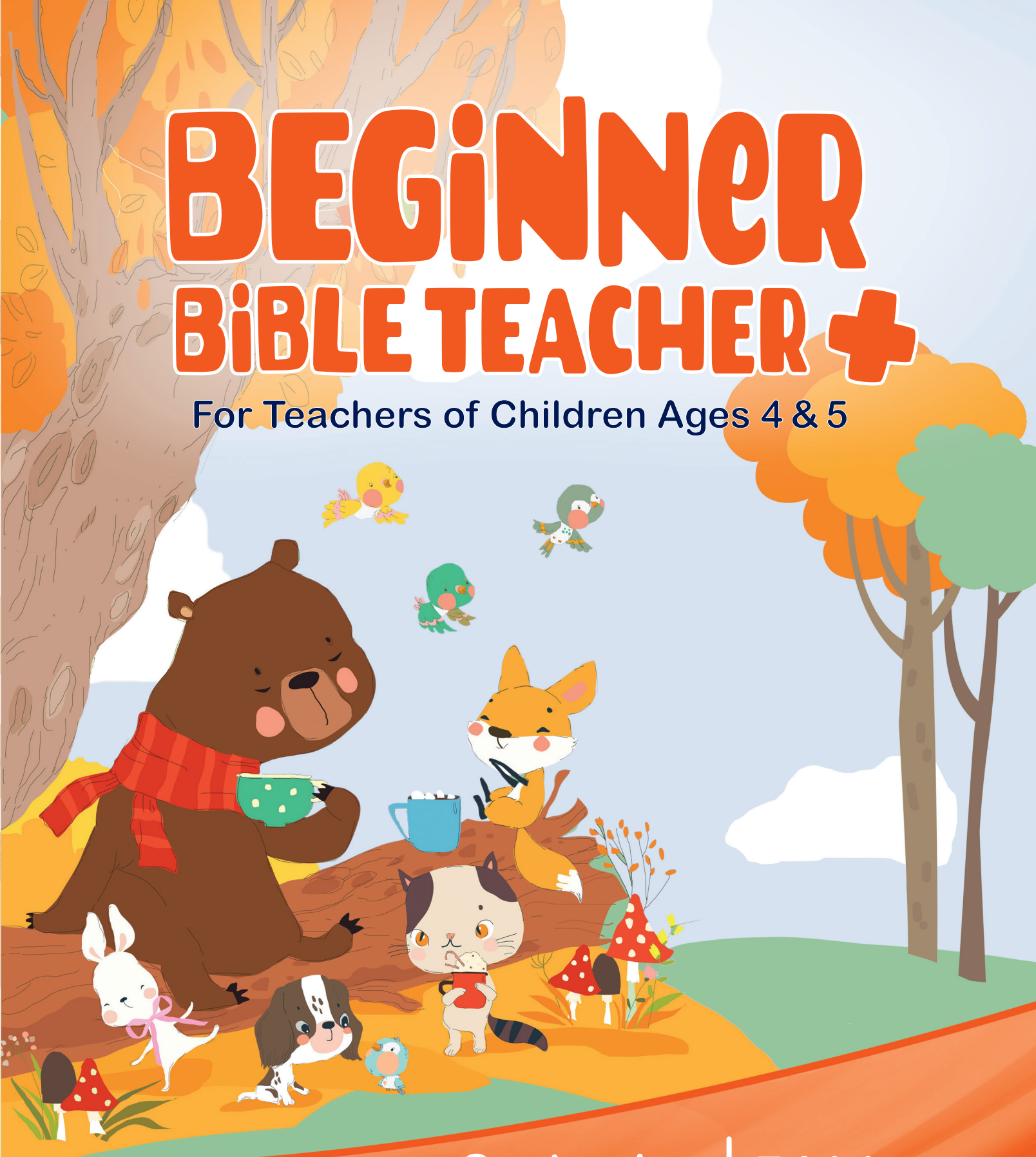


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For Teachers of Children Ages 4 & 5



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Dear Beginner Teacher,

Welcome to *Beginner 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 Aim in the old *Beginner 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 Thoughts for Teachers).
- **Prepare the Room**, **Suggested Song**, and **Supplies** give you all the practical information you need to prepare for class time (they replace Getting Ready).
- 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 Worship).
- **Next Steps** helps your students apply the lesson to their lives (replaces Showing How to Live).
- **Activities** get your students' wiggles out while thinking about the lesson (replaces Action Time).

AIM



Big Idea: God wants us to remember His blessings.

THOUGHTS FOR TEACHERS



Prepare Your Mind

Prepare Your Heart

Getting Ready



Prepare the Room



Suggested Song



Supplies

Beginning Worship



Conversation Starter

TELLING A STORY



Story Time

Showing How to Live



Next Steps

ACTION TIME



Activity

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.
- **Action** symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in the lesson.
- **Review Questions** will test your students' comprehension of 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



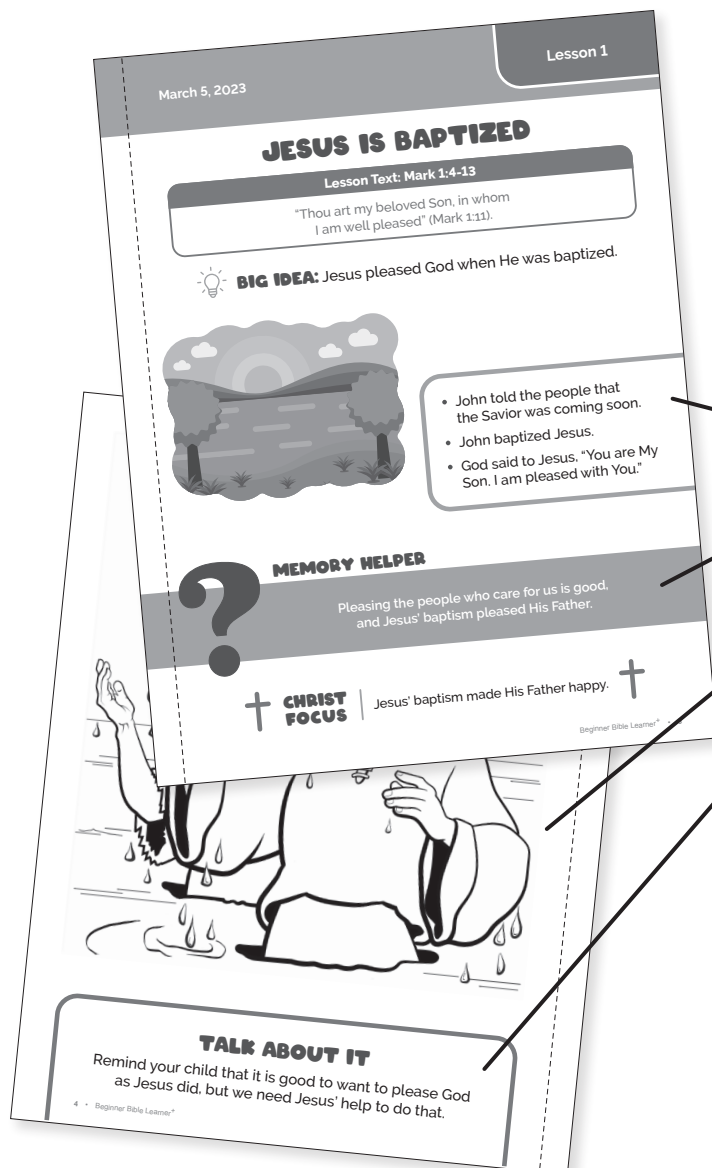
Just Curious



Prop Prompts



Actions



Here's a peek at the new *Beginner Bible Learner+*:

- A **lesson recap** summarizes the lesson in language beginners can easily understand.
- The **Memory Helper** reminds students of something interesting in the Bible lesson that will help them remember the Big Idea.
- The **coloring page** is bigger than ever to make it easier for little hands to color.
- **Talk About It** connects with Next Steps and cues parents/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:

Faithful Service of Daniel and Friends

Lesson 1: Daniel 1:8-21

Daniel Honors God's Law

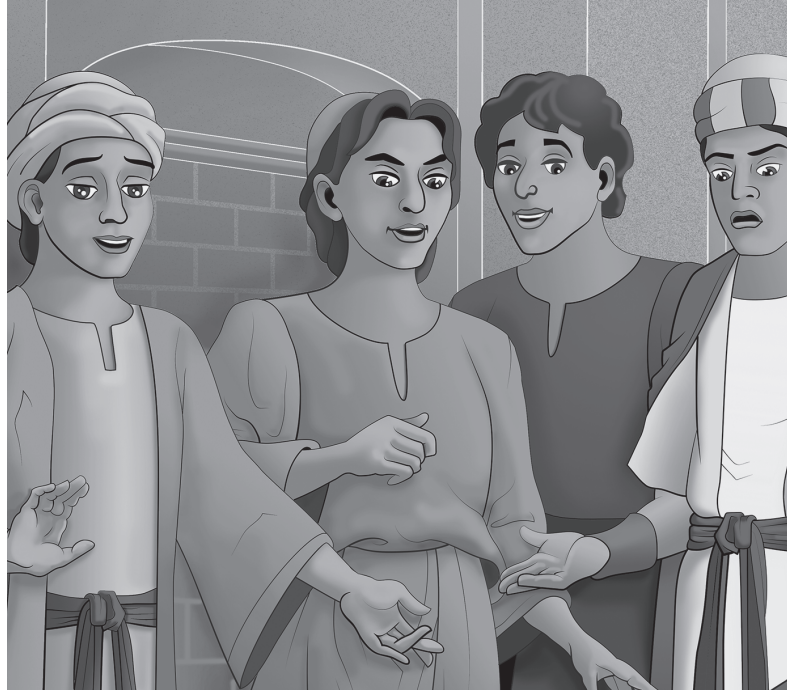
Lesson 2: Daniel 3:1, 8-18

Daniel's Friends Will Not Bow

Lesson 3: Daniel 3:19-28

Daniel's Friends Trust God

The children in your care have unlikely needed to take a stand for God at this stage of their lives. Preparing them now for the challenges the culture will bring to what they believe can only be to their advantage in the years to come. Although Scripture does not give us the backstory of how the parents of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah trained them from a young age, we can see the results of their solid foundation of faith in this unit's lessons.



“ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat (Daniel 1:8). ”



Big Idea: Daniel and his three friends make a choice that pleases God.

DANIEL 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus.

Prepare Your Mind

As Jeremiah foretold, Babylon besieged Judah, and Judah's nobility were taken captive (Jer. 25:1-11; Dan. 1:1-2). This was God's judgment for their idolatry and refusing to heed His message (Jer. 25:4-7). Among those taken were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, who were stripped of their Jewish names and given Babylonian ones (Dan. 1:7). Nevertheless, because of their intelligence, the young men were groomed to serve their captor, the king (vss. 3-6). Today's text does not specify what was undesirable about Nebuchadnezzar's food, but the strength of language suggests that it was perhaps either unclean meat (Lev. 11) or it had been offered to idols.



Supplies

- toy pig
- paper plates
- toy broccoli
- music with a player
- scissors
- construction paper
- chalkboard or whiteboard
- chalk or dry-erase markers
- washable markers
- glue sticks

Prepare Your Heart

It would be easy to lose your sense of religious identity if you were taken from your homeland, taught the philosophy of your captors, and if your name was replaced with one that honors strange gods. The ease would be aided by luxurious treatment! Why rock the boat over something as “small” as food? Daniel and his friends honored God by speaking up. God in turn made them stand out as witnesses. It would be easy to give in to the selfishness and hatred common in our own culture! Our daily choices to obey Christ's commands stand out. Prioritizing pleasing God in little things may have ripple effects we never see.



Suggested Song 🕒 5 min

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (Unknown)