

Sunday School Lesson Summaries  
WINTER 2019-2020  
GOD REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE

December 8, 2019

This week in our Christian education time, we study "A Divided Kingdom." Solomon's heir, Rehoboam, ignored the pleas of the people to lighten their load; instead, he threatened to make their workload even more difficult. Angered by his response, ten tribes of Israel make Jeroboam their leader, leaving Rehoboam to lead only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in Jerusalem, where the temple was. As a family, discuss how the division of the kingdom affected the worship life of the people. Ask, "How could dividing yourself from church affect your worship life?"

December 15, 2019

"Comfort in Captivity" is the theme for our lesson this week. When Nebuchadnezzar takes the Israelites into exile in Babylon, Jeremiah writes to the exiles, assuring them of God's continuing care for them. Through Jeremiah, God promises a new covenant where His people will live eternally through Jesus. Discuss, "How does God comfort us today?"

December 22, 2019

In our Christian education time this week, we study the account of Daniel in "A Trap and a Release." Daniel's promotion to a high leadership role in Babylon causes political jealousy among other leaders. King Darius decrees that everyone must worship only him, but Daniel remains faithful to the one true God, praying three times daily. The king condemns Daniel to the lions' den, but God's angel shuts the lions' mouths so Daniel remains unharmed. Discuss how God protects His people from danger today.

Skip

"Homecoming Hopes" is the theme for our lesson this week. King Artaxerxes sends Ezra as a priest and scribe to teach and lead the people at the newly repaired temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah convinces the king to send him to Jerusalem to repair the city wall. Despite opposition from Israel's neighbors, repairs are completed in record time. Nehemiah, Ezra, and the priests lead the people in a joyous rededication of the wall. Discuss together, "What homecoming can we look forward to as God's children?"

Skip

In this week's lesson, "A Nativity Night," Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where a simple stable serves as the birthplace for the promised Christ Child. Angelic hosts announce the birth of the Savior to ordinary shepherds, who hasten to worship the child. Having seen the Savior in the flesh, the shepherds quickly spread the news of His birth. Ask one another, "How can we share the message of the birth of the Savior today?"

January 5, 2020

In the lesson for this week, "Wise Men Worship," God leads Gentile scholars to worship the Christ. Following their visit, Joseph immediately flees with his young family to the safety of Egypt. When Herod's insane jealousy dies with him, the Holy Family returns home to Nazareth. Discuss, "How does God keep you and I safe today?"

January 12, 2020

This week in our Christian education time, we discuss "Claimed and Tested." At Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: "You are My beloved Son" (Luke 3:22). Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God's Word against the lies of Satan. Ask one another, "How can we use God's Word as we defend our faith?"

January 19, 2020

In Christian education this week, we learn how “Fishers Follow.” Spotting some fishing boats by the shore of Galilee, Jesus turns Simon Peter’s boat into a floating pulpit. He preaches from the boat and then commands the disciples to put out to fish. Although they had fished all night without a catch, now they find their nets full to bursting. Recognizing his sinfulness, Peter falls down in front of his Savior and Lord, who calls him to a new kind of fishing. Ask, “How does God help us recognize our sinfulness? How does He rescue us from our sins?”

January 26, 2020

“The Wine Sign” is the lesson for this week. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus’ first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witnessed this miracle marvel at what He has done. Discuss, “What wonders does God still work through His people?”

February 2, 2020

The Sermon on the Mount is the topic for this week’s lesson, “Mountain Message.” Jesus reminds His listeners not to worry about things they cannot control. The birds of the air and the flowers of the field serve as examples of God’s continuing care for His creation. Likewise, we have no need for worry or anxiousness, because God provides and cares for us.

February 9, 2020

“A Weather Wonder” is the theme for this week’s lesson. With the simple command, “Peace! Be still!” (Mark 4:39), Jesus proclaims His power over a storm strong enough to shake even experienced fishermen. With the disciples, we must ask, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?” (v. 41). How can your family respond to this question?

February 16, 2020

In our Christian education time this week, we study “A Life Restored.” Jairus, a synagogue ruler, comes to Jesus, begging Him to heal his critically ill daughter. Along the way, servants come with news of his daughter’s death. Taking along Peter, James, and John, Jesus ignores the mourners, takes the young girl by the hand, and tells her, “Arise.” And rise she does, demonstrating Jesus’ power over death itself.

February 23, 2020

“The Fish-and-Bread Sign” is the topic for the lesson this week. A crowd of at least five thousand men, plus women and children, gather to hear Jesus preach. When challenged to find a way to feed the hungry crowd, the disciples question how this is possible. Using just five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds them all, with abundant leftovers. Discuss, “How does God provide food for His people today?”

March 1, 2020

“Ephphatha . . . be opened” (Mark 7:34), Jesus says to a deaf man as He places His fingers in the man’s ears and touches his tongue in this week’s lesson, “A Hearing Aide.” The man’s ears open and his tongue releases, but Jesus warns the crowd not to tell anyone. The good news cannot be contained, however, and those who witness the miracle share the story. Discuss, “How can we share the Good News with our friends and family?”