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Dear Primary Teacher,

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

Primary 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, Suggested Song,** 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.
- **Truths to Stress** are underlined in the Bible Lesson so that you can see the main points at a glance.
- **Activities** get your students' wiggles out while thinking about the lesson.
- **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



June 15, 2025 Lesson 3

SEEK GODLY WISDOM

Lesson Text: Proverbs 4:10-15, 20-27

"Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her, for she is thy life" (Proverbs 4:13).

BIG IDEA: Study God's Word carefully so that you can be wise in how you live.

GOD'S WISDOM IS BEST

Circle the best answer for each question.

What does God's wisdom give?
 a. love b. peace c. understanding d. a, b, c

Wisdom is using your head and your heart to do what?
 a. the right thing b. the easiest thing c. the wrong thing d. nothing

Why is choosing to sin a bad choice?
 a. It causes trouble for others. b. It makes God sad.
 c. It gives you a stomachache. d. It makes you a bad friend.

Which of these is *not* a way to gain wisdom?
 a. praying b. reading the Bible c. reading comic books d. learning at church

MEMORY HELPER

Being smart doesn't always mean you do the right thing. Having God's wisdom leads to good choices that make God happy.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus used wisdom from God in everything He did.

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Here's a peek at features of the *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 parents or 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!

TALK ABOUT IT

Read the Bible to your child every day. Discuss who was wise in what you read.

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UNIT I: Biblical Thinking

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Learn from Good Examples

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Learn from Bad Examples

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Seek Godly Wisdom

Lesson 4: Galatians 2:15—3:5

Hang On to the Truth About Jesus

God cares about our thinking, feeling, and doing. In this first unit, we look at biblical thinking. Simply listing rules or abstract ideas would not engage students' imaginations or be memorable. Thankfully, God provides us with good examples to imitate and bad examples to learn from. The biblical accounts are memorable and helpful. God urges us to seek His wisdom and to cling to the good news that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ, not through our works. There are many things your students do not yet understand, but make sure they understand the gospel!





Without faith it is impossible to please [God] (Hebrews 11:6).



Big Idea: We can learn from godly people in the Bible how to trust God.

HEBREWS 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a

place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Prepare Your Mind

The Jews' religious system was based on morality and ceremony. The Christian's faith is rooted in belief in God and His promises. The first-century church needed to teach Hebrew believers that salvation comes by grace through faith, the hope and belief of things unseen.

Faith has power to sustain believers in the midst of trials. Hebrews illustrates this by listing Old Testament heroes whose lives were remarkable because of their faith.



Supplies

- Bible
- picture of the ark with animals
- animal crackers
- glue
- construction paper
- crayons, colored pencils, or markers

Prepare Your Heart

When the trials of life come, it's easy to feel hopeless. But God is always with us. The Bible has countless examples of individuals who found themselves in situations of uncertainty. This week's text names several who were faithful to God and obeyed Him. We also must remain faithful to God, even in the messiest of circumstances. He has a plan for our lives and will never abandon us.



Prepare the Room

Be mindful of food allergies.



Suggested Song ⌚ 5 min

"Trust and Obey" (Sammis)

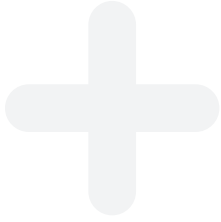


Glossary

faith: believing and trusting in something or someone

obey: doing or following the instructions given

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



Conversation Starter

Do you remember a time when you were scared or confused? What did you do?

Bible Lesson ⌚ 15–20 min

Do you know who you can talk to when you feel scared or confused? (Allow responses.) You can talk to God. Even though you can't see Him, you can be sure He is close by and always ready to listen. The Bible tells us that God is real. And He never leaves your side because He loves you very much. Believing that God is real even though you can't see Him shows God that you love Him. So if you are sad, angry, or happy, you can talk to God about it anytime. God wants to hear about your day!

Faith is believing and trusting in something or someone. What would happen if I turn the light switch off? (Allow responses.) You can't see how the switch and the electricity work, but you have faith that the room will be dark. (👉 Demonstrate.) We know that turning the light off and on will give us light or darkness. Faith in God is the same way. We can't see God, but we know that He is real. (👉 Show Bible.) The Bible tells us we can be sure that God is real.

Who has heard the Bible story about Noah? (Allow responses.) God told Noah to build an ark, a very big boat. (👉 Show **picture of the ark with animals.**) God said it would rain for days and days, so much that it would cause floods and destroy everything. But the ark would keep Noah and his family safe.

Do you remember what else was in the ark? (Allow responses.) That's right, the animals! They would also be safe. They wouldn't drown. (👉 Pass out **animal crackers.**)

Do you remember why God was sending the rain? (Allow responses.) God was angry at the sin in the world, so He decided to destroy everything.

How do you think Noah felt when God told him to build the ark? (Allow responses.) Noah probably felt a little confused and scared. It was hard to imagine rain so strong that it would damage everything! Noah's friends probably laughed at him because they couldn't understand why he would need an ark.

But Noah was faithful to God. That means he believed what God told him about the rain and floods. Even though he couldn't see God, he knew it was important to obey Him. So that's what he did. He obeyed and built the ark. It was a lot of work, but when the rain started to fall, Noah, his family, and the animals were safe. Because Noah was faithful to God and obeyed, God protected him.

Another person in the Bible who was faithful to God was Abraham. God told Abraham to leave his home and move to a land that was far away. Abraham didn't know where God wanted him to go, but like Noah, he was faithful to God. He didn't ask God why he should move away. He just obeyed. He probably was confused and scared about where he would end up, but he trusted God. And because of his obedience, God rewarded him.

We can learn from the stories of Noah and Abraham. They show us that when you put your faith in God and trust Him, you will always please Him.



How do I know God is real if I can't see Him?
That's where faith comes in. Having faith in God is knowing that He's very real and that He loves you.

Review Questions

1. When you have faith in someone or something, what does that mean? (You believe and trust.)
2. Why did God protect Noah? (Noah obeyed God and was faithful to Him.)
3. What will always happen when you put your faith in God? (You will please Him.)

Explaining the Memory Verse

With faith, we believe that God is real, even though we can't see Him. God will be very happy when you put your faith in Him. You cannot please Him if you don't believe He's real.



Activity: Triangle of Faith ⌚ 5-10 min

Read the memory verse aloud. Have the students stand in the shape of a triangle. Have the students on each side of the triangle recite one third of the verse. Once they are comfortable with their assigned portion of the verse, mix up the assignments for an extra challenge.

Next Steps

We can't please God without putting our faith in Him. If you would like to learn more about faith and God, please come talk to me after class. I would love to help you in any way and answer your questions.

Christ Focus

Jesus believed God and obeyed Him perfectly.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for the students who are in your class. •
- Ask God to help the students know Jesus and always be faithful to Him. •



Handcraft: All Aboard the Ark ⌚ 10 min

Help children as needed.

Instructions:

1. **Draw** the big boat Noah built on **paper**.
2. **Glue** a few animal crackers to your picture.

Discuss with the class why Noah is a good example of how to obey God.

SUPPLIES:

- crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- construction paper
- glue
- animal crackers