

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT



The Bible speaks to us about Heroes...
Real heroes, examples to us

Series of 7 Conferences

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CHILDREN'S EVANGELISM WEEK

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



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INTRODUCTION

“Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” Mark 10:14.

In His work as a public teacher, Christ never lost sight of the children.. 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.

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 179-180

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. 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. MH 44

Now it's up to us to get into action and imitate our Savior. We must do the work that Jesus did as he took the message of salvation to many children who did not know about Jesus.

These activities can be done in different places. It can be done in the home of a member where there is enough space to hold these meetings, in a special place dedicated to children at your church, outdoors in a park, or in a meeting hall where this event can be held. You may even do it by sharing the videos that are available to the churches.

In this year 2020 we are living a very difficult period of confinement, but this should not hinder this mission. It is with more reason that we must use modern media to carry out this task. We must organize and stream these programs via Zoom, Facebook, Google Meet, and other free or paid platforms that are at our disposal.

We may do it in small groups, with children we know. You can organize slightly larger groups on the media platforms. Another way would be to broadcast the videos on Facebook or other means or simply by sharing the “The Bible Well” videos. The important thing is to fulfill our task of preaching the gospel.

We must seek people who are willing to carry out this task.

This material has:

- A small manual on Children's Evangelization.
- Summary of the complete 7-day program.
- Outlines of each of the topics.
- The complete program development of the 7 evangelistic programs with each of the sections that can be shared.
- 10 songs related to the topics.
- 7 PowerPoint presentations with the complete material.
- Suggestions for the year-long program.
- Activity Book.
- Coloring Book.
- Songbook.
- Children's hymnal with all the RESCUE songs with music scores for piano and guitar.
- 7 complete videos.

All the videos and songs are found at www.biblewell.org and on different media platforms such as on “The Bible Well” YouTube Channel.

I know that the greatest wish we have is that our children may obtain eternal life; and the best place to sow seeds for eternity is in the heart of a child. Today we have an extraordinary opportunity to do so!

We invite all children who are friends, children of members and visitors to participate in these activities.

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.” GW 208.2

May God bless all brothers and sisters as we pray that God may prepare the hearts of these children.

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HEROES

● **General Objectives**
That the child may:

- Know that there are many heroes in the Bible who are examples to us.
- Accept Jesus as the greatest hero of their lives.
- Grow in their Christian life every day, just as the heroes of the Bible did.

● **Timespan: 7 days**

● **Theme Bible Verse: Acts 4:12** *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*

● **Theme Song: Heroes.**

● **Programación general:**

	Title	Main Lesson	Goals of the day	Bible Story	Bible Verses	Memory Verses	Song	Complementary Activites
1	He parted the sea.	In God, We Find the Power to Overcome.	Learn that with God we have the power to overcome.	Moses and the Red Sea.	Exodus 14, Luke 1:37, Romans 3:23, 1Corinthians 10:13, Luke 1:37, Deut. 31:6, Matthew 28:20, Luke 1:37.	“For with God nothing shall be impossible.” Luke 1:37.	See the miracle.	1. Painting with memory verse on it to hang in bedroom.
2	Bravely saved her people	God gives us courage in times of trouble.	Be sure that God gives us the courage we need through the most difficult moments.	Esther confronts the king to save her people.	Book of Esther Jeremiah 29:11, Joshua 1:9, Jeremiah 20:11.	“But the Lord is with me as a mighty terrible one.” Jeremiah 20:11 fp.	Courageous.	1. Find the hidden word. As you follow the lines, put each letter in its rightful place. 2. Draw the bravest child.
3	Overcame a giant.	With the help of Jesus, I let go of my fears.	Know that we can overcome our fears with the help of the Lord.	David y Goliat.	1 Samuel 17 Psalms 118:6, Psalms 23:4 first part., Isaiah 41:10, Psalms 56:3.	“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.” Psalms 56:3.	Five Little Stones	1. The children will write down their fears and put them in a box. We will then pray for our fears. 2. Make a little card to give to friends.

4	Destroyed a city through obedience.	God wants us to always be obedient.	Understand that, if we are obedient, then we will have many victories.	Joshua destroys Jericho.	Joshua 6, Colossians 3:20, Proverbs 1:8, Ephesians 6:1, John 14:23, Deuteronomy 5:33, Deuteronomy 28:1.	"If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth."	Jericho.	1. Write Deuteronomy 28:1 in the text bubble, and then color the rest of the drawing. 2. Draw the face of the child who should be obedient.
5	The beloved woman.	Helping others makes us happy.	Make the decision to having a grateful heart.	Dorcas helps a lot of people.	Acts 9:36-42. Proverbs 3:27; 2 Corinthians 9:7.	"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.	Giving with love.	1. Option 1: With the help of the children, come up with ways you can help others. Option 2: Bring some bags and hand them out to the children so that they may fill them with something to bring for someone the next day. 2. Worksheet.
6	Delivered by an angel.	God frees us from many dangers.	Learn that the Lord will always be with us.	An angel frees Peter from prison.	Acts 12:1-18, Ephesians 6:10, Jeremiah 32:27, Psalms 55:22, Psalms 34:7, Psalms 91:11, Education p. 305.2.	"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psalms 34:7.	God's Always Watching	1. Thank God for His care and for sending His angels to always take care of us. 2. Worksheet. 3. Color the picture.
7	Jesus, Our Greatest Hero	Jesus gives me salvation.	Accept the salvation that Jesus gives us.	Jesus my Savior	Life of Jesus, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9, 1 John 1:9, John 3:16.	"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.	My Superhero.	1. Let the children write down sins they've committed, then rip the pieces of paper and throw them away or burn them together. 2. Draw out today's lesson.

● Bible Lesson No. 1

Moses (With God and Through His Power) "Opened the Sea"

- **Biblical Foundation:** Exodus 14, Luke 1:37, Romans 3:23, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Luke 1:37, Deuteronomy 31:6, Matthew 28:20, Luke 1:37.

- **Topic or Main Lesson:** "In God We Find the Power to Overcome".

- **Story:** Moses and the Red Sea

● Objectives

Que los niños puedan:

- Learn that with God we have the power to overcome.
- Feel the desire to ask God to help us to overcome difficulties.
- Take the decision of trusting in the help that God can give us.

● Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures. Illustrative materials for the time of prayer. Souvenirs with the Bible verse of the day on them for each child to take home. Materials for manual activities.

● Welcome

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greet all the children in a group-centered and general way. Present yourself and all the teachers that will help during the program to the children. Teach the song: "Hallelujah". You can also sing "Oh, what Joy!" from past programs.

● Musical Moment

Start by teaching joyful songs that can motivate the group. A greeting song can be used for this occasion. If you've done the Children's Evangelization Week in 2018 and 2019 at the same place with the same children, then you can review the songs taught back then. Song suggestion: "Heroes".

At the end of the topic, another musical moment can take place to brighten the class. Teach the song "See the Miracle"—this way, the day's topic can be reinforced.

Allow the children to enjoy this moment of praise.

● Bible Lesson of the Day

Introduction

Look at these beautiful pictures. What is it? A river. Have you ever seen or been to a river? Have you crossed it.....walking? If it's a small river, then we can cross it by walking. Or, maybe you've crossed it by swimming? Have you ever seen the ocean/sea? I love the sea!! But can you cross it by swimming? No! That's impossible! On a boat? Yes, that's more likely. But walking? No. We can't cross the sea by walking. Today we will study the story of a people, the people of Israel, that crossed a sea. We will soon see how they did it.

Lesson

The people of Israel suffered when they lived in Egypt. They went through a lot of hunger and thirst. They worked without resting, until they couldn't anymore. Did you know that they were all slaves in Egypt? This means that they couldn't do what they wanted. They were ordered to work, and they had to work very, very hard! Many people from Israel that lived in Egypt even died from all the beating they received. Others became old while suffering through this situation.

You know what? We also have many trials. Many times, we also go hungry, or we are scared, or we do bad things called sins. And sometimes we don't even know how to fix many of those bad things! You know what the Bible Says? It says that we have all sinned, and that is why we are far from God. What bad things do we do? Well, we lie, we are disobedient, we say bad words, we cheat on our tests... and how many other bad things do we do? Ohhhh.....those bad things are called sins!

You know what? The people of Israel were tired of suffering. They suffered a lot and pleaded that someone would come and save them from that place! And God heard their plea. He sent a courageous man to take them away from there. This man was called Moses. Moses was born in a home in Egypt and decided to confront Pharaoh with the help of the Lord, because that is the order that God had given him. Moses went to ask Pharaoh to let his people leave Egypt. He was the "savior" of these people who were suffering so much. That is why God sent him there.

And what about us....? Do we have a solution? God knows our suffering and that is why He already sent us a solution many years ago. He sent us a Savior. Do you know who this savior is? It is Jesus. You know what? Jesus was born in a manger. He grew, taught, and did many miracles. But He never sinned. One day, they crucified Him on a cross. He had to die. He shouldn't have had to die, but he died on that cross for all of us—for you and for me. Do you know what John 3:16 says? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." This was all done just to save us. God sent His son Jesus to come to the earth to save us. But to save us from what? From all the sins and bad things that we do and say.

After some time, with the help of Moses, and God of course, the people of Israel left Egypt through the desert. They walked and walked until they reached the Red Sea. It didn't have a red color, but its name was the Red Sea. The people didn't know what to do now, because they were facing the sea and couldn't continue walking forwards. But all of a sudden, as they were there thinking about what they could do, they heard some sounds, some really loud, deafening sounds!! And they said, "Oh no, what is happening? Who is coming?" It was Pharaoh who decided to come back and make them slaves in Egypt again. They didn't know what to do! The Red Sea was in front of them and they couldn't cross it. Pharaoh was approaching them. "Oh no! What do we do now?" They were scared and very afraid. They didn't know what to do. They were desperate in this situation.

Likewise, when we get to know Jesus, we begin a new journey full of joys and victories, but also hard moments that we don't know how to face. In the book of 1 Corinthians 10:13, it says "*There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*" What are temptations? They are those moments where you know that you shouldn't do something bad, and you think....."Should I do it, or should I not?" Those are temptations. So, if we trust in God, He will help us overcome these temptations, and will help us not to do bad things. He will help us resist and overcome.

And that is how it happened. God spoke to Moses in that moment—the most difficult moment of the lives of the people of Israel. They had the sea in front of them, and the Egyptian army behind them. God told Moses, "Touch the water with your staff and walk."

So, Moses touched the water and suddenly, the sea opened. Wow, how spectacular!! We cannot imagine how that looked! The great high sea with a strip of dry land in the middle! Oh wow, what an amazing spectacle!

This can also happen to us. Maybe we may not realize it since we don't have a Red Sea that opens in two before our very own eyes. But God is always there ready to help us and to perform miracles in our

lives. He is here to help us. The Bible says: “For with God nothing shall be impossible” Luke 1:37. And in Deuteronomy 31:6 it says: “*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.*” So, remember dear friend, God is there right beside you when you are going through difficult moments. He will surely give you a way out and will help you face all those things that you perhaps don’t know how to face.

You know what? All of the people of Israel were able to cross through that red sea walking! They had a wall of water on the right and another wall of water on the left. They could even see the fish swimming by, and surely noticed everything that was at the bottom of this sea. They were able to cross the sea and were victorious. They were freed from the burden this pharaoh had previously placed on them. Oh, what joy!!

The Bible says: “*Behold, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*” Matthew 28:20. We have such a beautiful promise—that the Lord will be with us. God is with you and God is with me. He is there, right beside each one of us to help us through the most difficult moments of our lives, because He gave His life for us. Jesus will help us overcome. We can be sure that there is nothing impossible for God. Just like our memory verse for today said: “*For with God nothing shall be impossible.*” God has everything under His control. And if you have faith, and ask God to give you power to overcome, then He will give you the power to overcome!! So, give thanks to God, because today, with His help, you have the power to overcome. Why don’t we ask the Lord together for that power? What if we pray together and ask the Lord to help us?

Pray with me: “Our Father which art in heaven, we thank because You because are always there with us. We thank You because the Bible says that you will always accompany us and that you will give us the strength to overcome. Thank You because there is nothing impossible for You. We ask You to help us confront all the difficult moments in our lives. Help us to overcome temptations so that we don’t do bad things again. If we ever go through difficult moments, we ask you for strength so that we can overcome them. We pray that you give us courage so that we don’t fall. We thank you for all this. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

Today we studied about a hero in the Bible. There are many stories in the Bible about Moses, and how God used him for great works.

Conclusion: “Thank you Lord, because I can overcome any difficulty with your help.”

● Teaching the Bible Verse

This moment is important, because we are putting the word of God to memory in the children’s minds.

- **Introduction:** HoToday we will learn a small portion of the word of God, written in the Bible. We have learned today, that if we trust in the Lord, then we gain the power to overcome our difficulties. We will only overcome when we trust that the Lord is with us.

Today’s Bible verse says the following: “***For with God nothing shall be impossible.***” Luke 1:37.

You can write it on a big piece of paper or illustrate the different parts of the Bible verse.

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

Memorizing the Bible verse can be done before or after the lesson.

- **Presentation:** Show the Bible verse through an illustration. Allow someone to read it. Then, find it in the Bible, and make someone else read it. Show that it is written in the Bible.
- **Explanation:** Slowly explain each part of the Bible verse so that the students may understand the Bible verse better.
- **Application:** There are many things that are impossible for us to do. This means that we can’t ever do them. But God can do anything He wants. There is nothing impossible for God. God is in control of everything that happens in this world. He is a powerful God.

- **Repetition:** Invite the children to read the Bible verse several times. You can have the boys repeat it first, then the girls, then all together, then the tall ones, then the medium sized ones, then those wearing colorful shoes, etc. Use different ways of repetition.

● Moment of Prayer

Continue the program, without stopping, to have the moment of prayer.

At this time, we will briefly dedicate ourselves to teach the children how to pray. Since this might be the first time they pray, teach it in a simple and easy way. If the group of children have already participated in previous evangelistic campaigns, then we will skip this step.

For example:

Now is a great time to take a moment to talk to God! We can talk to God whenever we want, because He is always listening. We call this prayer. Prayer is talking to God like talking to a friend. We're going to talk to God together today. Let's pray. (Remember to always speak in a plural form, we, including gratitude, and thanking God for always hearing our prayers.)

We can teach a song to prepare the children for prayer. In the children's hymnbook you will find the song titled "The Prayer Song", or "Waiting for the Prayer".

● Activities

- **Children ages + 8:** Bring the copies prepared for each student beforehand. Since we don't know how many children there will be, then let's estimate the number of children that will attend. It is better to be overprepared than underprepared. If you happen to fall short of copies, then it's important to have a backup plan.
- On this occasion, we will make a small painting to hang in a frame. Decorate the frame with colorful paper, flowers, or with whatever you wish to decorate it with. Using paint, colors, and paper, we will make your picture beautiful. Then we'll stick that work on piece of cardboard. Attach a piece of string so that it can be hung. Find the activities in the worksheet.
- **Children ages 0 - 7:** Color the drawing.
- **Opcional:** Color an image in the coloring book.
- **Games:** When the Bible activity isn't done on Saturday, then we can play some games. This allows us to grow closer to our students and to create a friendly relationship with them to reach their hearts.

● Bible Lesson No. 2

Esther

“Bravely Saved Her People”

● **Biblical Foundation:** Book of Esther, Jeremiah 29:11, Joshua 1:9, Jeremiah 20:11.

● **Topic or Main Lesson:** **“God is our help in times of trouble”**.

● **Story:** Esther confronts the king to save her people.

● Objectives

That the children may:

- Learn that God is with us in the hard times.
- Be sure that God gives us the courage we need during the hard times.
- Ask God to help us to be brave during difficult times.

● Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures. Illustrative materials for the time of prayer. Souvenirs with the Bible verse of the day on them for each child to take home. Materials for manual activities.

● Welcome

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greet all the children in a group-centered and general way. Present yourself and all the teachers that will help during the program to the children. Start by talking about how their day was and what interesting things they've done. Remind them of some of the activities that were done the day before during the program.

● Musical Moment

To begin, review the theme song “Heroes”. Also review the song “Hallelujah”.

If you have time at the beginning, then teach the day's song entitled “Courageous”.

Consider the instruction booklet. Do not forget that it is a moment of joy where we will show the children our love for them.

● Bible Lesson of the Day

Introduction

Let's see if there are any brave children here. Is there a brave child here? This is a challenge, a challenge meant only for the brave; only for those children who are very brave. We're going to put two kids here, one on each side. You're going to pull this way and you're going to pull the other way, and between the two of us we're going to measure your strength and bravery. Today we will study the story of a woman named Esther. She was very brave!

Lesson

Esther was a girl that lived with her cousin Mordecai, because she was an orphan. She didn't have a dad or mom. Esther's real name was Hadassah, but her cousin suggested that she change her name to Esther. She really loved to hear everything about God and learned more about Him every day! Es-

ther was very kind. She often spoke to the children and to her neighbors and was a very beautiful and obedient girl. Esther grew, and became a very beautiful young woman.

One day, the king of the city, named Ahasuerus, sent a search to find a wife for himself. He called and invited all the young ladies that wanted to get married to come to the palace. All the ladies went and prepared themselves with perfumes, oils, and many other nice things for them to put on to look even more beautiful. Then the king would choose his future wife. And do you know what happened? Esther was the chosen one!

You know what? We have a home where we live. Maybe we live with our grandparents, our parents, our mom....but all of us live in a house. We learn a lot of things in our home, we also learn more in videos like these, and learn many things about God. We learn lessons here that God left us in the Bible for our lives. We also learn about promises for our lives like the one in Jeremiah 29:11: *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare, and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”* How awesome! God has plans for us! We will learn what these plans are in these classes! Do you remember what we learned last time?

But now, let us look at what happened to Esther.

Esther was named queen at a marvelous feast. She always visited the king because she lived in a palace beside the King’s palace. But you know what? There were people close to the king that did not like a people that lived in that city—the Jewish people. The Jews were foreigners in that land. One day, an important person compared to the others, named Haman, asked the king to destroy the Jewish people. So, the king made a law to destroy all the Jews on a certain day. The law stated that anyone could kill the Jews on that day. But you know what? Esther was a Jew, and when she found out about this law, she became very worried. She didn’t know what to do, because the King didn’t know that she was a Jew.

At that time, anyone that went to the king without being called was to die. The only people that could go see and visit the king, were those whom the king wanted to see. Therefore, it had been quite some time since Esther saw the king, because he hadn’t call for her. It was a very difficult moment, and Esther didn’t know what to do because she was the only one that could help the Jewish people. Her cousin Mordecai sent word to her that she wouldn’t be saved. Or maybe she would be saved, we don’t know yet. Esther was a Jew too, and could also die like any of her people.

What a trying time! We also face similar situations. We when we decide to follow God and do what He tells us in the Bible, we also go through difficult moments and need to take very important decisions. In Joshua 1:9 the Bible says: *“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage!...”* God wants us to always be brave no matter what happens to us. We must be brave in every important decision that we must take.

Esther made the decision to be brave and decided to go to the king. When the people of Israel (the Jews) found out, they got very nervous... *“What decision would Esther take?”*—they asked themselves. Esther then called them saying, *“I will present myself before the king. Pray and do not eat anything for three days...then after those three days, I will present myself before the king. If I perish, I perish.”* Wow, now what?

Today’s heroine was so brave! Many times, situations come up in our lives that we think we can’t overcome. Oh no, I can’t do this. But we have to trust the promises that the Bible gives us. Do you know how the Bible verse in Joshua 1:9 finishes? *“Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”* That is what Joshua 1:9 says. Wherever we may go, God will always be there with us. That is the promise the Bible gives us. It also says that we shouldn’t be afraid or dismayed. How will we act then? Will we be scared? Well, now you know what Joshua 1:9 says. It says that we need to be courageous.

After the three days, Esther dressed very elegantly, and walked towards the palace of the king. When she reached the doors, they opened. She was very scared and didn’t know how she would act before the king. If the king extended his scepter, which was like a gold staff the king used, then it meant that the King would allow her to come. If he weren’t to extend it, then the soldiers would take her and kill her. So Esther was there, trembling. But Esther was still brave, because she knew that God

was with her. The king saw Esther and extended his scepter. She let out a big sigh of relief and then walked towards the king, and said: "Oh King, my beloved king, I invite you to a feast that I will host at my house." Surely the king probably responded, "What do you wish for, my beloved queen?" She then probably responded; "I will tell you my request at that banquet that I have prepared for you." "Oh, wonderful,' said the king. 'I will be there!"

How do we confront our problems? Like Esther did: bravely, and trusting that God will be with us? Or, are we scared, and then after a while go to hide under the bed? We have many promises in the Bible and can believe that they are there for us. We must trust those promises in the Bible. Jeremiah 20:11 says: "*But the Lord is with me as a mighty terrible one.*" And what does that mean? That God is with us, as if a giant were standing by our side. That is why we need to be courageous and brave, because He is like a giant standing right beside us. How amazing!!!

The king told Esther to do what was necessary to save her people. Esther asked her cousin Mordecai for help to find a solution.....and God gave it to them. They would defend themselves that day, because now they had permission to do so. So the day came, and the people defended themselves, and many people were saved.....and do you know why they were saved? Because Esther was courageous. The people were saved because of Esther's bravery. How wonderful!!

We have our success secured with the help of the Lord. We only need to be courageous and remember what we learned today—it is in the most difficult moments of our lives, that God will give us bravery! Why don't we ask the Lord to help us be courageous together?

Let's pray: "Our Father which art in heaven, I thank You, because You give me many blessings every day. I ask You to help me be brave at this time, just like Esther was.....and I know that You have given me promises in the Bible that will help me be brave, and because I know that you have given me the promise in the Bible that you will always be with me. I thank you for everything that you give me. In the name of Jesus, Amen."

How wonderful! Today's heroine was a woman: Esther was very brave!

Conclusion: "Thank you Lord, because you've taught us that we must always be brave".

● Teaching the Bible Verse

Teaching the memory verse can be done before or after the lesson.

On this occasion, for teaching the memory verse, we suggest that you prepare a huge poster cut out into a puzzle. Each puzzle piece will have a part of the Bible verse on it. This will be an interesting experience for the children.

Memory Verse:

- **"But the**
 - **Lord**
 - **Is with**
 - **Me**
 - **As a**
 - **Mighty**
 - **Terrible one."**
 - **Jeremiah 20:11**
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- **Introduction:** We can start by talking about the height of different people.
 - **Presentation:** Start by showing the Bible verse from high, if you stand on a chair you will simulate a higher height. You can then read the Bible verse loud and clear.
 - **Explanation:** Explain the Bible verse in a few words. Emphasize and remind the children of today's

lesson. For example: Today we have studied that we have a God that is willing to help us through the most difficult challenges, giving us the courage to face anything. Carefully read the Bible verse.

- **Repetition:** Use innovative methods to review the lesson.
- **Application:** It is important to shortly explain the bible verse according to what was studied today and in context with the children's lives.

It is recommended that you read the Instruction Manual, so that you may perfect the way you teach the children every day.

● **Moment of Prayer**

As you already know, this is an important time where we help the children talk to God.

Suggestion: Give three or four children a chance to talk about the difficult challenges they have faced in which they were victorious with the bravery that God gave them. If there aren't any experiences, then let a teacher share one.

Today we will thank God for the courage He gives us in difficult times. Form a circle with all the children and hold each other's hand while a prayer is made.

● **Activities**

- **Children ages + 8:** Look for the hidden word by following the arrow. When we pass a letter, we must place it in the bottom of the box. Then color it as you like.
- **Children ages 0 - 7:** Draw the brave boy or girl by connecting the dotted line. Color the drawing.
Optional: Color an image in the coloring book.
- **Games:** When the Bible activity isn't done on Saturday, then we can play some games. This allows us to grow closer to our students and to create a friendly relationship with them to reach their hearts.

● Bible Lesson No. 3

David "Overcame a Giant"

- **Biblical Foundation:** 1 Samuel 17, Psalms 118:6, Psalms 23:4 first part., Isaiah 41:10, Psalms 56:3.

- **Topic or Main Lesson:** "With the help of Jesus, I can overcome my fears".

- **Story:** David and Goliath.

● Objectives

That the children may:

- Know that with the Lord's help we can overcome fear
- Feel that with the Lord we can overcome
- Make the decision to ask the Lord for help in overcoming fear

● Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures. Illustrative materials for the time of prayer. Souvenirs with the Bible verse of the day on them for each child to take home. Materials for manual activities.

● Welcome

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greet all the children in a group-centered and general way. The teachers can give a small play, demonstrating what was learned the day before. These plays make the children happy. Important values can be taught through them without having to perform theatrically.

● Musical Moment

Start with joyful songs that can motivate the group. You can review the songs learned previously.

Then teach the theme song of the day entitled "Five Little Stones". Consider the instruction booklet. If two musical moments are planned, then sing the theme song at the beginning and the song of the day at the end. It is important to look for the appropriate mimics for each song.

● Bible Lesson of the Day

Introduction

Surely you have seen something like this. It is a slingshot. Do you know what a slingshot is? You have surely seen it many times and know that it can be used in many different ways. There are good and bad ways to use slingshots. For Example: Sometimes there are children who shoot at the little birds—that's something bad! Others use it for a game of hitting targets, and yet others use it for different things, like back in ancient times when they were used as a defense against ferocious animals and other things. Today we will talk about a boy who was a true hero and who used a slingshot for something very special.

Lesson

The people of Israel were in a very difficult situation. The Philistines, a nation in the Bible that is spoken about greatly, wanted to go to war with them. Many of the young people of Israel were called to go to that war and to fight there. In Israel, there was a family that had several children. It was David's family, today's main character. There were many, many Philistines and there was even a giant among them. Oh, a mighty giant! A super giant! Imagine! He was almost nine feet tall....almost nine feet! We probably measure three feet, five feet, five and a half feet, like me. This giant was almost double the height of our parents. The two nations camped in the valley for the great battle. One was on one side and the other on the other side. Every day this giant came and threatened the people saying, "Hahaha, these people of Israel! Hahaha, they won't win!" And he mocked the people of Israel, yelling and challenging someone to come fight him. "Let's see who will face me!" he shouted. All of the Israelites were dying of fear, "Oh no, this giant is going to kill us." Others said, "No." And every morning he would show up and shout, "Hahaha these people of Israel, let's see who will face me?!" They trembled with fear.

Have you ever been afraid? We have all been afraid at some point. Some of us are afraid even though we pretend to be brave. Some of us are afraid of the dark, others of thieves, others of thunder, of cockroaches, of mice, of spiders. What are you afraid of? I'm sure there is something you are afraid of. Hmmm, think, think. All of us have been afraid at some point in our lives. Some of us are afraid of some people and stay quiet when we are around them.

Jesse, who was David's father, called him one day and said, "Look, David, you haven't been able to go to war because you are very young. But you know what? You're going to go take some food to your brothers." So they packed the bags for David to go out and take the food to his brothers who were at war. And David got up very early in the morning to go to the camp to take the food. He traveled and traveled with his horse, or maybe with a donkey or camel and finally reached the camp. Suddenly, from a distance you could hear, "Hahaha, these people of God have no one to fight me! Where is their God? Where are the Israelites?" Young David went there and said, "What happened, isn't there someone who can face this giant?" He was not afraid. He said, "I can go." No, you are only a child, his brothers told him right away.

What do you do when you're afraid? Do you go running to your mom or shout "Ahhhh"? Do you call everyone? We may do many things. But do you know what Psalms 118 says in verse 6? "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" This means that if God is with us, what can men do to us?

David took a decision, and said, "I'm going to face that giant!" He knew that God was going to deliver him, and that God would give him the victory. He said, "Where is the king, let's see, where is the king, I want to talk to him." "Don't go," his brothers told him, "Don't go." The king said to him, "Well, David, it's fine. If you want to go fight, go ahead. But first, you are going to put on all my gear, all my armor." So, David put it on, but could barely walk. "No, I can't fight the giant wearing this!" he said. "Look, I will go fight him, but with no armor." "They are going to kill you!" "I don't care, I'm going to go with nothing because I have the protection of the power of God," he said. David was sure that God was going to go with him.

You know what, when we turn to the Lord, we can overcome our fear easily. There are many promises in the Bible that tell us how we can overcome fear. David himself once said, "*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.*" Psalms 23:4. We can be sure that the Lord will be with us. This promise, and many more, are written in the Bible and give you and me the certainty that God will be with us at all times.

So, David went towards the giant. He inched his way closer and closer, and got so close when the giant said to him, "What?!?! You are the one who is going to fight me? Hahahaha! Don't you have someone bigger to fight me?" And so, he continued to mock David. But David bent down and took 5 small stones from the ground and with his shepherd's sling said, "In the name of God," Then He took a stone, put it in the sling, and he turned it once, and turned it twice, and turned it again. In the name of the Lord, he threw the stone, and it landed right on the forehead of Goliath. David hit the giant right

at the only spot on the head that was uncovered. And suddenly, the giant passed out. And at that moment all the Philistines screamed, ahhhh, and ran away. David was victorious. All the people of Israel fought and won that battle.

So, you don't have to fear, because God is with you. The Bible says, "*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*" Isaiah 41:10. The promises are written in the Bible. We just have to trust God and not let fear overcome us. Why don't you ask the Lord to help you overcome, to truly overcome, and to help you trust him? This is a great promise, and you have to ask the Lord "Help me to trust you Lord."

Close your eyes and pray with me: "Our Father which art in Heaven, thank You because I have heard that in the Bible it says that I should not fear, because You'll always be with me. Help me to overcome my fears when I am afraid. Thank You for everything. In Jesus' name, Amen.

We have learned about such a great hero!! David faced a giant. What a great hero!

Conclusion: "Thank you, Lord, because with Your help, I can overcome all of my fear!"

● Teaching the Bible Verse

Teaching the memory verse can be done before or after the lesson.

Let's remember that this is a very special moment. This moment is important, because we are putting the word of God to memory in the children's minds. Prepare the Bible verse on papers in advance. We'll then unite them together, forming a scroll as in ancient times. Teach the children how ancient scrolls were written.

Memory Verse:

- Whenever I am afraid,
 - I will trust in thee.
 - Psalms 56:3
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- **Introduction:** Make a brief introduction for the Bible verse of the day.
 - **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. Make sure a teacher is loudly accompanying the children in the reading.
 - **Explanation:** In this step, explain the most difficult words in the Bible verse.
 - **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn about this verse.
 - **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

It is recommended that you read the Instruction Manual, so that you may perfect the way you teach the children every day.

● Moment of Prayer

It's time to talk to God. Begin this section of the class by reviewing what they've learned about prayer. This time, the prayer lesson will be about prayer requests.

We can bring a big sheet of paper, and let the children write down their prayer requests on it. If there are many students, then to pray in a general form. But if there are only a few requests, then name each one of them in the prayer. It is important for our students to know that we pray for them. Be careful with the prayer requests, making sure that they don't contain any doctrinal issues.

For example: Praying for a dead grandparent... For my dead little animal, etc...

● Activities

- **Children ages + 8:** Children will write down their fears on a paper and should then place it in a box. We will then pray for our fears.
- **Children ages 0 – 7:** Make a little card to give to their friends.
- **Optional:** Color the drawing.
- **Games:** When the Bible activity isn't done on Saturday, then we can play some games. This allows us to grow closer to our students and to create a friendly relationship with them to reach their hearts.

● Bible Lesson No. 4

Joshua

“Destroyed a City by Being Obedient”

- **Biblical Foundation:** Joshua 6, Colossians 3:20, Proverbs 1:8, Ephesians 6:1, John 14:23, Deuteronomy 5:33, Deuteronomy 28:1.

- **Story:** Joshua destroys Jericho.

- **Topic or Main Lesson:** “God wants us to always be obedient”.

● Objectives

That the children may:

- Understand that we will have many victories if we are obedient.
- Understand that being obedient is the best option.
- Take the decision to be obedient.

● Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures. Illustrative materials for the time of prayer. Souvenirs with the Bible verse of the day on them, for each child to take home. Materials for manual activities.

● Welcome

Give the welcome in a cheerful and fun way. Greet all the children in a group-centered and general way. Present yourself and all the teachers that will help during the program to the children.

● Musical Moment

Begin by going through joyful songs that can motivate the group. You can use some songs from previous programs. It is more convenient to teach the theme song at the end of the lesson, because the song talks about the story of Jericho. Therefore, plan to have a special musical moment after the lesson. Teach the song of the day after the lesson: “Jericho”. Consider the instruction booklet.

● Bible Lesson of the Day

Introduction

Paparapapapa! Paparapapa! (trumpet sound) Look at this: It’s a beautiful trumpet! Well, it’s a trumpet I made, but it reminds me about what we are going to study today—thanks to trumpets like these, Joshua and many more people were able to conquer. Some days ago, we studied about a nation that lived through a marvelous experience in the sea. Now, many years later, this nation found themselves close to a very big and important city called Jericho. This city was closed, and secured very well, so that no one could enter it—especially not the people of Israel.

Lesson

The people, under Joshua’s command, had a God-given order to go to that city and destroy it in order to conquer all the land. God said to him, “If you obey my words you will obtain victories there.”

You know, all of us receive different types of orders from older people— this is when they ask us to do something. It could be from our parents, from our grandparents, and from our teachers. We often then have to choose what we will do—will we obey the orders they give us or not? We can do what they ask us, and things will go well for us, or we don’t do what they ask us, and the result won’t be so good. It all depends on our decision.

So, this happened to the people of Israel. God had given Joshua the order to go to the city of Jericho and surround the city with the men of war. They had to go around the city once a day, for seven days. Seven priests would go in front of the ark of the covenant and take seven ram horns. They had to walk around the city and then leave. On the seventh day, they had to go around the city seven times and the priests then had to play their horns. When the ram horns sounded, all of the people needed to shout so that the walls would fall down. That is what God had told them.

You know what? This would be something so incredible! Could it be that the city would be destroyed solely by the sound of the horns and with the shouting of the people? Could it be that Joshua would obey after hearing these commands of the Lord?

We also receive orders. For example: "Go and wash the dishes" and somewhere someone responds, "No, I don't want to wash the dishes." Or: "Go and sweep the house, or go run an errand, please." Our parents often ask us to do things, and we often answer: Why do I have to do the dishes? Why do I have to sweep? Or why do I have to make the bed again!?!

Do you know what it says in Colossians 3:20? "*Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.*" Are we obeying the Word of God?

Joshua did everything God commanded him, to the very smallest detail. He called the priests and said, "Bring the ark, please." He also called seven priests so that each of them would have a ram's horn trumpet and said, "You have to march in front of the ark and all the people have to go behind you." He also called the people and said, "Now we are going to do the following: seven priests will go with the Ark and all of us will march behind them."

After giving all the exact instructions of what they had to do, they went on their way and marched behind the Lord's Ark of the Covenant. During this entire process, the trumpets did not stop sounding: Papparapapapa! Papparapapapa! The people marched in silence every day, because that was the command previously given by God.

Every day, the people went around the city and then returned to their camp. As they marched around the city, the trumpets never stopped sounding. Yet, the city remained standing every day they marched. "No, the city will not be destroyed just with the trumpets blowing and us going around. We are all crazy!" some said. But everyone remained silent because there was always someone who would say, "We must obey the voice of God." Meanwhile, the people of Jericho laughed at what Israel was doing.

Hmm, we are often like the Israelites. We receive orders from our parents or what the word of God itself says, but we don't know if we should obey or not; or if we should believe or not. But the Bible clearly says in Proverbs 1:8, "*My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.*" In Ephesians 6:1, it also says, "*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.*" Our parents have lived much longer than us, have experienced much more than us, and know better than us regarding what is good for each one of us. Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23. And now a question arises: Are we obedient to our parents? Are we obedient to what the Word of the Lord says?

The seventh day came, and all the people were ready to march. They got up at sunrise and walked to the city of Jericho. They went around the city once, just as they had done the days before. But on this day, instead of just one lap around as they had done before, they went around the city seven times and on the seventh lap, the priests blew the trumpet. Joshua ordered the army, "Start screaming, the Lord has delivered the city!" "Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh," the screams were heard as the entire city crumbled in destruction. Victory had come because they had been obedient.

And what about you? Are you obedient? Deuteronomy 5:33 says, "*Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.*" There is a promise stating that if we want to live a long lifetime, then we must walk in God's path, and we must live according to God's will. A beautiful promise is also found in Deuteronomy 28:1, "*And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.*"

How wonderful it is to know that if we are obedient to our parents, we will have a long life, and if we obey God, He will put us above everything, and it will be well with us. I have decided to be obedient, and what will you decide? Remember Bible verse we learned today, *“If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.”* God wants us to always be obedient. Let us ask God for help so that we may always be obedient.

Conclusion: “Thank you, Lord because I can be obedient.”

● Teaching the Bible Verse

Memorizing the Bible verse can be done before or after the lesson. Let’s remember that this is a very special moment—a time where when we seal the word of the Lord in the hearts of the children. Prepare the Bible verse in advance on large cards, taking into account the size of the group. Each sentence will go on a card:

- “If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God,
 - to observe and to do
 - all his commandments which I command thee this day,
 - that the Lord thy God
 - will set thee on high
 - above all nations of the earth.”
 - Deuteronomy 28:1
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- **Introduction:** Talk about what listening is, and how we can listen well.
 - **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse.
 - **Explanation:** Explain the difficult words. Don’t forget to explain: “diligently” and “commandments”, so that the Bible verse is clearly understood.
 - **Application:** This is the continuation of the explanation.
 - **Repetition:** Find creative methods for this part.

● Moment of Prayer

As you already know, this is an important moment where we bring the children closer to talk to God. We can prepare their hearts with the prayer songs from previous years.

Suggestion: Bring a bag beforehand (it can be crafted of paper). On this occasion, the importance of giving thanks will be talked about. Give the children examples of things to be grateful for. Allow the children to write their thanksgivings on the big bag. This activity will take extra time, so that all the children have the opportunity to express their gratefulness.

Another option is to bring pre-made drawings, of different things to be grateful for, such as: a drawing of two parents, a house, friends, siblings, school, etc. This way, the children can just look for what they are grateful for, and then glue it on the bag.

● Activities

Children ages + 8: In the circle, write the Bible verse of Deuteronomy 28:1 and color the rest of the drawing.

Children ages 0 – 7: Draw the face of an obedient child.

Opcional: Color the drawing.

Games: When the Bible activity isn’t done on Saturday, then we can play some games. This allows us to grow closer to our students and to create a friendly relationship with them to reach their hearts.

● Bible Lesson No. 5

Dorcas **“The Beloved Woman”**

● **Biblical Foundation:** Acts 9:36-42; Proverbs 3:27; 2 Corinthians 9:7.

● **Topic or Main Lesson:** “Helping others makes us happy”.

● **Story:** Dorcas and her work.

● Objectives

That the children may:

- Understand that God wants us to help others.
- Feel the desire to have a grateful heart.
- Make the decision to have a grateful heart

● Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures. Illustrative materials for the time of prayer. Souvenirs with the Bible verse of the day on them, for each child to take home. Materials for manual activities.

● Welcome

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

● Musical Moment

Begin by teaching joyful songs that can motivate the group. You can use the songs from the other days. To continue, or for another musical moment, teach the theme song of the day entitled, “Giving With Love”. Consider the instruction booklet.

● Bible Lesson of the Day

Introduction

Look at these images, what do you see? Oh, they are pictures of the ocean, do you like the ocean? I love the ocean!

You know what? Today we are going to talk about a woman who lived in a city near the ocean. That city was called Joppa, and the heroine we are going to study about today is called Dorcas. Dorcas was a very special woman. I’m sure that she lived in a house in the city by the ocean. It was probably a two-story house.

Lesson

One day, Dorcas got seriously ill. She was very sick! Her friends came to her, cared for her, and treated her sickness, but to no avail, because Dorcas couldn’t recover, and then sometime later, she died. Everyone was heartbroken? This can’t be possible! We will miss her so much! —they said. Everyone loved her dearly!

Surely you also have many people who love you very much. How can we show our love to others?

You know what? I love being hugged. And my daughter shows her love to me by giving me hugs. She also gives me many kisses, and thus also shows her love to me. Others demonstrate their love by bringing me delicious things to eat, and others by bringing me flowers. Everyone we love and those that love us, demonstrate their love in a different way. But let's see what happened to Dorcas.

Dorcas' friends quickly went and called Peter. He was at a nearby city called Lydda, where he had just healed a paralyzed man. So, Peter arrived at Joppa and went into the house where Dorcas was, and all the people came to him right away, showing him all the things the woman did. "Look, Peter, here are the dresses. These are the robes." "Dorcas always fixed them and now we are so sorry for her loss." "And not only that," said another person. "She also bought food and gave it to others. She even cooked," said another. She was very kind, and we will miss her very much!

How interesting. Have you ever met a person like that? What do you think about what she did? Helping others brings us great joy and there are many ways in which we can help. We can give away clothes, because, thanks to God, we have many clothes. Many times, we have too much or extra clothes. So, we can find those that we've outgrown, and can separate them to give to those who need it most. And not only clothes...we can also give away food and toys. How many toys do we have in your home? Sometimes we have lots of toys and can then give away some to another child who doesn't have any toys.

But you know what? The Bible says, "*Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.*" Proverbs 3:27.

Helping others brings us happiness. Peter was taken to where Dorcas was, and there in her room by her bed he knelt down and prayed earnestly to the Lord. Believing what Jesus had said when he had been on earth, he got up from praying and said, "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes and looked at Peter. It was amazing! She came back to life! She took Peter's hand, and got up. They looked at each other, and then hugged while she said, "I'm healed!" "Yes," answered Peter, "You have risen. You were dead and now you have life." So Dorcas, along with Peter, went to where the others were, smiled at her friends and said, "There is a lot of work to do, we must continue sewing dresses for all the people who need it, and also cook food, to take to the poor." She was back in action once again!

What a wonderful woman! She constantly thought about helping others. What do you think about this story? Do you have the desire to help others? Or do you think about what you want to do, and only what you want? Do you give to others? Do you give with love? Or do you only give what you have left? 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*" How nice it is to be able to give without awaiting anything in return, to give with love, and with thankfulness to God for what He gives us every day. Are you a person that is grateful to the Lord?

We have to give, give from the heart, and give because God gives us many blessings every day. That's why we have to give. Do you receive blessings from God? Of course, you do! Do you have food to eat every day? Yes! Do you have things in your house? Of course! Do you have a mom or a dad, an uncle, or a grandmother? These are many blessings! And you know what? Out there, there are many children who have nothing and need a helping-hand.

What can you do to help others? Think about it this week. Think about the people around you who need your helping-hand for a meal, clothes, or maybe you have a friend who would like one of your toys. Take action! Talk to your parents and together do a good deed to help others. Always remember the Bible verse in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that says, "*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*"

Conclusion: "Thank you, Lord, because I can help others."

● Teaching the Bible Verse

Memorization of the Bible verse can be done before or after the lesson. Let's remember that this is a very special moment—a time where when we seal the word of the Lord in the hearts of the children.

We can write parts of the verse in different circles of cheerful faces. The drawing of the face should be on one side, and the verse on the back side.

Memory Verse:

- “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart,
- So let him give;
- Not grudgingly, or of necessity:
- For God loveth a cheerful giver.”
- 2 Corinthians 9:7

You can even divide each sentence into two parts. Follow the steps in the manual.

- **Introduction:** Is there something that makes us extremely happy? One of the things that can make us happy is to give—to give joyfully.
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. Make sure a teacher is loudly accompanying the children in the reading.
- **Explanation:** Explain the verse step by step.
- **Application:** Speak about what God wants the child to learn about this Bible verse. Give without obligation, give because we want to give, and give happily.
- **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

● Moment of Prayer

The time to talk to God. During this class, we will talk about prayer and will make some comparisons.

For example: Prayer is like a traffic light. Sometimes God answers us no, like the red light. Sometimes it's yellow, meaning wait. Lastly there is the green light, which is an answered prayer.

Heaven's phone number: Jeremiah 33:3. Allow a child to pray today with the help of a teacher.

● Optional activities

Children ages + 8:

Option 1: Do a brainstorming session with the children on how we can help others.

Option 2: Take some bags and hand them out to the children, so that they may fill them with something to bring for someone else the following day.

Optional Worksheet: Color the drawing.

Games: When the Bible activity isn't done on Saturday, then we can play some games. This allows us to grow closer to our students and to create a friendly relationship with them to reach their hearts.

● Bible Lesson No. 6

Pedro

“Librado por un ángel”

- **Biblical Foundation:** Acts 12:1-18, Ephesians 6:10, Jeremiah 32:27, Psalms 55:22, Psalms 34:7, Psalms 91:11, Education, p. 305. 2.

- **Topic or Main Lesson:** **“God frees us from many dangers”.**

- **Story:** An angel frees Peter from prison.

● Objectives

That the children may:

- Learn that the Lord will always be with us.
- Feel that the Lord is with us at all times.
- Give our lives to the Lord by trusting in His presence.

● Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures. Illustrative materials for the time of prayer. Souvenirs with the Bible verse of the day on them, for each child to take home. Materials for manual activities.

● Welcome

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

● Musical Moment

Start by teaching joyful songs that can motivate the group. You can use a song that we’ve already learned before.

Then teach the theme song of the day: “God’s Always Watching”. If you want to take some time to teach the song at the beginning, then do it. If not, you can also do it at the end. Consider the Instruction Booklet.

Optional Song: I have a challenge and a great mission.

● Bible Lesson of the Day

Introduction

Is there something that makes you scared? Today I will tell you about a hero named Peter. Peter was one of Jesus’ disciples. At that time, Herod ruled Judea. He persecuted those who believed in Jesus—the first Christians. Many of them were imprisoned and killed. One day he said, “I’m going to imprison Peter to make the Jews happy.”

Lesson

The Jews were not happy with the Christians that listened to and followed Jesus. Every day more people believed in Him as their Savior. Herod found Peter, imprisoned him, and then decided to kill him. Peter would be killed after the Passover event since it was near. When the first Christians found

out, they began to pray and fast for Peter, because they knew that his life was in danger. They knew that Herod wanted to kill Peter because he had already killed many of the other Christians.

Have you ever been in difficult trials like this? Have you ever been afraid, like really, really afraid? Afraid of the dark, afraid of thieves, afraid when you get trapped by your friends and can't get free, or when you hear your dog bark a lot at night? (woof, woof, woof). What are you afraid of?

Ephesians 6:10 says, *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."* That's why the Christians prayed and fasted a lot for Peter.

Peter was kept in a prison with sixteen soldiers watching over him. There was a tremendous amount of security because they didn't want Peter to escape. It was mainly Herod who didn't want Peter to escape.

Peter was sitting with two soldiers at his sides. His hands were secured tightly, and his feet had very thick chains binding them. He couldn't even move. There were also guards at every door—those doors were big, thick, and had a tremendous amount of locks and bars. Peter couldn't escape in any way, but the believers gathered to pray, and prayed without ceasing. What desperation!

What do you do in difficult times? Could it be that God hears our prayers? Is it possible that God can help us through the most difficult moments of our life? Can God help us when everything seems to be hopeless? Jeremiah 32:27 says, *"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?"*

The night before Peter's execution, an Angel came down from heaven. Suddenly the prison doors opened, and the angel came in, letting the doors close behind him. Peter was sleeping and didn't notice a thing. The angel in shining light then touched him with his hand and said, "Peter, get up, obey." Peter woke up, and saw that the chains on his feet had fallen off, and his hands were freed. He then stood up. The angel said, "Get dressed, put on your robe, and put on your sandals."

So Peter got up, got dressed, and together with the angel started walking out. Peter was so amazed, he was speechless! He didn't know if this was real or not. "I must be dreaming. No, It's real!" They slowly pass by the sleeping guards, not awaking them. Suddenly the door opened by itself. They went through it and it closed behind them. They then went through a second door. The door opened, they went through it and then it closed behind them. The same thing happened with the third door. All the doors were guarded by guards, with strong locks, and yet they opened and closed. Suddenly, they reach the street and the angel says, "This is as far as I can go." Stunned, Peter looked around and recognized the place. Now I understand, "This is not a dream, it is true, I am free! Oh, he was amazed! Psalms 55:22 says, *"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."* How wonderful! Peter was free!

Surely you remember a difficult time in your life. The Bible says in Psalms 34:7, a verse that you have probably heard before says, *"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."*

God always sends an angel to take care of us. Each one of us has an angel, a guardian angel, who is there to help us and strengthen us during the most difficult moments. That's what the Bible says in Psalms 91:11, *"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways"*.

But.....What happened to Peter?

Peter quickly went to the house where the Christian brethren were gathered, (knock, knock, knock, knock- he knocked). "Open," he quietly asked, "please open." Rhoda, a girl, recognized. Oh, it's Peter she said, and ran right back inside to tell the others without opening the door. Listen, listen.....Peter is at the door, she said. "It can't be" they answered, "We are praying don't interrupt us, surely it must be another person." "No, Peter is at the door! I hear him." And then they answered, "It must surely be an angel."

(Knock, knock, knock, knock, - knock, knock, knock, knock) Peter insisted, and kept knocking. So, the brethren quickly went and opened the door, and then saw the great miracle! Peter was free! Peter then carefully told them everything that had happened and then decided that he would go to another city to continue preaching the Word of God.

One day when we go to heaven, we will meet our guardian angel and will learn about all those times when the angel took care of us and kept us safe. Angels are always taking care of our life. It will be such a special feeling to meet our guardian angel and see how they took care of us throughout every day. This is written in a book called *Education* on page 305. How great it is to know that we have an angel who always accompanies us and keeps us safe from great dangers. The angels are at God's command to always be with us. We must thank the Lord for this because we have the promise of Psalms 34:7 *"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."*

Let's Pray: Our Father which art in heaven. Thank You for always taking care of me. Thank You and Your angels for always taking care of each one of our loved ones every day. Thank you, Lord, for always being my companion and my guide. Help me to live life without fearing those difficult trials that we face every day. I thank You and ask You all of this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Conclusion: "Thank you, Lord, for always being right beside me."

● Teaching the Bible Verse

Memorizing the Bible verse can be done before or after the lesson. Let's remember that this is a very special moment—a time where when we seal the word of the Lord in the hearts of the children.

Prepare a long scroll of paper in advance, to write the Bible verse on.

Memory Verse:

- "The angel of the Lord
- Encampeth round about them
- That fear him,
- and delivereth them."
- Psalms 34:7

Follow the steps in the instruction booklet.

- **Introduction:** Share a short story of an experience of how an angel saved someone.
- **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. Make sure a teacher is loudly accompanying the children in the reading.
- **Explanation:** Explain the difficult words in this step. Encampeth, round about, fear.
- **Application:** Talk about what God wants the children to learn from this Bible verse.
- **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

● Moment of Prayer

Let's remember this special moment. It's the time to talk to God. On this occasion, we will have a special moment of prayer.

If there are multiple teachers, then separate the children into several groups. Pray together, thanking the Lord for sending His angels to take care of us.

● Optional activities

For all the children: Give thanks to God for His care and for sending His angels to always take care of us. Worksheet. Paint the drawing.

Games: When the Bible activity isn't done on Saturday, then we can play some games. This allows us to grow closer to our students and to create a friendly relationship with them to reach their hearts.

● Bible Lesson No. 7

Jesus "Our Greatest Hero"

- **Biblical Foundation:** Acts 4:12, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9, 1 John 1:9, John 3:16, Life of Jesus.

- **Topic or Main Lesson:** "Jesus Gives Me Salvation".

● Objectives

That the children may:

- Learn that we can obtain salvation through Jesus.
- Have the desire to give our hearts to Jesus.
- Accept the salvation that Jesus gives us.

● Materials

Drawings for the lesson. Theme song of the day and memory verse in illustrative pictures. Illustrative materials for the time of prayer. Souvenirs with the Bible verse of the day on them, for each child to take home. Materials for manual activities.

● Welcome

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

● Musical Moment

Start by teaching joyful songs that can motivate the group.

Then teach the theme song of the day: "My Superhero". Consider the instruction booklet.

Optional Song: Connected to Jesus

● Bible Lesson of the Day

Introduction

I am going to tell you the story of the greatest hero that existed in this world. Do you know who it is? I'll give you some clues. He lived a long time ago. He was born in a manger. He lived in a humble place. Yes, it is Jesus! Today we will study about Jesus—our greatest hero.

Lesson

Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. Mary was a very special woman. She was a very hard-working woman and Joseph was a carpenter. They were going to get married soon. One day an angel came to Mary and announced that she was going to have a very special baby and that this baby was going to fulfill a mission. And that is exactly what happened. Sometime later, Mary was expecting a baby, but it was during that time that an edict was declared. That edict said that everyone should return to their birthplace because all the people of the nation were going to get counted. Since Joseph was born in Bethlehem, then He and Mary had to travel there.

It was there, in Bethlehem, that Jesus was born and he was born in a very special place, because there was nowhere for them to stay. All the hotels were full. All the houses were full, and the only place left, was a stable—a place where animals were kept.

As soon as Jesus was born, His life was not easy. Shortly after his birth, Jesus' family had to flee, because Herod was pursuing them to kill Jesus. So, they went to live in Egypt. When he grew up, Jesus was a very special boy. He played with the other children, obeyed his mother, and was friends with all the children in the neighborhood—just like you and all of your friends.

Surely you have already heard the story of the birth of Jesus, but it is very interesting to know that Jesus was a child like all other children. A child like I was some time ago. But he was a little bit different. Do you know what the difference was? He never did any bad things—He never sinned. Do you know what sins are? Sins are all the bad things we do and say. All those things we do like lying, saying bad words, stealing, disobeying—all those are bad things called sins. In Romans 3:23 it says that we are all sinners.

But you know what? There is something else you should know about Jesus. Jesus was always very special. He grew and grew, and when He was a little older, His family returned to live in Nazareth. There, Jesus greatly helped His father who was a carpenter. When He grew up, He left his home to fulfill His mission and chose a group of people to be his helpers. Jesus called these people His disciples. He then began to perform miracles. He multiplied loaves and fishes, healed the sick, healed the paralyzed, healed the blind, and also healed the lepers who had a very terrible disease. He raised the dead, one of whom was Lazarus, and others who were children like us. Everyone called Him Master because He taught them, and they recognized that He was sent from God. But Christ came to this earth with a purpose. He came to fulfill a mission. You know what? In Romans 6:23 it says that the wages of our sin is death. This means that the price of our sins is to die. So, since we do many bad things, we have to die. That is the result of sin—we deserve to die. Sin has separated us and left us far from God. And now, we can't be close to God. But, God devised a plan to rescue man—a plan to save humanity. This plan was to send Jesus, His son, to die for each one of us! This is written in Romans 5:8, *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

That is what Jesus did for us. He came to earth, was born as a baby, lived as a child like you and I, and then fulfilled a mission here on earth for the benefit of mankind. He left us so many lessons. Then he was condemned to die without doing anything wrong. He was mistreated, beaten, spit upon, and killed to die on a cross—and He did all that just to give us a chance to go to heaven.

You know what? Jesus' death was terrible. They put a crown of thorns on Him, gave Him a heavy cross to carry, and finally, they nailed His hands and feet on a cross upon a mountain alongside two thieves. There, Jesus died, and He had done nothing wrong. He went through all that sacrifice just for us. John 3:16 says, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish but have everlasting life."* God had that love for us, and He wanted to rescue us.

You know what? Even though this happened a long time ago, God also made that plan for us, for our lies, for our bad words, and for our disobedience. Jesus died for all of this. He died in our place, because He had done nothing wrong. He had never sinned. What a great love God has for us! Jesus was crucified on that cross. He suffered very much, died, and was buried. But on the third day, He arose and is now in heaven—up there in heaven. After He resurrected, Christ went to heaven where His father is, and is now fulfilling another very special mission there. He is interceding for us. When we repent, Jesus tells God the Father, "Father, I died for this child." In 1 John 1:9, the Bible says: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* How marvelous! In 1 John 1:9 it says that if we tell God about our sins and ask God for forgiveness, He will then cleanse us and forgive us. That's wonderful! God wants to and can forgive us.

But you know what? There is something we have to do—believe. We need to believe in what Jesus did, believe in the sacrifice He did for us. Romans 10:9 says: *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be*

saved.” It’s a wonderful promise! This means that if we say that Jesus is God, if we recognize that Jesus is God and wholeheartedly believe that He resurrected and is now in heaven, then will we be saved and one day go to live with God in heaven.

Are you willing to believe? This is what the greatest superhero, Jesus, did. He is the best superhero that we can know, and He is not just any superhero, He is a real superhero! Jesus came to save us when we had to die. He came to save us so that one day, very soon, when He comes in the clouds with millions of angels, He will take us to live in a beautiful mansion that He is preparing for us in heaven.

Hurry. Take the decision today, and give your heart to Jesus. Do you know how to do that? It’s very easy. If you want, I can help you and we can pray to the Lord together so that He may always live in our hearts.

Close your eyes and let’s talk to God: “Our Father which art in heaven, thank you for sending us your son Jesus. Thank You for sending your son Jesus to die for all our sins. Thank You, because I now believe that Jesus died for me too. Help me not to do bad things, not to disobey, not to say bad words, and forgive me for all the times I did. Lord, forgive me for all those bad things I have said and done. In the name of Jesus, Amen.”

What a beautiful story! Today we met the greatest hero we can have: JESUS.

● Teaching the Bible Verse

Teaching the memory verse can be done before or after the lesson.

Prepare a visual of the Bible verse before the program starts. Large poster with the Bible verse on it.

Texto de Memoria:

- “Neither is there salvation in any other:
 - or there is no other name under heaven
 - given among men,
 - whereby we must be saved.”
 - Acts 4:12
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- **Introduction:** In a few words, remind the children of today’s lesson, highlighting our superhero.
 - **Presentation:** Allow the children to read the Bible verse. Make sure a teacher is loudly accompanying the children in the reading.
 - **Explanation:** Explain the most difficult words in the Bible verse—Salvation—and what the Bible verse means.
 - **Application:** Talk about what God wants the child to learn from this Bible Verse.
 - **Repetition:** Be innovative and creative in this step.

● Moment of Prayer

Let’s talk to God. Since we have been talking about prayer for several days, today we will give the opportunity to a child in our class to pray alone, letting him/her talk to God about whatever dwells in their heart.

● Activities

For all children: On a piece of paper, write the sins that we want to confess to the Lord. Then rip the papers and throw them away. Allow all the children to do this. Help the little ones.

- Allow the children to draw the decision they made today. Help them with ideas. Color the drawing.
- Write the memory verse in a small picture.

Children 0-7: Color the drawing.

Games: When the Bible activity isn't done on Saturday, then we can play some games. This allows us to grow closer to our students and to create a friendly relationship with them to reach their hearts.



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