



# A Note to Parents

The curriculum we will be using this year is *He Has Spoken By His Son: New Testament Stories for Young Children*. This is a chronological teaching of New Testament stories with the aim of acquainting your child with our great, big God.

Each story is told with an attempt to answer the question, “What does this say about God?” God is presented as the main character in each story rather than Mary, Peter, Lazarus, or Paul.

Key doctrinal themes will be emphasized such as: Jesus is my friend; Jesus is God; and Jesus is the only Savior.

Each child will receive a chronological coloring book of New Testament stories to take home at the end of the study (some churches may send the coloring page home each week). The coloring book features a coloring page for each lesson, along with the God-centered story title and Scripture references for ongoing review of what your child has learned.

In addition, your child will be encouraged to memorize simple Bible verses called Foundation Verses (published by Truth78). The verses do not always correspond to the curriculum themes, but they are verses preschoolers can memorize and store up in their hearts. Therefore, it will be helpful to give your child a simple explanation of the meaning of the verse.

Although the Foundation Verses will be introduced and reviewed in class, it is imperative that parents help their children learn them. You can do this simply by stating the verse one phrase at a time and asking your child to repeat each phrase. As each phrase is learned, add the next phrase until the verse is complete. Then use the verse in everyday life. Review the verses daily so they are not forgotten. There is a list of the verses at the end of this note. In addition, Foundation Verses Resources include full-color illustrations for each verse and are available through Truth78.<sup>1</sup>

Recognizing that parents are the primary faith nurturers of their children and that the opportunity and time to nurture your child in the classroom is limited, your teacher will send home a parent page each week with the story title, Scripture reference/s, and key themes for the lesson. Each page provides you with suggested discussion questions to help reinforce and build on the truth presented in class. Suggested answers are included in [brackets]. The purpose of the parent pages is to help you and your child interact with the Bible story and personally respond to the truths in the Scripture passage/s. This is best done if you yourself are familiar with the Bible story and have gleaned some truth from it that is meaningful to you.

The actual time with your child will probably take only a few minutes, partly due to young children’s inability to sit still for an extended amount of time. This will vary with your child’s age and temperament, but it will be helpful to prepare for the time with your child:

1. Be familiar with the Bible story (read it for yourself).
2. Glean some truth from it that is meaningful to you and understandable to your child. It is important to both stay true to the intent of the Scripture passage and to share it from your heart.
3. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you and your child.

The Questions and Responses section is intended to be only a guide. Usually just one aspect of the story is highlighted, though many other truths could be focused on. It is important to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit in discerning which aspect of the story God wants you to discuss with your child. Because young children

<sup>1</sup> Foundation Verses Resources include a pack of 2.25” x 3” cards bound with a metal ring that can easily be tucked in a pocket or purse, 8.5” x 11” visuals to display on a wall, and a coloring book to engage children while they memorize. See Truth78.org for details.

can be easily confused, we recommend that your presentation of truth be very simple. Be aware that much of your spiritual conversation with your young child will probably take place “when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deuteronomy 6:7b).

May God bless your efforts to guide your child in truth. May you love God and become strong in faith.

**May you establish a testimony to your child “of the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”**

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.  
We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,  
that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,  
and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God  
and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

—Psalm 78:2-7 (ESV)

**Below are the Foundation Verses that correspond  
to each lesson of *He Has Spoken By His Son*.**

| Lesson | ✓ | Foundation Verse |
|--------|---|------------------|
| 1      |   | Luke 18:27b      |
| 2      |   | John 3:16        |
| 3      |   | Psalms 100:1-2   |
| 4      |   | Psalms 100:3     |
| 5      |   | Psalms 100:4     |
| 6      |   | Psalms 100:5     |
| 7      |   | James 4:7-8a     |
| 8      |   | Review           |
| 9      |   | Review           |
| 10     |   | Proverbs 3:11-12 |
| 11     |   | Romans 12:21     |
| 12     |   | Review           |
| 13     |   | 1 Peter 5:7      |
| 14     |   | Proverbs 15:1    |
| 15     |   | Deuteronomy 6:5  |
| 16     |   | Review           |
| 17     |   | Psalms 118:24    |
| 18     |   | Leviticus 19:18b |

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| 19     |   | Review             |
| 20     |   | Luke 6:38          |
| 21     |   | Psalms 119:10      |
| 22     |   | James 1:19b        |
| 23     |   | Review             |
| 24     |   | Proverbs 16:24     |
| 25     |   | Hebrews 13:5       |
| 26     |   | Proverbs 17:17a    |
| 27     |   | Review             |
| 28     |   | Philippians 2:3    |
| 29     |   | Philippians 2:14   |
| 30     |   | 1 Peter 5:8        |
| 31     |   | Romans 3:23        |
| 32     |   | Romans 6:23        |
| 33     |   | Review             |
| 34     |   | Review             |
| 35     |   | 1 Corinthians 13:4 |
| 36     |   | 1 Corinthians 13:5 |

| Lesson | ✓ | Foundation Verse    |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| 37     |   | 1 Corinthians 13:6  |
| 38     |   | 1 Corinthians 13:7  |
| 39     |   | Review              |
| 40     |   | Ephesians 6:10      |
| 41     |   | Proverbs 1:10       |
| 42     |   | 2 Corinthians 10:17 |
| 43     |   | Proverbs 29:11      |
| 44     |   | Review              |
| 45     |   | Psalms 119:11       |
| 46     |   | Review              |
| 47     |   | Philippians 4:11b   |
| 48     |   | Philippians 4:13    |
| 49     |   | Philippians 2:4     |
| 50     |   | Review              |
| 51     |   | Review              |
| 52     |   | Psalms 36:5         |

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# He Has Spoken By His Son

## Scope and Sequence

*He Has Spoken By His Son* continues where *He Established a Testimony* left off to teach young children about the greatness of God through the New Testament. Children are shown the heart of God and how He speaks to people through His Son Jesus. The 52 New Testament story references are arranged chronologically, and key themes, which build a foundation to know and love God, are emphasized repeatedly to reinforce the concepts with children.

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### Lesson 1: God Hears Zechariah's Prayer and Promises Him a Son

**Luke 1:5-25**

God made a promise to Zechariah and Elizabeth to send them a son. This son was chosen by God for a special mission.

**Foundation Verse: Luke 18:27b**

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### Lesson 2: The Coming of the Savior Is Announced

**Luke 1:26-80; Matthew 1:18-25**

An angel announced the birth of Jesus to Mary. God kept His promise to send a Savior to save His people from their sins.

**Foundation Verse: John 3:16**

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### Lesson 3: Good News of Great Joy!

**Luke 2:1-38**

God's promise to send a Savior was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. The shepherds found Jesus as the angels told them, and Simeon lived long enough to see Jesus. God's salvation in Jesus is for all people and is the source of great joy.

**Foundation Verse: Psalm 100:1-2**

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### Lesson 4: Wise Men Worship Jesus

**Matthew 2**

Wise men followed the star seeking to worship Jesus. God warned Joseph and sovereignly protected Jesus from King Herod, who could not thwart God's plan.

**Foundation Verse: Psalm 100:3**

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### Lesson 5: Jesus Amazes the Teachers in His Father's House

**Luke 2:41-52**

Jesus is God and man. He understood that He came to do the work His Father sent Him to do. He humbly submitted to His parents, but He is supreme and superior to all men.

**Foundation Verse: Psalm 100:4**

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## **Lesson 6: John Is Sent by God to Prepare the Way for His Work**

### **Matthew 3**

God sent John to preach a message of repentance and to prepare the way for the work of Jesus. At the baptism of Jesus by John, the Holy Spirit came on Jesus, and God expressed His pleasure in His Son.

**Foundation Verse: Psalm 100:5**

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## **Lesson 7: Jesus Defeats Satan with the Word**

### **Matthew 4:1-11**

Satan tempted Jesus three times in the wilderness. But each time Jesus fought his temptations with the Word of God. Jesus, the Son of God, the Son of man, is holy and righteous.

**Foundation Verse: James 4:7-8a**

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## **Lesson 8: Jesus Chooses His Disciples**

### **John 1:35-51**

Jesus, God's promised deliverer, chooses who follows Him.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 9: Jesus' First Miracle Shows He Is God**

### **John 2:1-11**

God is all-powerful and can do anything. Jesus is God. We should respond to Jesus in faith.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 10: Zeal for His Father's House: Jesus Cleanses the Temple**

### **John 2:13-22**

Jesus felt very strongly that God's house (the temple) should be a place of worship and not a place of profit-making business. God should be rightly worshiped. God hates sin and punishes it because He is holy.

**Foundation Verse: Proverbs 3:11-12**

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## **Lesson 11: Jesus Takes Away Sickness and Disease: Jesus Heals a Leper, a Servant, and a Mother-in-Law**

### **Matthew 8:1-17**

In God's mercy, love, power, and authority, Jesus healed the sick and cast out demons. Jesus marveled at the faith of the centurion (Gentile) while failing to see the same kind of faith in the Jews.

**Foundation Verse: Romans 12:21**

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## **Lesson 12: "Your Sins Are Forgiven": Jesus Heals the Body and Soul**

### **Mark 2:1-12**

As highest authority, Jesus can forgive sin.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 13: Jesus Calms the Storm with a Word**

**Mark 4:35-41**

Jesus was man and slept in the boat during the storm. Jesus is all-powerful and controls all things—He can command the wind and sea.

**Foundation Verse: 1 Peter 5:7**

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## **Lesson 14: Jesus Shows His Power to Heal:**

### **Jesus Heals a Little Girl and a Woman**

**Mark 5:21-43**

Jesus healed a woman who had faith that He could heal her. Jesus told Jairus not to fear but to believe, and He brought Jairus' daughter back to life. Jesus has the power to heal disease and is stronger than death. Jesus is pleased when we have faith in Him.

**Foundation Verse: Proverbs 15:1**

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## **Lesson 15: Jesus, The Bread of Life, Provides Bread for 5,000**

**Mark 6:34-44; John 6:1-14, 22-35**

Jesus fed 5,000 men plus women and children with just five loaves and two fish. Sadly, most of the people were more interested in the physical bread than in the eternal life that Jesus, the Bread of Life, came to give. God's provision is satisfying and abundant. Jesus is more important than bread; He gives eternal, spiritual life.

**Foundation Verse: Deuteronomy 6:5**

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## **Lesson 16: The Son of God Walks on Water**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus could walk on water because He is God and has all power and authority. Peter walked on the water toward Jesus until he looked at the wind and began to doubt. Man must have faith in order to please God.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 17: Jesus Is the Son of the Living God: God Shows Peter Who Jesus is; Jesus Is Transfigured**

**Mark 8:27-30; Matthew 16:13-20; Matthew 17:1-8**

Only God can show us that Jesus is His Son, the Savior.

**Foundation Verse: Psalm 118:24**

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## **Lesson 18: Love God and Love Your Neighbor: Jesus Tells a Story About a Good Samaritan**

**Luke 10:25-37**

Jesus answers a lawyer who wanted to know how to inherit eternal life and tells him a story about a good Samaritan. God wants your whole being (heart, soul, and mind) to be devoted to Him. Those who love God will love their neighbor.

**Foundation Verse: Leviticus 19:18b**

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## **Lesson 19: The Light of the World Gives Light to Blind Eyes: Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind**

### **John 9**

Jesus came to do the works of the Father. Jesus is sovereign and has the power to give sight to the blind. The faith of the blind man pleased Jesus. Jesus is the light of the world who came to give spiritual sight to the blind.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 20: Jesus Receives Little Children**

### **Mark 10:13-16**

Though His disciples tried to turn children away from coming to Jesus, Jesus welcomed the children. Jesus welcomes all who come to Him. His Kingdom is for the childlike—characterized by trust, openness, receptivity, and humility.

**Foundation Verse: Luke 6:38**

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## **Lesson 21: Jesus Seeks the Lost: Jesus Tells Stories about a Lost Sheep and a Lost Coin**

### **Luke 15:1-10**

Jesus told stories to show that He pursues those who belong to Him and will go to great lengths to rescue them.

**Foundation Verse: Psalm 119:10**

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## **Lesson 22: A Faithful Father Welcomes Back His Lost Son**

### **Luke 15:11-32**

God is a loving Father who welcomes His sinful but repentant children. God forgives sin and welcomes those who repent.

**Foundation Verse: James 1:19b**

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## **Lesson 23: Seeing the Glory of God: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead**

### **John 11:1-44**

God's glory was displayed in Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Believing in Jesus leads to eternal life.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 24: Jesus Has Mercy on Blind Bartimaeus**

### **Luke 18:35-43; Mark 10:46-52**

Jesus was pleased with Bartimaeus' faith and healed his eyes. Jesus' miracles bring glory to God. He is all-powerful, and nothing is too hard for Him. Just like Bartimaeus, we should praise God for being great and merciful.

**Foundation Verse: Proverbs 16:24**

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## **Lesson 25: Jesus Came to Seek and to Save Zacchaeus**

**Luke 19:1-10**

Jesus came to seek and save sinners like Zacchaeus. A true encounter with Jesus brings about recognition of sinfulness and causes the ungodly to pursue righteousness.

**Foundation Verse: Hebrews 13:5**

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## **Lesson 26: Jesus Is Worthy to Be Anointed with Costly Perfume**

**John 12:1-8; Mark 14:3-9**

Mary anointed Jesus with costly perfume out of love for Jesus. Jesus is more valuable than anything else in the whole world.

**Foundation Verse: Proverbs 17:7a**

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## **Lesson 27: “Blessed Is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!”: Jesus Rides Triumphantly into Jerusalem**

**Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-44**

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey while the crowd praised Him. Jesus is worthy of praise from all creation. Yet He wept over Jerusalem because He knew that the Jews would reject Him and Jerusalem would be destroyed. God knows about everything, and it all happens as God says it will.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 28: Jesus Observes the Passover with His Disciples**

**Luke 22:7-34; John 13**

Jesus washed the disciples’ feet. He came to serve others and to show that true greatness and happiness comes from serving others. Jesus showed the disciples through the Lord’s Supper that He would die, and His blood would cleanse them. But not all would be saved, as Judas would betray Him.

**Foundation Verse: Philippians 2:3**

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## **Lesson 29: Jesus Accepts the Father’s Will**

**Matthew 26:36-56**

Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane asking that the suffering on the cross would be lifted from Him. Jesus submitted to the Father perfectly, allowing Himself to be arrested, knowing He would die on the cross.

**Foundation Verse: Philippians 2:14**

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## **Lesson 30: Peter Denies Jesus**

**Luke 22:54-62**

Peter denied three times that he knew Jesus. Jesus knew beforehand that Peter would deny Him. Because we are sinners like Peter, we need a Savior.

**Foundation Verse: 1 Peter 5:8**

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## **Lesson 31: “Let Him Be Crucified!”**

**Matthew 27:11-26**

The crowd wanted Jesus to be killed even though Jesus did nothing wrong. Everything that happened was a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

**Foundation Verse: Romans 3:23**

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## **Lesson 32: “King of the Jews”**

**Matthew 27:27-44; Luke 23:26-38**

Jesus is the King of both the Jews and the whole world. Jesus suffered greatly as sinful men mocked and crucified Him.

**Foundation Verse: Romans 6:23**

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## **Lesson 33: Jesus’ Last Words**

**Luke 23:33-49; John 19:25-30; Mark 15:33-39; Matthew 27:45-56**

Jesus is God’s promised deliverer. He took the punishment for sinners and accomplished what He came to do. Those who trust in Jesus receive forgiveness.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 34: Jesus’ Friends Bury Him**

**Matthew 27:57-66; John 19:38-42**

Jesus was killed and buried—He was truly dead, and His tomb was guarded by His enemies. Jesus’ enemies are God’s enemies and fight against His purposes.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 35: “He Has Risen, As He Said!”**

**John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-15**

Jesus is more powerful than death and it could not defeat Him. Jesus rose from the dead; this is good news!

**Foundation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4**

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## **Lesson 36: Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus**

**Luke 24:13-35**

Jesus died, rose again, and is a living Savior. Not believing that Jesus died and rose again is foolish. The Holy Spirit can open peoples’ eyes to see Jesus.

**Foundation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:5**

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## **Lesson 37: Jesus Appears to Thomas**

**John 20:19-29**

Thomas had to see and touch Jesus to believe that He rose from the dead. Jesus desires people to believe in Him without doubting and He will bless them.

**Foundation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:6**

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## **Lesson 38—Part 1: Jesus Appears by the Sea; Part 2: Jesus Goes to Heaven**

**John 21:1-14; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:4-11**

Jesus appeared to the disciples by the sea and provided fish beyond their expectations. Jesus returned to heaven but promised to send the Holy Spirit.

**Foundation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:7**

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## **Lesson 39: Power from on High**

**Acts 2**

The Holy Spirit came and filled the disciples at Pentecost just as Jesus had promised. The Holy Spirit gives believers power to live and speak for God, His Word, and His truth. Knowing Jesus and believing in Him brings about a genuine change in what people believe and what they do.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 40: The Holy Spirit Gives Healing Power and Boldness to Peter and John**

**Acts 3:1-4:31**

A man lame from birth was healed in the name of Jesus. Peter and John clearly taught that the power to heal comes from God, not people. The miraculous work of the Holy Spirit causes people to praise God. It is right to obey God and boldly tell others about Jesus.

**Foundation Verse: Ephesians 6:10**

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## **Lesson 41: God Punishes Two Who Lied to Him**

**Acts 4:32-5:11**

Ananias and Sapphira decided to deceive the apostles and lie about their offering. In pretending to be more generous than they really were, they lied to God. Man cannot love money and trust God at the same time. Because God is holy and righteous, He punishes sin.

**Foundation Verse: Proverbs 1:10**

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## **Lesson 42: “We Must Obey God Rather Than Men”**

**Acts 5:12-42**

The apostles kept teaching about Jesus even though they were put in prison. They refused to hide the truth about Jesus but spoke boldly to others. Obeying God is of supreme importance. The Holy Spirit gives boldness to believers to speak about Jesus.

**Foundation Verse: 2 Corinthians 10:17**

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## **Lesson 43: “Do Not Hold This Sin Against Them”**

**Acts 6-7**

Stephen was full of grace and power, and the Holy Spirit did wonders through Stephen. When Stephen told the people about God’s faithfulness and their stubborn rebellion against God, they were so angry they stoned Stephen. In his natural state, man is sinful and he resists God’s Holy Spirit repeatedly. But those who trust in God will live forever in heaven with God.

**Foundation Verse: Proverbs 29:11**

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## **Lesson 44: God's Gifts Cannot Be Bought with Money**

### **Acts 8:1-24**

Simon tried to buy the gift of the Holy Spirit, but the gift of God cannot be bought with money. The Holy Spirit is given freely to believers by God.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 45: God Sends Philip to Guide an Ethiopian**

### **Acts 8:26-40**

God sent Philip to tell an Ethiopian man about salvation in Jesus. God's salvation in Jesus is for all peoples in all nations. Those who believe should be baptized.

**Foundation Verse: Psalm 119:11**

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## **Lesson 46: Jesus Speaks to Saul**

### **Acts 9:1-9**

Saul, even though he was religious, resisted God, but Jesus pursues those who belong to Him.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 47: Saul, a Chosen Instrument of God**

### **Acts 9:10-19a**

Jesus is all-powerful and causes the ungodly to pursue God. He chooses people to be His instruments—to tell others about Jesus and show them how great God is.

**Foundation Verse: Philippians 4:11b**

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## **Lesson 48: Saul Preaches Boldly in the Name of the Lord**

### **Acts 9:19b-31**

God changed Saul, causing him to believe in Jesus, and Saul boldly spoke to others about Jesus, the Son of God. The Holy Spirit gives boldness to those who believe in Jesus, as well as comfort, encouragement, and help.

**Foundation Verse: Philippians 4:13**

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## **Lesson 49: God Hears Cornelius' Prayers**

### **Acts 10**

God heard Cornelius' prayers and showed Peter that He accepts anyone from any nation who trusts in Him. He alone is to be worshiped.

**Foundation Verse: Philippians 2:4**

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## **Lesson 50: The Lord Sends an Angel to Rescue Peter**

### **Acts 12:1-19**

God rules over all things, and He is all-powerful. King Herod, guards, and prison cells could not stop God's purposes. God answered the believers' earnest prayers and rescued Peter according to His own plan and purposes.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 51: God Saves a Jailer**

### **Acts 16:16-34**

God sent Paul and Silas to prison so they could tell a jailer about Jesus. The only way to be saved from God's punishment for sin is by believing in the Lord Jesus. Belief in God brings great joy.

**Foundation Verse: Review**

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## **Lesson 52: "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

### **Revelation 21-22**

God will make a new heaven and earth. Those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life will be in heaven.

**Foundation Verse: Psalm 36:5**

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