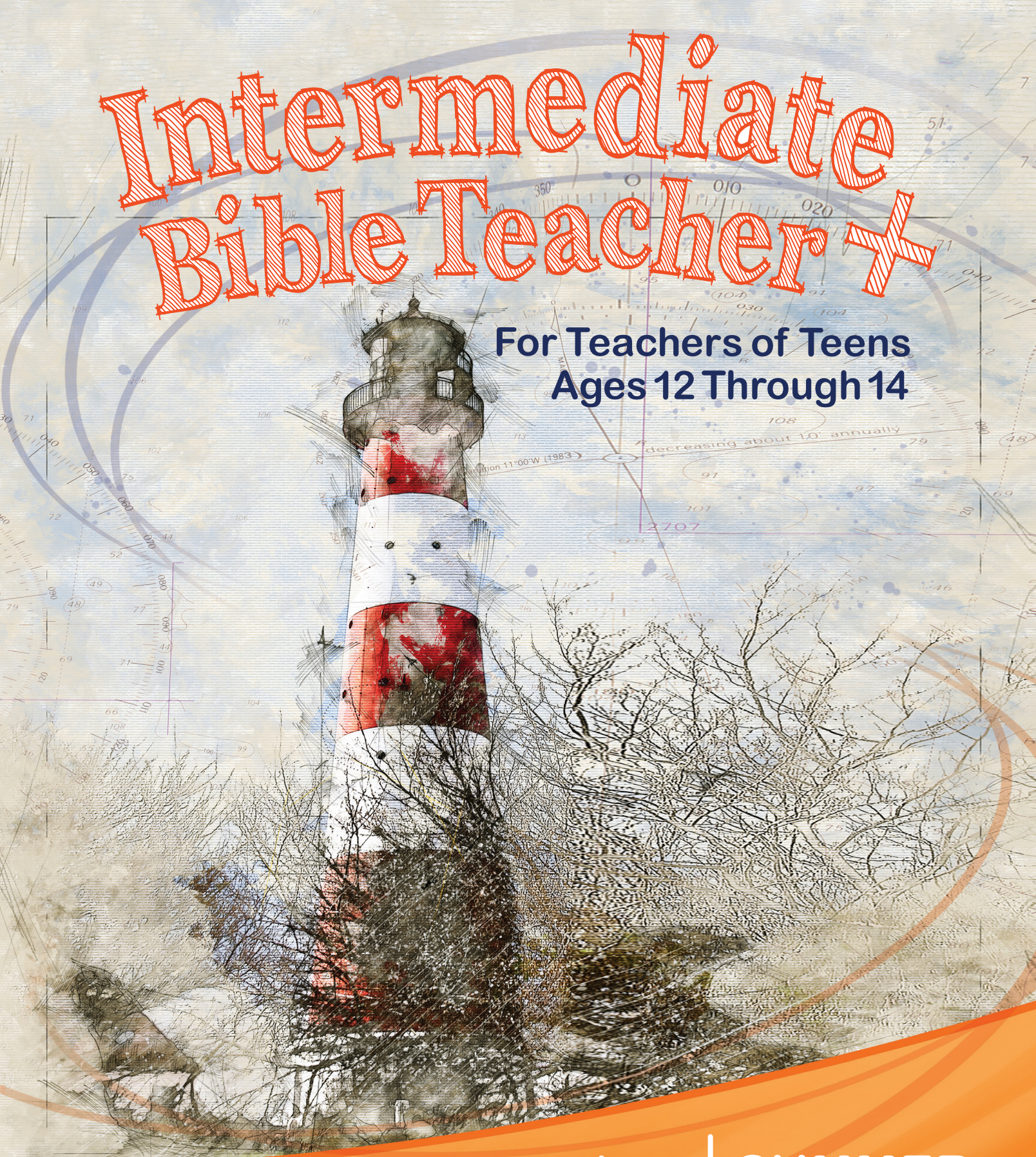


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For Teachers of Teens
Ages 12 Through 14



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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.

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 and 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

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

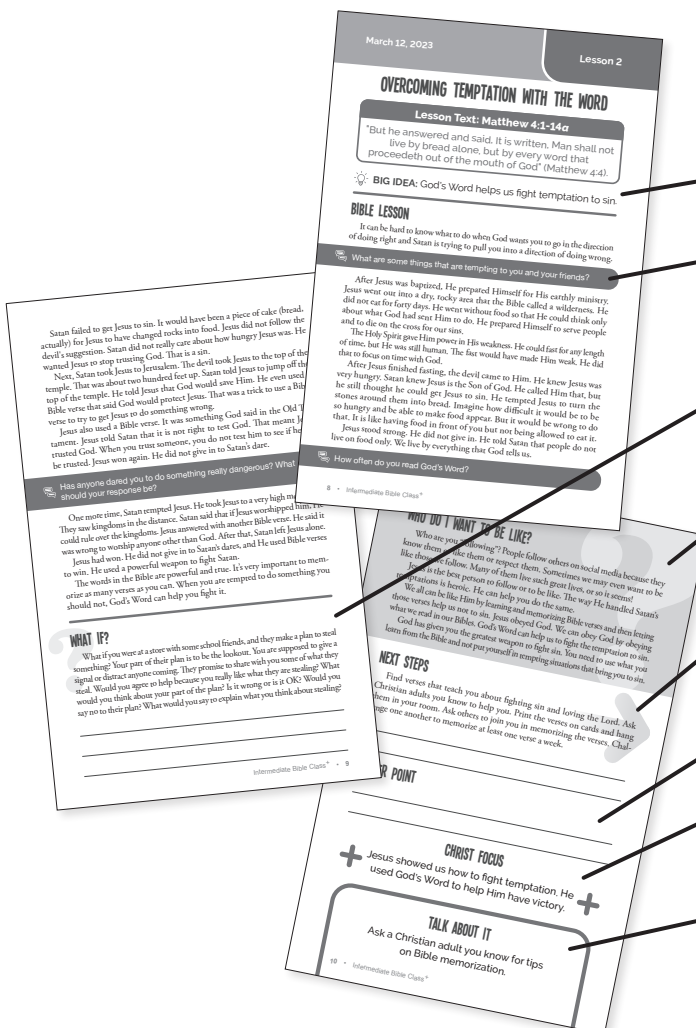


Discussion Questions



Here's a peek at the new *Intermediate Bible Class*⁺:

- 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 to commit 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.



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A Sinner Serves Christ

Lesson 10: Acts 9:36-43

A Faithful Servant in the Church

God wants His people to have faith in Him. God blessed man with the creation of woman for lifelong companionship to serve Him together and bring Him glory. Throughout the Bible, there are accounts of women whose great faith made them instruments for God's glory. This unit presents women whose unwavering faith in God brought victory in battle to Israel, saved the nation from complete destruction, and brought a great prophet to lead Israel. God also used women to bring the Messiah into the world and then to serve in the body of Christ.



The Creation of Woman

Lesson Text: Genesis 2:18-25

“The Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him (Genesis 2:18).”



Big Idea: God created woman so that man would have a helper and would not be alone.

GEN. 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Prepare Your Mind

The term “help meet” in this passage has caused countless women frustration and, unfortunately, has been used at times to devalue women. We tend to use “help” or “helper” in a patronizing tone (“You’re such a big helper!” to a child) or even in a degrading one (calling household workers “the help”).

Neither of the above uses of “help” or “helper” are in mind in Genesis 2. The word *ezer* in Hebrew (meaning “help” or “helper”) speaks of a sustaining and lifesaving help. In the Old Testament, the word is often used to describe God (see Ps. 28:7). Clearly, an *ezer* is essential and not a patronizing or degrading term!

Genesis 2 paints the picture that God’s plan for the world and humanity is not something that man or woman alone can accomplish. Both are needed and vital to carry out God’s plan.



Supplies

- puzzle (50-100 pieces)
- two zipper storage bags
- dry-erase board
- dry-erase markers

Prepare Your Heart

For most of church history, Christ-followers have been countercultural in valuing and elevating the status of women in cultures predisposed to female subjugation. Unfortunately, many in the church have determined to go against Christ’s example and have done their part to devalue and demean women. Whether you’re a man or a woman, you have likely been influenced, even unconsciously, either from the church or the larger culture, by a poor attitude of holding women in low esteem.

The antidote for lies about women is the truth from God’s Word. It teaches that women are honored and valued by God and essential in representing Him to the world. Take a moment to pray that God’s truth about the value He places on women would permeate your heart and dispel lies you have heard or believed. What can you do to elevate and honor the women in your life and around you?



Conversation Starter

(Play with your students a round or two of hangman on the **dry-erase board**.)

The point of hangman is finishing something that’s incomplete.

It’s sometimes difficult to guess a word that’s incomplete.