

# JUNIOR BIBLE TEACHER +

For Teachers of Children  
Ages 9 Through 11



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# Junior Bible Teacher<sup>+</sup>

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## Dear Junior Teacher,

Welcome to *Junior Bible Teacher*<sup>+</sup>! 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 Approaching the Lesson).
  - **Explaining the Memory Verse** explains the Scripture in language familiar to juniors (replacing Talking about the Golden Text).
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PURPOSE



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

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APPROACHING THE LESSON



**Prepare Your Mind**

**Prepare Your Heart**

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TALKING ABOUT THE GOLDEN TEXT



**Explaining the Memory Verse**

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**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*<sup>+</sup>, *Primary Bible Teacher*<sup>+</sup>, *Junior Bible Teacher*<sup>+</sup>, *Junior Bible Class*<sup>+</sup>, *Intermediate Bible Teacher*<sup>+</sup>, and *Intermediate Bible Class*<sup>+</sup>. 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.
- The **Conversation Starter** helps you kick off your class and get your students invested in the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** help students engage with the Scriptures intellectually and emotionally throughout the lesson. These questions appear in both the class and teacher books.
- **Teacher Tips** in the lesson will give you short ways 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 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.
- The **Activity** helps juniors get their energy out while thinking about the lesson.
- The **Big Question** addresses common doubts or fears junior 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 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



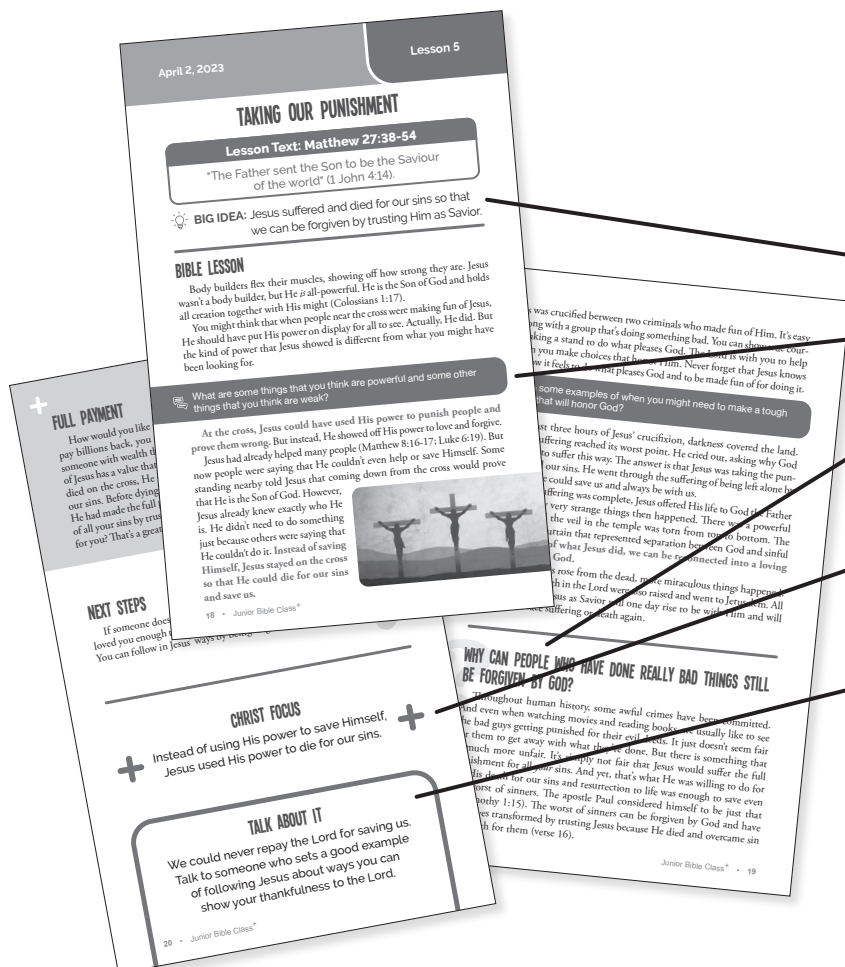
Prop Prompts



Actions



Discussion Questions



## Here's a peek at the new Junior 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.
- The **Big Question** addresses common doubts or fears junior students might have about God and His Word from a biblical worldview.
- 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 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)

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 said He is God to His Jewish followers, they wanted to kill Him. He would not die 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 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 His truth can set us free from sin.

## Prepare Your Mind

In John 8, we read that Jesus told the Jews that He is God. He explained to them that He has existed before Abraham. He also used the phrase “I am” (vs. 58). That phrase was familiar to the Jews with whom He was speaking. When Moses asked God what His name is, God said, “I Am” (Ex. 3:14). The phrase “I Am” shows Jesus’ eternal existence, just as God the Father has always existed.

The book of John focuses on Jesus’ divinity. Jesus told the Jews He is from above and not of this world (8:23). Jesus told the Jews and His disciples that He is one with the Father (10:30; 17:21). In addition, He told His disciples that His Father had loved Him before the creation of the world (17:24). Jesus spoke truth because He is the truth, and throughout the book of John, we find examples of Jesus saying that He is God.



### Supplies

- tubes of toothpaste
- plates
- paper towels for clean up

## Prepare Your Heart

We know who God is and that He is all-knowing and all-powerful. However, do we take time to ask our omniscient God for guidance and help? Surely, He has ideas about how to reach the juniors in your class. He knows how to help you manage your busy schedule and carve out time for Bible study. God knows how to handle all your struggles. You do not have to have all the answers. You just have to turn to the One who does.

Even those seemingly insignificant decisions that you need to make could have big consequences. When you pray, even about little things, God gives you the guidance that you need. Prayer reminds us of our need for God and of who He is—the Eternal One, who is also omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. He sees the past and the future, and He sees your needs.



## Conversation Starter

(👉 Tell students to stand on one leg with their eyes closed.)

See how long juniors can stand on one leg. Ask, “Is it hard to keep standing on just one leg?”