

# BEGINNER BIBLE TEACHER +

For Teachers of Children Ages 4 & 5



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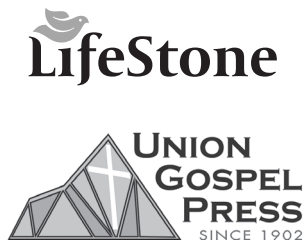
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## Dear Beginner Teacher,

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** help 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



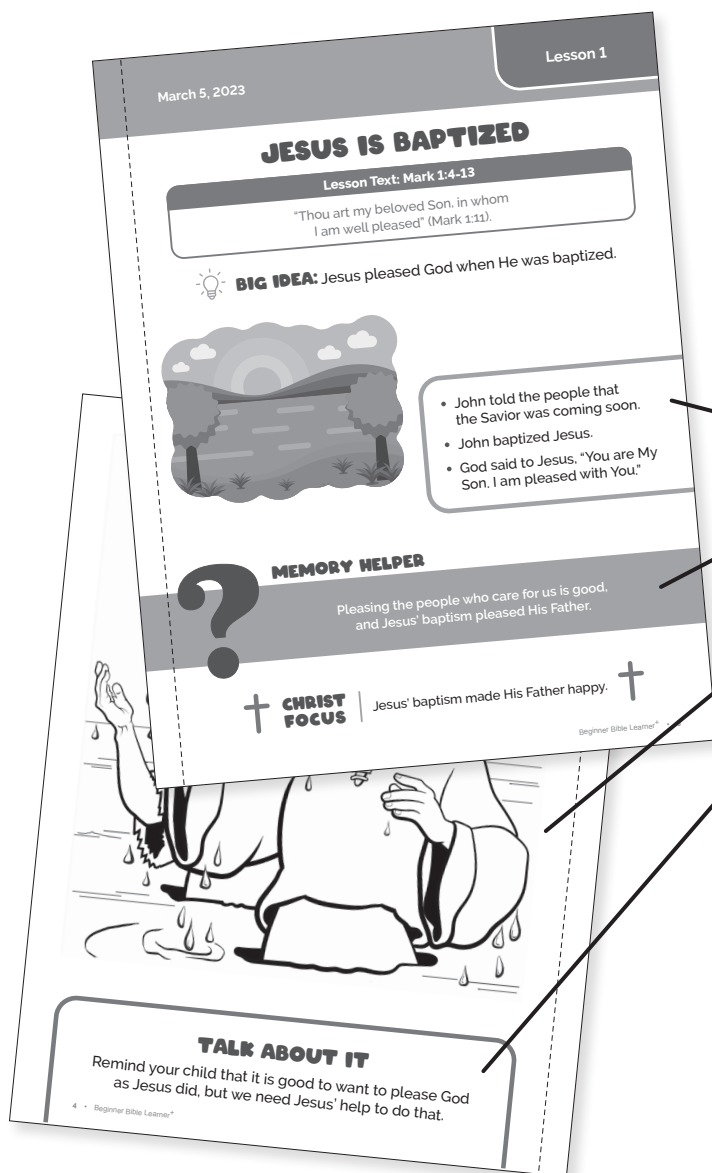
Just Curious



Prop Prompts



Actions



## Here's a peek at the new *Beginner Bible Learner<sup>+</sup>*:

- 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:

# Love of the Father

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### **Lesson 1: Isaiah 40:1-5, 25-26, 29-31**

God Comforts His People

### **Lesson 2: Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-12**

God Sends His Servant to Save Us

### **Lesson 3: Luke 1:39-56**

Mary Is Blessed by God

### **Lesson 4: Matthew 1:18-25**

Jesus Is Born (Christmas)

### **Lesson 5: Luke 2:25-38**

Jesus Is Brought to the Temple

All children need fathers to comfort, support, and love them and provide the security they need to thrive. Children struggle when fathers are absent, distant, or distracted. It is essential to instruct your students about the flawless love of our Heavenly Father. No one's love on earth compares to His. No matter what you or your students have experienced in this sinful world or how terrible an earthly dad may be, this unit reminds us how God the Father has showered on us such extraordinarily rich love through His perfect plan of salvation.



# God Comforts His People

Lesson Text: Isaiah 40:1-5, 25-26, 29-31

Lesson 1  
December 1, 2024



He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might  
he increaseth strength (Isaiah 40:29).



**Big Idea:** God takes care of His people.

**ISAIAH 40:1** Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

## Prepare Your Mind

About sixty years before the Babylonians captured the Israelites, Isaiah gave Hezekiah details of the destruction of Jerusalem. The messages of captivity and destruction were then followed by prophecies of comfort and encouragement. Our text is the opening message in this new section of blessings, which ends with an emphasis on God's coming judgment on those who oppose Him. Isaiah started by reminding the Israelites of God's commitment to restore them. God knew His chosen people would need the encouragement that only He could provide. Before their time of discipline even started, Isaiah prophetically assured the Israelites that it would not be a permanent arrangement.



### Supplies

- picture of star groupings such as the Big Dipper, Orion's Belt, etc.
- picture of an eagle

## Prepare Your Heart

"Comfort" is a wonderful word that can almost calm us as we say it. If a child falls and scrapes his knee, he gets up and runs immediately to a parent or teacher for comfort. If a child is sad and weeping, she doesn't turn away from a comforting hug. The Bible tells us that God is our comfort, relieving our distress from the inside out, as only He has the power to do. We can run to Him and His Word at any moment and find Him there, ready to comfort us as our loving Heavenly Father.



### Suggested Song 🕒 5 min

"Isn't He Wonderful" (Cedarhurst Kids)



### Glossary

**comfort:** to bring hope and cheer at a sad time

**faint:** feeling weak or dizzy, or falling down as if asleep