Lesson 70

Unit Review

A review of Lessons 61-69.

Studying God's Word

Lesson Time

Don't forget! Review the Optional Supplements and determine where you can use them.

Have the students assemble in a circle away from the tables—either on the floor or in their chairs.

Bring your stuffed animal, Bible, <u>Unit 7 Lesson Flip Chart</u>, and any items you brought or prepared for this lesson.

Prayer

This prayer time is designed to help the students begin to understand some simple concepts about prayer and to encourage them to pray.

We start our Bible lesson with prayer. Turn to the <u>Flip Chart Prayer Page</u>. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented there.

Today let's say prayers of confession and tell God we're sorry for our sins.

I'll start. Dear God, I'm sorry for . . . (insert personal prayer here).

Pass a special stuffed animal—prayer bear—around the circle, giving all the students an opportunity to pray or choose a volunteer to stand beside you and pray.

Very good! Now let's put our stuffed animal away, and we'll answer our Bible Truth questions.

I love you prayers—Adoration I'm sorry prayers—Confession I'm thankful prayers—Thanksgiving Please prayers—Supplication

Bible Truths

These four questions will be repeated each week to help the students learn foundational truths.

What word means God will always keep his promises? Faithful.

What special laws did God give to Moses and the Israelites? The Ten Commandments.

What people (or nation) did God promise to give the land of Canaan to? The Israelites.

Who were the Israelites? The descendants of Israel (Jacob).

K-1st Lesson continues next. Pre-K Lesson follows.

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But there were some problems that scared 10 of the spies. What were the problems? There were strong, tall people in the land—giants! The cities had walls around them.

Which spies trusted in God to help them win the land? Joshua and Caleb.

Yes. They reminded the people to trust God and not to be afraid.

Did the people listen to Joshua and Caleb? No.

The people didn't listen. They said they would not go into the land God promised them. The Israelites were disobeying the Lord, so he punished them by making them wander in the wilderness for 40 years until all those who didn't believe and obey him died. Only Joshua, Caleb, and the young people under age 20 would enter the land many years later.

Lesson 62

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How did God punish Korah, Dathan, and Abiram? What happened to them? An earthquake split the ground, and they and their families and belongings fell into the earth.

We also learned that Moses and Aaron sinned, too. The people were thirsty. God said he would provide water. Only this time, he told Moses and Aaron to speak to a rock, and water would come out of it. But they did NOT obey God's instructions. God was angry with Moses and Aaron for rebelling and doing it their way, so he punished them and said they would never get to go into the promised land.

Is God mean? Does he just like to punish people? No.

No. God isn't mean, but he takes sin seriously. He is holy and must punish sin. But God showed his mercy and love when he sent his Son, Jesus, to die for sinners.

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What kind of animal did Balaam ride on his way to see King Balak? A donkey.

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God made the donkey speak to Balaam. Then God opened his eyes to see the angel and reminded Balaam to obey and only say words of blessing for the Israelites and not to curse them.

Lesson 64

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Now Joshua was getting ready to lead the people into the promised land of Canaan. He sent two spies into Jericho, and they stayed at a woman's house.

What was the name of that woman? Rahab.

Rahab believed in the one true God and that he would help the Israelites take the land as their own.

Where did Rahab hide the spies? On her roof under the flax. How did Rahab help the spies escape and get out of the city? She helped them climb out her window.

Rahab asked the spies to keep her and her family safe during the battle. They said they would if she didn't tell anyone about their plan to attack the city.

What did they tell her to hang from her window so they would know where she was during the battle? A red cord.

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What did God do so they could cross the river? He stopped the water.

As soon as the priests stepped into the water, it stopped flowing and the ground dried up. All the people walked to the other side on dry ground.

What did Joshua stack up to help the people remember this miracle? 12 stones.

Right. He set up a memorial. Remember, a memorial is something that helps us remember special people and things that have happened.

God wanted these memorial stones to remind the Israelites of his miracle at the Jordan River so they could teach their children about God and the great things he has done.

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The people gave a shout and the priests blew their horns long and loud. Then what happened to the walls around Jericho? They fell down. That's right! Was this the normal way to attack a city? No!

God's plan was different than the normal way. It probably seemed strange to Joshua and his army. But Joshua had faith in God. And God helped the Israelites win the battle at Jericho, but they had to obey even when they didn't understand.

After the walls fell down, who did the Israelites rescue from the city? What woman helped the spies and hung a red cord from her window? Rahab.

God Told Joshua

Let's sing the song we learned about Joshua and the battle at Jericho. Everyone stand up now. Sing the song together.

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What was scary about this land? Who lived there? Giants. But who did Caleb have faith in to help him fight these giants? God.

That's right. Caleb had faith in God, and God rewarded him by helping him win the battle and giving him the land.

God Is Faithful

God sure was faithful to help the Israelites. And remember, the God back then is the same God we worship today. He is still faithful to keep his promises. Let's sing about that. Sing the song together.

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When they had peace, they would forget about God and start worshipping idols again, and the whole cycle would start over.

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Whenever we make anything more important than God, what can it become? An idol.

What are some things that can be idols for us? Allow discussion.

Remember, these things are not usually bad. But we must be careful not to let them turn into something we care about more than we care about God.

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Board Game

We encourage you to play the following review game.

Materials

Review Questions

Game Board

Dice or game spinner

Buttons or other small objects for each team to use as markers

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions.

Divide your class into teams. Team members will take turns answering the review questions. If they answer correctly, they will roll the dice or spin and move that number of spaces on the <u>Game Board</u>, following the directions on the board. If someone does not know or does not answer correctly, he may ask his teammates for help.

Alternate between teams as long as time permits, repeating questions if necessary. The first team to make it all the way to the end wins.

Puppet Review

Use the puppets to act out the <u>Puppet Review Script</u>. The script is written for two puppets and the teacher. You may want to recruit another person to help you with the puppets.

Boys and girls, I'd like to introduce some friends of mine. They heard that we've been learning all kinds of wonderful things from the Bible. So they asked me if they could come and talk with us and see if we can answer some of their questions.

Here they are, (Puppet One and Puppet Two). Introduce their names and have them greet the children. Then continue with the <u>Puppet Review Script</u>.

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