

Lesson 120

Unit Review

A review of Lessons 111–119.

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, Flip Chart, and any items you 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 Flip Chart Prayer Page. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented there.

Today let's say prayers of supplication and ask God to help us.

I'll start. Dear God, would you please . . . (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.

All of God's words in the Bible are what? True!
What word means God will always keep his promises? Faithful.
When can we trust God? All the time.
Is forgiveness of sins a gift from God? Yes. We are saved by grace.

K-1st Lesson continues next.

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Lesson 111

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Ezekiel's vision was so amazing that it was hard for him to explain what he saw, but he told of bright colors, fire, lightning, and even a rainbow! It was so awesome he fell down in fear and worship.

Another prophet, Isaiah, was also given a vision of God in his temple. Isaiah was sorrowful because he understood how sinful he was when he saw how holy and perfect God is.

When John saw Jesus in heaven, he fell down in worship and fear. Jesus explained that he is the eternal God who died for sinners and rose again so those who trust in him can have eternal life with him in heaven.

These visions remind us that God is better and greater than anyone. God allowed Ezekiel, Isaiah, and John to see these things and to write about them in the Bible so that we can understand more about our awesome God.

Lesson 112

Refer to Lesson 112 Flip Chart. Jeremiah wrote about a new covenant that would take the place of the old one. The Jews lived under the old covenant laws, including the Ten Commandments written on stone. But the people could never obey all of these laws because of sin. The priests had to offer animal sacrifices over and over to cover their own sins and the sins of the people.

But the new covenant is better because Jesus is our perfect high priest. He gave himself once by dying on the cross and then came back to life! The new covenant is a personal promise between God and his people. He would forgive them of their sins, and each person would want to obey God from his heart.

Do we have to do good things to pay God back for saving us from our sins?
No.

The new covenant is NOT about doing good things so that God will let us into heaven. The new covenant of salvation through Jesus is a gift of God.

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Pointing and Telling

Jeremiah told the people about the Savior who would come to bring the new covenant. We read about it in the Old Testament, but it's pointing to things that would happen in the New Testament. Let's sing our song about that. Have students stand and sing the song together.

Lesson 113

Refer to Lesson 113 Flip Chart. In this lesson, we saw how God caused King Cyrus to let the Jews go home to rebuild the temple. Zerubbabel led the group back to Judah where they rebuilt the altar of God and laid the foundation of the temple in the city of Jerusalem.

What's the foundation for? It keeps the building strong and stable.

But the other people living in Jerusalem did not like this. They tried to scare the Jews so they wouldn't keep building—and it worked!

But God was still in control and caused another king to command that the temple be finished. Finally, 21 years later, the Jews celebrated and rejoiced as they opened the new temple for the Lord!

Lesson 114

Refer to Lesson 114 Flip Chart. In the book of Esther, we saw how God is sovereign—in control over everything. And luck had nothing to do with what happened.

First, out of all the young women in the land, Esther was crowned queen of Persia.

Who was the man who hated Esther's cousin Mordecai? Haman.

Haman wanted to kill Mordecai—and all the other Jews living in Persia— so he came up with an evil plan! Mordecai told Esther she must go to the king and beg for help. Esther knew she might be killed if she went to see the king without being called, but she trusted God and did it anyway.

The king held his scepter out to welcome Esther. When Esther told the king about Haman's plan to destroy the Jews, the king was so angry, he ordered that Haman be killed. Then Mordecai wrote a law that allowed the Jews to fight their enemies. God used Esther and Mordecai to save the Jews!

Lesson 115

Refer to Lesson 115 Flip Chart. Next, we learned about the second group of Jews who came back to Jerusalem. Their leader was Ezra, a priest who knew the Law of God and wanted to teach it to the people.

When Ezra got to Jerusalem, he saw that the people who had come back earlier were not following the Law of the Lord. They had forgotten God's laws and were disobeying by marrying people from the foreign nations around them. Husbands and wives were worshipping idols together, and they were also teaching their children to worship false gods.

Ezra prayed and asked for God's mercy and forgiveness. When the Jews heard Ezra cry out to God, they knew they had sinned and asked God to forgive them. The foreign wives and children were sent away; this was the consequence for the people's sin. But the Jews did the right thing by turning back to God and showing that they were truly sorry.

Lesson 116

Refer to Lesson 116 Flip Chart. Nehemiah led the third group of Jews home to Judah. He was sad when he heard the wall around the city of Jerusalem was broken down. It would be easy for the enemy to sneak in and attack.

Nehemiah led the Jews to rebuild the wall as everyone helped and did their part: they cleared away the broken pieces of wood and stone, rebuilt the gates and doors, and stacked stones for the wall.

Three men, Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem, didn't want the Jews to build their wall. So they planned to attack the Jews to make them stop. When Nehemiah heard about this, he and the Jews did two things: they prayed, and they acted in faith. They asked God for help and protection and trusted him, but they also set a guard to watch for their enemies.

When their enemies saw that the Jews were ready for them, they didn't attack. The Jews continued to do their work with their weapons nearby, and the wall was finished in just 52 days!

Lesson 117

Refer to Lesson 117 Flip Chart. In this lesson, we saw that Nehemiah's enemies did some tricky things to try to keep him from finishing his work.

Did their tricks work? No!

Nehemiah didn't fall for the enemies' tricks. He just kept trusting in God and did his work.

Nehemiah was a good leader, and he cared about the Jews. He was very angry when he found out that some of the rich officials were taking food from them. These officials were also making the people sell their houses and land to get money for food. Some people even had to sell their children as slaves! But the officials listened to Nehemiah when he told them to stop.

Nehemiah also wanted the people to learn about God. He asked Ezra to read the Book of the Law to them. The people cried when they understood how they had sinned. But now that they knew what God commanded and were sorry for their sins, they could celebrate and worship God with joy.

God Restores

God restored his people by bringing them home and by forgiving them when they were sorry for their sins. Let's sing our song about that. Have students stand up and sing together.

Lesson 118

Refer to Lesson 118 Flip Chart. In the last book of the Old Testament, God gave Malachi two messages for the Jews. First, he warned the priests to stop disobeying God and to worship him with the right heart attitude. The animal sacrifices they gave were supposed to be their best. But the priests were giving animals that were sick and blind.

God wants us to be obedient with an attitude of worship that shows we love and respect him and are truly sorry when we sin. We must remember to offer our best worship from our hearts because God deserves it.

Malachi also said a messenger would come to tell the people about Jesus, the Messiah, so that they would be ready to believe in him when he came.

Who was this messenger? John the Baptist.

We read in the New Testament how an angel appeared to Zechariah and told him that he and his wife, Elizabeth, would have a son. When their son, John, grew up, he helped people get their hearts ready for Jesus.

Lesson 119

Refer to Lesson 119 Flip Chart. In this lesson, we learned about some things that happened during the 400 years between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Alexander the Great was a powerful Greek ruler who took over many countries, and most of the people were taught to speak the Greek language. One Greek ruler ruined the temple, so some Jewish men fought against him. Their leader had the nickname Maccabee.

Do you remember what this name meant? Hammer.

The Jews fought and won. They got the temple back, cleaned it up, and relit the lamps.

We learned how the Pharisees didn't want to follow the Greeks. But the Sadducees thought it would be okay to be like the Greek people. When they both asked a Roman general to help them fight each other, he took over instead. Now the Jews had to obey the Romans. Jesus was born during this time of Roman rule.

God was in control of everything that happened. He allowed the Greeks to spread their language, and he allowed the Romans to build roads. Now, people could spread the good news of Jesus more easily to many places

because there was one language most people knew and many new roads to travel on.

Continue with the Review Game below.

Review Game: Bible Basketball

We encourage you to play the following review game.

Materials

Review Questions

Three or more beanbags, sponge balls, or paper wads

Basket or box

Masking tape

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions. Position the basket and make a shooting line a few feet from the basket with masking tape.

Divide your class into teams. Have teams line up behind the shooting line. Ask the first student in line a review question. If he answers correctly, he gets three tries to make a basket. If he doesn't know the correct answer, give him one try to make a basket and then ask the other team the same question. Keep track of the number of baskets made for each team.

Puppet Review

Use the puppets to act out the Puppet Review Script. The script is written for two puppets and the teacher. Allow and encourage children to interact when appropriate. You may want to recruit helpers for 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 Puppet Review Script.

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years, and he used faithful and obedient people to lead, teach, and protect the Jews as they came home to Judah.

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Another prophet, Isaiah, was also given a vision of God in his temple where he saw the seraphim worshipping the Lord. Isaiah was reminded that God is our perfect, all-powerful Creator. He was sorrowful when he understood how sinful he was and how holy God is.

When the Apostle John saw Jesus in heaven, he fell down in worship and fear. Jesus explained that he is the eternal God who died for sinners and rose again so those who trust in him can have eternal life with him in heaven.

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For a long time, the Jews lived under the old covenant laws, including the Ten Commandments written on stone. But the people could never obey all of these laws because of sin. The priests offered animal sacrifices over and over to cover their own sins and the sins of the people.

But in the new covenant, Jesus came as our perfect high priest and made one sacrifice for all by shedding his blood and dying on the cross. Then he conquered death by coming back to life! The new covenant is a personal promise between God and his people. He would forgive them of their sins, and each person would want to obey God from his heart.

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Who led this first group of Jews back to Judah? Zerubbabel.

Zerubbabel led the group back to the city of Jerusalem where they rebuilt the altar of God and laid the foundation of the temple. But the other people living in Jerusalem did not want the Jews to come back and rebuild. They tried to scare the Jews and keep them from building the temple—and it worked!

Do you remember how many years went by before they finished the temple? 21 years.

But God was still in control and caused another king to command that the temple be finished. Finally, 21 years later, the Jews celebrated and rejoiced as they opened the new temple for the Lord!

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Haman wanted to kill Mordecai—and all the other Jews living in Persia— so he came up with an evil plan! Mordecai told Esther she must go to the king and beg for help. Esther knew she might be killed if she went to see the king without being called, but she trusted God and did it anyway. The king held his scepter out to welcome Esther.

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When Ezra got home to Jerusalem, it didn't take him long to see that the people who had come back earlier were not following the Law of the Lord. They had forgotten God's laws and were disobeying by marrying people from the foreign nations around them.

When the Jews married these people, husbands and wives started worshipping idols together, and they began teaching their children to worship false gods, too.

Ezra prayed and asked for God's forgiveness and mercy. When the Jews heard Ezra cry out to God, they understood their sin and were truly sorry. The foreign wives and children had to be sent away; this was the consequence for the people's sin. But the Jews did the right thing by turning back to God and showing that they truly were sorry.

Lesson 116

Refer to Lesson 116 Flip Chart. In the book of Nehemiah, we saw a man who prayed AND took action to protect his work. Nehemiah led the third group of Jews home to Jerusalem. He was sad when he heard that the Jews were in trouble because the wall around the city of Jerusalem was broken down and the gates were burned and destroyed. It would be easy for the enemy to sneak in and attack. God gave Nehemiah favor with the king so that he could go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall.

When Nehemiah told the Jews what he wanted to do, everyone helped and did their part. They cleared away the broken pieces of wood and stone, rebuilt the gates and doors, and stacked stones for the wall.

Three men, Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem, were leaders of the other people living in Judah who didn't want the Jews to protect their city. They planned to attack the Jews to make them stop building. When Nehemiah heard about their plan, he and the Jews did two things: they prayed, and they acted in faith. They asked God for help and protection and trusted him, but they also set a guard to watch for their enemies.

When their enemies saw that the Jews were ready for them, they didn't attack. The Jews continued to do their work with their weapons nearby, and the wall was finished in just 52 days!

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First, they sent messages to try to get him to come meet with them, then they threatened to tell lies to the king to get Nehemiah in trouble. They even hired a

false prophet to try to get Nehemiah to hide in the temple.

Did their tricks work? No!

Nehemiah trusted in God and kept doing his work.

Nehemiah led the Jews as their governor. He cared about the people, and he was furious when he found out that some of them were forced to sell their houses and land to get money for food and taxes, and that some even had to sell their children as slaves! Plus, the officials were taking part of their grain, oil, and wine. Nehemiah called the rich officials together and told them to stop doing these terrible things. They listened to Nehemiah and gave everything back.

Nehemiah cared about the spiritual growth of his people, too, so he gathered them together to hear Ezra read the Book of the Law. The people cried when they understood how they had sinned. But now that they knew what God commanded and were sorry for their sins, they could celebrate and worship God with joy.

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What was wrong with the animals the priests offered to God? They were lame, blind, and sick.

The animal sacrifices were supposed to be the best of the flock. But the priests' hearts were not right, and they were causing the people to sin and dishonor God. We must remember to offer our best worship from our hearts because God deserves it. God wants us to be obedient with an attitude of worship that shows we love and respect him and are truly sorry when we sin.

Malachi also said a messenger would come to tell the people about the Messiah so they would be ready to turn to the Lord and believe in him when he came.

Who is the Messiah who came to save sinners? Jesus.

Who was this messenger who told people how to get ready for Jesus? John the Baptist.

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Lesson 119

Refer to Lesson 119 Flip Chart. In this lesson, we saw how God was in control of everything that happened during the 400 years between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Daniel was given a vision of a ram and a goat, which stood for the kings and kingdoms that would rule at different times.

Alexander the Great, a powerful Greek ruler, took over many countries. Because of this, many people were taught to speak the Greek language. But one Greek ruler was especially evil, and he ruined the temple. Some Jewish men fought against this ruler. Their leader was given the nickname Maccabee.

Do you remember what this name meant? Hammer.

The Jews fought and won. And now many people celebrate Hanukkah to remember when the Jews got the temple back and relit the lamps.

While the Greeks ruled over Judah, two groups formed: the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The Pharisees didn't want to follow the Greeks. They were worried about disobeying God and wanted to stay so close to the Jewish way of life that they made up extra laws for the Jews to obey. But the Sadducees thought it would be okay to be like the Greek people. When they both asked a Roman general to help them fight each other, he took over instead. Now the Jews had to obey the Romans. Jesus was born during this time of Roman rule.

Just as God allowed the Greeks to spread their language, he also allowed the Romans to come and build better roads. Now, people could spread the good news of Jesus more easily with one language that most people knew and with many new roads.

Continue with the Review Game.

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