

# Intermediate Bible Teacher ✕

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Ages 12 Through 14



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## Dear Intermediate Teacher,

Welcome to *Intermediate 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.

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### Here are a few old favorites reimagined:

- The **Big Idea** is the main point of the lesson (replacing the Purpose).
  - **Prepare Your Mind** and **Prepare Your Heart** will prepare you to teach with background information and a short devotional (replacing Preparing to Teach the Lesson).
  - The **Conversation Starter** helps you kick off your class and get your students invested in the lesson (replacing Presenting the Lesson).
  - **Discussion Questions** help students engage with the Scriptures intellectually and emotionally throughout the lesson (replacing Research and Discussion). These questions appear in both the class and teacher books.
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Purpose



**Big Idea:** God wants us to remember His blessings.

PREPARING TO TEACH THE LESSON



Prepare Your Mind

Prepare Your Heart

Presenting the Lesson



Conversation Starter

RESEARCH AND DISCUSSION



Discussion Questions

**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.

**Please note:** After prayer and careful consideration, we are reinstating the Scripture Lesson Text blocks in the following publications beginning with Summer Quarter 2024: *Beginner Bible Teacher+*, *Primary Bible Teacher+*, *Junior Bible Teacher+*, *Junior Bible Class+*, *Intermediate Bible Teacher+*, and *Intermediate Bible Class+*. Our customers' satisfaction is very important to us. If you would like a supplement of the Scripture blocks for the above publications for Summer Quarter 2023 through Spring Quarter 2024, you can download them from our website at [www.uniongospelpress.com](http://www.uniongospelpress.com), email [customerservice@uniongospelpress.com](mailto:customerservice@uniongospelpress.com), or call 1-800-638-9988.

## Here are some new features:

- **Introductory pages** for each unit will point toward the quarter's major themes.
- **Supplies** and **Prepare the Room** give teachers all the practical information they need to prepare for class time.
- **Teacher Tips** in the lesson will give you quick tips on how 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.
- **Action** symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in the lesson.
- **What If?** helps intermediates imagine how the Bible lesson might be applied to a hypothetical scenario that could occur in their everyday lives.
- **Explaining the Memory Verse** explains the Scripture in language familiar to intermediates.
- The **Activity** helps juniors get their energy out while thinking about the lesson.
- The **Big Question** addresses common doubts or fears intermediate students might have about God and His Word from a biblical worldview.
- **Next Steps** help your students apply the lesson to their lives.
- **Prayer Points** give teachers some prompts for ways to pray for the students.
- 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

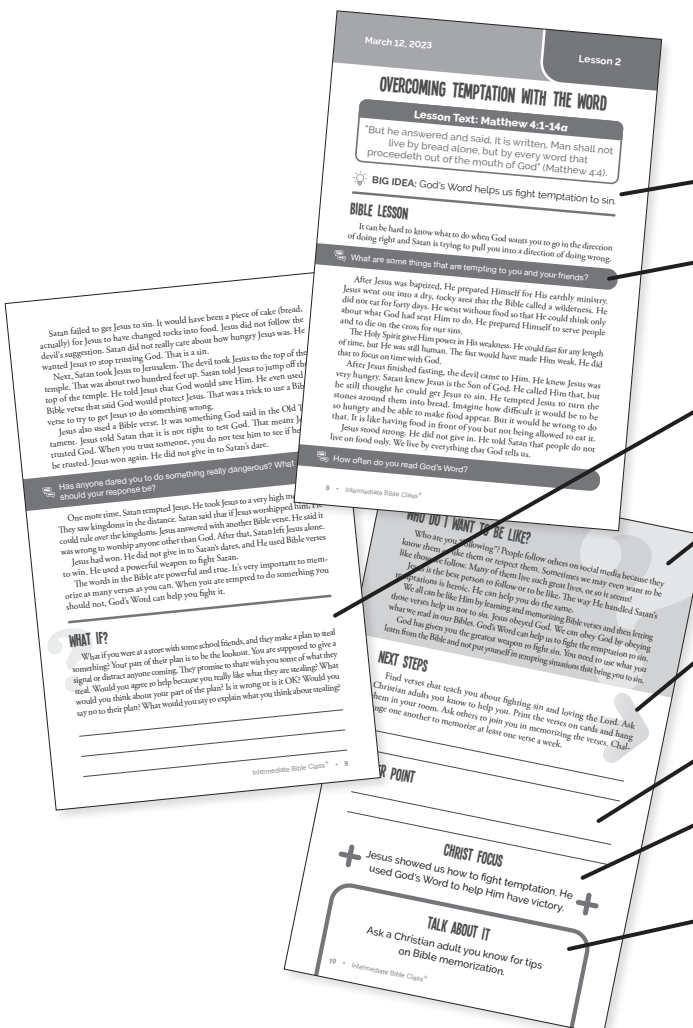


Discussion Questions



## Here's a peek at the new *Intermediate Bible Class*<sup>+</sup>:

- The **Big Idea** helps the student focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** are interjected within the Bible lesson to help students engage with the Scriptures intellectually and emotionally.
- **What If?** helps intermediates imagine how the Bible lesson might be applied to a hypothetical scenario that could occur in their everyday lives.
- The **Big Question** addresses common doubts or fears intermediate students might have about God and His Word from a biblical worldview.
- **Next Steps** helps your students apply the lesson to their lives with room to make notes for an action plan.
- The **Prayer Point** encourages commitment to pray for something in the coming week.
- The **Christ Focus** encourages thought about how the Scripture passage and lesson point to our loving Savior.
- **Talk About It** prompts students to engage Christian adults in their life in conversation about God's Word.



## UNIT I:

# Confirmed by Power over Death

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### Lesson 1: John 8:31-38, 48-56, 58-59

Jesus' Claim to Deity

### Lesson 2: Luke 8:40-56

Jairus's Daughter and the Bleeding Woman

### Lesson 3: John 11:38-44

The Raising of Lazarus

### Lesson 4: Luke 23:33-49

The Crucifixion of Jesus

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

The Resurrection of Jesus (Easter)

The Lord Jesus Christ has always existed. He, the Father, and the Spirit are one. Jesus confirmed that fact through His power over sickness and death. One time when He declared He is God to His Jewish followers, they wanted to kill Him. He would not be killed until the chosen time, however. Before that time, He established that He is God by healing the sick and raising the dead. His own death for our sins, His burial, and especially His rising from the dead confirmed He is God. Only God the Son could die for us and then conquer sin and death by coming to life again.



# Jesus' Claim to Deity

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 His truth can set us free from sin.

## Prepare Your Mind

Jews took (and still take) the holiness of God very seriously. Committing blasphemy is considered an extremely serious offense. As Jesus' speech progresses in today's passage, you can almost feel the crowd's blood pressure rising. Jesus claimed to set people free from sin and death. He claimed that God is His Father and that He is greater than Abraham. Finally, Jesus linked His own identity with the revealed divine name of God (John 8:58; see Ex. 3:14). In so doing, in the eyes of Jesus' hard-hearted audience, He committed the ultimate act of blasphemy. Instead of responding with faith in what God was revealing through the Person and work of His Son, Jesus, the Jewish religious leaders and their followers rejected Jesus and His teaching. In the ancient world and today, acknowledging Jesus as Lord distinguishes people who belong to God from people who do not.

## Prepare Your Heart

Our hearts' disposition is not always so far removed from the crowd in today's passage. Even when we *have* trusted Jesus and received His gift of eternal life and forgiveness, we can be prone to injecting our own ideas and pride into other areas of our lives. We can have confidence in our own abilities and wisdom instead of recognizing and relying on God. Needing only Jesus makes sense to us in regard to receiving His gift of salvation, but what about in regard to giving Him the rightful position of being first in our lives? Since Jesus is Lord, His sufficiency to save us extends to being able to guide and sustain us in all aspects of life. Acknowledging Jesus as Lord is something we should do with our mouths and with our lives, being submitted to glorifying Him.



### Supplies

- half sheets of paper
- pencils



## Conversation Starter

Have you ever heard people who are not Christians talking about Jesus outside of church or your house? What kinds of things were they saying? Do those things match what is taught in the Bible?