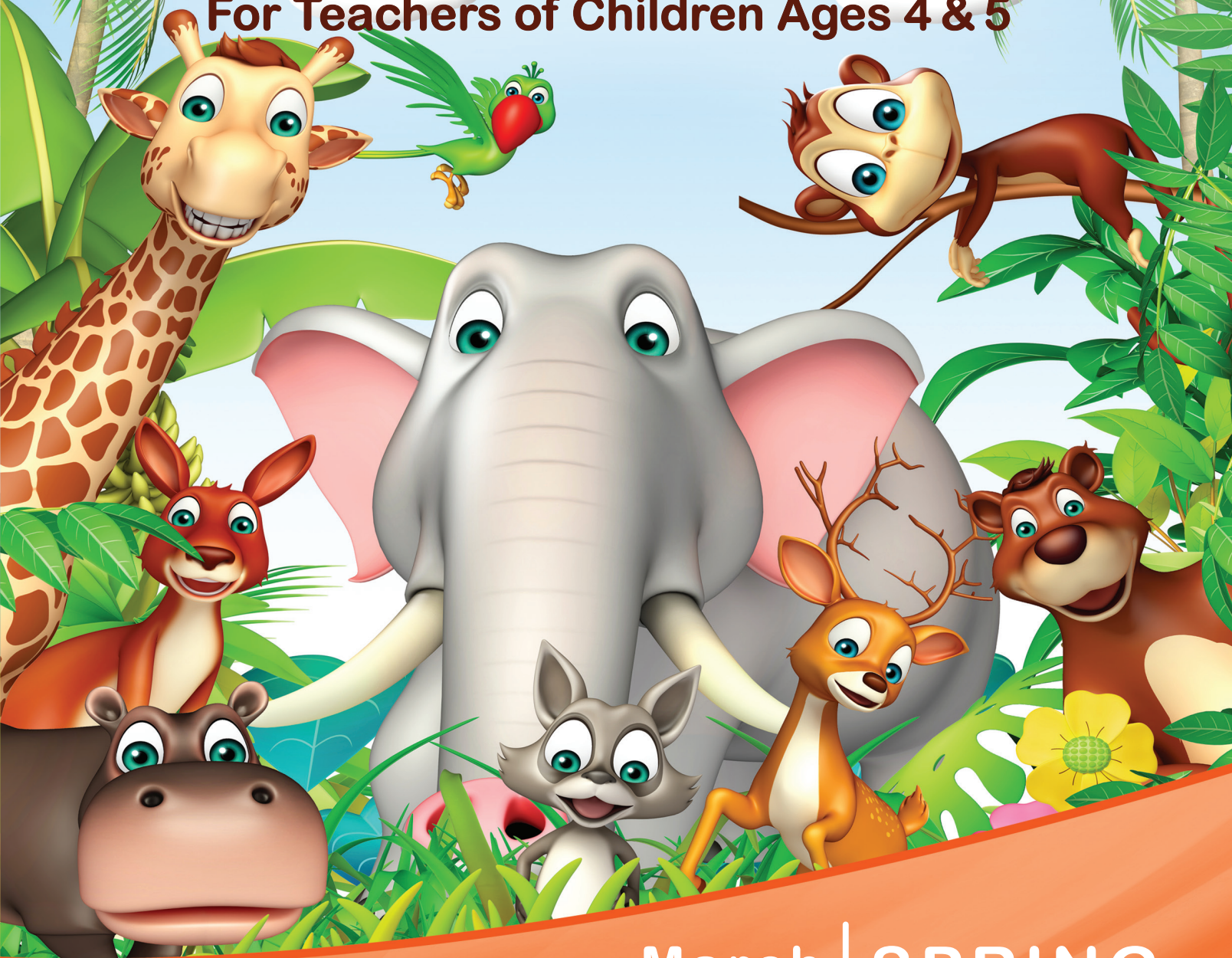


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For Teachers of Children Ages 4 & 5



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Dear Beginner Teacher,

Welcome to *Beginner Bible Teacher*! As witnesses for Christ in a changing world, we have to think creatively about how we minister, while still holding firmly to the Word of Truth. Our Plus Series contains the same robust Bible lessons and background information that you love, but they have been carefully crafted to help you excite your students to learn God's Word.

Here are a few old favorites reimagined:

- The **Big Idea** is the main point of the lesson (it replaces the Aim in the old *Beginner Bible Teacher*). This helps you focus your lesson on the one thing you want your students to take away about God and His Word.
- **Prepare Your Mind** and **Prepare Your Heart** will ready you to teach with background information and a short devotional (they replace Thoughts for Teachers).
- **Prepare the Room**, **Suggested Song**, and **Supplies** give you all the practical information you need to prepare for class time (they replace Getting Ready).
- The **Conversation Starter** is an interesting question or object lesson that helps you kick off your class and get your students invested in the lesson. It will always tie in with the first part of the Bible Lesson (replaces Beginning Worship).
- **Next Steps** helps your students apply the lesson to their lives (replaces Showing How to Live).
- **Activities** get your students' wiggles out while thinking about the lesson (replaces Action Time).

AIM



Big Idea: God wants us to remember His blessings.

THOUGHTS FOR TEACHERS



Prepare Your Mind

Prepare Your Heart

Getting Ready



Prepare the Room



Suggested Song



Supplies

Beginning Worship



Conversation Starter

TELLING A STORY



Story Time

Showing How to Live



Next Steps

ACTION TIME



Activity

Please note: In an effort to provide more flexible material and encourage teachers to model Bible reading for their students, we have chosen to leave the Scripture block out of these lessons.

Here are some new features:

- **Introductory pages** for each unit will connect the units to one another and point toward the quarter's major themes.
- **Teacher Tips** in the lesson will give you quick tips to involve your students or deal with difficult subject matter.
- **Just Curious** prepares you to respond to questions students might ask about the lesson.
- **Prop Prompt** symbols notify you when to use a prop listed in the supply list at the beginning of the lesson. All props and supplies are in bold the first time they appear.
- A **glossary** section keys you in to words in the lesson that may be difficult to understand for young students.
- **Action** symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in the lesson.
- **Review Questions** will test your students' comprehension of the lesson.
- The **Christ Focus** encourages thought about how the Scripture passage and lesson point to our loving Savior.
- **Bonus activity pages** for your students will be included each quarter as supplements in the back of this book.

KEY:

Teacher Tips



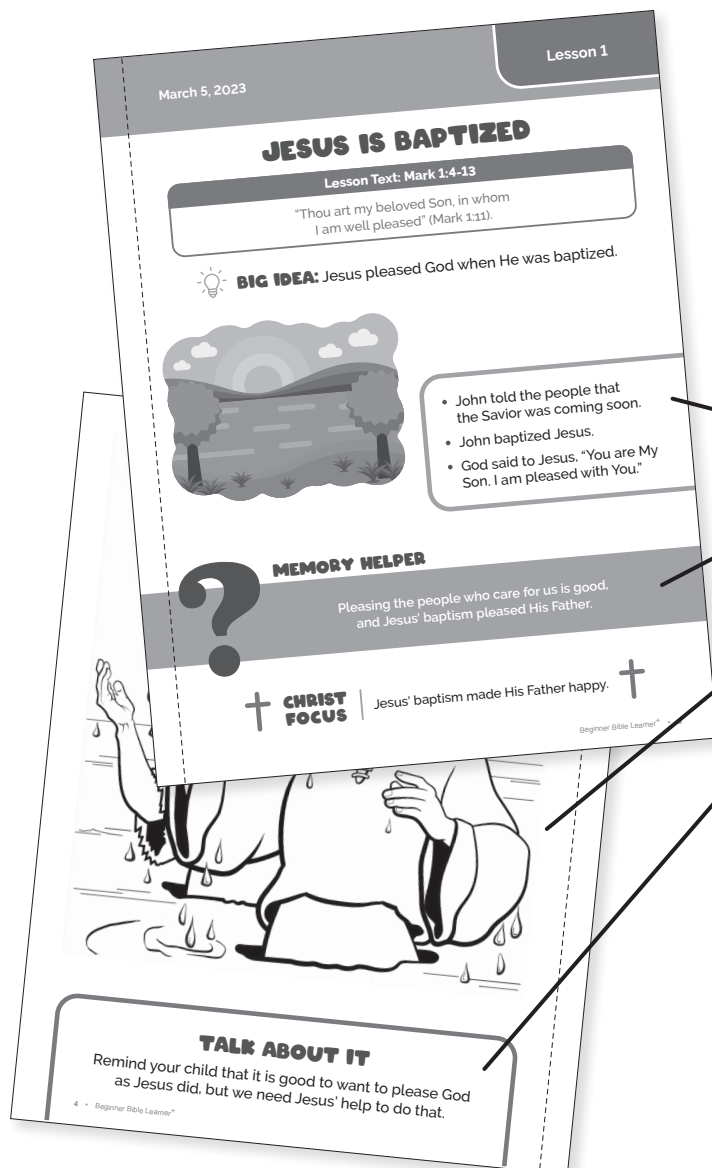
Just Curious



Prop Prompts



Actions



Here's a peek at the new *Beginner Bible Learner+*:

- A **lesson recap** summarizes the lesson in language beginners can easily understand.
- The **Memory Helper** reminds students of something interesting in the Bible lesson that will help them remember the Big Idea.
- The **coloring page** is bigger than ever to make it easier for little hands to color.
- **Talk About It** connects with Next Steps and cues parents/caregivers in on how they can help their children apply the lesson throughout the week.
- Each page is perforated, so it is easy to rip out and take home!

UNIT I:

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Jesus Says He Is God

Lesson 2: Luke 8:40-56

Jesus Heals and Raises to Life

Lesson 3: John 11:38-44

Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life

Lesson 4: Luke 23:33-49

Jesus Is Crucified

Lesson 5: Luke 24:1-12, 30-35

Jesus Is Alive from the Dead (Easter)

During Jesus' earthly ministry, He proved His deity many times. He personally stated that He is God and that He has always existed with the Father. When the Jews who were following Him heard His claim, they were set to kill Him. Jesus avoided death that time, and He continued to establish that He is God by His power over disease and death. Then His death, burial, and especially His resurrection from the dead confirmed that Jesus is the Son of God. Only God the Son could die for us and then rise up from the dead.



Jesus Says He Is God

Lesson Text: John 8:31-38, 48-56, 58-59

“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:31-32).”



Big Idea: Jesus is God, and He can free us from sin.

Prepare Your Mind

Sin will oppress. It will cause guilt and shame. That's what Jesus told the Jewish people in the lesson text. He wanted them to understand that everyone has a choice. They can choose to live in sin, or they can experience freedom from sin. That freedom is possible only through salvation with Jesus. He is the way to eternal life. And once one becomes a follower of Jesus, it's important to continue to walk with Him in obedience. That is the true test of who His disciples are. Following Him may be difficult at times. Temptations will surface, and giving in to them will be very easy. But we must remain steadfast. God loves us and always wants what is best for us.

Prepare Your Heart

Being obedient to Christ isn't always an easy thing to do. As Christ's followers, we're supposed to live according to His teachings, but His way may not always align with the world's way. Believers in the early church were sometimes mocked and even persecuted. And that still holds true today. Christians worship secretly in some parts of the world, fearful of repercussions.

Without God in our lives, sin ensnares us. But when we're obedient to Him and live according to His commandments, we are freed from the guilt and shame of sin. God never promised that following Him would be the easy path in life. But He does promise that those who obey Him and trust in Him as their Savior will have eternal life with Him. Isn't that a beautiful gift?



Supplies

- construction paper
- crayons



Suggested Song 🕒 5 min

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (Unknown)



Glossary

disciple: someone who follows a leader and learns from him

obey: doing or following the instructions given

Savior: Jesus, the one who saved us from sin

sin: anything that goes against God's rules; sin separates us from God