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Ages 9 Through 11



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Dear Junior Teacher,

Welcome to *Junior 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 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.

APPROACHING THE LESSON



Prepare Your Mind

Prepare Your Heart

TALKING ABOUT THE GOLDEN TEXT



Explaining the Memory Verse

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



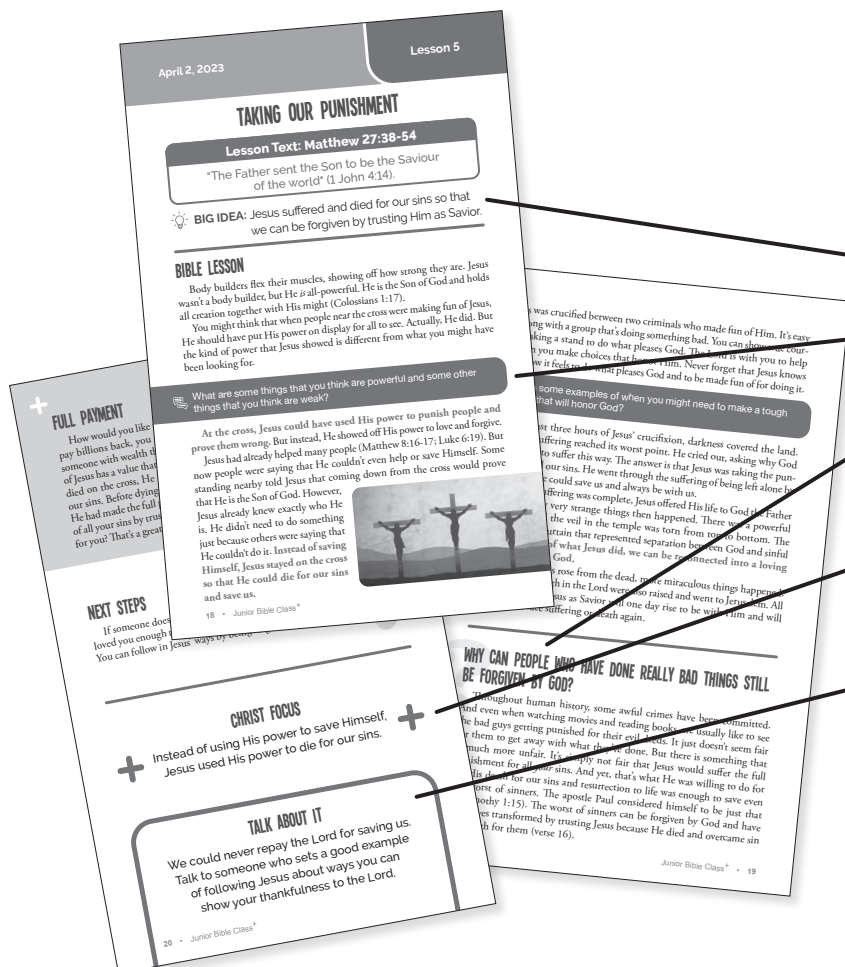
Prop Prompts



Actions



Discussion Questions



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

- 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:

Women of Faith

Lesson 1: Genesis 2:18-25

God Creates a Woman

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Esther's Bold Faith

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The Jews Are Saved from Their Enemies

Lesson 9: Luke 7:36-50

A Sinner Serves Christ

Lesson 10: Acts 9:36-43

A Faithful Servant in the Church

Many women of strong faith are mentioned in the Bible. 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. The lessons in this unit present women whose unwavering faith in God brought victory in battle to Israel, saved the nation of Israel from destruction, and brought a great prophet to lead Israel. God used women of great faith to bring the Messiah into the world and then to serve in the body of Christ.



God Creates a 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.

GENESIS 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

As we look at Adam’s situation in needing a companion and helper, we need to realize that there are some distinctions based on gender. Men and women are not identical. They are equal in God’s eyes, but they have somewhat different roles. Adam had a lot of responsibility and needed a companion. He needed a helper. Certainly, Adam would have helped Eve with things, but she was designed to be a helper to Adam in a supportive role. Adam was created from dust. Eve was created from Adam’s side. Eve was a part of Adam but not a lower creation. God meant for Adam to understand that Eve was a part of him, a part of his own flesh, and to be cherished as such (Eph. 5:28-29). They complemented each other, each possessing abilities, strengths, and weaknesses, which made them complete as one.



Supplies

- pen
- paper
- scissors

Prepare Your Heart

Some have used the word “helper” in a derogatory way. Eve was not less than Adam. She had great value. We can see from biblical examples that a helper was important. The Bible even describes God as our help and shield (Ps. 33:20; 115:9), our present help in time of trouble (46:1), and our help and Deliverer (70:5). Those are only a few examples. In John 14:16, Jesus told His disciples that He would pray to the Father on their behalf and that He would give them another Helper, who would be with them forever. As believers, we have the Holy Spirit to help us. From these biblical examples, we see that a helper was not a person of little importance or someone who was minimized in any way. After all, God is a helper! Allow the Holy Spirit to lead and help you as you teach this lesson.



Conversation Starter

(Have students respond after each prompt to form pairs.)
 Peanut butter goes with jelly. What other things go together?
 Salt and ___? Socks and ___? Macaroni and ___?
 Hugs and ___? Thunder and ___? Adam and ___?