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Preface

This is the third in the series of catechism books which deal with the stories of the Bible for children from the age of six to eight. The first two books covered the history of the Old Testament, while this one treats the history of the New Testament.

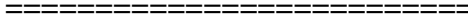
Each lesson deals with only one phase of the history, rather than entering into detail on all the events. Also, the facts of history are stressed, with the significance brought out, whenever possible, toward the end of the lesson. The teacher should use his own discretion in determining how much other material should be included in the classroom discussion.

The same division of the material is used as in “Suffer Little Children” by Mrs. Gertrude Hoeksema to create a certain amount of harmony between the instruction in the school and in the catechism wherever both books are used.

The questions and answers are considerably longer in this revised book than in the previous one. We recommend that the younger children learn as much of the lesson as possible, and the older children learn the whole lesson.

May our gracious, covenant God use this material for the instruction and spiritual edification of our children. From Him is all our expectation, and to Him alone must be the glory of our lives.

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The use of the Catechism for the instruction of the young in the church is an ancient and time-tested method. The present series of booklets are designed to give a firm grounding on Bible facts and history, which will eventually serve as a foundation for the doctrinal catechisms such as the WSC.

The current version of this Bible history catechism (Dec 2002 edition) has undergone numerous revisions based upon discovery of factual and typographical errors in the original edition received. Many of the wordings of the question have also been revised (upon helpful feedbacks from parents) to make memorization of the answers easier for the children.

A workbook accompanying this booklet has also been produced. Parents are encouraged to help the children do the relevant worksheets in addition to helping them to memorise the answers to the ten questions each week. And as the Sabbath School teachers' role is designed to be complementary, parents (especially fathers) are urged to explain the lessons to their children in a way suitable to them before they come for class. At class the teachers will only give a few applicatory lessons, and then review the lesson with each of the students by testing them on their memory work.

May the Lord bless our feeble efforts to instruct our children in the way of the Lord.

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Lesson 1
JOHN THE BAPTIST
Luke 1

1. To whom did the angel Ga-bri-el appear?
To Zach-a-ri-as in the temple.
2. What did the angel tell Zach-a-ri-as?
He told him that he would have a son.
3. What was Zach-a-ri-as told to call this son?
He was told to call him John.
4. Why did Zach-a-ri-as not believe the angel?
Because he and E-lis-a-beth were very old.
5. How was Zach-a-ri-as punished for not believing the angel?
He could not speak nor hear until John was born.
6. Why was this such a great punishment for Zach-a-ri-as?
He could not talk about the news the angel brought.
7. What did Zach-a-ri-as do when he could speak again?
He praised God for the important son God gave him.
8. What was so important about John the Baptist?
He was called to prepare the way for the coming of our Saviour.
9. How did John prepare the way?
He told the people to repent and look for the promised Saviour.
10. Why is John called “the Baptist”?
He baptized those who repented and believed in the coming Saviour.

Memory verse: “Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me” (Malachi 3:1).

Lesson 2
JESUS' BIRTH ANNOUNCED
Luke 1

1. Who is your Saviour?
Jesus, whose name means Saviour.
2. Why is He call Jesus, that is, Saviour?
He saves His people from their sins.
3. Who was sent to tell of Jesus' birth?
The angel Ga-bri-el was sent from heaven.
4. To whom was Ga-bri-el sent?
To Mary, who was of the royal line of David.
5. What did the angel Ga-bri-el tell Mary?
That she would be the mother of Jesus.
6. What else did Ga-bri-el tell Mary?
That Jesus is the Son of God.
7. Why did Mary go to E-lis-a-beth?
Ga-bri-el told her that E-lis-a-beth was going to have a son.
8. What happened when E-lis-a-beth saw Mary?
The baby John leaped in her womb.
9. How long did Mary stay with E-lis-a-beth?
For three months, until John was born.
10. How did E-lis-a-beth show her joy in the coming Saviour?
She praised God for all His wonderful deeds.

Memory verse: "That holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

Lesson 3
JESUS IS BORN
Luke 2

1. What happened just before Jesus was born?
Cae-sar Au-gus-tus commanded that all the world should be taxed.
2. Why did God cause this command to be made?
He wanted Jesus to be born in Beth-le-hem.
3. Why did God want Jesus to be born in Beth-le-hem?
He wanted to show that Jesus is of the royal line of David.
4. Why was Jesus born in a cattle stall?
There was no room in the inn.
5. What does Jesus' birth in a cattle stall show us?
He had to become poor to make us rich.
6. To whom did God send an angel to announce Jesus' birth?
To shepherds who were watching their flocks at night.
7. What did the angel tell the shepherds?
"Unto you is born this day in the city of Da-vid a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).
8. What did a host of angels sing?
"Glory to God in the highest, and one earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).
9. Who else knew of Jesus' birth?
Wisemen who saw Jesus' star in the East.
10. What did the wisemen do when they saw Jesus?
They worshipped Him and brought Him gifts.

Memory verse: "Yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Lesson 4
JESUS' EARLY LIFE
Matthew 2; Luke 2

1. Where did His parents bring Jesus when he was 42 days old?
His parents brought Him to the temple.
 2. Who met Jesus in the temple?
Sim-eon, who was told that he would not die until he saw the Saviour.
 3. What did Sim-eon say when he took Jesus in his arms?
“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, ... For mine eyes have seen thy salvation” (Luke 2:29, 30).
 4. Who also came into the temple at that time?
Anna, a prophetess, who was at least 84 years old.
 5. What did Anna do when she saw Jesus?
She thanked God that the Saviour had come.
 6. How did king Her-od hear of Jesus' birth?
The wisemen came looking for the King of the Jews.
 7. What did Her-od do when the wisemen did not return to him?
He killed all the babies of Beth-le-hem two years old and younger.
 8. How did God protect Jesus?
He told Jo-seph to flee with Jesus to Egypt.
 9. What did Jesus do in the temple when He was 12 years old?
He talked with the teachers, asking and answering hard questions.
 10. What did Jesus say to Mary when she found Him there?
“Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?” (Luke 2:49).
- Memory verse:* “Out of Egypt have I called my son” (Matthew 2:15b).

Lesson 5
JOHN BAPTISES JESUS
Luke 3; Matthew 3, 4

1. Where did John the Baptist preach?
He preached in the wilderness near the Jordan River.
2. How was he dressed?
He wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather girdle.
3. What did he eat?
He ate locusts and wild honey.
4. Why did the people come out to hear him?
They heard that a great prophet had arisen among them.
5. What did John preach?
He told the people that the Saviour had come.
6. What did he tell the people to do?
He told them to repent of their sins and look for the Saviour.
7. Who came to John while he was preaching?
Jesus came to John to be baptised.
8. What happened when Jesus was baptised?
The Spirit came upon Him like a dove.
9. Where did the Spirit lead Jesus?
Into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
10. What did Jesus do after the third temptation?
He drove Satan away, saying, "Get thee hence, Satan".

Memory verse: "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matthew 4:10).

Lesson 6
JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY
John 2,3

1. Where did Jesus go with six of His disciples?
He went to a wedding feast at Ca-na of Ga-li-lee.
2. What did Mary, the mother of Jesus, tell Jesus during the feast?
She told Him that they had no more wine.
3. What did Jesus tell the servants to do?
He told them to fill six waterpots with water.
4. What did Jesus do after the servants filled the waterpots?
He changed the water to wine.
5. What was the result of this first miracle?
Jesus' disciples believed that He was the promised Saviour.
6. Where did Jesus go after the wedding at Cana?
He went to Je-ru-sa-lem to keep the Passover feast.
7. What did Jesus do in the temple?
He made a whip and drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple.
8. Did this make the Jewish leaders angry?
Yes, they asked Him by what right He did that.
9. What did Jesus answer them?
"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19).
10. What important lesson did Jesus teach Nicodemus?
"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"
(John 3:3).

Memory verse: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Lesson 7
JESUS AT THE WELL IN SAMARIA
John 4

1. Where did Jesus go from Je-ru-sa-lem after the passover?
He went through Sa-ma-ria to Ga-li-lee.
2. Whom did Jesus meet at the well in Sa-ma-ria?
He met a Sa-ma-ri-tan woman who came to draw water.
3. What did Jesus ask of the Sa-ma-ri-tan woman?
He asked, "Give me to drink".
4. What did Jesus tell the Sa-ma-ri-tan woman?
He told her that He was the Water of Life.
5. What did Jesus mean by saying that He was the Water of Life?
It means that He is the Saviour who came to save us from sin and death.
6. What did Jesus do while talking to the Sa-ma-ri-tan woman?
He caused her to believe in Him as her Saviour.
7. What did the Sa-ma-ri-tan woman do when she believed that Jesus was her Saviour?
She went into the city and called many others to come to hear Jesus.
8. Did Jesus save others in Sa-ma-ria also?
Yes, many believed in Him as their Saviour.
9. What did this show to the disciples?
It showed that God would gather His people also from the Gen-tiles.
10. How long did Jesus stay in Sa-ma-ria?
He stayed two days, and then went to Ga-li-lee.

Memory verse: "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:2a).

Lesson 8
JESUS TEACHES IN GALILEE
John 4; Luke 4

1. Were the Jews glad to see Je-sus in Ga-li-lee?
Yes, because they wanted to see more miracles.
2. What second miracle did Jesus perform in Cana?
He healed the nobleman's son, who was very sick.
3. Where did the nobleman of Cana live?
He lived in Ca-per-na-um, twenty miles away.
4. How did Jesus heal the nobleman's son?
He spoke the word, and the son was healed.
5. Where did Jesus go from Ca-na?
He went to Nazareth, where He had grown up.
6. What did Jesus teach the people in Nazareth?
He told them that He was the promised Christ whom I-sai-ah had prophesied about.
7. Did the people of Nazareth believe in Jesus?
No, they would not believe that He was the promised Christ.
8. What did Jesus tell the people of Nazareth when they would not believe Him?
He told them that the gospel would be brought to the Gentiles.
9. What did the people do when they heard this?
They were angry and tried to push Jesus off the cliff.
10. How did Jesus escape from them?
He passed through their midst, and they could not touch Him.

Memory verse: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor" (Luke 4:18).

Lesson 9
JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH
John 5

1. Why did Jesus go to Je-ru-sa-lem a second time?
He went to keep a feast in Je-ru-sa-lem.
2. Where did Jesus go on the Sabbath day when he was in Jerusalem?
He went to the pool of Be-thes-da, where there were many sick people.
3. Why were these sick people at the pool?
When an angel stirred the water, the first one in the water was healed.
4. To whom did Jesus speak at the pool?
To a man who had been lame for 38 years.
5. Of what is the lame man a picture?
He is a picture of us as we are helpless in our sins.
6. What did Jesus say to the lame man?
“Rise, take up thy bed, and walk” (John 5:8).
7. Were the Pha-ri-sees glad to see the lame man healed?
No, they were angry that he carried his bed on the Sabbath.
8. What did the Pha-ri-sees say when they heard that Jesus had healed the lame man?
They said that Jesus had broken the Sabbath.
9. Did Jesus break the Sabbath by healing the lame man?
No, Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, and doing good on the Sabbath is no sin.
10. What does it mean that Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath?
It means that the Sabbath is the Lord’s Day, a day belonging to Him.

Memory verse: “Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath”
(Mark 2:28).

Lesson 10
JESUS AT THE SEA OF GALILEE
Luke 8

1. What happened when Jesus and His disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee?
A great storm arose on the sea.
2. Were the disciples afraid?
Yes, they were afraid the boat would sink.
3. What was Jesus doing during the storm?
He was sound asleep in the boat.
4. What did Jesus do when His disciples woke Him?
He commanded the wind to die down and the sea to be calm.
5. What did Jesus teach His disciples with this storm?
He taught them that they were always safe with Him.
6. Who met Jesus on the other side of the sea?
Two men who were possessed with demons (Mt 8:28).
7. What did Jesus command these demons to do?
He commanded them to come out of these men.
8. What happened when Jesus allowed the demons to go into the pigs on the hill-side?
The pigs dashed into the lake and were drowned.
9. What does Jesus teach us by this power over devils?
That even devils can do nothing except by the power God gives them.
10. Did the Ga-da-renes believe in Jesus when they saw these signs of His power?
No, they would rather have their pigs than Jesus.

Memory verse: "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" (Matthew 8:27b)

Lesson 11

THE PEOPLE WANT TO MAKE JESUS THEIR KING

John 6

1. What miracle did Jesus perform in the wilderness near Capernaum?
He fed five thousand men, besides women and children.
2. Why was this such a great miracle?
Jesus fed them with five loaves and two fishes, and there were twelve full baskets left.
3. What did Jesus teach the people through the miracle of feeding the 5000?
He taught that He is the true Bread that came from heaven.
4. What happened to the disciples when they tried to cross the sea that night?
God sent a storm upon the sea, so that they could not reach land.
5. How did Jesus help them?
He came walking to them on the sea, and then stilled the storm.
6. What did Jesus teach the disciples by walking to them on the waves?
Although the Church would pass through many storms, Jesus would always be near.
7. What did the people demand of Jesus the next day after he fed them?
They demanded that He should be their earthly king.
8. Was Jesus willing to do this?
No, He told them that His Kingdom is heavenly.
9. How did the people show that they did not want that Kingdom?
Many left Him to follow Him no more.
10. What did the disciples answer Jesus when He asked them whether they wanted to leave him?
They said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Memory verse: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven" (John 6:51a)

Lesson 12
JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED ON THE MOUNT
Matthew 16, 17

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples after they confessed that He has the words of eternal life?
He told them that He must suffer and die.
2. What more did He tell them?
He told them that He would rise again from the dead.
3. Who did Jesus bring up into a high mountain apart?
Three of His disciples, Peter, James and John.
4. What happened while Jesus was praying on the mount?
His face shone like the sun, and His clothing was as white as snow.
5. Who appeared to Jesus there?
Mo-ses and E-li-jah, who spoke to Him of His suffering, His death, and His rising again.
6. What did the voice from heaven say?
It said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (Matthew 17:5).
7. What great miracle did Jesus perform the morning after His transfiguration?
He healed a boy who had a demon.
8. What did the boy's father say to Jesus?
He said, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mk 9:24).
9. What was remarkable about this miracle?
The disciples tried and could not heal the boy.
10. What does this miracle teach us?
That we must believe that there is no evil so great that Jesus cannot overcome.

Memory verse: "And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God"
(Luke 9:43)

Lesson 13
JESUS TEACHES IN JERUSALEM
John 8, 9 (Luke 10:38-41)

1. Where did Jesus often stay when He was at a feast in Je-ru-sa-lem?
He stayed in the home of Mary, Mar-tha, and La-za-rus in Be-tha-ny.
2. How did Mar-tha show her love for the Lord?
She liked to serve Him with delicious meals.
3. How did Mary show her love for the Lord?
She listened to Him as He taught about the Kingdom of heaven.
4. What did Jesus say about Mary?
He said that Mary had chosen the better things.
5. What did Jesus teach the people in the temple?
He taught them that He was the Saviour, the Light of the World.
6. Why did this make the rulers angry?
They were afraid that the people would turn away from them, and would follow Jesus.
7. How did Jesus escape when they tried to stone Him?
He hid himself and then slipped out of the temple through the midst of them.
8. What miracle did Jesus perform after they tried to stone Him in the temple?
He healed a blind man who sat begging at the temple gate.
9. What did the rulers say about this man?
They said that this man never had been blind.
10. What else did Jesus do for this blind man?
He gave him spiritual eyes to see that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Memory verse: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12)

Lesson 14
JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD
John 11

1. Where did Jesus go when the Jews sought to kill Him?
He went to Pe-re-a, on the other side of the Jordan.
2. How did Jesus teach the people there?
He taught the people with many parables.
3. Name three parables which Jesus taught in Perea?
The parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son (Luke 15).
4. Who came to Jesus at Pe-re-a?
Messengers who told Him that His friend La-za-rus was very sick.
5. Why were the disciples afraid to have Jesus go to Je-ru-sa-lem?
They were afraid because the Jews wanted to kill Jesus.
6. What did Tho-mas say?
“Let us also go, that we may die with him” (John 11:16).
7. Why did Jesus wait until La-za-rus was dead?
He wanted to show that He had power to raise the dead.
8. What did Jesus do at the tomb of La-za-rus?
He raised La-za-rus from the dead by calling him forth.
9. What did Jesus teach with this great miracle?
He teaches that He has power to raise His people to heavenly glory.
10. What effect did this miracle have on the rulers?
They were more determined than ever to kill Jesus.

Memory verse: “I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live” (John 11:25)

Lesson 15
JESUS GOES TO THE PASSOVER FEAST
Luke 18, 19; John 12

1. Where did Jesus go after the raising of La-za-rus?
He went to the country of E-phra-im, not far from Jerusalem.
2. What road did Jesus travel when He went to Jerusalem?
He went through Je-ri-cho, where many pilgrims were traveling on their way to the Passover feast.
3. Whom did Jesus meet just outside of Je-ri-cho?
He met blind Bar-ti-mae-us, who cried, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me" (Luke 18:38).
4. What did Bar-ti-mae-us do when Jesus caused him to see?
He followed after Jesus, glorifying God.
5. Who climbed a sy-ca-more tree to see Jesus?
Zac-chae-us, a publican, who was very rich.
6. What did Jesus say when He came to Zac-chae-us?
"Zac-chae-us, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house" (Luke 19:5).
7. What did the people of Je-ri-cho think about Jesus' going into Zac-chae-us' house?
They were very angry, because they hated Zac-chae-us who was a publican.
8. How did Jesus answer the people?
He told them that He was bringing salvation to a true son of A-bra-ham.
9. How did Mary of Be-tha-ny show her faith in Jesus?
She anointed Jesus' body with very expensive ointment.
10. Why did she do this?
Because she believed that Jesus would die, but would also rise again from the dead.

Memory verse: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10)

Lesson 16
JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM AS KING
Matthew 21; Luke 19

1. What did Jesus do on the Sunday before He died?
He rode into Je-ru-sa-lem on a colt of a donkey.
2. What did the people do when they saw Him?
They waved palm branches and spread their garments on the way.
3. What did the people shout?
They shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David" (Matthew 21:15).
4. Why did the people do this?
The prophets had said that their king would come to them riding on a colt (Zechariah 9:9; Isaiah 62:11).
5. What did the people think the Lord Jesus was doing?
They thought that Jesus would make Himself their earthly king.
6. What was Jesus showing to the people?
He was showing them that He was the heavenly King.
7. Why did Jesus show this at this time?
He was about to enter His Kingdom.
8. Why did Jesus come riding on a colt instead of on a strong horse?
He showed that He must be lowly and suffer to enter His Kingdom.
9. Why did Jesus have to suffer?
He had to suffer to save us from our sins and take us to heaven.
10. Will Jesus appear before the whole world as our King?
Yes, Jesus is now King in Heaven, and will appear as our King when He comes again.

Memory verse: "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 21:9b).

Lesson 17
THE LAST SUPPER
Matthew 26; John 13

1. Where did Jesus keep the Passover feast?
He kept the Passover feast with His disciples in an upper room.
 2. What was the first thing that the Lord Jesus did at the feast?
He washed His disciples' feet like a lowly servant.
 3. Why did Jesus wash their feet?
He showed them that He had to lay down His life to wash away their sins (cf. John 13:8).
 4. What other reason did Jesus give for washing their feet?
He told them that they must learn to serve each other.
 5. What was the second important thing that happened at the feast?
Jesus told Judas Is-ca-ri-ot, "That thou doest, do quickly" (John 13:27).
 6. Did Judas know what Jesus meant?
Yes, Judas went out to betray Jesus.
 7. What third important thing did Jesus do at this feast?
He gave His disciples bread and wine as a sign of His broken body and shed blood.
 8. Why is this so important?
Jesus gave us these signs for our keeping of the Lord's Supper.
 9. Where did Jesus go after the Supper?
He went to Geth-se-ma-ne to pray.
 10. Who came to Geth-se-ma-ne after Jesus had prayed?
Judas, with a large band of soldiers to take Jesus prisoner.
- Memory verse:* "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many" (Mark 14:24).

Lesson 18
JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS
Matthew 27; Luke 23

1. How did Jesus die?
He was nailed to the cross between two thieves.
2. What were the first words that Jesus spoke on the cross?
"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34a).
3. What did one of the thieves ask of Jesus?
"Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom" (Luke 23:42).
4. What did Jesus answer this thief?
"To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43b).
5. What happened at noon?
Darkness covered the earth, and great fear fell on all that saw it.
6. What did Jesus cry out at the end of the darkness?
"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46b).
7. What happened when Jesus died?
The veil of the temple rent, the earth quaked, and graves opened.
8. Who came to bury Jesus?
Jo-seph of A-ri-mat-the-a and Ni-co-de-mus who took Jesus from the cross and laid Him in a new grave.
9. Why did the Lord Jesus have to die on the cross?
Because the death of the cross is an accursed death.
10. Why did the Lord Jesus die an accursed death?
He bore God's wrath against our sins.

Memory verse: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows" (Isaiah 53:4a).

Lesson 19
JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD
Matthew 28; Luke 24, John 20

1. Where was Jesus buried?
He was buried in a new grave belonging to Jo-seph of A-ri-mat-the-a.
2. How did the Jews try to keep Jesus in the grave?
They asked Pilate to put a guard at the grave.
3. What happened early on Sunday morning?
Jesus arose from the dead.
4. How did the Lord show that He was risen?
An angel came from heaven and rolled away the stone.
5. What did the angel tell the women who came to the grave?
“He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay” (Matthew 28:6).
6. What did the women see when they looked at the place where the Lord lay?
The grave clothes were still there, but Jesus had risen.
7. Who was the first one to see the risen Saviour?
Mary Mag-da-lene, who was weeping at the grave.
8. Did the Lord Jesus appear to His disciples that day?
Yes, He appeared in the evening when the doors of their room were locked.
9. Why is it important that He arose on the first day of the week?
The Lord Jesus changed our Sab-bath from Saturday to Sunday, in order that we may celebrate His resurrection.
10. What the Lord Jesus’ resurrection assures us of?
That the Lord Jesus will both raise us spiritually and bodily.

Memory verse: “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become firstfruits of them that slept”
(1 Corinthians 15:20).

Lesson 20
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS POURED OUT
Acts 1, 2

1. When did the Lord Jesus ascend to heaven?
He ascended to heaven forty days after He arose.
2. Before He left them, what did the Lord Jesus tell His disciples to do?
He told them to wait in Je-ru-sa-lem for the Ho-ly Spi-rit.
3. What does the Lord Jesus now do in heaven?
He rules over all things in heaven and on earth.
4. What more does the Lord Jesus do in heaven?
He prays to the Father for us.
5. How does the Father answer the Lord's prayers?
The Father gives to Jesus all the blessings we need.
6. Which was the first blessing the Lord Jesus gave us?
The Ho-ly Spi-rit was poured out on Pen-te-cost.
7. What was the sign that the Spi-rit was poured out?
There was the sound as of a mighty rushing wind.
8. What other sign was given?
Tongues as of fire were on the heads of the 120 who were gathered in the upper room.
9. What special power was given to the 120?
They were able to speak many languages.
10. Of what was the speaking in different languages a sign?
It was a sign that God would now gather His people from all the nations of the earth.

Memory verse: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11b).

Lesson 21
PETER HEALS THE LAME MAN
Acts 3, 4

1. What did Peter and John do soon after Pentecost?
They went to the temple to pray.
2. Whom did Peter and John see at the temple gate?
They saw a beggar who had been lame for forty years.
3. What did Peter say to him?
He told him to arise and walk.
4. In whose name did Peter tell him to do this?
In the name of Jesus, the risen Lord.
5. Did the lame man believe that Jesus could make him walk?
Yes, God gave him faith to believe in Jesus.
6. Was the lame man healed?
Yes, he leaped about and praised God.
7. What was the result of this miracle?
Many people gathered around and heard Peter preach to them about the risen Lord.
8. Did this make the rulers angry?
Yes, they were so angry that they put Peter and John in prison.
9. What did the rulers command Peter and John the next day?
They commanded them not to speak any more in the name of Jesus.
10. What did Peter answer them?
"We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard"
(Acts 4:20).

Memory verse: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye"
(Acts 4:19).

Lesson 22
PETER PREACHES TO CORNELIUS
Acts 9, 10

1. Why did Peter go to Sa-ma-ria?
Peter went to Sa-ma-ria to preach to the believers there.
2. How did the Lord Jesus show His power through Peter?
Peter healed Ae-ne-as, who was sick for eight years.
3. What great miracle did Peter perform in Jop-pa?
Peter raised Dor-cas from the dead.
4. What vision did Peter see in Jop-pa?
He saw a vision of animals and birds which the Jews were not allowed to eat.
5. What did Peter answer when the Lord told him to take and eat?
He answered that he had never eaten anything that was unclean and common.
6. What did the Lord tell Peter?
He told him, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common" (Acts 10:15).
7. Why did God show Peter this vision?
God wanted Peter to preach to the Gen-tiles.
8. How did Peter know that this is what the vision meant?
Men came from Cor-ne-lius, a Gen-tile, asking Peter to come and preach to him.
9. Did Peter go?
Yes, he went and preached about the Lord Jesus to Cor-ne-lius and his family and friends.
10. What happened while Peter was preaching?
The Ho-ly Spi-rit came on those Gen-tiles, and they spoke in tongues, giving praise to God.

Memory verse: "All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord" (Psalm 22:27a).

Lesson 23
PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY
Acts 9, 13, 14

1. Who stood by when Stephen was stoned?
Saul of Tar-sus, who agreed to Ste-phen's death.
2. Why did Saul go to Da-mas-cus?
He went to Da-mas-cus to take the Christians prisoner and bring them to Je-ru-sa-lem.
3. Who appeared to Saul on the way?
The Lord Jesus appeared to him and said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" (Acts 9:4)
4. What did God call Saul to do?
He called him to preach the gospel to the Gen-tiles.
5. Who went along with Saul on his first missionary journey?
Bar-na-bas and John Mark went with him.
6. To what was Saul's name changed?
It was changed to Paul (Acts 13:9).
7. What happened on the island of Cy-prus?
The governor of the island and probably many others were saved (Acts 13:4).
8. What was the result of Paul's preaching at Antioch in Pisidia?
Many Gen-tiles believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. How did the Jews show their jealousy against Paul at Antioch in Pisidia?
They drove Paul and Bar-na-bas out of the city (Acts 13:50).
10. What did the heathen people at Ly-stra do to Paul and Bar-na-bas?
First, they wanted to worship them as gods, and afterward, they stoned Paul and left him for dead.

Memory verse: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Lesson 24
PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY
Acts 16 - 18

1. Where did Paul and Si-las go on the second missionary journey?
They went to visit the churches in A-sia Mi-nor.
2. What vision came to Paul in A-sia Mi-nor?
Paul saw a Ma-ce-do-nian man who said, "Come over into Ma-ce-do-nia, and help us" (Acts 16:9).
3. What did the vision mean?
It meant that God had His elect people in Ma-ce-do-nia.
4. Who was the first one to be saved in Ma-ce-do-nia?
Ly-dia, who was baptized and her family with her.
5. What did a girl with an evil spirit cry out about Paul and Si-las?
"These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation" (Acts 16:17).
6. What happened when Paul cast out the evil spirit?
Paul and Si-las were beaten and thrown into prison.
7. Were Paul and Si-las afraid in prison?
No, during the night they sang praises to God.
8. How did God show His power in that prison?
The earth quaked, the prison doors broke open, and the chains fell from Paul and Si-las.
9. What did the jailor do?
He begged of Paul and Si-las, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30).
10. How did Paul and Si-las reply to the jailor?
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

Memory verse: "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

Lesson 25
PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY
Acts 19 - 28

1. Where did Paul go on his third missionary journey?
He went to E-phe-sus where he laboured for two years.
2. How did many people show their faith in God?
burned all their wicked books.
3. Who opposed Paul in E-phe-sus?
De-me-tri-us, who made silver images of the god-dess, Di-an-a.
4. Why did Demetrius oppose Paul?
He was afraid that Paul's preaching would hurt his business.
5. What happened when De-me-tri-us stirred up the people against Paul?
A great uproar arose in the city so that Paul had to leave Ephesus.
6. Where did Paul go from E-phe-sus?
He went to Ma-ce-do-nia and to Greece.
7. What did the Ho-ly Spi-rit tell Paul on this journey?
He teold him that he would be taken prisoner in Jerusalem.
8. Why was Paul taken prisoner in Je-ru-sa-lem?
The wicked Jews-in Je-ru-sa-lem accused him of breaking the laws of Mo-ses.
9. Where did the Lord lead Paul as prisoner?
He led him to Rome to preach the gospel there.
10. What was the result of Paul's preaching?
The gospel was spread to many countries and many believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Memory verse: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).