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

Junior 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.
- 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.
- **Discussion Questions** help students engage with the Scriptures intellectually and emotionally throughout the lesson. These questions appear in both the class and teacher books.
- **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.
- **Explaining the Memory Verse** explains the Scripture in language familiar to juniors.
- **Next Steps** help your students apply the lesson to their lives.
- **Prayer Points** give teachers some prompts for ways to pray for the students.
- 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.

KEY:

Teacher Tips



Just Curious



Prop Prompts



Actions



Discussion Questions



Here's a peek at the features of *Junior Bible Class*®:

BE CAREFUL WHOM YOU FOLLOW

Lesson 1
March 2, 2025

Lesson Text: Jude 1:1-13

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

BIG IDEA: God will punish false teachers; do not follow them.

JUDE 1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that served 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 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 Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going 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 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.

BIBLE LESSON

Jude wrote a letter of warning to Christians. He told them that God had called them to salvation. He had chosen them for a specific purpose. They were loved by God. They were also kept, which means God was watching over and protecting them. Then Jude prayed for their lives to be filled with abundant mercy, peace, and love.

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Jude wanted to write more about to write about the bad people who the Christians to fight for the faith.

What does it mean that Christ...

Jude was concerned because and were attempting to turn that God's grace meant they could do what...

Jude pointed out that God had delivered His people from Egypt, but He also punished them for unbelief. The angels who had chosen to leave heaven were punished and will be judged for their choices. Jude also pointed to the evil cities Sodom and Gomorrah that were destroyed. All were examples of the consequences of unrepentant behavior.

The Bible says that God can be trusted to make clean anyone who confesses sin to Him (see 1 John 1:9). Christians must repent of their sins and live to obey Him.

Why do you think repentance is an important part of asking for forgiveness?

Jude warned that the false teachers had turned away from the truth. Jude compared the false teachers to wicked people we can read about in the Old Testament. Those wicked people had been judged by God. The false teachers Jude wrote about were trying to convince people that they knew things not even the Bible said.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF SOMEONE TRIES TO MAKE ME BELIEVE SOMETHING FALSE ABOUT THE LORD AND THE BIBLE?

Jesus tells us the greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and the second greatest commandment is to love others (see Mark 12:30-31). God wants us to choose Him above everything. Loving God with our minds means that we know His Word, think about it, believe it, and trust it. False teachers want to get people to leave their faith, but when people know and love God, they will stand firm. It is important for us to know what we believe and to be able to give a reason for what we believe (see 1 Peter 3:15). We should resist false teachers but act lovingly toward them. One way to love them is to share the truth about Jesus!

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NEXT STEPS

Now that you know it is important to know God's Word, you need to make a plan! Make time each day to read your Bible and pray! Ask trusted Christian adults for help with anything you don't understand in the Bible. Memorize verses that help you stand for your faith.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
There is no other way to salvation!

TALK ABOUT IT

Ask a trusted Christian adult if he or she has ever met a false teacher. How did he or she know?

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- **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.

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

It's possible that your juniors are being exposed to inaccurate teachings about Jesus in different settings. False teaching is the focus of this unit. Jude was concerned about the influence of false teachers on believers in his day. He wanted those who professed Christ as Savior to stand up for their beliefs when false teachers came into the crowd and taught that people have the right to do anything they want. We know that is not true, because when we do something that is against God's Word, He tells us that it is sin and that we should ask for forgiveness. Encourage your students to walk close to God and stay in His Word.



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Prepare Your Mind

Most scholars believe that Jude was Jesus' half brother, the son of Mary and Joseph, and the brother of James. Jude was most likely one of Jesus' siblings who denied His claim to be Messiah and considered Him insane (see Matt. 13:54-56; Mark 3:21; 6:3). Following Jesus' resurrection, Jude became a believer and came to see himself as a "servant of Jesus Christ" (Jude 1:1). Jude's primary purpose in writing was to warn believers about apostasy, the abandonment of the gospel's truth, which threatened the early church. He wanted Christians to fight for their faith, to stand up against the false teaching that was becoming prevalent.

Prepare Your Heart

Jude urged the believers in the early church to be wise and fight for the truth. As believers, God calls us to be discerning regarding those we follow and to walk in the truth. We must always be able to give an answer for what we believe (see 1 Pet. 3:15) and be willing to defend the truth. One of the best ways we can be prepared to defend the faith against false teachers is by knowing the Word of God and measuring everything against it. As we study Scripture, we are equipped by God to give an answer for what we believe and identify those who would misrepresent the truth of His Word.



Supplies

- index cards or paper
- pens or pencils



Conversation Starter

What do you think it would have been like to grow up with Jesus as your older brother?
What do you think Jesus was like as a child or teenager?