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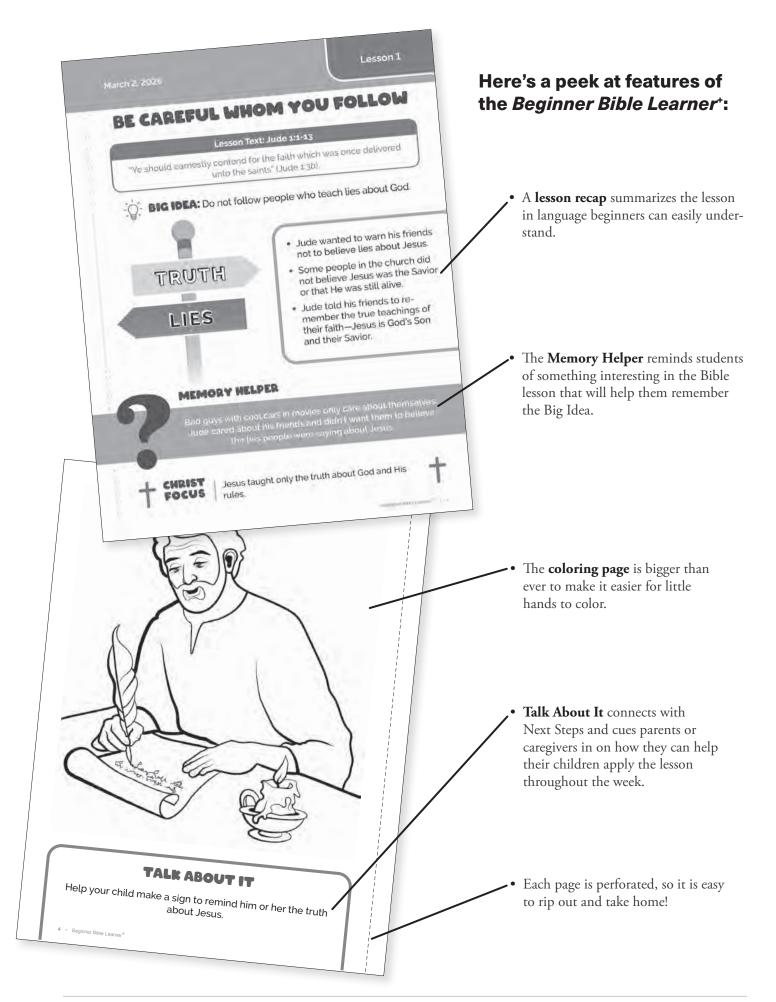
Welcome to *Beginner Bible Teacher*⁺! As witnesses for Christ in a changing world, we have to think creatively about how we minister, while still holding firmly to the Word of Truth.

Our Plus Series contains robust Bible lessons and background information that have been clearly crafted to help you excite your students to learn God's Word.

Beginner Bible Teacher* features:

- **Introductory pages** for each unit will connect the units to one another and point toward the quarter's major themes.
- The **Big Idea** is the main point of the lesson. 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.
- **Supplies** and **Prepare the Room** give you all the practical information you need to prepare for class time.
- A **glossary** section keys you in to words in the lesson that may be difficult to understand for young students.
- 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.
- **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.
- Action symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in the lesson.
- Activities get your students' wiggles out while thinking about the lesson.
- Review Questions will test your students' comprehension of the lesson.
- Next Steps help your students apply the lesson to their lives.
- The **Christ Focus** encourages thought about how the Scripture passage and lesson point to our loving Savior.
- **Bonus pages** for you and your students will be included each quarter as supplements in the back of this book.



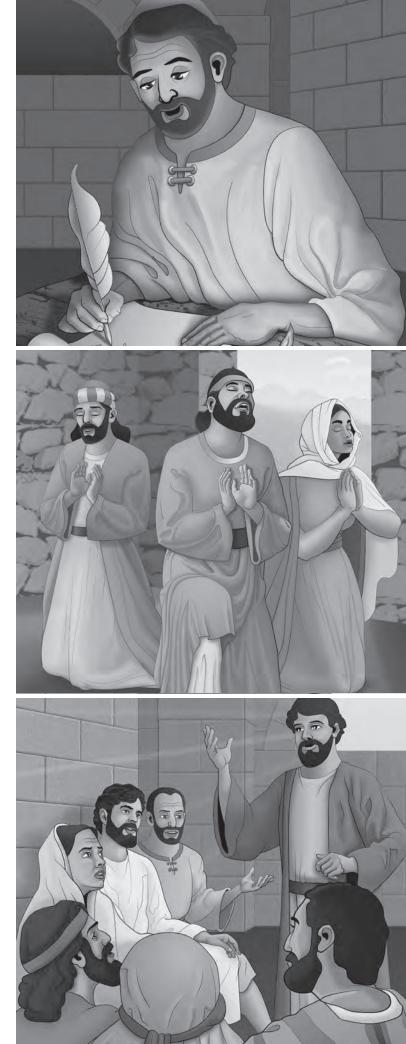


UNIT I: Challenges to the Faith

Lesson 1: Jude 1:1-13 Be Careful Whom You Follow

Lesson 2: Jude 1:17-25 Build Up Your Faith

In this unit, your children will read the short letter of Jude. Jude wrote it to believers who were faithful to the Lord, but he wanted to make sure they were fighting hard for Jesus' teachings that they learned from the apostles. There were people coming in among them, trying to make them believe something different from what they were taught by Jesus. Jude encouraged the people to be obedient to God's Word, just as you can encourage your students to follow God's Word and not stray from it. Doing the right thing can be hard, but making the right choices will honor God.



Be Careful Whom You Follow

Lesson Text: Jude 1:1-13

Ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 1:3*b*).



Big Idea: Do not follow people who teach lies about God.

JUDE 1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called:

2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going

Prepare Your Mind

Jude was a leader in the early church, and most scholars believe he was Jesus' half brother. Although his letter is one of the shortest books of the Bible, its message is powerful. Jude heard of false teachers coming into the church, and he wanted to protect the truth of the gospel. This means that his letter was written long enough after Jesus' ascension for false teachings to have developed. While Jude couldn't do anything about living under a very corrupt Roman government, he could fight against false teaching about Jesus and salvation. And his words speak as much to us today as they did to his contemporaries.

Supplies

- white construction paper
- · black, red, and green crayons or markers

after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

8 Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Prepare Your Heart

It's unsettling to think, as Jude describes, of those ordained for condemnation, "ungodly men" (1:4) sitting in worship alongside other believers and even joining them in love feasts. But Jesus warned that they would come.

Jude's words remind us to fight for our faith today by knowing God's Word and what is true. We should not let wrong thinking or teaching lead us away from the God who calls us, loves us, and preserves us in Christ Jesus. What a blessing it is that we have God's Word to give us the truth to hold onto with all our might!



Glossary

faith: believing and trusting in something or someone