



Diocese of Athabasca

Sunday School Lesson Plan – Sunday, November 16, 2025

Here's a **Sunday School Lesson Plan** for young children (ages 4–8) using the **Revised Common Lectionary** readings for **November 16, 2025 – Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 33 (Year C)** Bible Verses: Is 65:17-25; Is 12 (as canticle); 2 Th 3:6-13; Lk 21:5-19

Sunday School Lesson Plan

Lesson Title/Theme

“God Makes All Things New”

Big Idea

Even when the world feels hard or scary, God promises peace, joy, and a brand-new creation where everyone lives in love and safety.

Lesson Focus for Kids

God is with us through hard times. Jesus wants us to keep trusting and sharing His love because God has a wonderful new world planned.



Scripture Readings – Kid-Friendly Language

- **Isaiah 65:17–25**
Go
- **Isaiah 12** (as a song)
“We thank you, God! You keep us safe. We will trust you and not be afraid. You are our strength and our song!”
- **2 Thessalonians 3:6–13**
Paul says: “Keep working hard and doing good things. Don’t give up doing what is right.”
- **Luke 21:5–19**
Jesus says: “One day the big Temple will fall down. Hard things will happen, but don’t be afraid. Stay strong and trust God. God will help you.”



Welcome & Opening Prayer / Circle Time

- Sit in a circle.
- Ask: “*What is something new that makes you happy?*” (new toy, new day, new season, new friend).
- Opening Prayer:
“Dear God, thank you for making all things new. Thank you for keeping us safe and giving us joy. Help us to trust you always. Amen.”



Memory Verse

“**See, I am making all things new.**” – **Revelation 21:5** (connects beautifully with Isaiah’s promise).

👉 Teach with hand motions: “See” (point to eyes), “I am making” (pretend to build), “all things new” (spread arms wide).



Bible Story Time

Tell the story using props or pictures:

1. Show a picture of the Temple in Jerusalem → Jesus said it would fall one day.
2. Explain: Hard times happen, but God is still with us.
3. Share Isaiah’s hope → a brand-new world with peace and joy, where even animals play safely together.
4. Ask: “*What would God’s new world look like to you?*”



Craft / Activity

Craft Idea: “Peaceful New World Collage”

- Materials: paper, crayons/markers, animal stickers, glue, scissors, cotton balls for clouds.
- Kids draw/assemble a picture of God’s peaceful world (lions and lambs together, people smiling, houses, trees, rivers).
- Title: “*God Makes All Things New.*”



Game

“New Creation Freeze Tag”

- One child is “trouble” and tags others.
- When tagged, children freeze.
- To be “made new,” another player can touch them and say, “God makes all things new!” → then they unfreeze.
- Teaches that God’s love restores us.



Song Suggestions

- “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”
- “This Little Light of Mine”
- “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”
- “God Is So Good”



Snack Suggestions

- Animal crackers (tie in with Isaiah’s animals living in peace).
- Apple slices (symbol of God’s good creation).
- Juice boxes or water (remind of Isaiah 12: “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation”).



Wrap Up & Reflections

- Ask: “*What did you learn about God’s new world today?*”
- “*How can we bring God’s peace and joy into our world right now?*”
(Examples: be kind, share, help at home).



Closing Prayer

“Thank you, God, that you make all things new. Help us to be people of peace and joy while we wait for your new world. Amen.”



Take Home Idea

Send kids home with a simple **coloring sheet** of animals at peace (lion, lamb, child playing) and the memory verse. Encourage them to share it with their family and say: “*God makes all things new!*”



Teacher Notes

- **Theme connection:** Children may be worried by “bad things happening” in the world. Reassure them that God promises peace, joy, and safety.
- **Keep it concrete:** Focus on Isaiah’s joyful new world more than the destruction in Luke.
- **Engagement tip:** Use lots of visuals (Temple picture, animal drawings).
- **Key takeaway for kids:** *God is with us, making everything new and beautiful.*

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**See, I am making
all things new.**

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Find 10 differences.



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C K J R D L N N B R S X J
L R S O V G Z M V H J N D
I N E L Y D A Q A P R A Y
O E Z A A L P R S U S E J
N Z V G T M E W O R L D L
E T K O E I I G N O R T S
M Q S C L N O N L R D R L
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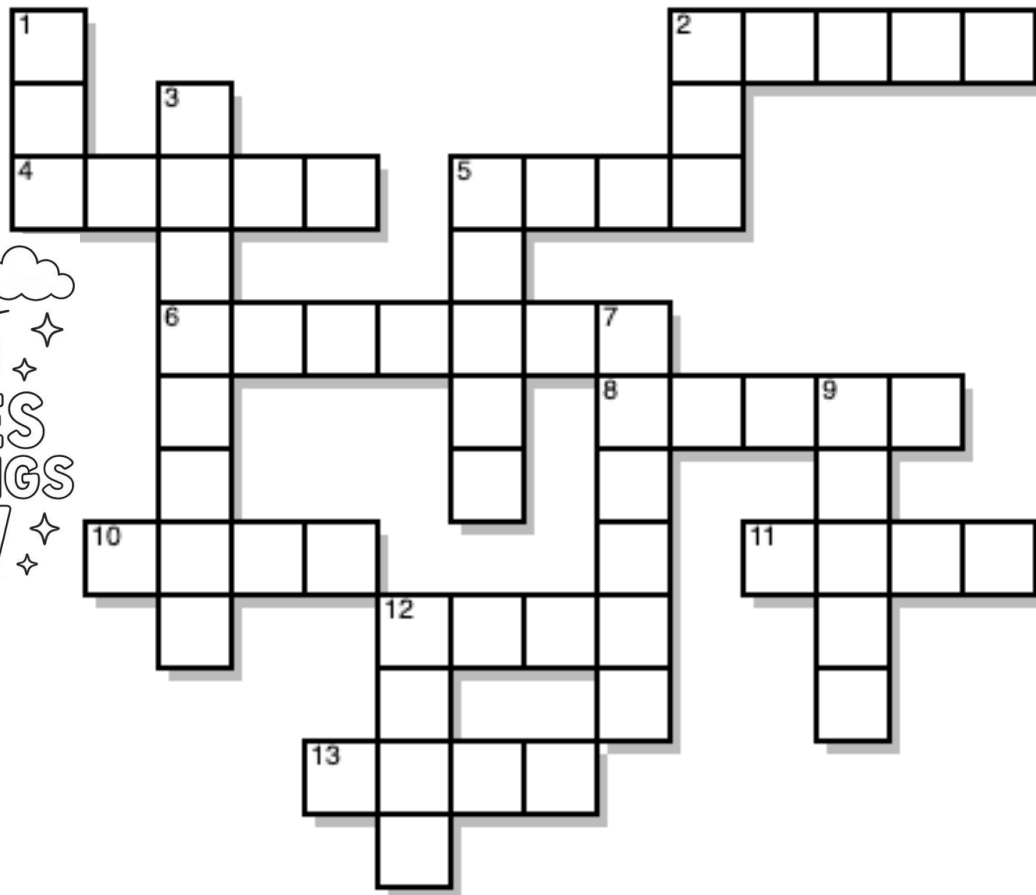
Peace
Joy
Love
Creation
Lion
Lamb
Safe
Trust

Share
Jesus
World
New
Animals
Strong
Amen
Pray



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ACROSS

- 2 God's son
- 4 Where we live
- 5 Talk to God
- 6 Moving creations of God
- 8 Belief that something is good
- 10 Caring deeply
- 11 Protected
- 12 Big cat
- 13 So be it

DOWN

- 1 Not old
- 2 Extreme happiness
- 3 Made by God
- 5 Get along with everyone
- 7 Having strength
- 9 Divide something
- 12 Baby sheep

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Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random number. Try to decode the message.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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10 14 24 17 6 7 17: 4

6 16 16 6 12 4 8 10 6

8 2 5 26 2 13 2 8

6 8 24 6 8 2 5

2 6 18 23 26 25 2 14 25 22 2

5 4 22 22 15 2 9 21 22 22

14 9 20 14 7 8 14

16 14 18 2 3 18 7 4 8 10

14 18 17 6 24 8 2 17 17

2 13 2 18 7 14 8 2

5 4 22 22 22 4 13 2 4 8

25 2 6 3 2 6 8 24

2 13 2 8 6 8 4 16 6 22 17

5 4 22 22 10 2 23

6 22 14 8 10

23 14 10 2 23 26 2 18."

Spot the difference answer key:

Here are the **10 differences** between the two pictures in this spot-the-difference puzzle:

1. **Lion's chin** – smooth in the top picture, jagged in the bottom.
2. **Lion's tail tip** – different shape (curved tuft on top vs. straighter tuft below).
3. **Cloud shape** – slightly puffier on top, smoother on bottom.
4. **Sun rays** – more rays around the sun in the top picture than the bottom.
5. **Girl's eyebrows** – missing in the top picture, only in the bottom.
6. **Girl's bangs** – different shapes in the two pictures.
7. **Lamb's ear** – longer in the top picture, shorter in the bottom.
8. **Lamb's leg** – visible in the top picture, missing/hidden in the bottom.
9. **Grass tufts** – placement and number differ between top and bottom.
10. **Tree trunk** – single trunk in the top picture, forked trunk in the bottom.

Crossword Answer Key:

Across	Down
2. Jesus	1. New
4. World	2. Joy
5. Pray	3. Creation
6. Animals	5. Peace
8. Trust	7. Strong
10. Love	9. Share
11. Safe	12. Lamb
12. Lion	
13. Amen	

Cryptogram Answer Key:

God says: "I am making a new heaven and a new earth. People will be full of joy. No more crying or sadness. Everyone will live in peace, and even animals will get along together."