

Lesson: The Church Established on Earth

Teacher Preparation

Readings: John 19:30; 17:4; 20:21, 22; 14:12; Mt. 28:18-20

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that Jesus came to establish here on earth, the church of God in the bible

Materials: Map or globe, paper, crayons

Memory Verse: “As my Father hath sent me, even so I send you.” (John 20:21).

Lesson Summary

Easter is a time of reflection on Jesus and how he died on the cross to free us from our sins. Although this is true, it was just the beginning of the great work God sent him to do. Jesus ultimately came to establish, on earth, the church of God of the Bible. He came to preach and teach the word of God and establish people in the faith to continue the work of the church. This great work could not be done by sinners. Therefore, Jesus became the final sacrifice, making a way for us to be free from sin and to be holy before the Lord. Thus, allowing us to be worthy to carry out the work of the church. While Jesus was hanging on the cross he said, “It is finished”. (Jn 19:30) He had glorified the Father on the earth and finished the work God sent him to do. (Jn 17:4) After Jesus arose on the third day, he met with his disciples. They were afraid when they first saw him in the flesh, but Jesus said, “Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so I send you”. He then breathed on them and said, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost”. (Jn 20: 21,22) This gave the disciples authority to act as directors of the church of God. Jesus came and established the church but it is up to His people to continue the work of the church until He returns. He said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.” (Jn 14:12) Before Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father he gave his disciples the great commission of the church. “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world”. (Mt 28: 18-20) Are you ready to carry out the mission of the church and complete the work God sent you here to do?

BIBLE POINT: Parables of Jesus

Ideas to Illuminate

Tell the children about the church and our world mission. Use a map or globe to show them the different countries the church is established in. Give the children a piece of paper and crayons and have them write, or draw pictures, of how they can help spread God’s word in their own community.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What has to happen to us before we can help build God’s church?
2. How did Jesus make a way for us to live sin free and holy before God?
3. What did Jesus come to establish on earth?



Lesson: An Unclean Spirit's Return

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 12:43-45; Luke 11:24-26

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that unbelief hardens the heart.

Materials: Rock, Clay, Paper, Crayons or Colored Markers

Memory Verse: "Happy is the man that feareth always: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief." (Proverbs 28:14).

Lesson Summary

In Matthew 12:43-45 Jesus tells of an unclean spirit leaving a man. The spirit goes and gets seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and the spirits enter into the man to stay there. The man is worse off than ever before. Jesus had been performing many miracles including healing the blind, but most of the Jewish people refused to believe Jesus was the Son of God. Jesus tells the story in Matthew about evil spirits to show that those who would not believe in Him would become more evil than they were before He came. Like the unbelieving Jews, if someone chooses not to believe in Jesus, his/her heart can become hardened, and the devil can have more control in someone's life. What does it mean for a heart to be hardened? Who do you want to control your heart? Jesus is the Son of God, and He wants to be your Lord and Savior.

BIBLE POINT: Parables of Jesus

Ideas to Illuminate

Have a round piece of clay and a rock covered in clay. Show students and explain if we don't believe in Jesus how our hearts can become hardened like the rock covered in clay. Stress how our hearts need to be soft like the ball of clay to allow Jesus to mold us into the Christians we should be. Also, Have students draw a self portrait with a heart drawn on his/her shirt. Have students write Jesus in the hearts. Also have the students write the memory verse on their papers.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Who is the Son of God?
2. What can happen to our hearts if we don't believe in Jesus?
3. Who should we let be in control of our hearts?



Lesson: The Sower

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 8:5-8; Matthew 13:3-8; Mark 4:3-8

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that hearers respond to preaching in different kinds of ways.

Materials: paper crayons, glue or tape, seeds extra activity: small cups, soil, seeds, markers

Memory Verse: “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” (James 1:22).

Lesson Summary

If you went out to plant seeds, would you want birds to come down and eat the seeds? Why? Would you want the seeds to fall on rocky ground? Why not? What about on ground that has a lot of thorns? Why not? On what kind of ground would you want your seeds to fall? In the parable of the sower, seeds fell by the wayside, on rocky ground with no room for roots, among thorns that kept fruit from growing, and on good ground where more and more fruit could grow. The story teaches us that people respond to God in different ways. The words of Jesus are like seeds planted in our hearts. Some people refuse the teachings of Jesus. Others believe and obey but only for a short time. Some begin to want other things more than they want to serve God. But some stay committed to God and become more and more like Jesus in their lives. What kind of ground do you want your heart to be like? Do you want to believe for a little while and then eventually want other things more than God? Our desire should be to grow good fruit and be more like Jesus as we serve Him!

BIBLE POINT: Parables of Jesus

Ideas to Illuminate

1. Have students divide paper into four squares and illustrate the four types of ground in these squares. Give each student a few seeds and have them glue or tape the seeds on the type of ground they want their hearts to be like.
2. Extra activity- Provide students with a small cup filled with soil and seeds to be planted. While students plant their seeds, talk about how the seeds are being planted in good ground. Have students write the Bible point on their cups.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What are the words of Jesus like when they come into our hearts?
2. Do all people let the seeds take root in their hearts?
3. What kind of ground do you want your heart to be like?



Lesson: The Barren Fig Tree

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 13:1-9

Lesson Objective: The student will learn unbelief is dangerous.

Materials: Paper, crayons, fruit, actual tree branches or pictures (one dead and one lively)

Memory Verse: "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." (Isaiah 55:6).

Lesson Summary

Have you ever visited an apple orchard or picked fruit from a tree? Would you go to a tree that was full of fruit or a tree that had no fruit? A tree with no fruit, that is supposed to have fruit, doesn't seem like it is all it should be, right? In Luke 13, we read about a barren fig tree. A man had a fig tree, and he looked for fruit on the tree but didn't find any. For three years he looked for fruit on the tree and found none. He told the person taking care of the tree to cut it down. But the caretaker asked to work on it one more year to see if it would produce fruit. If it still did not produce the fruit, it would be cut down. The man had the fig tree planted because he wanted fruit. We are like the fig tree. God made us and wants us to have fruit. In other words, God wants to see good behavior in our lives. He wants us to love Him and to love our neighbor in all that we do. The only way we can do that is by turning to Jesus and believing Him. If we don't believe Him, we are like the fig tree that did not have any fruit. We are unable to do what God wants us to do. If we continue to not believe in Him, we will be forever lost and unable to have God's love in our lives. Do you have Jesus in your heart today? What kind of tree do you want to be, a living tree with fruits or a tree with no fruit at all?

BIBLE POINT: Parables of Jesus

Ideas to Illuminate

1. Show each student a piece of good fruit. Then show a branch full of life with leaves and a dead branch. Have students imagine the branches are a tree and have them decide which one they think the fruit came from and why.
2. Have each student trace his/her hand (leaving the wrist area open to draw a tree trunk connected to the hand). Have students decorate the tracing as a lively tree with fruit. Also have the students copy the memory verse onto the same piece of paper.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What kind of fruit do you want to have?
2. If we have good fruit, who does that show we have living in our hearts?
3. Why is it dangerous to not listen to God?



Lesson: The Seed

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 8:5-15

Lesson Objective: Hearers respond to preaching in various ways

Materials: Poster board, Markers, Coins

Memory Verse: " Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 7:21

Lesson Summary

Jesus uses a parable to show how the message of Christ is received and at times rejected. In this story, a man went to sow seed in his field. In this story, the man is like Jesus and the seed is like the Word of God. Along the way, some of the seeds fell on the ground and was eaten by the birds. This is like when people who hear the good news and do not listen. Some of the seeds fell on a rock and as soon as it sprouted, it dried up because it had no roots and could not get water. The seeds that fall on the rocky ground grow quickly but then die because they can't take root. This is like people who listen to the good news at first, but they are not serious. When problems come, they give up on Jesus. Some of the seeds fell among some thorns, but could not live because the thorns took all the water. The seeds that fall amid the thorns are choked and the plants die. Some people accept God's message, but they don't fully commit to Jesus, because other things are more important to them. Some seeds fell on good dirt and began to grow and brought forth much fruit. The good soil is like the hearts of people who love Jesus, who hear the good news and rejoice. God's word takes root in their lives, and they remain faithful to God. Their faith grows and grows and they spread the news of salvation to others. As Christians, it is our job to do our part to tell others about Jesus. Even though we may spread the good news of salvation, every one that hears will not always accept this message.

BIBLE POINT: Parables of Jesus

Ideas to Illuminate

Divide the poster board into 4 sections. Label the sections, bird food, rocky ground, thorny ground, and good soil. Let the children take turns tossing coins onto the poster to see how many they can land on good soil.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Who does the man in the parable represent?
2. How do we make sure that our roots are strong and healthy?



Lesson: The Wheat and the Tares

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Mt. 13:24-30, 36, 43

Lesson Objective: Good and Evil will be separated at the harvest.

Materials: Edible materials that looks alike. Such as salt, sugar, water, vinegar

Memory Verse: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Mt. 13:43

Lesson Summary

Have you ever planted a seed in the ground? Many times when a seed first sprouts, it can be hard to tell what kind of plant that it will become. One day Jesus told a parable, or a story that teaches a lesson, about planting seeds. In this story, a man planted good wheat seeds in his field. The man who planted these seeds represents Jesus, the field represents the world, and the good seeds are the children of the kingdom. While the man slept, an enemy came and planted tares, or weeds, in his field alongside the wheat. The enemy represents Satan and the tares represent the children of Satan. The man told his servants to let the wheat and the tares grow together until they were ready to be gathered for harvest. Then the reapers, the servants who pick the wheat, were to first gather the tares and burn them. Then they were to gather the wheat and bring it to the storehouse. The harvest represents the end of time when the evil people in the world will be thrown into the lake of fire, or hell, and the righteous, or good, Children of God, will be taken to Heaven to live forever.

BIBLE POINT: Parables of Jesus

Ideas to Illuminate

Gather edible materials that are similar in appearance to each other and have the children tell them apart. Allow them to taste a small amount to see if their guess was correct.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Who does the farmer represent?
2. What does the field represent?
3. Who does the enemy represent?



Lesson: The Mustard Seed

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Luke 13:18-19

Lesson Objective: The Kingdom will start small but grow much larger.

Materials: Apples, Knife for cutting apples.

Memory Verse: " But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

Lesson Summary

Have you ever seen a mustard seed? They are one of the smallest seeds of all. A mustard seed is so small that if you were to drop one, you might not be able to find it. Yet, when the seed is planted, it grows into a plant so large that birds can perch on its branches and can even build their nests in it. These plants can grow ten feet high or more! Jesus told a parable comparing the mustard seed to the kingdom of God. How can a small mustard seed be compared to the great kingdom of God? When Jesus first began preaching the message of salvation, he had no followers. Soon he had twelve disciples who also began to tell about the message of salvation. Then these disciples went out and shared the gospel. Then others spread the good news. And yet others and others shared about Jesus. Like the mustard seed, the kingdom of God had a small beginning but had soon spread and grown. Jesus started growing the kingdom of God with only a few disciples. Every follower of Jesus is a part of the kingdom and that means that you and I are a part of God's kingdom. Each time we tell someone about Jesus, we are helping to grow the kingdom. Isn't it great to know that we can have a part in growing God's kingdom?

BIBLE POINT: Parables of Jesus

Ideas to Illuminate

Cut an apple in half and remove the seeds. Have the children to imagine that we planted these seeds and each grew into an apple tree. Tell them that an apple tree can produce from 150 to 300 apples each year it will produce apples for about fifty years. Help them to figure out how many apples that the seeds from one apple can produce.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. How can we help to grow the kingdom of God?
2. Who is responsible for spreading the message of salvation?



Lesson: The Leaven

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 24:14

Lesson Objective: The Kingdom will spread throughout the world

Materials: Water, Food Coloring, Clear Glasses

Memory Verse: “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

Lesson Summary

Did you know that sometimes just adding a very tiny amount of something to another thing will cause it to grow to be much larger? Sometimes a small amount of something can change something else entirely. Have you ever thought about what it takes to make a loaf of bread? The main ingredient in bread is flour; however, the most important ingredient is yeast. When yeast is activated, it causes the other ingredients in the mixture to swell up. After the dough is baked you will have a light and fluffy loaf of bread. Without the yeast, it would be flat, hard, and not very good to eat. Jesus told a parable about making bread. A woman hid a small amount of leaven, or yeast, in three measures of meal, or flour. This very small amount was enough to make all the flour swell. In a sense, the flour represents all the people on the earth. We, as Christians have the truth of God, his word, the Holy Bible. When we share this gospel of Jesus with the world, it causes a reaction and will grow and spread throughout the earth. We have to do our part as children of God to spread the Word to grow the Kingdom of God.

BIBLE POINT: Parables of Jesus

Ideas to Illuminate

Add a drop of food coloring to a glass of water. You may add different colors to show how a small amount can change the appearance entirely.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. How can we help to grow the kingdom of God?
2. Who is responsible for spreading the message of salvation?



Lesson: Sharing the Gospel

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 5:15, Mk 4:21, Luke 8:16, 11:33

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that Jesus is the source of our light and we are to let Him shine through us.

Materials: Bible, paper, crayons or writing utensil, and a flash light w/batteries.

Memory Verse: “Ye are the light of the world.” Matthew 5:14a

Lesson Summary

Explain that when we accept Jesus in our hearts, we are placing the source of all power inside of us. Others will see this (Him in us) and want the same source in their lives. We cannot be ashamed of our salvation in Christ because the only way that others will want Jesus in their hearts is if you let your light shine. They will see Christ in us because we will be different from the evil things that are in this world. Jesus in us is the only way we can make it to heaven one day. So we want to shine the light of Jesus to others so they will want to make it to heaven too.

BIBLE POINT: Using Your Light

Ideas to Illuminate

Take the batteries out of a flashlight and tape Jesus on one and Christ on the other. Put the batteries in your pocket. Take the flashlight and try to turn it on. Let the kids try and examine. When they find out that there are no batteries in it, then take the ones out of your pocket and show it to the class. While putting them in correctly explain to the class how Jesus is our source of power and light.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Where does our source of power come from?
2. What are some ways that we can let our light shine?
3. What will put out our light?



Lesson: Evil People Will Go To Hell

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 13: 47, 48

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that not everyone that claims to be a Christian will go to heaven.

Materials: Bible, paper, crayons or writing utensil and a bag of pinto beans

Memory Verse: “And he saith unto them, follow me, and i will make you fishers of men.” Matt 4:19

Lesson Summary

In this passage in the bible the world is like the sea and the people in the world are like fish. When we share Christ or when someone preaches the Gospel it is like casting a net into the sea to catch the fish. Out of all the fish we catch, some will be good and some will be bad. Those that choose to live by the Word of God will go to heaven and those that won't live by His Word (the Bible) will go to hell. There are many today that say they are a Christian, do good deeds, help others, etc. but do things that are against the Bible. These people will go to hell. Explain to the class how one may indeed go to heaven.

BIBLE POINT: The Large Net

Ideas to Illuminate

Take a bag of pinto beans and let the children go through them picking out all the bad ones. Let a colander represent the net. Then explain again, how the good beans represent those that are following Christ all the way and the bad ones are the ones that say they love Jesus but in their hearts it shows different and in turn shows up on the outside.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Who will go to hell?
2. Just because someone says they love Jesus, does it mean they are going to Heaven? Why or why not?
3. How can we make it to heaven?



Lesson: The Kingdom is Valuable

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 13: 44

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that salvation is more valuable than anything.

Materials: Bible, paper, crayons or writing utensil and candy or treats

Memory Verse: “For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.” 1 Cor. 4:20

Lesson Summary

The Kingdom of God is like a very special treasure that has been hidden. When you accept Jesus into your heart by asking Him to forgive you of all the bad things that you have done, then you have this treasure in your heart. It is so precious that you won't let anyone take it away. As a matter of fact you love it so much that you can't get enough. In this story the man found the hidden treasure, sold everything that he had and bought the area where he found the hidden treasure. He wanted no one to take it and he wanted more for himself.

BIBLE POINT: The Hidden Treasure

Ideas to Illuminate

Bring a bag of candy or some kind of treats that the kids would like and hide them around the room. You could have them go on a “so called” treasure hunt giving each of them a clue only to find another clue until they find the hidden treasure.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Why did the merchant sell everything that he had?
2. Is salvation the most important thing in our life?
3. How do you get saved?



Lesson: The Kingdom is Priceless

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 13: 45-46

Lesson Objective: The student will learn that salvation is more valuable than anything.

Materials: Bible, paper, crayons, paper plates, cotton balls and glue.

Memory Verse: “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

Lesson Summary

In this parable Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a merchant looking for fine pearls. He will look and look, examine and examine until he finds the one that is of the greatest value. In order to find the kingdom of God there must be a search. Jesus wants us to understand that we must search for the kingdom, but he also wants us to know that God is looking for us, too! The kingdom of God is something that we must look for with all our hearts. It should be worth more to us than anything else. The amazing thing is that God is looking for people who want to be in His kingdom—and he was and is willing to give up everything he had to find us! That is why He sent Jesus to die on the cross so that He could set up His kingdom in our heart.

BIBLE POINT: The Priceless Pearl

Ideas to Illuminate

Give each child a paper plate let them color the bottom however they would like. Fold the plate in half, then on inside have them glue the pearl (cotton ball) on one of the halves in the center.

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. How do we get the kingdom of God in our heart?
2. Where does the kingdom of God live?
3. What is God willing to give for us?



Lesson: The Kingdom Instructions - Some things Old and Some Things New

Teacher Preparation

Readings: Matthew 13: 52

Lesson Objective: The student will learn the importance of being ministers of Truth.

Materials: Bible, paper, crayons, and some kind of small treat

Memory Verse: “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” John 1:17

Lesson Summary

In this parable Jesus reveals the important task of being ministers of God. The “scribes” were religious Jews who would read and explain the Old Testament Law to those who would listen. So Jesus was comparing scribes to New Testament ministers because they have the same important task. Jesus also said that the ministers were householders. That meant that they were the leaders of their home--- they had the spiritual authority and responsibility over their house. Also, Jesus says that the minister uses both the Old and New Testaments to reveal the will of God to man. The Old Testament was given for our example and the New Testament was given for our instruction to live pleasing before God. The ministry (working within the government of the church) has a great responsibility to tell the world about Jesus and His love for them. And Jesus desires to use each one of us to be the ministers of truth. That is why studying the Bible, praying, and attending church (and paying attention to all that is said and done) is so important. Be ready for at any time Jesus may want to use you to declare His Truth!

BIBLE POINT: The Storehouse of Truth

Ideas to Illuminate

Ask a series of bible true or false questions to the kids and see if they know the answers. When they are right you can reward them with a piece of candy or something if you'd like. If they get wrong let them know the correct answer (the truth).

Questions for Class Discussion:

1. Why is it important to be a minister of God?
2. What does it mean to be leaders of their home?
3. Why is studying your Bible, praying and attending church important?

