

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM

GOD'S GIFTS **for His Children**



7 Days of Fun!

CHILDREN'S EVANGELISM WEEK

*Songs, biblical verses, activities
and a message to the heart*

Rescuing Children



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INTRODUCTION

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“But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” -Mark 10:14.

Christ never lost sight of the children. When wearied with the bustle and confusion of the crowded city, tired of contact with crafty and hypocritical men, His spirit found rest and peace in the society of innocent little children. His presence never repelled them. His large heart of love could comprehend their trials and necessities and find happiness in their simple joys; and He took them in His arms and blessed them. CT 179.2

In these children who were brought in contact with Him, Jesus saw the future men and women who should be heirs of His grace and subjects of His kingdom, and some of whom would become martyrs for His sake. He knew that these children would listen to Him and accept Him as their Redeemer far more readily than would the grown people, many of whom were worldly-wise and hardhearted. In His teaching He came down to their level. He, the Majesty of heaven, did not disdain to answer their questions and simplify His important lessons to meet their childish understanding. He planted in their expanding minds the seeds of truth, which in after years would spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life. CT. 180.1

The Savior saw men and women who would one day be heirs of His grace and subjects of His kingdom in the characters of the children He associated with. He even saw some who were to become martyrs for His cause. He knew that these children would listen to Him and accept Him as their Redeemer more willingly than the adults—adults who thought they were wise in the world but were actually hard at heart. When He taught the children, Christ brought Himself to their level of understanding.

He, the Majesty of heaven, answered the Children’s questions and simplified His important lessons so that they would be understood by a child’s understanding. He planted in their minds the seed of truth, which years later, would sprout and bear fruits for eternal life. When Jesus told His disciples not to prevent the children from coming to Him, He was also speaking to his followers throughout all ages—to the leaders of the church: ministers, elders, deacons, and every Christian. Jesus attracts the children, and commands us to let them come; as if He were telling us: They will come, if you don’t stop them.

As the Holy Spirit moves upon the hearts of the children, co-operate with His work. Teach them that the Saviour is calling them, that nothing can afford Him greater joy than for them to give themselves to Him in the bloom and freshness of their years.

Parental Responsibility

The Saviour regards with infinite tenderness the souls whom He has purchased with His blood. They are the claim of His love. He looks upon them with unutterable longing. His heart is drawn out, not only to the best-trained and most attractive children, but to those who by inheritance and through neglect have objectionable traits of character. (Ministry of Healing, 44.1-44.2)

We are about to begin a special week of children’s evangelization dedicated to all children—especially to those who have never had the opportunity to hear from the word of God. We must make great efforts to reach many children. We must prepare all the materials including flyers in advance.

These activities can be done in many different places. It can take place at a church member’s home where there’s enough space, at a church hall, outdoors in a park, or in a simple room. You can see every detail in the Evangelism Manual, to see how things should be done to have a successful evangelistic event with children. It would be very good if one can schedule the continuity of these meetings throughout the year by holding a weekly meeting for children. Look for people who want to do this job wholeheartedly. Each of the collaborators must prepare all the needed details in advance. If the material cannot be printed, prepare enough visuals to illustrate each of the parts. The hall for this event should be prepared for the occasion. Make sure every detail is ready. One can decorate it and turn on some relaxing music so that the kids are comfortable.

This year, videos will be shared online for all the children who cannot attend any physical meetings. Let us share all the wonderful messages with them, so that they can get to know our wonderful Savior. The videos can be found at “biblewell.org”

We invite all the brethren to pray a great deal so that the Lord will touch the hearts of the children who will come to hear each of the topics. Each church will schedule the topics according to their possibilities. Let’s invite all children, friends, children of members, and visitors to come and enjoy all that is offered on these days.

If children early become familiar with the truths of God’s word, a barrier against ungodliness will be erected, and they will be able to meet the foe with the words, “It is written.” (*Gospel Workers*, 208.2)

May God bless all the brethren and let’s continue praying so that God may open many hearts.

● ● ● **General program** ● ● ●

God's Gifts for His Children

◇ **General Objectives:**

God bless all our brothers and sisters and we are left praying that God will open hearts so that

1. Through faith, they may receive Jesus as their Savior and Lord of their lives.
2. They may continue to grow in their Christian life every day

◇ **Duration: 7 days**

◇ **Theme Verse: 1 John 4:9 "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."**

◇ **Theme song: "Presents" No. 8**

◇ **General Programming:**

	Title	Main Lesson	Goals of the day	Bible Story	Verses	Verse to memorize	Song	Complementary activity
1	God gives you salvation	God gives salvation to each of his children	Accept the gift of salvation that God offers us.	The paralyzed Ma in Bethesda	John 5:1-18 Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8; John 1:12	Luke 19:10	Romans 5:8 No 1	Keys of salvation. Write on each key
2	God wants to give you victories	God assures us victories if we trust in Him.	Experience the victories that God wants to give us.	Daniel in the lion's den	Daniel 6; 1 John 5:4; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Luke 11:28; Isaiah 41:13	1 Corinthians 15:57	I am Victorious. No. 2	Picture of situations in which we have made important decisions.
3	God wants you to grow spiritually	God wants you to grow spiritually.	Desire to grow spiritually every day.	The growth of a plant	2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 2:2; Ephesians 4:15 Colossians 1:10, Psalms 119:105; Malachi 4:2; John 3:8; Psalm 84:4 1Peter 4:10	2 Peter 3:18	I'll Grow. No.3	Picture of verses to read every day and comment on. What does God tell me? How do I apply it to my life? Color the drawings of activities that help you grow.
4	God gives you a mansion	God is preparing a city for us to live with Him.	To desire to live in the city that God is preparing for us.	The Second Coming and Heaven	Matthew 24:3-7; Matthew 24:27; Mark 7: 21-23; Revelation 3:20; Luke 18:13; John 14:3; Revelation 3:20; Psalms 32:5; John 3:16	Matthew 24:27	Soon I'll Go. No. 4 I'm a light No 4.1.	Makes a picture with the memory verse to practice each day.

5	God gives you Love	God loves us and gives us many blessings.	Feel the desire to love God in response to everything He gives us	Elisha and the Shunamite	2 Kings 4:837; 1 John 4:19; Proverbs 8:17; John 14:15; 1 John 4:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; John 14:15	1 John 4:19	He is my Refuge No. 5	Reasons to love God.
6	God Wants You to Talk About Him	May the child want to walk with Jesus every day.	Psalms 51:7	Paul's call. Acts 9:131 Psalms 51:7 John 3:36 Revelation 3:20	Mark 16:1; Acts 13:47; Acts 20:24; Luke 11:28; Luke 8:39; Matthew 13:23	Mark 16:15	Good news. No. 6	Make invitation cards for other children to learn about Jesus.
7	God gives you Promises	God gives promises to each one of His children.	Believe that God speaks to us through His word.	Rescued from the fiery furnace	Daniel 3; Isaiah 43:2; Matthew 7:7; Haggi 2:5; Psalms 34:4; Isaiah 26:3 Psalms 89:34; Psalms 27:1 Psalms 56:11; Romans 8:31; Deuteronomy 31:6 Isaiah 41:13; Luke 18:27; Isaiah 41:10; Revelation 2:10; Proverbs 16:20	Isaiah 43:2	The Lord He will fight for you. No. 7	Write God's promises for His children.

◇ **Bible Lesson No. 1**

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God gives you salvation
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◇ **Biblical base:** John 5:1-18; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8; John 1:12

◇ **Theme or main lesson:** God gives salvation to each one of His children.

◇ **Story:** The Paralytic of Bethesda

◇ **Objectives**

That the children may:

- Learn that God sent His Son to save us.
- Feel the desire to accept Jesus as their Savior.
- Accept the gift of salvation that God offers us.

◇ **Materials**

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and illustrated memory verse. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenir consisting of the memory verse of the day for each child to take home. Materials for crafts.

◇ **Welcome**

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greet all the children as a group. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will be teaching during this activity.

◇ **Music Time**

Start by teaching joyful songs that can motivate the group. You can use some greeting songs for this occasion. If you've completed the week of children's evangelism in 2018 at the same location, then you can sing and review some of the songs you learned back then.

One option is to teach "I'm Happy, Happy," and "Oh What Joy" (2018)

To conclude, teach the song that is based on Romans 5:8.

◇ **Introduction**

Do you know of a special place we have in this town? There are many special places in each of the places where we live.

I'm going to show you some pictures so you can see these places to see if you recognize them.

(Show photos of special places in the city and describe them briefly).

Lesson

In Jerusalem there was a very special place, and it was special because something very interesting was happening there. In this place there was a pool with a lot of water. Around the pool there were many people who would go there to rest, watch what was going on, and some even lived there.

Every so often, a highly anticipated event happened; an event that all the people around the pool anticipated. Suddenly the water would move without anyone touching it. It was said that it was an angel who moved it. The first sick person who jumped into that pool and bathed, was then fully cured.

How great it must have been to see that spectacle! The water moving, the sick person bathing there, and all of a sudden shouting, "I'm cured! I'm cured! This is amazing!"

How wonderful it would have been to experience that scenario. You know what? God with his great

love, has also left a very special place for each one of us to enjoy. Do you know what it is? It is His nature. God has given us the beauty of the trees, their shade, the leaves, the birds, and the flowers. There are many of these amazing places and so many beautiful things that we can observe in nature; like butterflies flying, animals enjoying themselves, leaves falling in autumn, and the crisp frost or falling snow in winter. Every stage has its wonder. It's so nice that we too can enjoy this beautiful place that God has left us!

Do you enjoy nature? Have you gone out to enjoy nature?

There was a crowd of sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed people in that pool. They were all hopeless. They went to the pool because they wanted a miracle in their lives.

They were very sad. Sometimes some were accompanied by their relatives, but others were not.

There was a certain paralytic at that pool, who couldn't get in alone. He was sure that he'd never be healed, because he didn't have any family or friends who could ever get him into the pool on time. When the water moved, there was always another person who beat him in and bathed first. What sadness!

Have you ever been sick? We can be sick in different ways: one way is with our body when we have chicken pox, colds, sore throats, fever because of a sickness, or a cough. The other is when we have a disease in our soul: The disease of the heart or the sickness of sin. You know what? The Bible, in Romans 3:23 it says, "We have all sinned, we all do evil things." Could it be that we have a solution to our sin just like the paralyzed man? I am sure that each of the children who are here today have committed some sin. Some lie, some are disobedient, even I am a sinner. All of us, as the Bible says, have sinned; we tell lies, we disobey our mothers, maybe we've kept something that doesn't belong to us, all those things are called sin. Sin is to do evil, sin is to disobey what the Word of God says.

Is there a solution for us? Let's go back to the story...

... Silence.

Suddenly, someone came up to this paralyzed man and started talking to him.

-Hello, how are you? Are you alone?

Oh! the one who spoke, he was someone very special. It was Jesus, who had realized that this sick man had been at this place for a long time. This paralytic had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years, and much of that time, had been spent at that pool, waiting for a miracle.

Jesus came up, looked Him tenderly in the eye, and said:

-Do you want to be healed?

The paralytic looked at Him and said:

-I want to, but I can't get to the pool on time. When the water moves, I don't have someone to help me in.

Jesus then told Him that He wanted to heal him. Now was his chance to be healed!

You know what? We have someone who wants to give us a solution to our sinful disease too.

A long time ago, God sent Jesus to die for us. Jesus came to earth, was born as a little baby, yet He never sinned. He came here to give His life for every child who has committed sin.....children from long ago, and children from today. This is the greatest gift that God can give us, in Romans 5:8 it says: "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." This is God's great love for us, and Jesus gave his life, so that we may have the possibility to gain salvation.

When Jesus asked the paralytic if he wanted to be healed, the paralytic answered:

- Yes! I do want to be healed!

And at the moment Jesus said to him:

-Get up, take your bed and go home.

The paralytic did not hesitate for a moment, he quickly stood up, lifted his bed, and realized that he was completely healthy.

-Thank you Lord Jesus! Thank you Lord Jesus! Thank you, because you've healed me!

And he left filled with joy, because now he could walk and jump, and was he was no longer paralyzed. This was extraordinary!

Today, we have the possibility of receiving that gift from God. We too can be completely healed and Jesus asks us, do you want to be healed? Do you want to be healed from sin?

We only have to do two things: First-believe and secondly, say, "Yes Lord, I want You to live in my heart and forgive me for all those bad things that I have done or said."

It is your choice: do you want to receive God's gift? Do you want to do it today?

Pray to the Lord: "Lord, I recognize that I am a sinner and I need your forgiveness. I want you to enter into my heart, cleanse it, and heal it from sin. I need Jesus. Thank you for sending him to save me. In the name of Jesus. Amen." You are a child of God, in John 1:12 it says that those who receive Him are the children of God. It is so good to be a child of God!

The paralytic happily went to look for all the people he had loved most in his life.

And now you... does Jesus live in your heart? Have you already accepted the Lord? We can be sure that He will always be with us, but if we sin again, we must ask the Lord to forgive us and He will forgive us.

Our Lord is so great! We can thank the Lord, because He has sent His Son to die for our sins.

◇ Teaching the Memory Verse

This moment is important, because we are helping the children keep the words of God in their minds.

Introduction:

We will learn a small portion of the Word of God today. It is written in the Bible.

Today we learned that Jesus came to earth to die for all sinners.

The Bible verse goes like this

- "For the Son of Man
- came to seek and to save
- that which was lost." Luke 19:10

We can write it on a large piece of paper or illustrate parts of the verse.

Follow all instructions in the manual. Remember that within this material, you have the illustrations, and verses ready to print.

You can choose to take time to memorize the Bible verse with the children before or after the lesson.

◇ Presentation: Visually display the Bible verse

Let someone read it. Then look for it in the Bible and have someone read it again.

Show that it is written in the Bible.

- **Explanation:** explain each part of the verse carefully so that the students may understand it better.
- **Application:** Jesus came to this earth and died on the cross for our sins. Without Jesus we would be lost and without salvation. That is why He left heaven and came to find us.
- **Repetition:** Invite the children to read the verse and repeat it several times. You can let the boys do it first, then the girls, then everyone, then the tall kids, the little kids, etc. use different methods of repetition.

◇ Prayer Time

Continue the program without stopping. Dedicate some time to prayer.

At this time, we will briefly dedicate ourselves to teaching how to pray. Teach it in a simple way, because it could be the first time they've ever prayed.

For example:

This is a great moment to take some time to talk to God again!

We can talk to God whenever we feel like it, it because He always listens to us. We call this praying. To pray is to speak to God as a friend.

We will pray together. (Remember to always speak in the plural, us, including gratitude and for always listening to us.)

We can teach a song to prepare for this moment. In the songbook you will find the song entitled "Waiting for the Prayer"

◇ Counseling

After the topic, you may call all the children who decided to believe in Jesus as their Savior. Counseling helps to figure out how much of the message the child understood, to discover how they responded to the message, and to clarify any doubts and misconceptions.

Base their decision on the word of God. Encourage them to keep coming every day.

With the help of several teachers talk to the children in small groups. Review the message of salvation to know their understanding and clarify the harder points. You will be given written texts for the child to read during the week; (more details in the *Evangelism Manual*).

◇ Activities

Prepare the copies for each child beforehand. Since we don't know how many kids will come, bring an estimate of enough copies. It is preferable to have more than to have some kids without materials. If you don't have enough, then it's important to have a plan B.

For this occasion, students will have to write or cut and paste the steps of salvation. They are:

- God loves me
- I'm a sinner
- Christ died for me
- I receive Him in my heart
- I am a son of God

Children + 8: Keys of Salvation; cut and paste each of the steps of salvation on each key. Color them.

Children 0-7: Color the drawing.

◇ Conclusion:

Thank you, God, for giving me salvation.

◇ Games

If the Bible activity isn't done on Sabbath, then we can play some games. This allows us to get closer to our students and creates a stronger relationship of friendship in their hearts.

◇ **Bible Lesson No. 2**

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God Wants to Give You Victories
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◇ **Biblical base:** Daniel 6; 1 John 5:4; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Luke 11:28; Isaiah 41:13.

◇ **Main theme or lesson:** God assures us victories if we trust in Him.

◇ **Story:** Daniel in the Lion’s Den

◇ **Objectives**

That the children may...

- Learn that God has victories for us if we trust in Him.
- Understand that even though we have difficulties, He is with us.
- Experience the victories God wants to give us.

◇ **Materials**

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and illustrated memory verse. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenirs with the Bible verse of the day for each child to take home. Materials for crafts.

◇ **Welcome**

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greet all the children as a group. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will teach today’s activity. Start by talking about how they’ve spent the day. Remind the kids of some activities done the day before.

◇ **Music Time**

Go over the song “I’m happy, happy,” “We’re happy to be here,” and learn the song “I Have Great Victory”. Consider the instruction booklet. Do not forget that it is a moment of joy where we will show our love for children.

◇ **Introduction**

1. Look what I brought you, how beautiful! I have a crown and this is a cape. Have you ever met a king? I haven’t met any of them. The kings live in palaces, in important houses of great luxury, which have many rooms, and they often have servants and soldiers to take care of them. It would be wonderful to be able to live in one of those king’s palaces. Today we are going to study the story of a man who emerged victorious in the face of difficulties.
2. Today I want to show you something very special. Look, here we have different types of medals. Do you know what medals are? Aaah! Right! We may think of medals as something that is given to people as a prize for something special. If that’s right, medals are gifts given to you for victories you get. Today we are going to talk about a gift that God wants to give us- the gift of victory. There was a king... (start with the story)

Lesson

There was a king, his name was Darius. He had conquered many cities—and among them was Babylon. They were all under the rule of his reign.

When he conquered Babylon, there was a very wise Israelite named Daniel, who was very responsible and above all, reverent to his God; so the king put him in a very important position.

King Darius greatly appreciated Daniel, because he knew that he worshipped the true God. But this king often lived his life in ways that were not pleasing to God.

We wake up, go to school, come and hear about Jesus, but what do we do? We are like that king, we know that God exists, but sometimes we do not know what to do, whether to listen to the voice of God or the voice of an enemy that makes us do evil things. We're in doubt.

But there were many people in that kingdom who did not believe in God and only sought to destroy Daniel. They were following him to see what he was doing. Daniel had a habit, he loved doing it every day. He would go to his window and pray. He spoke to the Lord from that place, and of course, the whole city could see him, because he was at the window.

These men watched Daniel pray, and said:

-Let's trap him! We're going to make Daniel die for this!

Then they went to where the king was, and said:

"King, why don't you make a law so that for a while only you will be worshipped? And whoever worships another god that isn't you, will be thrown into the lion's den.

The king was a very proud man and said:

-That is good. Let it be written and done.

The trap was set. The decree came out. Daniel saw it and said:

-I will continue to pray, because the God I have, is a God of power, and He wants me to speak to Him. I'm not going to stop talking to my friend because of this law.

You know what? We sometimes go through difficult moments and have to decide to do good or do what others want. We're afraid of what's going to happen to us. Satan wants that; he wants us to be afraid and he wants us to turn away from the Lord. He wants us to do evil, he wants to live in our hearts too, and he wants us to follow his ways. He does not want Jesus to live in our hearts.

Now it's up to us to decide... what do you decide?

You know what? The Bible says in Luke 11:28," Blessed are those who hear what God says and obey." We have two choices: to follow God or to follow Satan.

What did Daniel do? Those who saw Daniel praying quickly went to the king to accuse Daniel of breaking the law and to throw him into the lion's den!

Daniel did not run away when they went to capture him, he only trusted God.

The king didn't know what to do!

-Oh! My friend Daniel! Now I realize that this law was a trap!

But he had no alternative. He had already made the decree and signed it. All He had to do was comply with the law and throw Daniel into the lion's den.

Daniel prayed more earnestly than ever before and trusted that he would emerge victorious.

When you face challenges, are you courageous and do you trust in God? Or do you listen to Satan because of fear?

In school, we often struggle and have to choose between something that God's word tells us not to do and what we really should do. The Bible says in 1. Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, which giveth us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" we can be sure that we can have victory in Jesus. So now you may wonder how would you act? Will you trust God, believing that you'll surely have victories or will you let yourself be overcome?

The king went to the lion's den early in the morning to see what had happened to Daniel. He was sure that God had given him a solution.

When he peeked in, the king asked:

-Daniel, are you there?

"Yes, I'm here!" he replied.

They opened the door, and saw that Daniel was alive!

As he left, the king asked him:

-What happened?

-God sent an angel and shut the lions' mouths! Now I'm victorious! I am alive!

How wonderful! We, likewise, can emerge victorious, in Jesus we can overcome!

Whenever Satan wants to tempt you or seek you to do something wrong. Ask the Lord for help and you will be assured of victory.

In Isaiah 41:13 it says, "Fear not, I will help you." The promise is ready, all you have to do is pray, so that you can emerge victorious with the help of Jesus.

How about we pray now, and ask Jesus to always help us out when temptation comes?

You're going to be there many times, there, about to do the wrong thing! Hit that kid! Hit that kid! Hit that kid! You want to hit that kid, but no! You know that's wrong, if you ask the Lord for help, He's going to give you strength not to hit him.

Let's pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you because we have a promise that you will always help us. Thank you because we can be victorious with your help. Forgive our sins and help us to always overcome. In the name of Jesus. Amen."

How good it is to be able to say: thank you Lord, because you gave me the gift of always being victorious!

◇ Teaching the Memory Verse

(You may choose to memorize the Bible verse with the children before or after the lesson.)

To teach the Bible verse at this time, we suggest preparing it with large letters (depending on the size of your group of children) on an old scroll. Make sure the paper scroll is big enough and glue the letters onto it.

Memory Verse:

- **"But thanks be to God,**
 - **which giveth us the victory**
 - **through our Lord Jesus Christ."**
 - **1 Corinthians 15:57**
- **Introduction:** You can talk about how it was written in ancient times and show your scroll. If it's big, ask two volunteers for help so that they can help you hold it in the front so that everyone may see.
 - **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the text together as you open the scroll. Then you will read it in a strong and clear way.
 - **Explanation:** con breves palabras explicarás el texto. Recordando y enfatizando la lección del día de hoy.
 - **Explanation:** in a few words you will explain the verse. Remind and emphasize today's lesson to the kids.
 - **Example:** Today we have studied, that with Jesus, we can emerge victorious. That's why we must always thank God. With His help, victory will be assured.
 - **Repetition:** Uses innovative methods for reviewing the lesson.
 - **Application:** It is important to apply the day's lesson and memory verse to the child's life as it was studied that day.

I recommend that you read the Instruction Manual so that you can perfect the way you teach children every day.

◇ **Prayer Time**

As you know, this is an important moment when we bring the children closer to speak to God.

- **Tip:** Give 3 or 4 children the opportunity to share some of the victories they have had with Jesus' help.

Today we will thank God for our victories

Gather the children in a circle, hold hands, and pray together.

◇ **Activities**

- **Children +8:** Complete the chart by writing down life situations where you've had to take important decisions. Mark with a cross the results that were obtained.
- **Children 0 - 7:** Color the drawing.

Opcional:

- Write 2 or 3 situations for which to pray for on a large sheet, so that they may be victorious.

◇ **Conclusion**

Thank you Father for giving me victories.

◇ **Juegos**

If the Bible activity isn't done on Sabbath, then we can play some games. This allows us to get closer to our students and creates a stronger relationship of friendship in their hearts.

◇ **Bible Lesson No. 3**

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God Wants You to Grow Spiritually
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◇ **Biblical base: La creación.** 2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 2:2; Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 1:10, Psalm 119:105; Malachi 4:2; John 3:8; Psalm 84:4.

◇ **Enseñanza principal: We must grow spiritually every day.**

◇ **Story:** The growth of a seed.

◇ **Objectives**

That the children may...

- Understand that we have a lot to learn every day.
- Feel the desire to learn more every day.
- Want to grow spiritually every day.

◇ **Materials**

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and illustrated memory verse. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenir consisting of the day's memory verse for each child to take home. Materials for crafts.

◇ **Welcome**

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greet all the children as a group. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will teach today's activity.

◇ **Music Time**

Start with joyful songs that can motivate the group. You can use some greeting songs for this occasion.

Then teach the theme song of the day. Consider the instruction booklet.

Option: "I will grow". It is important to demonstrate mimics showing growth in this song. It will help our students learn the song faster.

◇ **Introduction**

I brought you something small but very special today. I brought you a lot of seeds so that we can take a look at them together.

There are millions of different types of seeds... as many as the amount of plants that exist. They've discovered over 100,000 different plant varieties in only one place. Imagine!

Every seed has its own size and growth time. We will study how a seed grows today. For example, this one (choose and bring a seed/plant).

Lesson

Have you seen a plant grow? First, we have to understand that a plant has several steps in its growth process. The first thing is to find the best seed to plant. When we find it, then we have to look for a suitable place to plant it. There the seed will grow and grow.

We always need to have a piece of land to plant the seed on. This land must be ready. We need to remove all the stones and big elements found in it, which might hinder our seed from growing.

The soil is very important in the growth of our seed. It is the food for the seeds. Soil is composed of minerals and other elements that are absorbed by the seeds to help them grow.

You know what? We're like seeds. We've heard about what Jesus came to do on this earth, remember? Let's review it for a moment: Jesus lived in heaven, he came to this earth to die in our place, for our sins. He was crucified for me and you. We just have to believe and apologize for all the evil we've thought, done, or said.

When we accept Jesus into our lives and He lives in us, it is like He is sowing a seed in our hearts. We are that land in which a small seed was sown.

Let's continue and see what the second step for a plant to grow is.

The seed, once sown in the soil, needs water. Water refreshes the seed, and moisturizes it so it can begin growing. But the most important thing is that water allows the seed to absorb all the nutrients from the earth.

In other words, the seed needs the water to be able to eat and grow.

We have to grow up, too. After hearing from Jesus, we must continue to learn from Him. We can do this because God has given us the Bible with messages for all his children.

In it, we find many teachings for our lives, promises for when we feel bad, warnings, and interesting things to delight ourselves in the Lord. He tells us what will happen in the future, and the most important thing is that He allows us to know more about God and his love for us.

The Bible says in Psalm 119:105 "The word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." The word of God tells us what to do. It is like a light that lights us up and tells us how to act.

Every plant not only needs water, but also needs the sun. The sun gives it energy, that is, strength to grow. Energy allows the plant to produce its own food. Sunlight causes the plant to convert carbon dioxide into good nutrients.

Without sunshine, a plant can't grow.

You know what? We all need light from a special sun. The Bible speaks of a Sun of righteousness in Malachi 4:2 "The sun of righteousness arises with healings in his wings."

Jesus came to this earth and brought salvation for all men. Jesus is compared to the sun.

All of us need Him. We need a Savior. That is why God has given us prayer—so that we can talk to our Savior and with our Father.

Prayer is speaking to God like speaking to a friend with whom we share all our secrets. It is where we can apologize for all our faults. How good it is to be able to have prayer so that you can speak to God!

Let's go back to the plant.

There's something else plants need to grow.... Do you know what it is? Air, or oxygen. We said the plants need water, sun and now air. Air makes plants strong.

It helps them fulfill the task that they have. With it they can perform photosynthesis. The wind also helps them to grow stronger roots.

We need to always listen to God. And how can we do that?

One way is to go to the church meetings each week to hear about God's Word and in this way learn more about Him every time. The Holy Spirit is transforming our lives. In John 3:8, Jesus said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.."

That's how we can grow. We're getting stronger and stronger.

In Psalm 84:4 it says, "Blessed are they that dwell in your house." To hear from God is a blessing.

As we said, plants grow because they have water, sun and air. Many people enjoy plants because of their flowers, leaves, and fruits.

God has given us the Word of God to study, prayer to speak with Him every day, and the possibility to gather together and hear from Him.

Let us always show others what God has done in our lives today.

Let us thank God for the gift of being able to grow spiritually!

◇ Teaching the Memory Verse

(You may memorize the Bible verse with the children before or after the lesson.)

Let's remember that this is a very special moment. This moment is important, because we are helping the children keep the word of God in their minds.

Prepare the verse in advance on large cards with phrases.

Memory Verse:

- But grow in the grace and knowledge
 - of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
 - To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.
 - 2 Peter 3:18
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- **Introduction:** Make a brief introduction for the verse of the day.
 - **Presentation:** Allow children to read the Bible verse. The teacher should read loudly to accompany the children in reading.
 - **Explanation:** In this step, explain the most difficult words in the verse.
 - **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn about this verse.
 - **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

I recommend that you read the Instruction Manual, so that you may perfect the way you teach the Bible verse to the children every day.

◇ Prayer Time

Time to talk to God. Start this part by reviewing what was learned about prayer time. This class will be focused on prayer requests.

You can bring a big paper and let the children write down their requests there. If there are many students, then it is important to pray in a general way. But if there are only a few kids, one can pray for each request. It is important for our students to know that we pray for them and do not leave any of them out.

Beware of requests that may have doctrinal problems. For example. Praying for a dead grandfather... For a dead animal, etc...

◇ Activities

Children +8: Text box to read every day and answer. What does God tell me?

Children 0-7: Color drawings of activities that help you grow spiritually.

Option: Color the drawing.

◇ Conclusión

Thank you, Lord, because you help me grow.

◇ Games

If the Bible activity isn't done on Sabbath, then we can play some games. This allows us to get closer to our students and creates a stronger relationship of friendship in their hearts.

◇ **Bible Lesson No. 4**

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God Gives You a Mansion
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◇ **Biblical base:** Matthew 24:3-7; Matthew 24:27; Mark 7:21-23; Revelation 3:20; Luke 18:13; John 14:3; Revelation 3:20; Psalm 32:5; John 3:16.

◇ **Enseñanza principal:** God is preparing a city for us to live with Him in.

◇ **Story:** Christ's Second Coming and Heaven.

◇ **Objectives**

That the children may...

- Learn that God is preparing a city for us to go to in heaven where we will live with Him.
- To have the desire to live in the city that God is preparing for us.

◇ **Materials**

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and illustrated memory verse. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenir consisting of the memory verse for each child to take home. Materials for crafts.

◇ **Welcome**

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greet all the children as a group. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will teach today's activity.

◇ **Music Time**

Start by teaching joyful songs that can motivate the group. You can use some greeting songs for this occasion.

Then teach the theme song. Consider the instruction booklet.

Options: "Soon, yes very soon I'll go", "I'm a Light".

◇ **Introduction**

(Prepair a white "robe" with an inexpensive fabric) Did you hear the lyrics of the song? Close your eyes, imagine that you live in a very, very large house, which has a beautiful park to run in, trees with many fruits, and many animals- even the wildest bears, tigers, and lions. We'll even have a white dress and a super beautiful crown. How would you like to live there?

Lesson

Heaven is a wonderful place. It is full of delicious fruits to eat, horses, dogs, cats, fish, birds and many more animals; rivers to bathe in, a lot of countryside to rest in, plants to enjoy, and so many totally new things that we can't even imagine! What a beautiful place!

And...? So, how's the place you live in? Is it nice?

At people's houses, maybe even ours, things are sometimes broken or missing, a glass here, a window there, a roof, water, food, and that makes us sad many times, but God loves us so much that he wants us all to be in a place where we have everything and can enjoy it with Him. In John 14:3 it says, "... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

We will be able to enjoy a totally new home, with many luxuries, with delicious food, and a lot of love. Would you like to live there?

We'll be there soon. Jesus wants us to go to that place, so we must prepare ourselves, and that's why Jesus told us a few words of instruction in Matthew 24 saying that certain things would happen, which would indicate that Christ will soon come to get us to take us to that mansion in heaven.

Many will say they are Christ and try to deceive us into taking us away from the true Jesus.

How does that happen?

Today there are people who are going to say "I am the Christ" or be the voice of Christ, as it says in Matthew 24:5, say that we should do as they tell us, even if it does not agree with the Bible. They deceive people by asking for money so that God will fix problems for them.

Are other things going to happen? Yes, the Bible says in Matthew 24:6 that "there will be wars and rumors of wars" meaning that there are very selfish people, the leaders of some countries whose plan is to invade other countries.

Like which ones? For example, right now there are wars in Syria, in the Middle East, and in several countries in Africa, such as Sudan. Because of these wars, bombs are being planted, many people die, including children; and others are left without arms, or legs. Children are left without their parents, parents lose their children, families are disarmed, houses, villages, and cities are destroyed—at one point everything that cost so much money and effort to be made is shattered. (sad, worried face).

More things are going to happen. He also said that sickness or "pests" would appear as it says in Matthew 24:7 "and there will be plagues" (sad face).

Have you ever gotten sick? It's sad when that happens and you don't feel like playing or eating. You can't go to school. There are even certain diseases, that if you get them, you have to be hospitalized. No one can come visit, and you may be connected to machines because without them you'd die.

New diseases such as diabetes, cancer, lung diseases, fevers, AIDS, high blood pressure, epidemics and many more appear every day. There are people who suffer a lot because of these diseases, and their families and friends who love them, suffer with them, because they do not like to see them sick.

In Matthew 24:7 it says that earthquakes will occur.

Do you know what earthquakes are? (wait for the children to respond). Earthquakes are sudden movements of the earth which leave many people homeless, and dead, because the walls of the houses sometimes fall on them, or they can fall into a hole that appeared in the ground. In recent months, some earthquakes have come to Chile, Taiwan, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Haiti, Spain, Indonesia, and other countries. A large one happened in April in the Philippines. Two buildings fell and five people were killed. Others who were working had to run out to the street for safety; a supermarket also collapsed, leaving many people trapped in the rubble. (Look for some recent earthquakes and find up-to-date information on them).

All this announces that Jesus is coming soon and we must be ready to go with Him.

What can we do?

We must open our hearts because He will soon come looking for us. In Luke 18:13, He tells how the publican humbled himself and told God what he was like, asked for forgiveness, and accepted Him into his heart.

You know what? in Revelation 3:20 it says "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock, if any hear my voice, and open the door, I will enter him, and dine with him, and he with me." Jesus is calling. He wants you to open your heart to Him and tell Him how you are, the lies you tell, how angry you are with your brother because he didn't let you wear his clothes, with the teacher because he gave you a lot of homework, the desire you have to hit a person, and thus, all the sins that you have in your heart and that no one knows. As the publican and as King David, who in Psalm 32:5 said, "Whoever conceals his sin never prospers; yet he who confesses it and leaves it, finds forgiveness," you must tell God all the bad things you think, do, or said, and ask Him to help you not do them anymore.

Jesus loves you so much that he came to earth to die in order to forgive your sins and mine, so that we may be clean and thus live forever in a mansion with him, "because God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We will spend that eternal life in a beautiful mansion that God is preparing for you and me. He wants you to be there. Get ready to meet him!

◇ Teaching the Memory Verse

(You may memorize the Bible verse with the children before or after the lesson)

Let's remember that this is a very special moment. This moment is important, because we are helping the children keep the words of God in their minds.

Prepare the verse in advance on a long poster, one line at a time to slowly unfold as the kids learn it.

- "For as lightning
 - that comes from the East
 - is visible even in the West,
 - so will be
 - the coming of the Son of Man."
 - Matthew 24:27
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- **Introduction:** Give a Small Review of the Coming of Christ.
 - **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the verse.
 - **Explanation:** Explain the difficult words so that the children may understand. Don't forget to explain "East" "and "West" to clearly explain the concept that Jesus will be seen everywhere.
 - **Application:** This is the continuation of the explanation.
 - **Repetition:** Look for creative methods for this part.

◇ Prayer Time

As you know, this is an important moment where we bring the children closer to speak to God.

We can prepare the children's hearts with the prayer song before we pray.

Tip: Carry a bag you have prepared beforehand (may be paper).

On this day we will talk about the importance of being grateful. Give examples of thanks.

Allow the children to write all the thanks they have in the big bag.

This activity will take some time so that every grateful child may have the opportunity to express their gratitude in written form.

Another option is to bring a drawings of different things to be grateful for that you've prepared before-hand, such as, for example, drawings of parents, a house, friends, brothers, school, etc., This way the children can just pick out what they are grateful for and can place it in the bag.

◇ Activities

- **All children:** Make a picture with the memory verse so that they'll remember it every day. Decorate it.
- **Optional:** Color the drawing.

◇ Conclusion

Thank you, Lord, for preparing a mansion for me where we will soon be going to live.

◇ Games

If the Bible activity isn't done on Sabbath, then we can play some games. This allows us to get closer to our students and creates a stronger relationship of friendship in their hearts.

◇ **Bible Lesson No. 5**

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God gives you love
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◇ **Biblical base:** 2 Kings 4:8-37; 1 John 4:19; Proverbs 8:17; John 14:15; 1 John 4:19;

◇ 1 Thessalonians 5:18; John 14:15.

◇ **Main theme or lesson:** God loves us and gives us many blessings.

◇ **Story:** Elishah and the Sunamite

◇ **Objectives**

That the children may...

- Learn that God gives us many blessings because He loves us.
- Understand God’s love for His children.
- Feel the desire to love God in return for everything He has given us.

◇ **Materials**

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and illustrated memory verse. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenir consisting of the day’s memory verse for each child to take home. Materials for crafts.

◇ **Welcome**

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greet all the children as a group. Introduce yourself and all the teachers who will teach today’s activity.

◇ **Music Time**

Start by teaching joyful songs that can motivate the group. You can use a greeting song for this occasion.

Then teach the theme song. Consider the instruction booklet.

Options: Review songs from previous days. Today’s song is “Psalms 62- Truly my soul finds rest in God”.

◇ **Introduction**

1. Show what happy people who received gifts look like. Let’s look at all these faces, what do they look like? They’re all happy. You know what? Today we’re going to study the story of a woman who was happy, but she was even happier after something wonderful happened to her..
2. Bring a large gift that has something inside it to share it with the kids at the end. They can be Bible verses, promises printed on colored papers, etc. Look what I brought you: a beautiful gift! There’s something in here for everyone. Do you like to get presents? I love receiving gifts. Today we are going to study a story about someone who received a very, very special gift.

Lesson

In a large field, there once lived a woman with her husband. They worked, planted many things, and happily lived there. But they could not have children. Despite that, they had settled down and

continued doing their work well. They had many friends with whom they really liked to spend time-with.

What about you? Where do you live? You probably live in a house, with your parents, your brothers, maybe friends. What do you like to do? What are the things you have that you're glad to have? (Tell a personal experience). Ex: (I live in a big house, with my children and husband. I also love having fruit trees because I can go to them, get the fruit and eat it right there. And do you know what I like best? It's being able to read. I have several books that I read. They help me learn more, and I love that!)

Let's go back to the story. This woman had her field, lived in a very nice house, and was always visited by someone very special. She was visited by the prophet Elisha, who came by her home often, along with his assistant. He would visit her and then continue on his way home.

One day this Shunamite woman (meaning she was from the city of Shunem) and her husband decided to prepare an apartment so that when the prophet arrived, he could stay at their house. Then they began to build it quickly, and when it was ready, the prophet would come, and stay at the new apartment. The woman and her husband awaited the prophet with joy, gave him their appreciation, and were happy.

What are the blessings you have received? What's the most beautiful thing you have? There are many things we have, even though we think we have nothing. You might say, Oh! I don't have much money! I am sad! But there are many things you have received from God that, if we think about, are huge blessings. For example: Do you have a dad? Do you have a mom? Do you have a bed to sleep in? That's a blessing, what else do you have...? You have food every day, you can go to school every day, all of those things are a blessing.

In 1 John 4:19 it says, "We love Him, because He first loved us." And that is the most important blessing: that we have God in our lives and that we love Him very much. In order to live happily, we have the security that God's love is always in our lives. What a blessing it is to know God! That's the greatest blessing! And God gives us many things every day. It's a gift from God to you when you wake up every morning.

You know what? The prophet Elisha visited the Shunamite woman and her husband from time to time and was very happy with the hospitality they gave him. Then, one day, he decided to do something for them. He called the woman and said:

-You're going to have a child next year. This is a gift that God will grant you.

Oh! They were surprised! It was their greatest desire because they could not have children before. They hugged the prophet Elisha and thanked him for that wonderful gift from God that he had told them they were going to have.

They did not deserve this gift, but the prophet Elisha wanted to give them something to thank them for the love and affection they gave him.

It happens with us the same way. We are sinners, but God still loves us the same and continues to give us benefits. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says: "Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". What about you? Do you thank the Lord for all you have?

Just as this family thanked the prophet, we must be grateful to God because God gives us many things and grants us many benefits.

After a year, they had the child and they were happy for the gift God had given them because of their kindness. It was the best gift they could have received, their beloved child. The child grew with joy, and every time the prophet visited them, he received him with great affection. Did you know that this child helped his parents very joyfully? He had very wonderful parents.

What about you? How do you respond to God's love for you? The Bible says in John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." God loves us and gives us all that we have, but we have to reciprocate that great love that God gives us by keeping His commandments. We must give back to the Lord. Do you do it? The Bible speaks a lot about the things the Lord wants us to do, and so we must reciprocate our thankfulness and do them, for example: reading the Word of God, obeying God's commandments. One of them says "Honour your father and your mother". We must obey our parents. Do

you? If you don't, hurry up and decide to do it every day and always.

But first of all, you must thank God for His great love towards you.

◇ Teaching the Memory Verse

(You may memorize the Bible verse with the children before or after the lesson.)

Let's remember that this is a very special moment. This moment is important, because we are helping the children keep the word of God in their minds.

Write the verse in a big heart.

Memory Verse:

- **"We love Him,**
- **because He first loved us."**
- **1 John 4:19**

Follow the steps shown in the manual.

- **Introduction:** How can we show love to someone we love very much?
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. Let the teacher read the verse loudly to accompany the children while they are reading.
- **Explanation:** In this step, explain the most difficult words in the verse.
- **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn about in this verse.
- **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

◇ Prayer Time

This is the moment in which we take time to talk to God. In this class we will talk about prayer and give some comparisons.

For example: Prayer is like a traffic light. Sometimes God answers us red=no, or yellow= there's hope—wait, or green= an answered prayer.

Heaven's phone number: Jeremiah 31:3.

Allow a child to pray today with the help of an adult.

◇ Actividades opcionales

- **Children +8:** Make a picture of a big heart and inside of it, write several reasons why we should love God.
- **Children 0-7:** Bring some pictures that demonstrate the reasons to love God.

Optional: Give the children papers so that they can make a letter/drawing to someone they love very much.

Color the drawing.

◇ Conclusion

Thank you, Lord, for giving me so much love.

◇ Games

If the Bible activity isn't done on Sabbath, then we can play some games. This allows us to get closer to our students and creates a stronger relationship of friendship in their hearts.

◇ **Bible Lesson No. 6**

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God Wants You to Talk About Him
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◇ **Biblical base:** Mark 16:1; Acts 13:47; Acts 20:24; Luke 11:28; Luke 8:39; Matthew 13:23

◇ **Enseñanza principal:** God wants you to share the wonders He's done in your life.

◇ **Story:** Naaman and the girl.

◇ **Objectives**

That the children may...

- Understand that God does many wonders for us
- Understand that we must count on what God does for us.
- Want to testify to others what God does for us.

◇ **Materials**

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and illustrated memory verse. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenir consisting of the day's memory verse for each child to take home. Materials for crafts.

◇ **Welcome**

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greeting all the children in the group in a general way.

◇ **Music Time**

Start by teaching joyful songs that can motivate the group. You can use a greeting song for this occasion.

Then teach the theme song. Consider the instruction booklet.

Option: "Heaven sent a challenge that's my mission today."

◇ **Introduction**

(Prepare yourself in advance by tying your hands with a rope and acting as if you were a captive, then begin:)

Hello kids, I'm a Bible character that doesn't have a name. I'm a captive. Do you know what it's like to be a captive or a slave? I no longer own myself, now I depend on my master. I have a master. I was taken from my home a long time ago and now I am a slave (talk for a moment about what it meant to be a slave). ¿You know what? There were a lot of people who were slaves in ancient times. It still happens these days, but it's not legal. Slaves couldn't make their own decisions. They were taken tied up, just like my hands are. Sometimes their feet were put in chains, so that they couldn't escape. This is what happened to the little girl in today's story.

Lesson

One day soldiers came to Israel. They were running around the city with their horses, and they could hear cries of people screaming... No! I don't want to go! The soldiers grabbed a lot of people by force and took them away. A little girl, whose parents are not mentioned in the Bible, was taken as a

slave. She was taken to a city where she would live with all the other slaves, and when she got there they were sold and handed over to different families. The girl was handed over to the house of the chief of the army. His name was Naaman, and she was to be a slave in that house. It was the girl's duty to clean, sweep, do the shopping, wash the clothes, and tend to Naaman's wife, the owner. She worked there, and yet she didn't forget what her parents had taught her. She kept it all engraved in her heart and knew that she should continue loving God—the God her mom and dad had taught her about back in Israel. She remembered her past with great affection and did her work with a lot of joy.

What about you? You come to class every week, and hear about the Lord, are you learning? Every word we hear must always be remembered and put into practice. In Luke 11:28 he says, "But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." This helps us grow more and more like the girl in the story we're learning about today. We must always keep everything we learn in our hearts. You must put into practice all that you learn from the classes where you hear about the Lord. For example, if today we learn about love, you must love all people wholeheartedly; If we learn to talk to God, we should pray every day and talk to God.

What happened to the girl? Although she missed her land and her parents very much, she worked with great happiness because that's how she had been taught to work. She would talk to God every day and tell Him everything that was happening.

One day the girl heard about something strange and bad that was happening! Her boss, Naaman's wife was crying:

-No! This can't happen to me! No! This can't happen to me!

The girl continued working in silence but was trying to hear what was going on. She then suddenly heard it.

-No! he's sick!

The girl heard that Naaman was very ill with a very, very serious illness: her master had leprosy. Many doctors had come to see if He could be cured, but no, as stated, he had leprosy.

So, the girl went to her room and said, I know how it can be cured. I have to tell Him; I have to be courageous and tell him.

You know what? Similar situations happen to us... there are many sick people in the world. There are two ways to get sick—sick in the body, and sick in the soul. This means that many people are sickened by diseases, yet others with a sickness of the soul. The sickness of the soul is sin and we all have this sickness. We commit sins and make many mistakes. We, who have already known Jesus, know what the solution is; the solution is Jesus. It is to give our hearts to Him, to ask Him for forgiveness of our sins. He will help us overcome and stop committing sins. But now we must take courage and do something for these people. Do you have courage?

How would that girl have acted?

She left her room, after speaking to God, and fearfully came up to her master and said:

-Master, I know a place where you can be cured.

He looked at her very intently and said:

- Where is it?

-It in the land of my people—Israel. There's a prophet there, who can heal you. Go over there and you'll see there is a cure. Her master listened.

The girl appreciated her master and knew how to help him, so she decided to do it.

We too should talk to people who do not know about Jesus—People who don't know that there is someone who can forgive their sins. We should not stay quiet but should speak out like the girl did.

We can tell people about God in many different ways. We can hand out flyers, make a card and give it to our friends, or directly talk to them and tell them:

-Friend, you know what? I've learned that there is a Savior who can forgive our sins and help us to no longer commit them. We can also invite our friend to each week's meeting at church. Luke 8:39 says, "Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee." It is very im-

portant to talk to others and teach them about Jesus.

And what happened to the general chief of the army? Naaman went to Israel, found the prophet Elisha, and was told all that he had to do to be healed. You know what happened then? He was healed completely! You can be sure that even if we do not have an immediate response from the message we give, the Word of God continues to work in the hearts of the people. You just have to go and talk, and then let the people give their hearts to the Lord.

Matthew 13:23 says: “But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

There is something else we have to do, and it is to pray for those whom we have spoken about Jesus.

How about we pray together for two things? First, so that the Lord may give us strength to speak to others about Jesus, and secondly, so that the Lord may continue to work in the hearts of these people.

Let us pray: Our Father which art in heaven, we thank you because we know that you have sent a Savior to help us. I ask you to help me have the strength to speak to others of you and touch their hearts so that they will follow you and learn more about you every day. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

What a good gift God gives us: power to speak to others about the love of God!

◇ Teaching the Memory Verse

(You may memorize the Bible verse with the children before or after the lesson.)

Let's remember that this is a very special moment. This moment is important, because we are helping the children keep the words of God in their minds.

Prepare a large poster in advance with the verse on it.

Memory Verse:

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

Follow the steps shown in the instruction booklet.

- **Introduction:** Tell the children a short story about a missionary.
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. The teacher should accompany the kids in the reading of the Bible verse.
- **Explanation:** In this step, explain the most difficult words in the verse. Gospel, creature, preach.
- **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn about from text.
- **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

◇ Prayer Time

Let's remember that this is a special moment. It's time to talk to God. In a paper bag or on a poster, write or paste the names of some friends the children want to pray for. Tell the children to ask God to help them understand and learn more about Jesus.

If there are multiple teachers, allow all the children to be in one group. Pray together thanking the Lord that we can walk beside him.

◇ **Activities**

- **All children:** Make invitation cards for other children to learn about Jesus.
- **Optional:** Color the drawing.

◇ **Conclusion**

Thank you, Lord, for your wonders and for giving us the opportunity of sharing them with others.

◇ **Games**

If the Bible activity isn't done on Sabbath, then we can play some games. This allows us to get closer to our students and creates a stronger relationship of friendship in their hearts.

◇ **Bible Lesson No. 7**

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God Gives You Promises
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◇ **Biblical base:** Daniel 3; Isaiah 43:2; Matthew 7:7; Haggai 2:5; Psalms 34:4; Isaiah 26:3; Psalms 89:34; Psalm 27:1; Psalm 56:11; Romans 8:31; Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 41:13; Luke 18:27; Isaiah 41:10; Revelation 2:10; Proverbs 16:20.

◇ **Main theme or lesson:** God has given promises for each of His children.

◇ **Story:** Rescued from the fiery furnace

◇ **Objectives**

That the children may...

- Learn that God has left us promises.
- Learn about God's promises for us.
- Believe that God speaks to us through His word.

◇ **Materials**

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and illustrated memory verse. Illustrative materials for prayer time. Souvenir consisting of the day's memory verse. Materials for crafts.

◇ **Welcome**

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greet all children in a general way.

◇ **Music Time**

Start by teaching joyful songs that can motivate the group. You can use some greeting songs for this occasion.

Then teach the theme song. Consider the instruction booklet.

Option: Exodus 14:14 ("The Lord God He will fight, fight for you").

◇ **Introduction**

Have you ever gone through a hard time? I've gone through a lot of hard moments. The other day, I heard about a small child who was very, very sick and sad. I was able to tell him about Jesus and he got better. We often have to go through many difficult moments. Today we will study about some boys who had an extremely difficult life.

Lesson

There was a group of young men who worked in a king's palace. They were known for their love to God, their loyalty, and their responsibility. They did everything as they were asked to do. They knew God and knew God's promises to each of His children and were confident that these promises would come true for their lives.

Everything they did was done with great affection, as if God Himself were with them.

Do you know what promises God has given you? I'm going to name a few:

Psalm 34:4 says, "I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.."

Isaiah 26:3 says, “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.. “

And another promise says:” My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips..” Psalms 89:34.

The Bible has many promises ready for us, so that when the time comes, we will have them there.

But what happened in the story? These boys were informed that they should quickly go to a distant field. When they arrived, they saw a lot of people and they knew that they would have to worship a giant statue that was there. That statue was the image of the king himself. The three knew that they should only worship God, and now what? They had to go through a very difficult test now! ¿What would happen if they didn't worship the statue? What if they worshiped it?! The three friends gathered together and took the decision to be faithful to God because they remembered God's promises, for example one that is written in Revelation 2:10 “...Be thou faithful until death, and I will give thee the crown of life”.

Have you gone through tough times in your life? Never forget the Lord's promises, “The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?” David once said in Psalm 27:1. “David also said in Psalm 56:11 “In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. There are many promises that we can learn and remember as we go through difficult times like these three men.

The king was happy and proud, as he looked at the statue, and all the people were ready to worship it.

-Ha! ¡Look at that tremendous golden image that I have made to worship!

Suddenly the music sounded, and all the people gathered together and knelt down in worship. But the three friends stayed standing.

“We will not kneel before the statue,” they said.

They learned not to worship any images at home, and most importantly: they had been taught to obey God before man,” Whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he!” Proverbs 16:20.

Maybe you're also invited to do something wrong sometimes, like making fun of someone, stealing what is not yours, or lying to your parents. God's promise in Deuteronomy 31:6 remains firm, “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”

You must always be courageous when you do the right, because the promise of the Lord states that: “Be brave and fear not, because I will be with you. “

You have to say:

-No to the bad things.

God has promised that if you are faithful, He will be with you always and will never leave you.

So, what happened to the three friends? Some of the people who were worshipping the image at that event immediately went to the king when they saw the three standing and said:

-Look! There are three people who have not knelt!

The friends were sure that God would deliver them, and even if He did not, they would remain steadfast and would not kneel before the statue. The friends remembered God's promise in Isaiah 41:10, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” That's what the Bible says.

The king was extremely angry and commanded the soldiers to heat the furnace.

-“Heat the furnace 7 times hotter than before!,” he said.

The three friends were tied up and thrown into the furnace by very strong men. But soon the king saw four people in the furnace! Hadn't he put three in the furnace? He looked again and there were four! And the fourth was “like the son of the Gods,” said the king.

You must always stay faithful to God, even if there are strong people who are angry at you and want to mistreat you or hurt you. Jesus will protect you, and because you trust in His promises, you can

be sure that Jesus will be with you at all times. He will not leave you alone under any circumstances.

Isaiah 41:13 says, “ For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.”

Just like the friends trusted the Lord’s promise, you should also trust Him. The king approached the furnace and called the friends to come out, “one, two, three...”Three came out, not four! It was at this moment that the king recognized that the men were servants of the Most High God and He had been there with them.

When the young men came out, they were not hurt one bit! The only thing that had burned were the ropes with which they had been bound. Their hair, their eyes, their skin, their clothes, were perfect and no smell of fire penetrated their clothes! When they came out of the furnace, the three friends saw the soldiers who had thrown them in the furnace. They were dead on the ground along with other people who had surrounded the area. Th three friends were protected by that fourth person who was with them. It was Jesus who accompanied them into the furnace.

The Lord will also protect you when you are in trouble and when your companions want you to do something wrong. When it seems like there’s no solution, God is faithful and will be at your side. In Luke 18:27 it says, “ The things which are impossible with men are possible with God..” God knows what is best for our lives, even if we do not understand it. God has a plan, but we must believe the promise that the Lord wants what is best for us and will accompany us in our lives. Our greatest desire must be to always do God’s will.

◇ Teaching the Memory Verse

(You may memorize the Bible verse with the children before or after the lesson.)

Let’s remember that this is a very special moment. This moment is important, because we are helping the children keep the words of God in their minds.

Prepare a large poster in advance with the verse on it.

Memory Verse:

- For I the Lord
 - Thy God
 - Will hold thy right hand
 - saying unto thee, Fear not;
 - I will help thee.
 - Isaiah 41:13
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- **Introduction:** Two children will be called, one of them will sit on the ground and the other will help pick up the one on the ground by holding his right hand.
 - **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. The teacher will accompany the children in the reading.
 - **Explanation:** Explain the most difficult words in the verse.
 - **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn about from this verse.
 - **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

◇ Prayer Time

Let’s talk to God. We’ve been talking about prayer these last few days, and today we will give the opportunity for a child in our class to pray alone. He will pray to God with his heart’s desires.

◇ **Activities**

- **Children +8:** Write some of Gods promises for the children to take with them and share it with their companions, friends, neighbors and anyone else who might be going through a difficult time. Write them on a nice colored paper.
- **Children 0-7:** Color the drawing.

◇ **Conclusion**

Thank you, Lord, for giving me promises written in your Word.

◇ **Games**

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