

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STORIES

BOOK I

(For Beginners)

FROM CREATION TO SAUL

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PREFACE

This is the first in a series of three books which treat the history of the Bible in story form for children from the ages of six to eight years. This first book covers the history from creation through the judges.

Each lesson covers a certain phase of history and touches only some outstanding event or events. The teacher in the classroom will determine how much other material should be introduced in the discussion, but it should be borne in mind that children grasp the history best when their attention is focused on but one or two outstanding incidents.

May our heavenly Father bless our covenant seed through these means, in order that the truth of His Word may be preserved in their hearts and passed on to the generations to come, unto the glory of His Name.

LESSON 1

Creation

Genesis 1

1. Who is your Creator?
God.
2. How many Gods are there?
There is only one God.
3. Did God create all things?
Yes, in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
4. What did God create on the first day?
The heaven and the earth, and also light.
5. What did God create on the second day?
The firmament.
6. What did God create on the third day?
The dry land, the grass, the trees, and the flowers.
7. What did God make on the fourth day?
The sun, the moon, and the stars.
8. What did God form on the fifth and sixth days?
The fish and the birds, the animals and man.
9. What did God do on the seventh day?
God rested, and gave us our Sabbath.
10. How do we know about this creation?
God tells us about it in His Word, the Bible.

Memory verse: “And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good.” Genesis 1:31

LESSON 2

Adam in Paradise

Genesis 1, 2

1. Who are our first parents?
Adam and Eve.
2. From what was Adam taken?
From the dust of the earth.
3. How was Adam different from the animals?
God made him in His own image.
4. Where did Adam and Eve live?
In Paradise, a beautiful garden.
5. What special tree was in the garden?
The tree of life.
6. From which tree might Adam and Eve not eat?
From the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
7. What did Adam do in Paradise?
He took care of the garden as its king.
8. How did he show that he was king?
He named the animals.
9. Were Adam and Eve happy in Paradise?
Yes, because they served God in love.
10. Of what is Paradise a picture?
Of heaven, which is far more wonderful.

Memory verse: "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth." Psalm 8:9

LESSON 3

The Fall of Man

Genesis 3

1. Did Adam and Eve stay in Paradise?
No, God drove them out of Paradise.
2. Why were they driven from Paradise?
They disobeyed God.

3. How did Adam and Eve disobey God?
They ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
4. Why was it wrong to eat of this tree?
Because God told them not to eat of it.
5. Who tempted Eve to eat of that tree?
Satan, a wicked, fallen angel.
6. How did Satan come to Eve?
He used the serpent to talk to Eve.
7. Did Eve listen to Satan?
Yes, she ate of the tree and gave to Adam also.
8. Did we also die in Adam?
Yes, we are all dead in sin.
9. What did God promise?
A Savior, to save us from our sins.

Memory verse: “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” Genesis 3:15

LESSON 4

Cain Kills Abel

Genesis 4

1. Name two sons of Adam and Eve.
Cain and Abel.
2. What does the Bible tell about Abel?
Abel feared the Lord.
3. How did Abel show that he feared the Lord?
He offered a lamb as a sacrifice to God.
4. Why was this pleasing to God?
Because Abel believed in the Lamb of God.

5. What does the Bible say about Cain?
That Cain was wicked.
6. How did Cain show his wickedness?
He offered to God of the fruit of the ground.
7. Why was this wicked?
It showed that he was not sorry for his sins.
8. How else did Cain show his wickedness?
He was jealous of Abel and killed him.
9. How did God punish Cain for this?
God sent him away from his home and family.
10. Did God give another son in Abel's place?
Yes, Seth, who also feared the Lord.

Memory verse: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." Hebrews 11:4

LESSON 5

The Days Before the Flood

Genesis 5

1. What do we know about Cain after he killed Abel?
He sinned still more, and also taught his children to sin.
2. What did Cain build?
He built a city.
3. What did the wicked sons of Lamech make?
They made many things from iron and brass.
4. Did they use these things to sin also?
Yes, they became more and more wicked.
5. What does the Bible tell us about the sons of Seth?
They came together to worship God.
6. What God-fearing man lived at this time?
Enoch, who walked with God.

7. What did God tell Enoch to do?
God told him to preach against the wicked men.
8. What did he tell these wicked men?
That God would come to punish them.
9. Did they listen to Enoch?
No, they wanted to kill him.
10. Could they kill Enoch?
No, for God took him to heaven.

Memory verse: “And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.” Genesis 5:24

LESSON 6

The Flood

Genesis 6-9

1. What does the Bible say of Noah?
Noah was one of the few who feared the Lord.
2. What did God tell Noah to do?
To build an ark.
3. Why must Noah build an ark?
Because God was going to send a flood.
4. How long did it take Noah and his sons to build the ark?
One hundred and twenty years.
5. What did Noah do while he built the ark?
He told wicked men that God would soon punish them.
6. Who were saved in the ark?
Only Noah and his family.
7. What else was saved in the ark?
Animals, which God brought to Noah.
8. What happened to the wicked world?

They were all destroyed in the flood.

9. Of what is the flood a sign?
Of the end of the world.
10. What does the sign of the rainbow mean?
That God will always remember and save His people.

Memory verse: "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:8

LESSON 7

The Days After the Flood

Genesis 11

1. Give the names of Noah's sons.
Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
2. What does the Bible tell about Ham?
That Ham mocked his father.
3. What did Noah say of Ham's sin?
He said that Ham's son would be cursed.
4. What did Noah say about Shem?
That God would be Shem's God.
5. And what did Noah say about Japheth?
That he would share in Shem's blessing.
6. Name one of the sons of Ham.
Wicked Nimrod, who was a great hunter.
7. What wicked thing did men do at this time?
They began to build a tower.
8. Why did these wicked men build a tower?
They wanted to stay together.
9. Did they finish their tower?
No, God changed their speech.

10. What happened to these wicked men after that?
They were spread over the whole earth.

Memory verse: “The Lord preserveth all them that love him, but all the wicked will he destroy.”
Psalm 145:20

LESSON 8

Job

The Book of Job 1, 2, 42

1. What does the Bible say of Job?
That Job feared God.
2. Did God bless Job?
Yes, God gave him ten children and much cattle.
3. What did the devil want to do to Job?
He wanted to make Job curse God.
4. How did the devil plan to do this?
By taking from him all that he had.
5. Did God give the devil power against Job?
Yes, Job lost all his riches and all his children in one day.
6. Did Job suffer still more?
Yes, he became very sick.
7. Did his three friends help him in his suffering?
No, they only added to his trouble.
8. What did Job answer them?
He said, “I know that my Redeemer lives.”
9. How did Job act in his suffering?
He was very patient.
10. Did God bless Job for his patience?
Yes, God doubled his riches, and gave him ten children.

Memory verse: “The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” Job 1:21

LESSON 9

Abraham Moves to Canaan

Genesis 12-15

1. What did God tell Abraham to do?
To go to the land which God would show him.
2. Where did God bring Abraham and Sarah?
To the land of Canaan.
3. What did God promise Abraham?
To give his children this whole land.
4. Of what was the land of Canaan a picture?
Of heaven.
5. What else did God promise Abraham?
As many children as the stars in the heavens.
6. Did Abraham and Sarah have any children as yet?
Not yet, and they were already very old.
7. Why did Abraham go to Egypt?
Because there was a famine in the land of Canaan.
8. Did God want Abraham to go to Egypt?
No, God sent him back to Canaan, for God would care for him there.
9. How did Abraham know that God would bless him?
God said, "Fear not, Abraham, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."
10. Was Abraham sure that God would bless him?
Yes, he believed in God.

Memory verse: "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."
Hebrews 11:10

LESSON 10

Lot Saved from Sodom

Genesis 13, 19

1. Who came with Abraham into Canaan?
His nephew Lot, with his wife.
2. Why did Abraham and Lot separate?
Because there was not enough grass for all their cattle.
3. Where did Lot choose to live?
Near the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.
4. Was Lot happy in Sodom?
No, but his family felt at home there.
5. What did God tell Abraham about Sodom?
That God was going to destroy that wicked city.
6. Did Abraham pray for Sodom?
No, he prayed only for God-fearing Lot.
7. Did the Lord spare Lot?
Yes, two angels led Lot and his family out of thy city.
8. What happened to Lot's wife?
She was changed into a pillar of salt.
9. What happened to these wicked cities?
God rained fire and brimstone from heaven upon them.
10. Of what is the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah a sign?
Of the end of the world.

Memory verse: "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12

LESSON 11

Isaac

Genesis 18, 21, 22

1. Why did the Lord visit Abraham?

To tell him that Sarah would have a son, Isaac.

2. Why did Sarah laugh when God promised them a son?
Because she was so very old already.
3. What did God answer Sarah?
“Is anything too hard for the Lord?”
4. Who mocked Isaac?
Ishmael, the son of Hagar.
5. Was God angry with Ishmael?
Yes, He told Abraham to send Ishmael and Hagar away.
6. How was Ishmael’s life spared?
God made a well of water in the desert.
7. What did God command Abraham to do with Isaac?
To offer Isaac to God on an altar.
8. Where did God tell Abraham to offer up Isaac?
On a mountain far away.
9. Why was Abraham willing to offer up his son?
He knew that God could raise Isaac from the dead.
10. What did God give in the place of Isaac?
A ram which was caught in the bushes.

Memory verse: “Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” John 1:29

LESSON 12

Jacob

Genesis 24-28

1. Why did Abraham send his servant to Haran?
To get a wife for Isaac.
2. Why did he go to Haran for a wife?
Isaac might not take a wife from the people of the land.

3. How did the servant find a wife for Isaac?
He prayed that God would help him find her.
4. Who became Isaac's wife?
Rebekah.
5. How many children did Isaac and Rebekah have?
God gave them twins, Jacob and Esau.
6. What did God tell Rebekah before these children were born?
That He loved Jacob, but hated Esau.
7. How did Esau show that he was wicked?
He sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.
8. Was Jacob honest in seeking the blessing?
No, he lied to his father.
9. How did Jacob lie to his father?
He pretended that he was Esau.
10. What happened when Esau sought to kill Jacob?
Jacob fled to his uncle Laban.

Memory verse: "By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come." Hebrews 11:20

LESSON 13

Jacob in Haran

Genesis 28-33

1. What happened to Jacob on his way to Haran?
The Lord appeared to him in a dream.
2. What did the Lord promise to Jacob in a dream?
That God would be with him and bless him.
3. How long did Jacob stay with Laban in Haran?
Twenty years, working for his wives and cattle.
4. How many wives did Jacob have?
Two, Leah and Rachel.

5. How many children did God give Jacob?
Twelve sons and one daughter.
6. Did Laban treat Jacob well?
No, he often changed his wages.
7. How was it possible for Jacob to become rich?
Because the Lord was with him.
8. Why did Jacob leave Laban?
Because the Lord told him to go back to Canaan.
9. What happened to Jacob on the way to Canaan?
Jacob wrestled with God.
10. Did Esau kill Jacob when he saw him again?
No, God kept Esau from doing him any harm.

Memory verse: "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." Genesis 32:30

LESSON 14

Joseph

Genesis 37, 39

1. Which son did Jacob love the most?
Joseph, the son of Rachel.
2. How did Jacob show his love for Joseph?
He gave him a beautiful coat.
3. Why did Jacob show special favor to Joseph?
He wanted him to have the birthright blessing.
4. How did the brothers feel about this?
They were jealous of Joseph and hated him.
5. What made them hate Joseph still more?
Because he dreamed that his brothers bowed down to him.
6. What did the brothers do to Joseph?

They sold him as a slave into Egypt.

7. What lie did the brothers tell Jacob when they came home?
They pretended that a wild beast had eaten Joseph.
8. What happened to Joseph in Egypt?
He was Potiphar's chief servant.
9. What did Potiphar do to Joseph?
He put Joseph in prison.
10. Had Joseph done any wrong?
No, Potiphar's wife lied about him.

Memory verse: "The arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob." Genesis 49:24

LESSON 15

Joseph as Ruler in Egypt

Genesis 40-50

1. How did God show that He was with Joseph in prison?
The keeper of the prison liked Joseph.
2. Who were brought into the prison with Joseph?
The king's butler and baker.
3. Why were the butler and the baker sad one day?
God gave each of them a dream.
4. And what happened when these dreams troubled them?
God showed Joseph what these dreams meant.
5. To whom else did God give dreams?
To Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.
6. Who explained the king's dreams?
Joseph, who was brought out of prison to do this.
7. How did Pharaoh reward Joseph?
He made him ruler of the land.

8. Who came to Joseph?
His brothers came to buy food.
9. Did they know Joseph?
Not until Joseph told them who he was.
10. Was Jacob glad to hear that his son was still living?
Yes, he and his sons came to live in Egypt.

Memory verse: "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it for good." Genesis 50:20

LESSON 16

Moses

Exodus 2-4

1. Were the people of Israel happy in Egypt?
No, a cruel king arose who made them work hard.
2. What did the king command the Israelites to do?
To throw all their baby boys into the river.
3. Who was born at this time?
A beautiful boy whose name was Moses.
4. Did his father and mother throw him into the river?
No, they made a basket and set it in the river.
5. Why did Moses' parents set the basket in the river?
So that the king's daughter would find him.
6. Did the king's daughter take care of Moses?
Yes, until Moses was grown up.
7. Did Moses become her son?
No, he wanted to help the people of God.
8. How did Moses try to help God's people?
He killed an Egyptian, and had to flee to Midian.
9. Who appeared to Moses in Midian?

God appeared to him in a burning bush.

10. Why did God tell him to go back to Egypt?
To lead Israel out of the land.

Memory verse: “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter.” Hebrews 11:24

LESSON 17

Israel’s Deliverance

Exodus 5-15

1. What did Moses tell king Pharaoh?
“The God of Israel says, Let my people go.”
2. What did Pharaoh do when he heard God’s command?
Pharaoh made the people work still harder.
3. What did God send upon Egypt?
Ten great plagues.
4. Did all the plagues also come on Israel?
No, God showed that He was taking care of His people.
5. What were the Israelites doing when the last plague came?
They were eating the Passover feast.
6. What was the last plague?
All the first-born sons of Egypt died.
7. Were the Egyptians glad to see Israel go?
Yes, they even gave them presents.
8. Did Pharaoh let Israel go in peace?
No, he followed after them with his army.
9. Did God save Israel from the wicked king?
Yes, God led them through the Red Sea on dry ground.
10. What happened to Pharaoh?
Pharaoh and his army were drowned in the sea.

Memory verse: “When I see the blood, I will pass over you.” Exodus 12:13

LESSON 18

Israel in the Wilderness

1. How did God lead Israel in the wilderness?
By a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.
2. How did God feed Israel?
God rained manna from heaven and gave them water from the rock.
3. How did God clothe them in the wilderness?
Israel’s clothes and sandals did not wear out.
4. What did God give Israel at Sinai?
God gave them the law.
5. What did God tell Moses to build?
A tabernacle to worship God.
6. How did Israel sin at Sinai?
They served a golden calf.
7. Which other sins did they commit in the desert?
They cried for meat, and they thought God could not give them water.
8. What did Moses do when Israel came near Canaan?
Moses sent out twelve men to spy out the land.
9. Did these spies bring a good report?
Two of them did, but the others made the people afraid.
10. What did Israel do when they heard the evil report?
They wanted to go back to Egypt.

Memory verse: “O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.” Psalm 136:26

LESSON 19

Israel in the Wilderness (cont.)

1. How did God punish Israel for wanting to go back to Egypt?
God made them wander for 40 years.
2. How were Korah, Dathan, and Abiram punished?
The earth opened and swallowed them up.
3. What happened when Israel was tired of manna?
God sent fiery serpents which killed many of them.
4. How was Israel saved from the fiery serpents?
They looked at the brazen serpent which Moses lifted up.
5. Who tried to destroy Israel?
Balak, the king of Moab.
6. How did Balak try to destroy Israel?
He asked the wicked prophet Balaam to curse Israel.
7. Did Balaam curse Israel?
No, God made Balaam bless Israel.
8. Which kings did Israel destroy?
The giant, Og, king of Bashan, and Sihon, king of the Amorites.
9. Did Moses lead Israel into Canaan?
No, Moses died on Mount Nebo.
10. Why might Moses not enter Canaan?
Because in anger he hit the rock.

Memory verse: “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.” John 3:14

LESSON 20

Israel Enters Canaan

Joshua 1-10

1. Who led Israel after Moses died?
Joshua, the servant of Moses.

2. What did Joshua do when they came near Jericho?
Joshua sent two spies to look over the city.
3. How did Israel get over the Jordan?
God made the river-bed dry before them.
4. How were they told to take the city?
God commanded them to march around the walls for seven days.
5. How did they enter Jericho?
The Lord made the walls to fall down.
6. Did Israel kill all the people of Jericho?
Yes, all except Rahab and her family, because she hid the spies.
7. Why could Israel not capture Ai the first time?
Because Achan had stolen things of Jericho.
8. How was Achan punished?
He and his family were stoned to death and burned.
9. In what other way did God help His people fight their battles?
He made the sun and moon to stand still.
10. Why did God give Israel the land of Canaan?
To be a picture of the heavenly Canaan.

Memory verse: “But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

LESSON 21

Ehud and Deborah

Judges 3-5

1. Did Israel serve the Lord after Joshua died?
No, they forgot God and served idols.
2. How was Israel punished?
God gave them into the hands of their enemies.
3. Did God also help them?

Yes, He caused them to repent, and sent judges to help them.

4. Name one king who came into Canaan to rule over Israel.
Eglon, the king of the Moabites.
5. How did Ehud deliver Israel from the Moabites?
Ehud stabbed Eglon with a sword.
6. Who was judge when the Canaanites ruled over Israel?
Deborah, who was also a prophetess.
7. Whom did she command to fight against the Canaanites?
Barak, who was afraid to go unless she went along.
8. Did the Canaanites have a strong army?
Yes, they even had horses and chariots.
9. How did the Lord give Barak the victory?
God sent a storm, and the enemy had to flee on foot.
10. What happened to the captain, Sisera?
Sisera was killed by a woman while he hid in her tent.

Memory verse: “Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses.” Psalm 107:19

LESSON 22

Gideon

Judges 6-8

1. How long did the Midianites rule over Israel?
For seven years.
2. How did they trouble Israel?
They stole their crops.
3. What did the Lord tell Gideon to do?
To break down the altar of Baal, and make a sacrifice to God.
4. How did Gideon begin to deliver Israel?
He sent for a large army to fight the Midianites.

5. Did God want Gideon to have a large army?
No, because God wanted to teach Israel that He would give them the victory.
6. How many men did Gideon finally have left?
Only 300 men.
7. How did Gideon's army prepare to fight against the enemy?
Each had a trumpet, and a lamp inside a pitcher.
8. What did Gideon's men do with the trumpets and pitchers?
They blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers.
9. What did Gideon's men shout as they went into battle?
"The sword of the Lord and of Gideon."
10. What happened to the Midianites?
They were driven out of the land.

Memory verse: "Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered." Psalm 68:1

LESSON 23

Samson

Judges 13-16

1. Whom did the Lord call to fight the Philistines?
Samson.
2. What did the angel tell Samson's parents about him?
That he would be a Nazarite.
3. How was Samson able to fight all alone?
The Spirit of the Lord made him very strong.
4. Why did Samson catch 300 foxes?
To burn the corn of the Philistines.
5. What did he do with a jaw bone?
He killed a thousand Philistines.
6. What did Samson do with the gates of a city?

He carried them to a high hill.

7. What sin did Samson commit?
He married heathen women.
8. What happened when his hair was cut?
He lost his strength.
9. What did the Philistines do to Samson?
They cut out his eyes and put him in prison.
10. Did God hear Samson's prayer in the temple?
Yes, and many Philistines were killed when the temple fell.

Memory verse: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" Psalm 27:1

LESSON 24

Ruth

Book of Ruth

1. Why did Naomi go to Moab?
Because there was a famine in Israel.
2. What did her two sons do in Moab?
They married women of Moab.
3. Did the Lord bless Naomi's family in Moab?
No, her husband and two sons died.
4. What did Naomi learn from these deaths in her family?
That she must go back to her own country.
5. Did Ruth and Orpah both go back with Naomi?
No, only Ruth went along.
6. Why did Ruth go along with Naomi?
Because she loved God.
7. What did Ruth say?
"Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

8. How did Ruth meet Boaz?
She picked up grain in the fields of Boaz.
9. Did she later marry Boaz?
Yes, and she became the great-grandmother of David.

Memory verse: “Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee.” Ruth 1:16

LESSON 25

Samuel

I Samuel 1-9

1. What did Hannah ask of the Lord?
She asked for a son who would serve the Lord.
2. Did the Lord hear her prayer?
Yes, God gave her Samuel.
3. Where did Samuel’s mother bring him?
To Eli, the priest, to serve in the tabernacle.
4. What happened when Samuel was still young?
The Lord called him and spoke to him.
5. What did the Lord tell Samuel?
That Eli and his wicked sons would die in one day.
6. How did Eli’s sons die?
They died in the battle with the Philistines.
7. What else happened in this battle?
The ark of God was taken.
8. What happened to Eli when he heard the ark was taken?
He fell from his chair and broke his neck.
9. Why did the Philistines send the ark back to Israel?
God sent plagues upon the Philistines.
10. What did the people ask of Samuel?
They asked for a king.

Memory verse: “Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.” I Samuel 3:10

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BOOK II

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FROM SAUL TO THE RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY

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PREFACE

This is the second in a series of three books which treat the history of the Bible for children from the ages of six to eight years. This second book treats the history from the beginning of Saul’s reign to the return of the Jews from captivity.

The teacher will notice that generally only one or two events are treated in each lesson, rather than the many details. The teacher will use his own discretion in determining how much other material should be included in the discussion in the classroom.

May our God use these means to realize His promise among us that He will be our God and the God of our seed forever. That is our sincere prayer and also our blessed confidence.

LESSON 1

Saul

I Samuel 10-15, 28, 30

1. Why did the people want a king?
They wanted to be like the other nations.
2. Did God give them a king?
Yes, Saul, of the tribe of Benjamin.
3. Was Saul a good king?
No, he was very wicked.
4. How did Saul show that he was wicked?
He disobeyed God's command.
5. How did God punish Saul?
God took the kingdom from him.
6. Did God speak to Saul after that?
No, God did not speak to him anymore.
7. When did Saul want to seek help from God?
Before a battle with the Philistines.
8. Where did Saul go since God would not speak to him?
During the night he went to a witch.
9. Who spoke to Saul there?
Samuel, who told him that he would die.
10. How did Saul die?
He killed himself in the battle.

Memory verse: "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish." Psalm 1:6

LESSON 2

David Anointed As King

I Samuel 16-30

1. Whom did Samuel anoint in Saul's place?
David, who was of the tribe of Judah.
2. What did David do when he was a boy?
He cared for his father's sheep.
3. Was God with David even then?
Yes, God saved him from a lion and a bear.
4. Who mocked the army of Israel?
The giant Goliath.
5. What did David do to Goliath?
He killed him with a slingshot.
6. Was Saul pleased that David killed Goliath?
No, he was jealous of David.
7. Why was he so jealous of David?
He knew that God would make David king.
8. How did Saul try to kill David?
He followed after him with his army.
9. Where did David hide?
He hid in the caves of the mountains.
10. Did Saul ever harm David?
No, for God always took care of him.

Memory verse: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me." Psalm 23:4

LESSON 3

David As King

II Samuel 2-12

1. Who became king after Saul died?
David, who feared the Lord.
2. Where did David live?

In Jerusalem.

3. What did David bring to Jerusalem?
The ark of God.
4. What did David plan to build in Jerusalem?
A beautiful temple of God.
5. Did David build this temple?
No, God told him that Solomon would build it.
6. Tell of one sin that David committed.
He took another man's wife.
7. How did David try to hide this sin?
He killed this man by putting him in the front line of battle.
8. Was David sorry for this sin?
Yes, but not until God sent Nathan, the prophet, to him.
9. How did God show that He was displeased with David?
God made his son sick, that he died.
10. Did God punish David in other ways?
God brought many troubles in his family.

Memory verse: "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Psalm 32:1

LESSON 4

The Sin of Absalom

II Samuel 15-19

1. Who was Absalom?
A son of David.
2. What sin did Absalom commit?
He tried to take the kingdom from his father.
3. Why was this wrong of Absalom?
Because God had made David king.

4. Did the people want Absalom to be king?
Yes, many of the people liked him.
5. Did David want to fight against his son Absalom?
No, he fled from Jerusalem.
6. Did David flee alone?
No, his army went with him.
7. Did Absalom follow David?
Yes, he came with an army to fight him.
8. What happened in this battle?
Absalom was caught by his head in a tree.
9. How did the battle end?
Absalom was killed.
10. Did David go back to Jerusalem?
Yes, he was king as before.

Memory verse: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

LESSON 5

Solomon

I Kings 1-11

1. Who was king after David died?
Solomon, as God had promised.
2. What did Solomon ask of God?
Wisdom to rule the people.
3. Did God give Solomon wisdom?
Yes, and God also gave him riches and honor.
4. When did Solomon show his wisdom?
When two mothers wanted the same baby.
5. What did Solomon build?

A large and beautiful temple.

6. Who came to Solomon?
The queen of Sheba.
7. Why did the queen of Sheba come to Solomon?
To see the glory that God gave him.
8. What sin did Solomon commit?
He married many wives.
9. Did these wives cause him to sin still more?
Yes, they caused him to serve idols.
10. How did God show that He was displeased?
God took part of the kingdom from him.

Memory verse: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” Proverbs 1:7

LESSON 6

Rehoboam, King of Judah

I Kings 12-14

1. Who became king after Solomon?
His son, Rehoboam.
2. What did the people ask Rehoboam to do?
They asked him to lower their taxes.
3. Did Rehoboam do as the people asked?
No, he answered them roughly.
4. How did the people rebel against Rehoboam?
Ten tribes made Jeroboam their king.
5. Was this right for the people to do?
No, God had made Rehoboam their king.
6. What were the ten tribes called?
The kingdom of Israel.

7. How many tribes stayed with Rehoboam?
Two, Judah and Benjamin.
8. What were the two tribes called?
The kingdom of Judah.
9. Did Rehoboam serve God always?
No, he and the people turned away from the Lord.
10. How did God punish him?
God sent the king of Egypt against him.

Memory verse: "Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee." Psalm 33:22

LESSON 7

Jeroboam, King of Israel

I Kings 12-14

1. What were the ten tribes called?
The kingdom of Israel.
2. Who was the first king of the kingdom of Israel?
Jeroboam.
3. Was Jeroboam a good king?
No, he caused Israel to serve golden calves.
4. Why did Jeroboam make these golden calves?
Because he did not want the people to go to the temple at Jerusalem.
5. Who spoke against the altar Jeroboam had set up?
A prophet from Judah.
6. What happened when this prophet spoke against the altar?
The altar broke in pieces.
7. How was this prophet punished on the way home?
He was killed by a lion.
8. How did God punish Jeroboam for his sin?
God made his son sick.

9. How did Jeroboam's wife try to save her son's life?

She went to a prophet of God.

10. What did the prophet tell her?

Her son would surely die.

Memory verse: "Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness." Psalm 5:4

LESSON 8

Elijah and Ahab

I Kings 17

1. Did the kingdom of Israel have any good kings?

No, they were all wicked.

2. Which king was especially wicked?

King Ahab, who married wicked Jezebel.

3. Did Ahab want Israel to serve God?

No, he made them serve Baal.

4. How did Ahab make the people serve Baal?

He killed those who served God.

5. Which prophet came to Ahab?

The prophet Elijah.

6. What did Elijah tell Ahab?

That there would be no rain for a long time.

7. Where did Elijah go during the famine?

He went to hide by the brook Cherith.

8. How did God feed Elijah there?

God commanded the ravens to bring him food.

9. Where did God send Elijah after the brook was dry?

To the home of a poor widow in Sidon.

10. How did God care for Elijah and the widow?

God gave them oil and meal every day.

Memory verse: “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”
Phil. 4:19

LESSON 9

Elijah On Carmel

I Kings 18

1. When did the famine end?
When God sent Elijah to Ahab.
2. What did Elijah tell Ahab to do?
To bring all Israel to Mount Carmel.
3. Who else came to Mount Carmel?
450 prophets of Baal.
4. What did Elijah tell them to make?
An altar to Baal.
5. Might the prophets put fire on the altar?
No, they had to ask Baal to do that.
6. Could Baal send fire?
No, for he was only an idol.
7. What happened when Eliiah prayed?
God sent fire from heaven upon his altar.
8. What did the people shout when they saw this?
“The Lord, He is the God.”
9. What did Elijah do to the prophets of Baal?
He killed all of them.
10. Did God send rain?
Yes, after Elijah prayed for it.

Memory verse: “I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me.” Isaiah 45:5

LESSON 10

Jehoshaphat, King of Judah

II Chronicles 17-20

1. What were the two faithful tribes called?
The kingdom of Judah.
2. What do we know about the kings of Judah?
They were all of the family of David.
3. Why did God place David's sons on the throne?
Because our Lord Jesus would be born of David's family.
4. Did all the kings of Judah serve God?
Some of them did, but many were wicked.
5. Name a God-fearing king after Rehoboam.
Jehoshaphat.
6. What did Jehoshaphat do for the people of Judah?
He taught them to serve the Lord.
7. What sin did he commit?
Jehoshaphat went along with Ahab to battle.
8. What happened in the battle?
Ahab was killed.
9. How did God bless Jehoshaphat?
God made him very rich.
10. Did God help Jehoshaphat against his enemies?
Yes, God made his enemies afraid of him.

Memory verse: "Praise the Lord, for his mercy endureth for ever." II Chronicles 20:21

LESSON 11

The Prophet Elisha

II Kings 2-5

1. Did Elijah die?
No, God took him to heaven.
2. How did God take him to heaven?
By a chariot of fire in a whirlwind.
3. Which prophet took Elijah's place?
Elijah's servant, Elisha.
4. How did some children mock Elisha?
They cried: "Go up, thou bald head."
5. How did God punish these children for this?
Two bears killed 42 of them.
6. Who came to Elisha to be healed?
Naaman, a leper from Syria.
7. How did Naaman know about Elisha?
A Jewish girl told him.
8. How was Naaman healed?
He washed himself in the Jordan River seven times.
9. What sin did Elisha's servant commit?
He took presents from Naaman.
10. How was Elisha's servant punished?
He became a leper.

Memory verse: "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel, and the horsemen thereof." II Kings 2:12

LESSON 12

Elisha Promises Food to Israel

II Kings 6, 7

1. Why did God send the prophet Elisha to wicked Israel?
Because God still had His people there.
2. Why did the king of Syria try to capture Elisha?

Because Elisha helped the king of Israel.

3. What happened to the army that came to take Elisha?
The Lord made them blind.
4. Did Syria come against Israel again?
Yes, the army camped around the walls of Samaria.
5. How did this trouble the people in the city?
They had no food.
6. Were they very hungry?
Yes, two women even ate a baby.
7. What did Elisha promise the king?
That there would be plenty of food the next day.
8. Did the king believe Elisha?
No, he and his servant mocked Elisha.
9. How did God give food to Samaria?
God caused the Syrians to flee away.
10. What happened to the servant who mocked Elisha?
He was trampled to death.

Memory verse: “I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no savior.” Isaiah 43:11

LESSON 13

Jehu, King of Israel

II Kings 9, 10

1. Whom did Elisha anoint as king of Israel?
Jehu, the captain of the army.
2. Did Elisha go to anoint Jehu?
No, he sent a young prophet.
3. What was Jehu commanded to do?
To kill the whole family of Ahab.

4. Why did God command him to do this?
Because Ahab's family was very wicked.
5. Whom did Jehu kill first?
The king of Israel and the king of Judah.
6. Did Jehu also kill Jezebel?
Yes, he told the servants to throw her out of a window.
7. Was Ahab's whole family killed?
Yes, his 70 sons were beheaded.
8. How did Jehu pretend to serve God?
He killed all those who served Baal.
9. Did Jehu really serve God?
No, he made Israel serve idols again.

Memory verse: "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord." Proverbs 15:8

LESSON 14

The Prophet Jonah

Book of Jonah

1. What did God say to Jonah?
"Go to Nineveh, and cry against it."
2. Did Jonah go to Nineveh?
No, he ran away.
3. What happened when Jonah was on a ship?
God sent a storm upon the sea.
4. What did the sailors do to Jonah?
They threw him into the sea.
5. Did Jonah drown?
No, God prepared a fish to swallow him up.
6. Did he die in the fish?
No, after three days the fish spit him out.

7. Did Jonah obey God after that?
Yes, he went to Nineveh to preach.
8. What did Jonah preach?
“In 40 days Nineveh will be destroyed.”
9. Was Nineveh destroyed?
No, because many of the people repented.
10. Why were they saved?
Because God had His people there.

Memory verse: “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27

LESSON 15

Joash, King of Judah

II Chronicles 22-24

1. Who was Athaliah?
A daughter of wicked king Ahab.
2. How did Athaliah become queen?
She killed her own grandchildren.
3. Was Athaliah able to kill all of them?
No, the baby Joash was hid in the temple.
4. When was Joash made king?
When he was seven years old.
5. Who helped to make Joash king?
Jehoiada, the God-fearing priest.
6. What happened to Athaliah?
She was killed.
7. Did Joash do what was right?
Yes, as long as Jehoiada lived.
8. What good deed did Joash do?

He repaired the temple.

9. What did Joash do after the priest died?

He served idols.

10. What other sin did Joash commit?

He killed Jehoiada's son, who was a prophet.

Memory verse: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1

LESSON 16

Hezekiah, King of Judah

II Kings 18-20

1. Name another good king of Judah.

Hezekiah.

2. Were the people still serving God when Hezekiah became king?

No, even the doors of the temple were closed.

3. Did Hezekiah want the people to serve God?

Yes, he opened the doors of the temple.

4. What did Hezekiah do to their idols?

He destroyed them.

5. How else did Hezekiah show that he wanted Judah to serve God?

He made a great Passover feast.

6. Did Hezekiah call only the people of Judah to the feast?

No, he called also the people of Israel.

7. Did Israel come when Hezekiah called them?

Yes, a few came, but most of them refused.

8. Did Hezekiah serve God all his life?

Yes, he served God with all his heart.

9. What happened to the kingdom of Israel about this time?

God brought them into captivity because of their sins.

Memory verse: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” Psalm 33:12

LESSON 17

Hezekiah Becomes Sick

Isaiah 36-39

1. Who came to fight against Hezekiah?
The king of Assyria with his army.
2. How did he try to frighten Hezekiah?
He sent letters to him.
3. What did these letters say?
That God could not help Hezekiah.
4. What did Isaiah tell Hezekiah to do?
To trust in the Lord alone.
5. How did God help Hezekiah?
God killed the army of Assyria.
6. What happened to Hezekiah about this time?
He became very sick.
7. What did Hezekiah pray in his sickness?
He prayed to be made well.
8. Why did he pray to be made well?
Because he had no son to be king.
9. Did the Lord hear his prayer?
Yes, God made him well and gave him a son.
10. Who was this son?
Manasseh.

Memory verse: “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?” Psalm 27:1

LESSON 18

Manasseh, King of Judah

II Chronicles 33

1. Who became king after Hezekiah?
His son, Manasseh.
2. Was Manasseh a good king?
No, he was very wicked.
3. What wicked deed did Manasseh do?
He sacrificed his children to idols.
4. How else did Manasseh sin against God?
He killed the people of God.
5. How did God punish Manasseh?
He was put in prison in Babylon.
6. What did the Lord do to Manasseh in prison?
God made him sorry for his sins.
7. Did Manasseh stay in prison?
No, he became king again.
8. How did Manasseh show that he was sorry for his sins?
He took the idols out of the temple.
9. Did Manasseh also restore the worship of God?
Yes, the priests might sacrifice to God again.
10. Did the people really repent?
No, they soon turned back to their sins.

Memory verse: “For thy name’s sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.” Psalm 25:11

LESSON 19

Josiah, King of Judah

II Kings 22, 23

1. Who was the last good king of Judah?

Josiah.

2. How did Josiah show that he feared God?
He broke down the idols.
3. Did Josiah repair the temple?
Yes, he hired men to do it.
4. What did the workmen find in the temple?
A book of the law.
5. What did the king do with the law?
He read it to the people.
6. What did Josiah command the people to do?
To keep the Passover.
7. Was it a great feast that the people held?
Yes, for years there was not one like it.
8. How did Josiah die?
He was killed in battle.
9. Did the people continue to serve God?
No, they became still more wicked.
10. Of what did the Lord warn the people?
That He would punish Judah as He did Israel.

Memory verse: “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105

LESSON 20

The Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 36-42

1. Who was Jeremiah?
Jeremiah was a prophet in Judah.
2. When did God call Jeremiah to be a prophet?
When he was still a boy.

3. What did Jeremiah tell about Jerusalem?
That Jerusalem would be burned.
4. What did Jeremiah say would happen to the people?
They would be brought to Babylon.
5. Did the king and the priests believe Jeremiah?
No, they were very angry with him.
6. How did Jeremiah suffer?
He was put in a pit.
7. Did God punish the people as He had said?
Yes, they were brought to Babylon.
8. Did Jeremiah go with them?
No, he and some others were left in Jerusalem.
9. Did Jeremiah stay in Jerusalem?
No, the people took him to Egypt.
10. What did Jeremiah promise the people in captivity?
After 70 years God would bring them back to their own land.

Memory verse: "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed." Lamentations 3:22

LESSON 21

Daniel and His Friends

Daniel 1-4

1. Who were taken with the Jews to Babylon?
Daniel and his three friends.
2. What became of Daniel and his three friends?
They became princes in Babylon.
3. How did God show that He was with them?
He made them the wisest men in Babylon.
4. How did Daniel show his wisdom?
He explained the dream of Nebuchadnezzar.

5. Of what did Nebuchadnezzar dream?
A great image destroyed by a stone.
6. What did the dream mean?
That Christ will destroy all the wicked nations of the earth.
7. Did the three friends worship God in Babylon?
Yes, they would not worship an image of the king.
8. Did the king punish them for this?
Yes, he threw them into a fiery furnace.
9. Were they burned up in the furnace?
No, God sent His angel into the furnace with them.
10. How was the king punished for being proud?
God made him to live like an animal.

Memory verse: “Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace.”
Daniel 3:17

LESSON 22

Daniel in the Lions’ Den

Daniel 6

1. Did Daniel pray to God in Babylon?
Yes, he prayed looking toward Jerusalem three times a day.
2. Why did Daniel pray looking toward Jerusalem?
He knew that God would bring His people back to their own land.
3. Were the other princes jealous of Daniel?
Yes, they wanted to kill him.
4. How did they try to kill him?
They asked the king to pass a very wicked law.
5. What was that wicked law?
That all the people must worship only the king.

6. Did Daniel obey the king?
No, he prayed to God as before.
7. What did the king do to Daniel for this?
He threw him into a den of lions.
8. Did the lions eat Daniel?
No, the Lord shut the lions' mouths.
9. What did the king do to these bad princes?
He threw them into the den of lions.
10. Did the lions eat them?
Yes, before they fell to the bottom of the den.

Memory verse: "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29

LESSON 23

The Return from Babylon

Ezra 1-10

1. How long did the Jews stay in Babylon?
About 70 years.
2. How did they return?
The Lord told King Cyrus to send them back.
3. How many returned to Jerusalem?
About fifty thousand people.
4. What was the first thing the people did?
They began to build the temple.
5. Were the people happy when they could use the temple again?
Yes, but some wept.
6. Why did some weep?
Because the temple of Solomon was far more beautiful.
7. Who troubled the Jews?
The wicked Samaritans.

8. How did they trouble the Jews?
They tried to stop the work on the temple.

9. Was the temple finished?
It was finished only after 21 years.

Memory verse: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3

LESSON 24

Esther

Book of Esther

1. Did all the Jews return to Jerusalem?
No, some stayed in Babylon.
2. Name two of them that stayed.
Mordecai, and Esther his niece.
3. What happened to Esther there?
She became queen.
4. Who was a chief ruler under the king?
Haman, who hated Mordecai.
5. What did Haman want to do?
He wanted to kill all the Jews.
6. Who heard of this plan?
Mordecai, who told Esther.
7. Did Esther tell the king?
Yes, she told him at a banquet.
8. Were all the Jews killed?
No, the king told them to fight for their lives.
9. What happened to Haman?
He was hanged on a gallows.
10. What does this show?

That God always takes care of His people.

Memory verse: “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 124:8

LESSON 25

Nehemiah

Book of Nehemiah

1. Who was Nehemiah?
A cupbearer to the king.
2. What did Nehemiah hear about the Jews?
That they were not building the walls of Jerusalem.
3. What did Nehemiah do when he heard this?
He asked the king to let him go to Jerusalem.
4. What was the first thing Nehemiah did in Jerusalem?
He looked at the walls at night.
5. Did Nehemiah start to build the walls?
Yes, he set all the people to work.
6. How were the people troubled?
Wicked men tried to stop the work.
7. Did they stop the work?
No, Nehemiah gave the people swords.
8. Did these wicked men bother them still more?
Yes, they lied to the people about Nehemiah.
9. How were the walls built so quickly?
God helped His people to build.

Memory verse: “O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.” Psalm 84:12

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PREFACE

This is the last in the series of three books treating the stories of the Bible for children from the ages of six to eight years. The first two books covered the history found in the Old Testament, while this book treats the history recorded in the New Testament.

As much as possible the same lesson divisions are used in this book as in the New Testament for Juniors, so that both of these books can be used in one class, if the age range should require this.

Each lesson treats only a certain phase of the history rather than entering into detail on all the events. The teacher should use his own discretion in determining how much other material should be included in the discussions in the classroom.

May our covenant God use this material for the instruction and spiritual edification of our covenant children. In Him alone is our expectation.

LESSON 1

John the Baptist

Luke 1

1. Who was the forerunner of Jesus?
John the Baptist.
2. Who were John's parents?
Zacharias and Elisabeth.
3. Who told Zacharias that John would be born?
The angel Gabriel.
4. What was Zacharias doing when the angel came to him?
He was offering incense in the temple.
5. Did Zacharias believe the angel?
No, for both he and Elisabeth were very old.
6. What happened to him because he did not believe?
He became deaf and dumb.
7. How long did Zacharias remain dumb?
Until John was born.
8. What did Zacharias do when he could speak again?
He praised God for the coming of the Savior.
9. Why was John called the Baptist?
Because he preached and baptized.

Memory verse: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me."
Malachi 3:1

LESSON 2

Jesus' Birth

Luke 2

1. Who is your Savior?

Jesus, the Son of God.

2. Who was Jesus' mother?
The virgin Mary.
3. Who told Mary that Jesus would be born?
The angel Gabriel.
4. Where was Jesus born?
In Bethlehem, the city of David.
5. Was Jesus born in great riches and honor?
No, He was born in a cattle stall.
6. To whom did angels tell of Jesus' birth?
To shepherds who were watching their flocks at night.
7. Did the shepherds believe the angels?
Yes, and they went to Bethlehem to see the Babe.
8. Who else were told of Jesus' birth?
Wisemen, from the East, who saw His star.
9. What did the wisemen do when they found Jesus?
They worshiped Him and brought Him gifts.

Memory verse: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord." Luke 2:11

LESSON 3

Jesus' Early Life On Earth

Matthew 2, Luke 2

1. Who wanted to kill Jesus?
Wicked king Herod.
2. How did Herod try to kill Jesus?
He killed all the babies of Bethlehem.
3. How did Jesus escape?
His parents fled with Him to Egypt.

4. How long did they stay in Egypt?
Until Herod was dead.
5. How old was Jesus when His parents took Him to the temple?
He was twelve years old.
6. What did Jesus do when Joseph and Mary went home?
He stayed behind in the temple.
7. What was Jesus doing when His parents found Him?
He was talking to the teachers.
8. What did Jesus tell His parents?
“Wist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?”
9. What does the Bible tell us about Jesus’ boyhood?
That He always obeyed His parents.

Memory verse: “And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.” Luke 2:40

LESSON 4

John the Baptist Preaches

Luke 3

1. Where did John the Baptist preach?
In the wilderness near the Jordan River.
2. How was John dressed?
He wore a coat of camel’s hair.
3. What did John eat?
He ate locusts and wild honey.
4. What did John tell the people?
To repent of their sins.
5. What did John do to those who repented?
He baptized them in the Jordan River.
6. Who came to John while he was preaching?

Jesus came to be baptized by John.

7. What did John tell His disciples to do?
To follow Jesus.
8. What happened to John?
Herod put him into prison.
9. How did John die?
Herod beheaded him in prison.

Memory verse: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29

LESSON 5

Jesus Is Baptized and Tempted

Matthew 3, 4

1. How old was Jesus when He began to teach?
He was thirty years old.
2. Where did Jesus go first?
To John to be baptized by him.
3. What happened when Jesus was baptized?
The Holy Spirit came upon Him in the form of a dove.
4. What did the voice from heaven say?
"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
5. Where did the Spirit lead Jesus after He was baptized?
Into the wilderness to be tempted.
6. How long was Jesus in the wilderness?
He was there forty days and forty nights without food.
7. Who came to Jesus after forty days?
Satan came to tempt Him three times.
8. What did Jesus answer him?
"Get thee behind me, Satan."
9. Did Jesus ever sin?

No, He could not sin, for He was the Son of God.

Memory verse:

“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.” Luke 4:8

LESSON 6

Jesus Begins to Teach

John 2

1. What work did Jesus do?
He went about teaching and preaching.
2. What did Jesus teach?
That He was the promised Savior.
3. How did He show that He was the Savior?
By many mighty miracles.
4. Where did Jesus perform His first miracle?
At a wedding feast in Cana.
5. What was the first miracle?
He changed water into wine.
6. Why did Jesus go to Jeru~salem?
He went to keep the Passover.
7. What did Jesus do when He came into the temple?
He drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple.
8. Did the Jews believe in Him?
No, many were angry with Him.
9. Were His disciples angry also?
No, they and many others believed He was the Christ.

Memory verse:

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will build it up.” John 2:19

LESSON 7

Jesus Goes Through Samaria

John 3, 4

1. Who came to Jesus at night?
Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
2. What did Jesus say about the way of salvation?
That we must be born again to believe in Jesus.
3. What did He tell Nicodemus about Himself?
That God sent His Son to be our Savior.
4. What way did Jesus take from Jerusalem to Galilee?
He went through Samaria.
5. Whom did Jesus meet in Samaria?
A woman at Jacob's well.
6. What did Jesus make plain to this woman?
That she was a sinner.
7. Of what did Jesus speak to her?
Of the water of life.
8. Who could give her that water of life?
Jesus Himself, because He was the promised Savior.
9. Did she believe in Him?
Yes, and many others did also.

Memory verse:

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” John 4:24

LESSON 8

Jesus in Galilee

Luke 4, 5

1. What second miracle did Jesus perform in Cana?
He healed the son of the nobleman.
2. Why was this such a great miracle?
The son was sick in Capernaum.

3. Did the nobleman believe in Jesus?
Yes, he and his family believed.
4. What did Jesus do in Nazareth?
Jesus taught the people.
5. What did Jesus show them from the prophets?
That He was the promised Christ.
6. Did the people believe Him?
No, they tried to kill Him.
7. How did the people try to kill Him?
They tried to push Him off a cliff.
8. How did Jesus escape from them?
He passed through the midst of them.

Memory verse:

“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Luke 5:32

LESSON 9

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath Day

John 5

1. Why did Jesus leave Galilee?
To keep a feast at Jerusalem.
2. Where did Jesus go on the Sabbath day?
He went to the pool of Bethesda.
3. What did He find at the pool?
Many sick people waiting at the pool.
4. For what were they waiting?
For an angel to come and stir the water.
5. What happened when the water was stirred?
The first one in the pool was healed of his sickness.

6. To whom did Jesus speak at the pool?
To a lame man who had no one to help him into the water.
7. What did Jesus tell the lame man to do?
Jesus told him to take up his bed and walk.
8. Did the Jews believe in Jesus when they saw this man was healed?
No, they were angry with Jesus.
9. Why were the Jews angry?
Because He healed the man on the Sabbath day.

Memory verse:

“Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.” Mark 2:28

LESSON 10

Jesus at the Sea of Galilee

Luke 7, 8

1. What happened when the disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee?
A great storm arose on the sea.
2. Where was Jesus when the storm arose?
He was lying asleep in the boat.
3. Were the disciples afraid?
Yes, they thought they would drown.
4. What did Jesus do when the disciples awakened Him?
He commanded the sea to be calm.
5. Who met Jesus on the other side of the sea?
Two men who were possessed with devils.
6. What did Jesus command these spirits to do?
To come out of these men.
7. Where did Jesus allow them to go?
Into a herd of swine.
8. What happened to the swine?

They were drowned in the sea.

9. Did the people believe in Jesus then?
No, they asked Him to leave their country.

Memory verse:

“What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!”

Matthew 8:27b

LESSON 11

The People Want to Make Jesus Their King

John 6

1. What miracle did Jesus perform near Capernaum?
He fed five thousand men, besides women and children.
2. Why was this such a great miracle?
Because He had only five loaves of bread and two fishes.
3. Was there still some food left?
Yes, there were twelve baskets full.
4. Where did Jesus go after this miracle?
He went into a mountain to pray.
5. Where did Jesus send His disciples?
He sent them to cross the sea alone.
6. What happened while the disciples crossed the sea?
A terrible storm arose.
7. Did Jesus come to help them?
Yes, He walked to them on the water.
8. What did the people want to do at this time?
The people wanted to make Jesus their king.
9. Was He willing to be their king?
No, for His kingdom is heavenly.
10. Were the people angry with Him?

Yes, many followed Him no more.

Memory verse:

“Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.” John 6:68

LESSON 12

Jesus on the Mount

Matthew 16, 17

1. What did Jesus begin to tell His disciples?
That He must suffer and die.
2. What else did He tell them?
That He would arise again from the dead.
3. Where did Jesus go with three of His disciples?
He went to a mountain to pray.
4. Which three disciples were with Him?
Peter, James, and John.
5. What happened on the mountain?
The disciples saw Jesus in His heavenly glory.
6. Who appeared with Jesus there?
Moses and Elijah, who spoke with Him.
7. What did they speak about?
About His death and resurrection.
8. What did the voice from heaven say?
“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”
9. What great miracle did Jesus perform when He came from the mountain?
He healed a boy that had a devil.

Memory verse:

“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son
of the living God.” Matthew 16:16

LESSON 13

Jesus at Jerusalem

John 8, 9

1. Who met Jesus on the way to Jerusalem?
Ten lepers, who asked Jesus to heal them.
2. Did Jesus heal these ten lepers?
Yes, they were healed as they went to the priest.
3. How many came back to thank Jesus?
Only one, and he was a Samaritan.
4. How did the Jews in Jerusalem show that they hated Jesus?
They took up stones to kill Him.
5. Why could the Jews not stone Him?
He was gone from their sight.
6. Whom did Jesus heal in Jerusalem?
A man who was born blind.
7. Why were the Jews angry about this?
Because they hated Jesus.
8. Why did the Jews say that He could not be the Christ?
Because He healed a man on the Sabbath day.
9. Did the man who was healed believe in Jesus?
Yes, and he worshiped Jesus.

Memory verse: “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36

LESSON 14

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

John 11

1. Where did Jesus often stay?
At the home of Mary and Martha.
2. Where did Mary and Martha live?

In Bethany, near Jerusalem.

3. What was their brother's name?
Lazarus.
4. What happened to Lazarus one day?
He became sick.
5. Why did his sisters send for Jesus?
They called Jesus to come and heal Lazarus.
6. Did Jesus come at once?
No, He waited until Lazarus had died.
7. What did He do when He came?
Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.
8. Why was this such a great miracle?
Because Lazarus was dead four days.
9. Did the wicked Jews believe in Jesus then?
No, they sought the more to kill Him.

Memory verse: "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25

LESSON 15

On the Way to Jerusalem

Luke 19, John 12

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples at this time?
That He would suffer and die in Jerusalem.
2. Whom did He meet as He came near Jericho?
He met a blind beggar sitting by the way.
3. What did this blind beggar call to Jesus?
"Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me."
4. Did Jesus have mercy on him?
Yes, He made him see.

5. Whom else did Jesus meet in Jericho?
Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree to see Jesus.
6. What did Jesus say to him?
“Come down, for today I must abide at thy house.”
7. Were the rest of the people angry about this?
Yes, because they called Zacchaeus a sinner.
8. What took place in Bethany?
Mary anointed His feet with precious ointment.
9. Why did Mary anoint Jesus?
Because she believed that He would arise from the dead.

Memory verse:

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

LESSON 16

Jesus About to Die

Matthew 21-26

1. Where did Jesus go on Sunday?
He went to Jerusalem.
2. How did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?
He rode on a colt.
3. What did the people shout?
“Hosanna to the Son of David.”
4. What did the people expect at this time?
That now Jesus would become their king.
5. What did Jesus do on Monday?
He drove the buyers and sellers from the temple.
6. Did He perform any miracles?
Yes, He healed the blind and the lame in the temple.
7. What did Jesus do on Tuesday?

He taught the people for the last time.

8. Where did Judas go on Wednesday?
Judas went to the chief priests to betray Jesus.
9. How much money did the priests give to Judas?
Thirty pieces of silver.

Memory verse:

“Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.” Matthew 21:9

LESSON 17

Jesus Captured

Matthew 26

1. Where did Jesus keep the Passover feast?
In an upper room with His disciples.
2. What was the first thing that Jesus did when they came into the upper room?
He washed His disciples’ feet.
3. What did Jesus tell them at the feast?
“One of you shall betray me.”
4. What did Jesus say to Judas?
“That thou doest, do quickly.”
5. What did Jesus pray in Gethsemane?
“If it be possible, let this cup pass from me.”
6. Could the disciples stay awake with Him?
No, they slept while Jesus prayed.
7. Who came to Gethsemane to find Jesus?
Judas, with a large band of soldiers.
8. Did they take Jesus?
Yes, because He gave Himself up willingly.
9. What sin did Peter commit that night?
He denied Jesus three times.

Memory verse:

“This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.” Mark 14:24

LESSON 18

Jesus Dies

Matthew 27

1. How did Jesus die?
Jesus died on the cross.
2. When was Jesus nailed to the cross?
At nine o'clock on Friday.
3. Who were crucified with Jesus?
Two thieves.
4. What did the one thief say to Jesus?
“Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”
5. What did Jesus answer him?
“Today thou shalt be with me in paradise.”
6. What happened at noon?
It became dark for three hours.
7. What did Jesus cry out at the end of the darkness?
“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”
8. Who buried Jesus?
Joseph and Nicodemus buried Him.
9. Why did Jesus die?
To save us from our sins.

Memory verse:

“I lay down my life for my sheep.” John 10:15

LESSON 19

Jesus Arises from the Dead

Luke 24

1. Did Jesus remain in the grave?
No, He arose on the third day.
2. Who came to show that Jesus was risen?
An angel, who rolled the stone away from the grave.
3. What did the guards do when they saw the angel?
They became very afraid and ran away.
4. Who came to the grave early in the morning?
Women who loved Jesus.
5. What did the angel tell the women?
“He is not here; for he is risen.”
6. Who was the first one to see Jesus?
Mary Magdalene, who saw Him at the grave.
7. Did she know Jesus?
No, she thought He was the gardener.
8. When did Mary know Him?
When He called her by her name.
9. Did Jesus appear to others also?
Yes, to His disciples and many others.

Memory verse:

“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.” I Corinthians 15:20

LESSON 20

The Holy Spirit Poured Out

Acts 2

1. When did Jesus ascend to heaven?
Forty days after He arose.

2. Who saw Him ascend?
The disciples saw Him taken up in the cloud.
3. What did Jesus tell His disciples before He ascended?
He told them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit.
4. When was the Holy Spirit poured out?
On Pentecost.
5. Upon whom was the Spirit poured out?
On the 120 believers.
6. With what sign did the Spirit come?
There was a sound as of a mighty, rushing wind.
7. What other sign was there?
There were tongues as of fire on each of them.
8. What did the Spirit give the disciples power to do?
To speak in different tongues.
9. What did the disciples speak about?
They spoke of the mighty works of God.

Memory verse:

“I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.” Joel 2:28

LESSON 21

The Lame Man Healed in the Temple

Acts 3-5

1. Whom did Peter and John meet at the gate of the temple?
A beggar who was lame for forty years.
2. What did Peter say to the beggar?
“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.”
3. Could the beggar do this at the word of Peter?
Yes, he leaped about, praising God.
4. What did the rulers of the Jews do to Peter and John because they preached about Jesus?

They put them into prison.

5. What did the rulers of the Jews command Peter and John?
They commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus.
6. What was the answer of Peter and John?
That they could not help but preach about Jesus.
7. What happened when all the apostles were put into prison?
An angel opened the prison doors and brought them out.
8. Where did the rulers find the apostles the next morning?
In the temple teaching the people.
9. How did the apostles suffer for Christ's sake?
They were beaten before they were let go.

Memory verse:

“We ought to obey God rather than men.” Acts 5:29

LESSON 22

The Church Spreads Outside of Jerusalem

Acts 6-10

1. Who was Stephen?
A deacon in the church.
2. How did Stephen suffer for the name of Jesus?
He was stoned to death by the Jews.
3. Where did the Spirit send Philip?
To meet a man from Ethiopia who was reading Isaiah.
4. What did Philip explain to him?
That Isaiah was speaking of the suffering of Jesus.
5. Was the man glad to hear about Jesus?
Yes, he believed and was baptized.
6. What vision did Peter see?
A vision of animals let down in a sheet.

7. What did the voice from heaven tell Peter to do?
“Arise, Peter, kill and eat.”
8. What did the vision mean for Peter?
That he must preach to Cornelius, who was a Gentile.
9. What happened when Peter preached to Cornelius?
Cornelius and his whole house believed.

Memory verse:

“What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.” Acts 10:15

LESSON 23

Paul’s First Missionary Journey

Acts 9, 13, 14

1. Who watched while Stephen was stoned?
Saul, who later was called Paul.
2. Why did Saul go to Damascus?
To persecute the Christians there.
3. Who appeared to Paul on the way?
Jesus, who said, “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?”
4. To what did God call Paul?
God called him to be an apostle to the Gentiles.
5. Who went along with Paul to preach?
Barnabas went with him.
6. What happened in Antioch?
The Jews put Paul and Barnabas out of the city.
7. Whom did Paul heal in Lystra?
A lame man.
8. What did the people think when they saw this miracle?
That Paul and Barnabas were gods.

9. How did Paul suffer in Lystra for Christ's sake?

He was stoned by the Jews.

Memory verse:

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

LESSON 24

Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Acts 16-18

1. What did Paul see in a vision?

A man of Macedonia.

2. What did the man ask?

“Come over into Macedonia and help us.”

3. Who was the first to believe in Macedonia?

Lydia, whose heart the Lord opened.

4. How were Paul and Silas persecuted?

They were beaten and put in prison.

5. Were Paul and Silas afraid?

No, they sang praises to God in the night.

6. What happened while they were singing?

The prison doors opened and the chains fell from them.

7. What did the jail-keeper intend to do?

He wanted to kill himself.

8. What did he ask of Paul and Silas?

“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

9. What did Paul answer him?

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”

Memory verse:

“And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.” Acts 13:48

LESSON 25

Paul's Third Missionary Journey

Acts 19-28

1. How long did Paul stay at Ephesus?
He stayed there about three years.
2. What did Paul do there?
He preached and did miracles.
3. Did many believe?
Yes, many believed through Paul's preaching.
4. Who opposed Paul at Ephesus?
Demetrius, who made silver shrines for Diana.
5. Why did Demetrius oppose Paul?
He was afraid that Paul's preaching would hurt his business.
6. What did he cause the people to shout?
"Great is Diana of the Ephesians."
7. What happened to Paul at Jerusalem?
He was put in prison by the Jews.
8. Where was Paul taken later?
He was taken as a prisoner to Rome.
9. What took place on the way to Rome?
He was shipwrecked in a storm.
10. What did Paul do in Rome?
He preached, even though he was a prisoner.

Memory verse:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

II Timothy 4:7