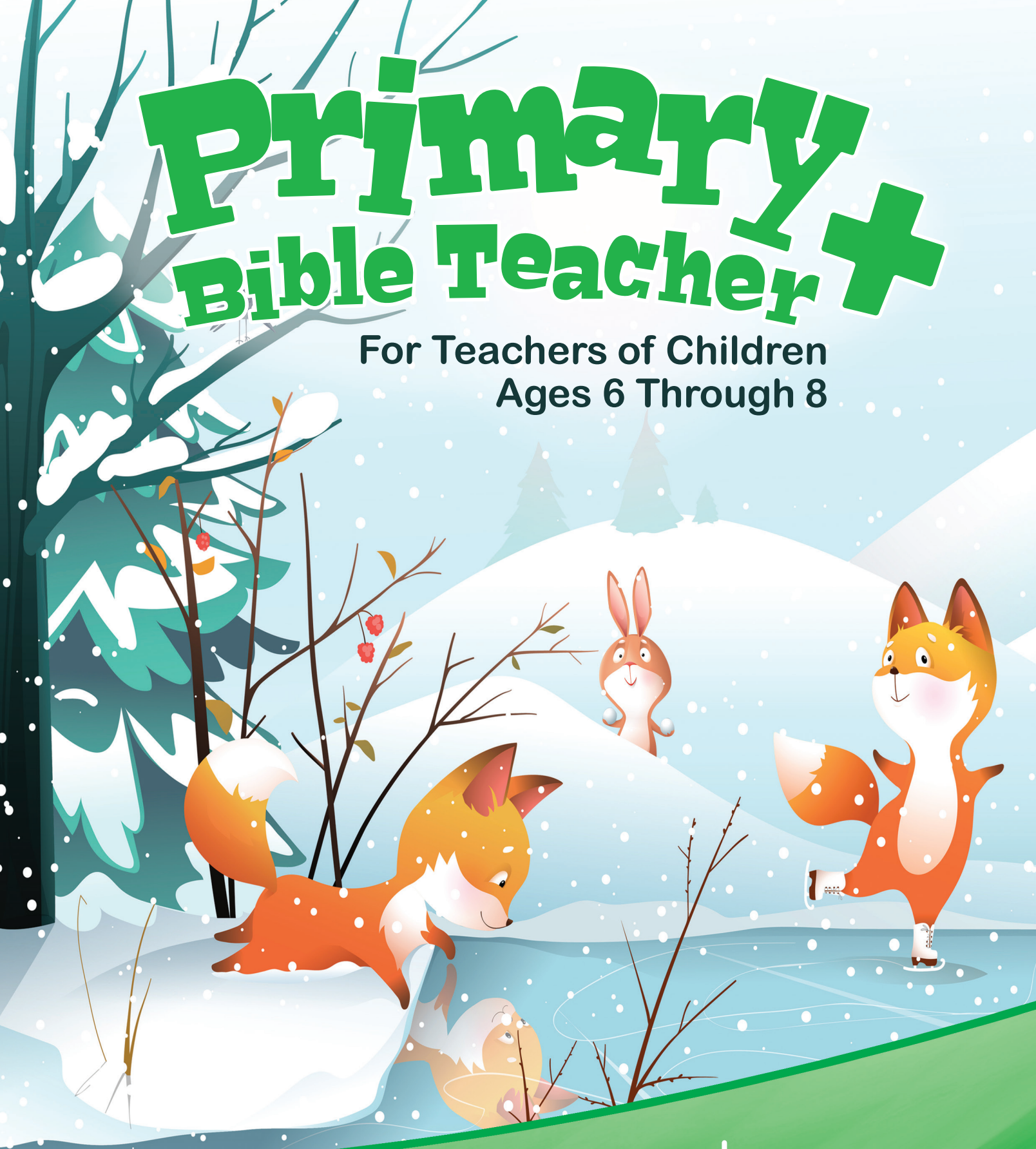


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For Teachers of Children
Ages 6 Through 8



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Dear Primary Teacher,

Welcome to our new *Primary 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 Object in View in the old *Primary 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 Notes on the Lesson).
- **Prepare the Room**, **Suggested Song**, and **Supplies** give you all the practical information you need to prepare for class time (they replace Planning Visual Aids).
- **Truths to Stress** are underlined in the Bible Lesson so that you can see the main points at a glance.
- 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 the Lesson).
- **Next Steps** helps your students apply the lesson to their lives (replaces Telling How to Live).

THE OBJECT IN VIEW



Big Idea: God wants us to remember His blessings.

NOTES ON THE LESSON



Prepare Your Mind

Prepare Your Heart

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS



Prepare the Room



Suggested Song



Supplies

BEGINNING THE LESSON



Conversation Starter

TELLING HOW TO LIVE



Next Steps

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, email customerservice@uniongospelpress.com, or call 1-800-638-9988.

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.
- **Activities** help your students get their wiggles out while thinking about the lesson.
- **Action** symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in 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



March 19, 2023 Lesson 3

DOING HIS FATHER'S WORK

Lesson Text: John 5:19-29

"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life" (John 5:24).

BIG IDEA: Jesus pleased God by doing what God wanted Him to do.

JESUS OBEYED GOD

Some of the words below are mixed up. Unscramble them and then read each sentence.

Jesus had not done a wrong thing by **IHNLGAE** _____ the man.

Jesus did every **LIGNES** _____ thing that God **AWEDTN** _____ Him to do!

The people did not **HOONR** _____ Jesus.

They did not **VBEELI** _____ He was God's **NOS** _____.

Jesus should get the same **PSRECET** _____ that God gets.

Jesus said that He would do even more amazing **IRASCLEM** _____.

He will bring the **ADED** _____ back to **ELFI** _____!

That has not **HEAPEPND** _____ yet, but God **RDEIOSMP** _____ that it will happen.

MEMORY HELPER

Some people thought Jesus did a bad thing. Really, He did a good thing. Everything Jesus does is good because He only does what God wants.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus has the power to raise the dead because He is God.

FEET

HAND

TALK ABOUT IT

Pray with your child this week, asking God to show her the things He wants her to do and for help to do them.

Primary Bible Learner® • 7

Here's a peek at the new *Primary Bible Learner*®:

- A **lesson recap** includes true and false questions, fill-in-the-blank puzzles, and much more to help ensure your students understood the lesson.
- The **Memory Helper** reminds students of something interesting in the Bible lesson that will help them remember the Big Idea.
- The **activity page** is bigger than ever and full color to get your students excited to solve puzzles and review the lesson.
- **Talk About It** connects with Next Steps and cues 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:

New Life in Christ

Lesson 1: Philippians 1:12-26

Live for Christ

Lesson 2: Philippians 3:7-21

Knowing Jesus

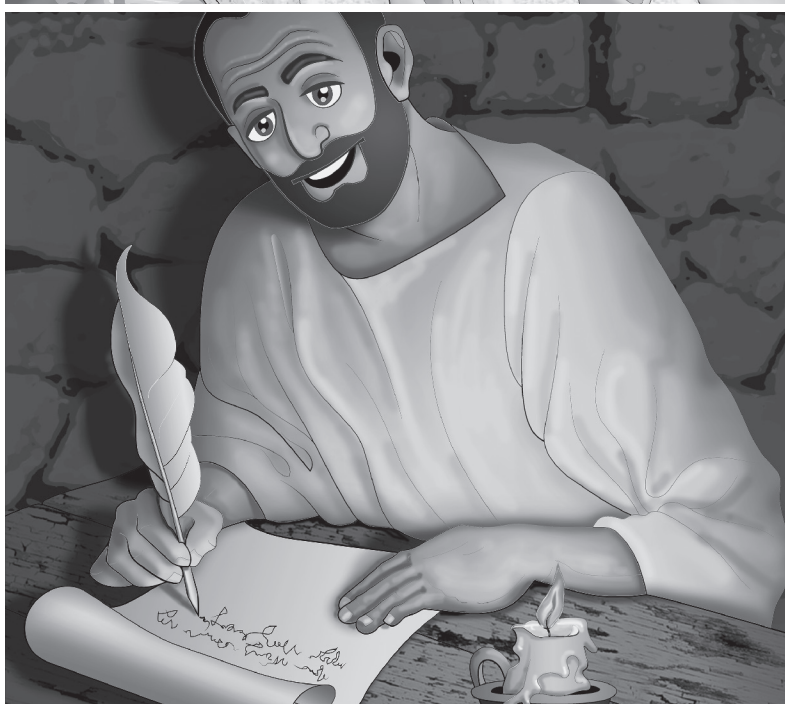
Lesson 3: Philippians 4:4-18

I Can Do All Things

Lesson 4: John 1:1-5; Ephesians 5:1-2, 6-14

The Light of Christmas (Christmas)

Celebrating the birth of Christ can be a wondrous time. The decorations, presents, food, family gatherings, and time off school make the Christmas season so enjoyable. The season is merry for most, so energize your class times with that same spirit. Help your students enjoy learning about why Jesus came to earth as a baby—to bring us new life. Show them what new life in Christ is. Guide them to the light of Jesus and help them know that living for Him is what this life is about.



Live for Christ

Lesson Text: Philippians 1:12-26

“Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death
(Philippians 1:20).”



Big Idea: We should want to serve Jesus as long as we live.

Prepare Your Mind

In this week's passage, Paul wrote from prison about the positive results of his chains (Phil. 1:12-14), his delight that the gospel was preached regardless of whether the preachers meant him good or ill (vss. 15-18), and that he was eager and willing either to die for Christ or to continue laboring for Him (vss. 19-26). Modern Christians often laud the idea of martyrdom, and Paul proved their admiration to be more than idle words. He survived death threats (Acts 23:12-35), mobs (19:23-40; 22:22-24) and imprisonments (16:22-34). Paul's life truly and wholly rang with this command from Philippians: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who . . . humbled himself, . . . unto death, even the death of the cross" (2:5-6, 8).

Prepare Your Heart

Paul lived with bold fearlessness, a total abandonment of himself to the will of God. Lest Christians despair at his example, rest assured that you are not Paul. Paul was Paul. Each of us fills a different role in the body of Christ, and each is necessary (1 Cor. 12:15-30). But how powerfully could we serve God if we approached our own roles with such fearlessness? What if we remembered today's memory verse while choosing to love our neighbors instead of worrying about social conventions, to encourage others instead of staying quiet, or to do acts of service that others would not think to do? Let us not just pay lip service to martyrdom; let us be prayerfully reckless in obedience!

Supplies

- construction paper
- chenille wire
- scissors
- glue
- markers

Suggested Song ⌚ 5 min



"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (Unknown)

Glossary

heaven: the place where God lives and where every Christian will live someday

serve: to do work for someone

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