you and show you from the Bible how He can forgive your sins.

If you have Christian children in your class, you could develop the teaching using the case study on page 43.

Flashcard 5-5

★ **Climax:** "Which of the three men was his neighbour?"

The expert of the law was listening. Jesus wanted to make sure he understood the story.

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

"The one who helped him," he replied.

★ **Conclusion:** Do the same!

Jesus told him, "Go and do the same."

Of course, the expert of the law could not obey Jesus' command as he should without the Lord's help. Neither can we do good to others as we should without the Lord's help.

Flashcard 5-6

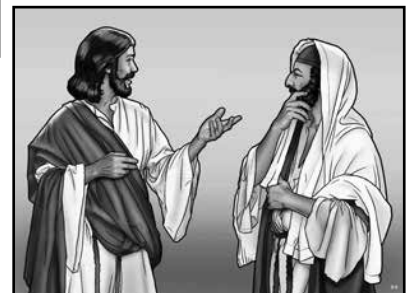
★ **Conclusion:** Being good is not enough to have eternal life!

Maybe you already believed that Jesus died in your place. You know that your sins are forgiven and you will go one day to Heaven. Does that mean that you can live the way you want? No! You must be like Jesus and be good to others. He will give you the power to do that. Maybe you can carry someone's bag, you can help your mum in the kitchen, or your dad to wash the car. Ask God to show you what good

on time" or "I have to study for a test myself and if I stop to help someone, I might not get such a good grade.")



Show card with special emphasis - "Good works cannot give you eternal life".



Have children discuss what they think the lawyer said and why. Discussions like this will help children to grasp the truths taught.



Show card with application for the saved child - "Do good to others".

Invite children to receive the Lord Jesus. Refer to "Steps for counselling the child who wants to come to Christ" (back cover) for further instruction.



Review game

Drawing for plasters

Materials needed: Three A7 cards and one plaster (optional).

Draw (or place) a plaster on the bottom end of one of the three cards.

Hold the cards in your hand so only the top ends show.

When a child answers a question correctly he draws a card.

If the card has a plaster on it, the class scores one point.

The three cards are then mixed and used for the next question.

After all questions have been asked, count up the points to see how many plasters the class earned for the man in the story.

things you can do and then ask Him to help you. You don't do them so that you can be forgiven, but because you are forgiven.

Flashcard 5-7

If you have never believed that Jesus died in your place and never received the eternal life He offers you as a gift, you can do that today. Do you realise that you can't be good enough to deserve this gift God offers? No matter how hard you try, there will be so many bad things that you will be doing. But Jesus is good. He took your place on the cross.

Come and pray, "Lord Jesus, thank You that on the cross You took the punishment for all the bad things I have done. You did this so I could have eternal life. Please forgive my sins and give me this eternal life."

Jesus wants to forgive you and give you this eternal life. He will help you to be good to others.

Review questions

- 1 What did the expert of the law ask Jesus? ("What shall I do to inherit eternal life?")
- 2 What are the most important laws in God's law? (Love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And love your neighbour as yourself.)
- 3 Why did God give us His law? (To show us that He is holy and that we must be holy too.)
- 4 Who can keep God's law perfectly (with no mistakes)? (No-one, except the Lord Jesus.)
- 5 Why do you think the priest and the Levite could not be good? (Because they were sinners too.)
- 6 Why can't you be saved by being good? (Because we can't be good enough. If we break God's law only once, it is as if we break all the law.)
- 7 How does this Samaritan remind us of Jesus? (The Samaritan did good by helping someone in need - Jesus always did what was good.)
- 8 If you love the Lord Jesus, what should you do to others? (I should be good and help others.)
- 9 How can you have eternal life and then be good like Jesus? (If I believe that He died in my place, and I ask Him to forgive all my sins.)
- 10 Good works cannot give you eternal life. Romans 6:23 tells us how we can have it. Can you say the verse? ("For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.")

Case study

The children could listen to the story and then answer the questions. If the children are old enough, they could work in groups to answer the questions. It would be helpful if there was a helper with each group.

The children might even enjoy acting out this role play later.

Billy was a little boy who got hurt in a car accident. He had to use crutches for many weeks.

One day he was going in through the school gates with his books. But he could not manage his crutches and the books at the same time and he kept dropping the books. Some friends came along behind him.

Fred said, "I'm sorry I can't help," and rushed off into the playground.

Jim just walked past. He did not even speak to Billy.

Then Marcos came running up. His family had come from a foreign country quite recently. He had asked the Lord Jesus to be His Saviour in a camp in his own country. He knew that Jesus had forgiven his sins and given him eternal life, and now Marcos wanted to please Jesus. When he saw Billy struggling with his books, he thought, "I'll help Billy, even though I don't know him very well."

Immediately he went up to Billy, took his books and walked with him right to the classroom.

- 1 In what way was Billy like the man in our Bible lesson who was hurt by the robbers?
- 2 What people in the Bible story do Fred and Jim remind you of?
- 3 How was Marcos a bit like the Samaritan in two ways?
- 4 Why did Marcos help Billy?
- 5 Did Marcos have eternal life because he did good things, or did he do good things because he had already received eternal life as a gift?

Carry-over activity

Helping others

Encourage the children to bring toys or story books to club next week. You can all go and donate these small presents to a local hospital or to a needy family.

Carry-over activity

Knowing and doing

Read John 13:17 with the children. Ask them to share things they have learned this week.

Discuss each, encouraging children to apply biblical truths to their lives. You may wish to use the card with the special emphasis - "Good works cannot give you eternal life".

Close with the most important thing they learned this week - the Gospel.

Carry-over activity for preschoolers

God's love is showing

Name several ways children can show or not show God's love to others. Have preschoolers stand if what you express is a way to show God's love and sit when it's not.

Invite a friend


(Carry-over activity - lesson 1)

Come to club!

At _____

every _____

at _____





Come to club!

At _____

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Come to club!

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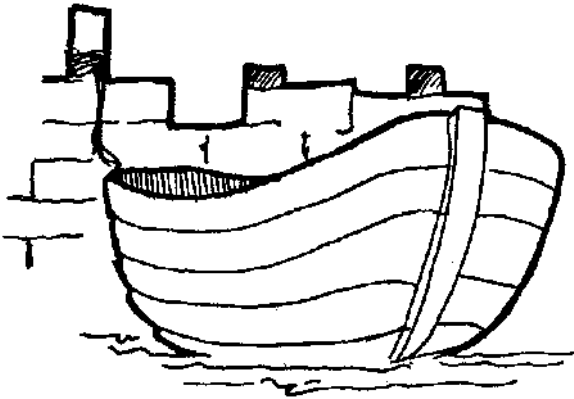
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I want to obey God

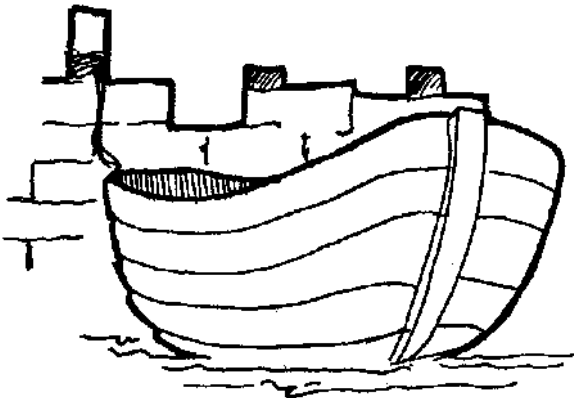
(Carry-over activity - lesson 2)

If you are a Christian,
show the Lord Jesus that
you love Him by obeying Him.



I want to obey God this week by

If you are a Christian,
show the Lord Jesus that
you love Him by obeying Him.



I want to obey God this week by

Be a missionary

D.M. S.

Doris M. Steinhart

B \flat Cm 7 Dm B \flat ma 7 Cm 7 F 7 B \flat Gm

Be a mis-sion-ar-y ev-'ry day! Tell the world that Je-sus

The first system of the sheet music features a treble and bass clef with a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Be a mis-sion-ar-y ev-'ry day! Tell the world that Je-sus".

F 7 F Cm 7 F 7 Dm 7 Gm 7

is the way. When you're in the town or coun-try or the bus-y av-e-nue,

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "is the way. When you're in the town or coun-try or the bus-y av-e-nue,".

Em 7 A 7 Dm B \flat dim/D \flat Cm 7 F 7 B \flat Cm 7 Dm/E \flat B \flat 7 Cm 7 F 7

Af-ri-ca or As-ia the task is up to you. So Be a mis-sion-a-ry ev-'ry day!

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Af-ri-ca or As-ia the task is up to you. So Be a mis-sion-a-ry ev-'ry day!".

B \flat Gm C 7 F B \flat B \flat 7 Cm 7 /B \flat B \flat dim 6

Tell the world that Je-sus is the way. The Lord is soon re-turn-ing. There is no time to lose, so

The fourth system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Tell the world that Je-sus is the way. The Lord is soon re-turn-ing. There is no time to lose, so".

B \flat Gm C 7 Cm 7 F 7 B \flat

Be a mis-sion-ar-y God's own mis-sion-ar-y Be a mis-sion-ar-y to-day!

The fifth system concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Be a mis-sion-ar-y God's own mis-sion-ar-y Be a mis-sion-ar-y to-day!".

Do you know about Jesus?

Lora Strong (verse two)

Arranged by Donna Sewell

1. Do you know a - bout Je - sus? He can save you from sin.
 2. Do you know a - bout Je - sus? He's my Sa - vior and friend.

He died for sin - ners on Cal - va - ry He's a -
 He ne - ver leaves me, He's al - ways there. Lo - ving me,

live now to set peo - ple free. And some day you'll go to be
 help - ing me, an - swer - ing prayer. E - ven when I face ma - ny

with Him, If He has saved you from sin. For it's
 tri - als, On Him I'll al - ways de - pend. For it's

WON - DER - FUL to be sure He will come a - gain.
 WON - DER - FUL to know Je - sus, My Sa - vior, friend!

Do you know about Jesus?

Teaching the song

Song

“Do you know about Jesus?”

Introduction

Are you a person who likes to ask questions? Do you want to learn about new things or about why things happen the way they do? The most important question you could ever ask is about Who Jesus is. Our song will give you the answer to that question.

Presentation

Sing the song for the children while showing visual.

Explanation

Verse 1: Jesus is the Son of God. He is the only One Who can save you from the punishment you deserve for your sin, the wrong things God says not to do. Jesus never did anything wrong and didn't deserve to be punished, but He was nailed to a cross at a place called Calvary. He died there, taking the punishment for your sin. Jesus didn't stay dead though! He came back to life and after a while went back to Heaven. If you believe in Jesus you will be set free from your sin, and someday you can be with Him in Heaven forever. One day (no-one knows when) Jesus will come back to earth again.

Verse 2: If you know Jesus as your Saviour, He will always be with you to help you. He will answer when you talk to Him in prayer. When hard times come, you can depend on Him being there to help you.

Application

Verse 1: Have you believed in Jesus to save you from sin? First you must admit you have sinned, then believe (trust completely) that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment you deserve and that He came back to life. You can choose Jesus as your Saviour right now. If you do that, He can be your friend too!

Verse 2: If you already have Jesus as your Saviour, He is always with you. When hard times come, pray to Him and ask for help. Thank Him for being there to take care of you.

Repetition

Have all children sing the song with you once. Then have all the boys sing it, then all the girls. End by singing it again as a group. Use the song in the next few sessions so the children become more familiar with it.

Copy, cut out and keep in your Bible



Summary of steps for counselling the child who wants to come to Christ

Make sure the child understands about

God

Who is God?
God made us. He speaks to us through the Bible.
God is holy and pure. He loves us.

Sin

What is sin?
Sin is disobeying God's commands. It is against God.
Speak about specific sins.
The child is a sinner by nature and act. (We sin because we are sinners.)
Sin deserves punishment.

The Saviour

Who alone can take away your sin?
God the Son died on the cross for sinners.
The Lord Jesus rose again from the dead.
He is Lord of all.

Explain how to be saved

Explain what the Lord wants us to do, and what He will do.
Use a Bible verse (*John 1:12; 3:16; 6:37; Acts 16:31; Romans 6:23 or 10:13*).
What does the Lord want you to do?
What will the Lord do?
Warn about difficulties.
Ask: "Do you want to trust Christ, or would you rather wait?"
Encourage the child to pray audibly (if ready).

Speak about assurance of salvation

Go back to the Bible verse you used.
Speak about a changed life.
Tell him what the person who is truly trusting in Christ can know.

Give (later) some advice about the Christian life

Read and obey your Bible.
Talk to God, our Heavenly Father.
Tell others what the Lord has done for you.
Ask God to forgive you when you sin.
Meet with other Christians.
Remember the Lord promises: "*I will never leave you*" (*Heb 13:5*).