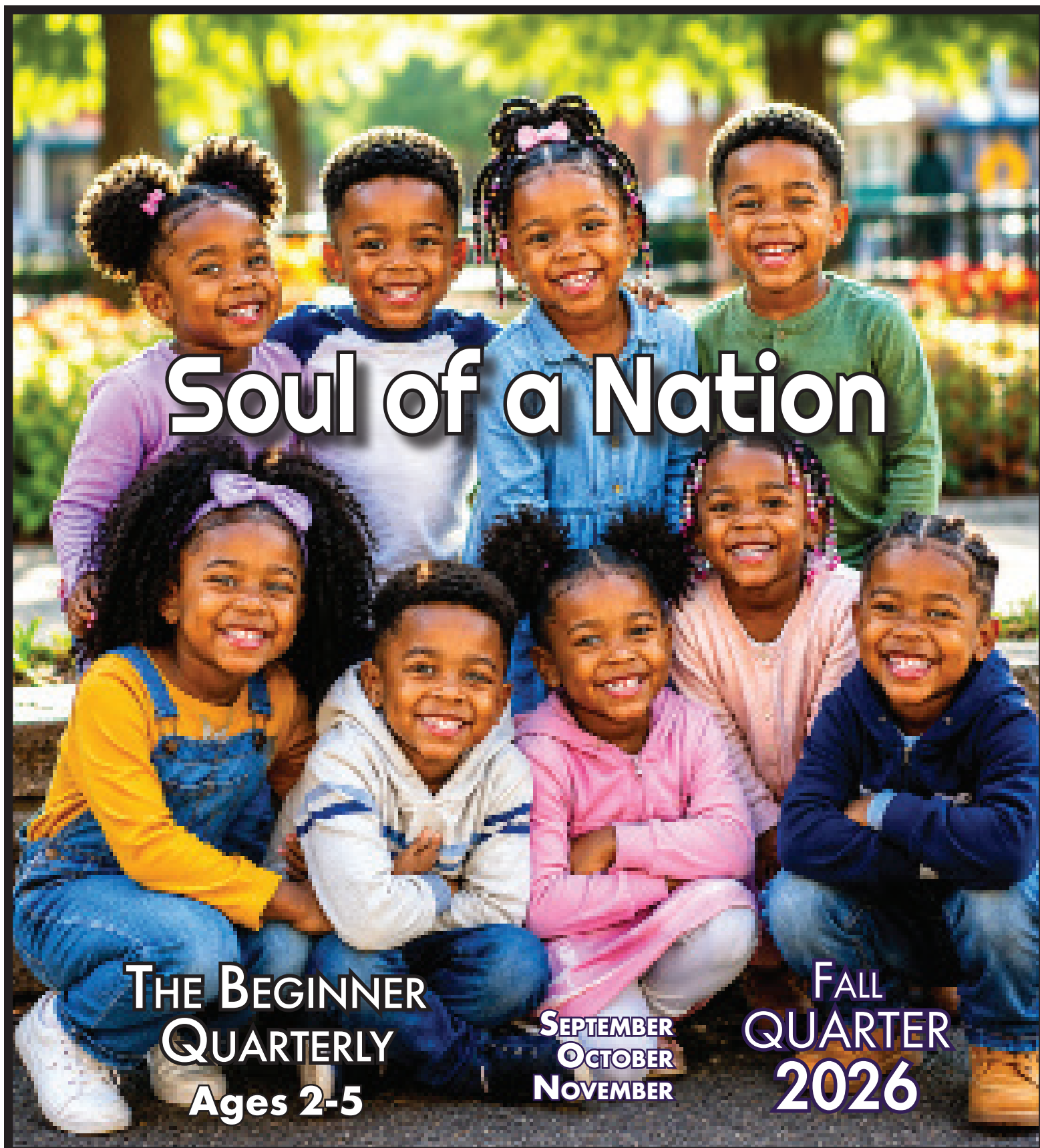




Soul of a Nation

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TEACHER BIFOLDS

FALL QUARTER INTRODUCTION: THE SOUL OF A NATION

Welcome to our Fall Quarter study, The Soul of a Nation! This quarter is designed to help children understand that God is a promise keeper even when his people make mistakes. These lessons will show children how God raises up leaders. Also, how God helps His people during difficult times. God's desire is for us to live faithfully and love Him wholeheartedly.

During this journey through the Old Testament, children will discover how God guided and protected Israel and corrected and restored them. The stories of Joshua, the Judges, Samuel, and David teach us important lessons. These lessons are about courage, obedience, leadership, forgiveness, faithfulness, and trusting God.

UNIT I: ISRAEL FINDS A NEW HOME

THE GUIDING PROPOSITION: God keeps God's promise by giving Israel their new home and reminding them to be faithful so that their lives say "thank you" to God.

Learn It!

In Unit I, children will follow Joshua and the Israelites as they enter the Promised Land. They will learn how God kept God's promises to God's people. God also gave Joshua courage to lead. Children will learn the importance of obedience, remembering God's blessings and showing kindness like Rahab. God wants us to choose God's ways over the world's way.

Children will learn that:

- God gives courage to leaders.
- God keeps His promises.
- Obedience to God matters so we should choose to follow God every day.
- God can use anyone for His purpose.

DATE	LESSON NUMBER	LESSON TITLE	KEY VERSE SCRIPTURE
September 6	Lesson 1	God Calls Joshua to Leadership	Joshua 1:2
September 13	Lesson 2	Follow God's Instructions	Joshua 4:7b
September 20	Lesson 3	God Leads God's People to Victory	Joshua 11:23
September 27	Lesson 4	God Uses Rahab to Bring Success	Joshua 2:12a
October 4	Lesson 5	God or the World	Joshua 24:14b

Live It:

Create a "Promised Land Path" across the room or virtual screen with 5 stopping points representing the 5 lessons. At each stop, children complete a quick challenge connected to the lesson.



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UNIT II: A COUNTRY WITHOUT A RULER

THE GUIDING PROPOSITION: God calls Israel to do what is pleasing to God by giving them the opportunity to live according to God's ways so that they are faithful once again

Learn It!

Unit II introduces the period of the Judges. This was a time when many people forgot about God and made poor choices. In these lessons, children will see how disobedience led to confusion and trouble, but they will also learn that God still loved God's people and sent leaders to help them. At the end of this unit children should understand and know that:

- God forgives and restores. God hears God's people when they pray.
- God can use unexpected people.
- Following God's truth helps us make wise decisions.

DATE	LESSON NUMBER	LESSON TITLE	KEY VERSE SCRIPTURE
October 11	Lesson 6	Evil Rules the People's Hearts	Judges 2:11
October 18	Lesson 7	Ehud: Deliverer from God	Judges 3:15a
October 25	Lesson 8	Micah Leads the People into Sin	Judges 17:6

Live It: Create a simple call and response storytelling. The teacher says a situation and children respond with actions and phrases. For example: The teacher may say "The people forgot God" and then the children will respond.



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UNIT III: SAMUEL DOES IT ALL

THE GUIDING PROPOSITION: God continues to love Israel by calling new leaders so that God's people live faithful lives.

Learn It!

In Unit III, children will be introduced to Samuel, a faithful servant of God. One who listened to God and became a prophet, priest, and judge. Also, they will learn about David, the shepherd boy who was chosen by God to become king. These lessons teach children about listening to God, faithful leadership, worship, and trusting God's plan. Children will also learn:

- God speaks to those who listen.
- Children can serve God too.
- Godly leaders help others follow God. Trusting God helps us lead and live faithfully.
- God looks at the heart.

Teach It!

DATE	LESSON NUMBER	LESSON TITLE	KEY VERSE SCRIPTURE
November 1	Lesson 9	Samuel Hears God's Call	1 Samuel 3:9a
November 8	Lesson 10	A Huge Loss for Israel	1 Samuel 4:22
November 15	Lesson 11	Samuel Leads the People	1 Samuel 7:15
November 22	Lesson 12	God Calls Samuel to Anoint David	1 Samuel 16:12
November 29	Lesson 13	David's Vision for Israel's Success	2 Samuel 5:12

Live It: Create a God's Leader Training Camp. Suggested Training Class Titles: Listening Ears, Close to God, Samuel Says and Heart Check.



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September 6, 2026

UNIT 1: ISRAEL FINDS A NEW HOME

LESSON 1

Joshua 1:1-11

Strength in Obedience

Scripture:

"My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites." Joshua 1:2

Key Verse:

[The Lord said,] "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9.

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Allow children to take turns being the leader.

Teacher says:

"Follow Joshua!"

"Follow the leader!"

Each child leads the class around the room.

Close with everyone repeating:
"God helps leaders!"



read and learn!

You Can Be the Leader Too

Scripture: Joshua 1:2

Lesson
1

The Lesson

"Today we will learn about a man named Joshua who was a leader."

Moses had been the leader of God's people for a long time. One day God spoke to Joshua and said, "Joshua, now it is your turn to lead My people." Joshua felt nervous, but God promised: "I will be with you wherever you go." Joshua listened to God, trusted God, and helped lead the people. Just like Joshua, God can help us be good leaders too.



The Main Idea:

God calls faithful people to lead with strength, courage, and obedience.

Affirmation:

Repeat:
"I can be a good leader."
"God helps me lead."



Word of the Day

Leader
Helps others follow

Song: "Walking With Jesus"

Have the children form a line and walk around the room as they sing **"Walking With Jesus."** Let them take turns being the leader. Close by saying the key verse.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who did God choose to lead the people?
2. What did God promise Joshua?



Prayer:

Dear God, Thank You for helping me be brave.
Help me be a good leader. Amen.

superhero challenge:



BRAVE HELPER HERO: Chart: Do one brave thing this week by helping someone without being asked! Draw a smiley face or draw a picture in each box when you help.

Day	Who Did You Help?	I Helped by	
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

September 13, 2026

LESSON 2

Joshua 4:14-18, 21-22

STONES AND ZONES

Scripture:

So these stones shall be a memorial. Joshua 4:7b

Key Verse:

[Joshua said,] "When your children ask their parents in time to come, 'What do these stones mean?' then you shall let your children know, 'Israel crossed over the Jordan here on dry ground.'" Joshua 4:21b-22.

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Place paper stones on the floor. Children touch a stone and say:

"THANK YOU, GOD!"



Thank

You

God

read and learn!

Never Forget

Scripture: Joshua 4:14-18, 21-22

Lesson 2

The Lesson

We have a brand new church. New steps, new seats and even a new piano. Everything is new. But our Pastor wants us to remember the old church. It was special to us. We never want to forget how much we enjoyed it.

Just like in our lesson today, God helped Joshua and the people cross the Jordan River. Joshua told the people to gather twelve stones. The stones would help them remember God's goodness. Whenever they saw the stones, they could say: "God helped us!"



The Main Idea:

Following God's instructions helps people remember and celebrate God's faithfulness.

Affirmation:

I will always remember what God has done for me.



Word of the Day

Remember:

To think of something or someone you know

Song: "Deep and Wide"

Discussion Questions:

1. What did Joshua collect?
2. Why did Joshua keep the stones?

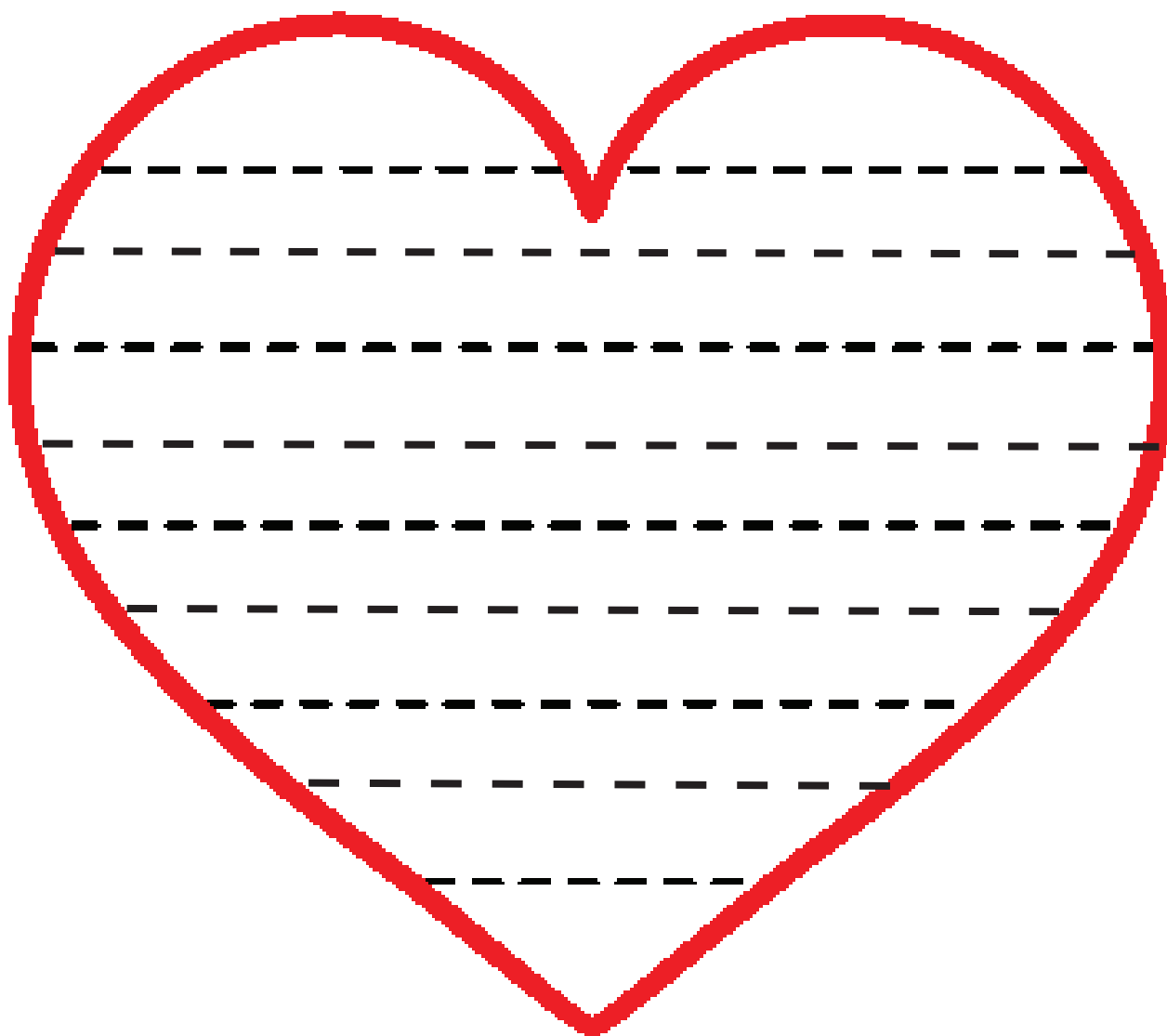


Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for always helping and guiding us. Help us remember Your blessings and share Your goodness with others. In Jesus name, Amen.

superhero challenge:

MEMORY HERO: Tell someone one blessing God has given you. Write your blessing in the heart below.



God is Good

September 20, 2026

THE FIGHTING IS OVER

LESSON 3
Joshua 11:16-23

Scripture:

And the land had rest from war. Joshua 11:23

Key Verse:

[Joshua said,] "When your children ask their parents in time to come, 'What do these stones mean?' then you shall let your children know, Israel crossed over the Jordan here on dry ground.'" Joshua 4:21b–22.

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:



FREEZE AND REST GAME:

March like happy soldiers and clap your hands. When the teacher says "**REST**," stop and freeze and hold hands. Then circle the pictures and words that show peace. Talk about ways we can help friends feel happy, calm, and loved.

HITTING



Praying



Yelling



Giving Hugs

LOVING

SAYING I'M
SORRY

BEING
PEACEFUL



Fighting



Listening



Using Your
Quiet Voice

read and learn!

To Win The Game

Scripture: Joshua 11:16-23

Lesson
3

The Lesson

We have a very good baseball team. We always win the game. The players work hard together to win. Sometimes it looks like we are enemies to the other team. But we are all friends. It's just a game. When the game is over we want to celebrate and have peace with each other.

God helped Joshua and the people have peace. When people work together, everyone wins. God wants us to be kind, helpful, and peaceful.



The Main Idea:
Faithfulness is demonstrated
through trusting and
following God's instructions.

Affirmation:

I will always work for
peace.



Word of the Day

Peace:

Without war or harm

Song:

"I'm in the Lord's Army"

Discussion Questions:

1. Does God want us to fight?
2. What does God want us to share?



Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for helping Your people when they trusted and obeyed You. Help us follow Your instructions and trust You even when life is hard. In Jesus' name, Amen.



superhero challenge:

OBEDIENCE HERO: Follow directions the first time with a happy attitude. When the teacher says the action, do it together:

MARCH and say, "I follow Jesus!"

WAVE and say, "I can help others!"

CLAP and say, "I can be kind!"

POINT UP and say, "I love God!"



Finish by standing tall and saying together:

"I am in the Lord's army, and I will follow Jesus every day!"

COLORING CONNECTION

Draw or color a picture of yourself helping someone this week. Then tell your family:



★ ♥ I am a happy helper in the Lord's army! ♥ ★

September 27, 2026

LESSON 4
Joshua 2:8-13;
6:16-17

RAHAB AN UNLIKELY ALLY

Scripture:

You in turn must be kind to others. Joshua 2:12

Key Verse:

[Rahab said,] "Since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal kindly with my family." Joshua 2:12a.

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:



Friendship Circle:

Pass the Smile: "Jesus Loves You!" Sit in a circle with your friends. One child starts by looking at a friend, smiling, and saying, "Jesus loves you!" That child smiles back and passes the smile to another friend by saying, "Jesus loves you!" Keep passing the smile around the circle until everyone has received a happy message. When the game is finished, everyone says together: "Jesus loves me, and Jesus loves my friends!"

COLORING CONNECTION

Color the picture of the happy African American children sharing smiles and kind words. Color the big heart around the children **red** to remind you that Jesus loves everyone!



read and learn!

Do Unto Others

Scripture: Joshua 2:8-13; 6:16-17

Lesson 4

The Lesson

The Bible tells us to treat others the way we want to be treated even if they are different. We all have something special. We can get to know them by being kind and courageous. We can demonstrate our faith in God by reaching out to them.

Rahab helped God's people even though she was different. God wants us to be kind to everyone. We can smile, share, and help others.



The Main Idea:

Everyone can serve God through courage, kindness, and hospitality.

Affirmation:

I will always be kind to others.



Word of the Day

Demonstrate:

Show an example so others can learn how to do it

Song:

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Discussion Questions:

1. Should we be kind to others?
2. Can we be friends with people who are different?



Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for loving and using all kinds of people. Help us show kindness, courage, and love to others every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.



superhero challenge:

KINDNESS HERO: Pretend that one child is new to the class. The other children become "**Kindness Heroes**" and help the new friend feel welcome.



COLORING CONNECTION

Color the children, then circle the children who are being kind. Put an X on the child who is not being kind. Then draw a big heart around all the children to show that Jesus loves everyone and wants us to be kind.



October 4, 2026

UNIT II: A COUNTRY WITHOUT A RULER

LESSON 5

Joshua 24:14-19

CHOOSE YOU
THIS DAY

Scripture:

Serve the Lord only Joshua 2:12

Key Verse:

[Joshua said,] "Put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord." Joshua 24:14b.

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

March around in a circle with your friends. Hold the ball and gently pass it to the person next to you. As you pass the ball, sing "*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*" with your class. Keep passing the ball until the song is finished. Then remember that God loves and takes care of everyone in the whole world.



He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little bitty babies in His hands,
He's got the little bitty babies in His hands,
He's got the little bitty babies in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands,
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

read and learn!

Serve Our One God

Scripture: Joshua 2:12

Lesson
5

The Lesson

The Bible tells us that God is our Father. God is our protector and our provider. God provides everything we need. God even gives us loving people to care for us. In return we are to worship God and God alone. We are to give praise to God daily as we tell others about God's love for all.

God gives us food, family, friends, and love. Joshua told the people: "Serve the Lord." We worship God because God loves us.



The Main Idea:

Serving God is a demonstration of love, worship, and faithfulness.

Affirmation:

I will praise no other God.



Word of the Day

Worship: To give honor

Song:

"He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"

Discussion Questions:

1. Who takes care of us?
☐
2. How can we thank God?
☐



Prayer:

Dear God, help us choose Your way instead of the ways of the world. Teach us to love, obey, and serve You with all our hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.



superhero challenge:

A "CHOICE HERO": "A Choice Hero makes good choices every day. We honor God when we are kind, helpful, and loving. Trace the following sentence. Make one choice each day that honors God. Write the days of the week the blanks below when you would like to do each action.



I can make good choices.

Sharing with a friend.



Day: _____

Praying to God.



Day: _____

Cleaning up my toys.



Day: _____

Listening to my parents
or teacher.



Day: _____

Helping someone.



Day: _____

October 11, 2026

BIBLE STORY TIME

LESSON 6

Judges 2:8-15

LOSING YOUR WAY



Scripture:

Then the Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals. Judges 2:11

Key Verse:

The Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. Judges 2:11

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KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

MY B-I-B-L-E HAND ACTIVITY

1. Trace your hand in the space provided below.
2. Write one letter on each finger: B-I-B-L-E.
3. Color your hand with your favorite colors.
4. Draw a small Bible in the middle of your hand.
5. Show your hand to the class and sing the B-I-B-L-E song together.

read and learn!

Practice Makes Perfect

Scripture: Joshua 2:11

Lesson
6

The Lesson

To be a good speller we must know the letters and how to put them together. It takes practice, practice, practice. If we do not practice, we will not remember the words.

The Israelites in the Bible did not continue to practice worshiping God as they were taught. So, when we pray, sing, and learn Bible stories it helps us to remember God.



The Main Idea:

Mistakes and disobedience can lead to separation from God, but they also provide opportunities for growth and repentance.

Affirmation:

I will worship our Heavenly Father daily.



Word of the Day

Practice:

Thinking about things over and over

Song: "The B-I-B-L-E"

The B-I-B-L-E,
Yes, that's the book for me.
I stand alone on the Word of God,
The B-I-B-L-E.

Discussion Questions:

1. Should we worship every day?
2. What helps us remember God?



Prayer:

Dear God, forgive us when we make wrong choices. Help us learn from our mistakes and follow Your ways each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.



superhero challenge:



HEART GUARD HERO:

Choose one good thought, word, or action that pleases God.
Write it the space below.

Jesus Loves Me

Say Please

Be a Good Listener

Pray to God

Give a Hug

God Is With Me

I Can Be Kind

Help

Say Thank You

Love

October 18, 2026

LESSON 7

Judges 3:15-23, 30

Judges 3:15

And the children of Israel cried out to the LORD,
and the LORD raised up a deliverer for them,
Othniel the son of Kenaz, the younger brother
of Caleb. And the Spirit of the LORD came
upon him, and he judged Israel.

RESCUED FROM UNWORTHY

Scripture:

But when the Israelites cried out to the Lord, the Lord raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud son of Gera, a Benjaminite, a left-handed man. The Israelites sent tribute by him to King Eglon of Moab. Judges 3:15

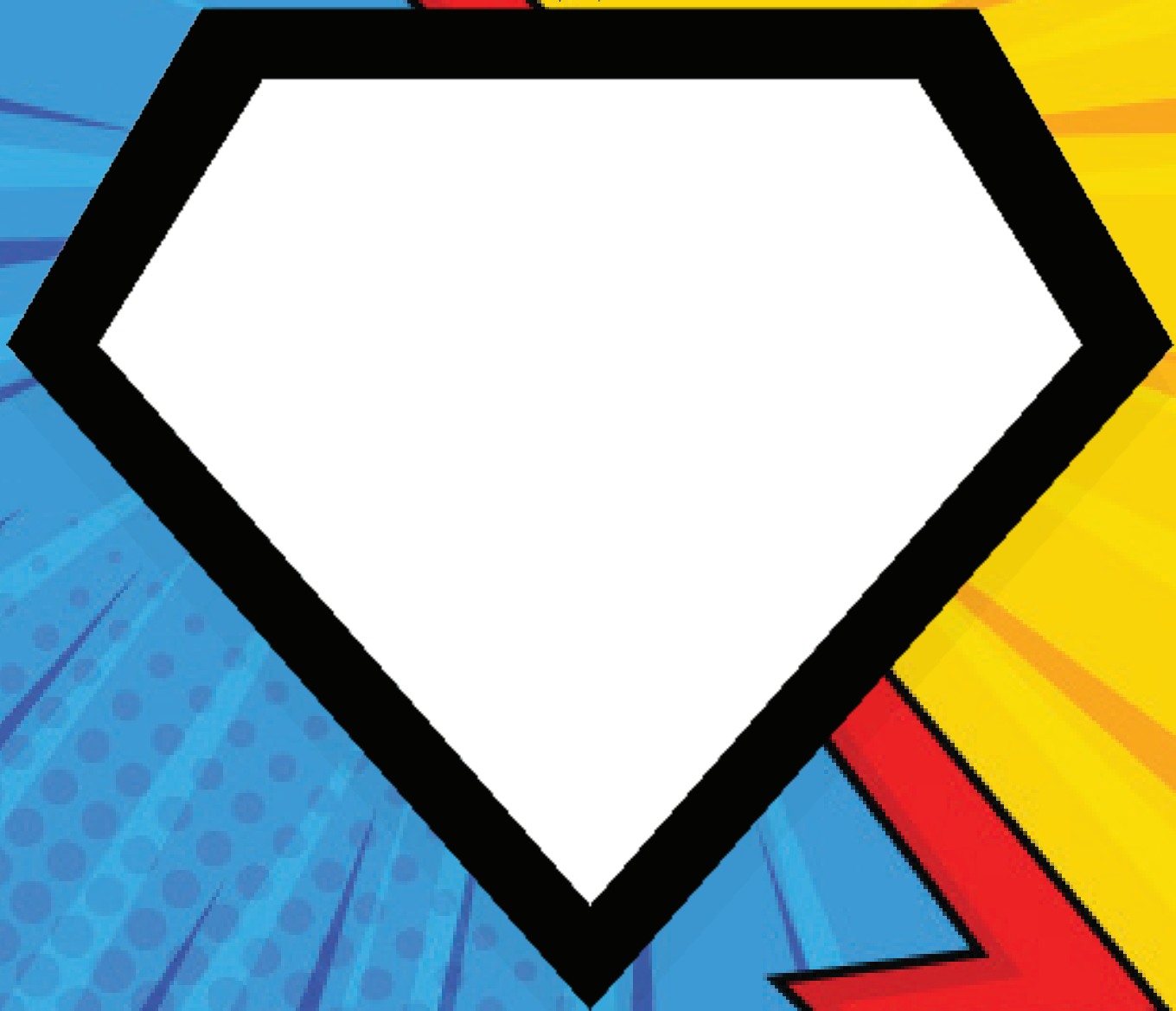
Key Verse:

The Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals.
Judges 2:11.

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

SPECIAL FRIEND SUPERPOWER ACTIVITY :

Write your name on your shield and decorate it with colors and stickers. One at a time, stand up and tell everyone your name. Then choose a friend and tell something special about them. Next, tell what you think their superpower is! Example: "Maya shares her toys. Her superpower is Sharing!" Class then claps and says "God made you special!"



The Lesson

The new girl at our school is different. She sits in a wheelchair. We thought it would be hard to include her in the games because she cannot walk or run. But to our surprise she was a great team player. She could cheer very loudly. She was a smart score keeper! Her gift was special and she was willing to use it. What a team member!

God made everyone special. Some people are different, but everyone has gifts. God can use everyone.



The Main Idea:

God lovingly provides leaders and help for His people in times of need.

Affirmation:

I will look for gifts in others even if they are different.



Word of the Day

Gift: Something very special from God

Song: "I Am Special"
Thomas Moore

Discussion Questions:

1. Does God love everyone?
2. Does everyone have a special gift?



Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for hearing us when we pray for help. Remind us that You can use anyone to do great things for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



superhero challenge:

RESCUE HERO: Help someone who needs encouragement, support, or assistance. Who can you help today? What could you do to help them?



I can help _____



I can help _____



I can help _____

Trace this sentence.

I can help others with love.

October 25, 2026

LESSON 8
Judges 17:1-6

LED TO DO WRONG



Scripture:

In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes. Judges 17:6

Key Verse:

In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes. Judges 17:6.

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

KIND OR UNKIND:

Look at the pictures below. If it is kind color the heart green. If it is unkind color the heart red. Let's see if you can tell the difference between kind and unkind choices!



Push or Hurt



Show Love



Share



Ignore Others



Encourage



Use Mean Words



Help Others



Take Toys

read and learn!

If You Don't Know ... Ask!

Scripture: Joshua 2:11

Lesson
8

The Lesson

Many people use the GPS to guide them where they want to go. But sometimes there is a new street or a new address. This can cause the driver to get lost.

The Bible tells us about a man named Micah who got lost and started to lead the people the wrong way. Micah stopped following God's way. When we don't know what to do, we can ask God for help. God always helps guide us.



The Main Idea:

God forgives mistakes and gives opportunities to begin again because of His unfailing love.

Affirmation:

I will always ask for help when I am lost.



Word of the Day

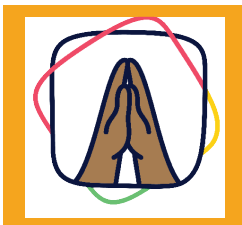
Choices:
To select between options

Song: "Walking With Jesus"

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Discussion Questions:

1. Who can help us make good choices?
2. Should we ask for help?



Prayer:

Dear God, help us make good choices and follow Your truth. Thank You for loving us and giving us another chance when we fail. In Jesus' name, Amen.



superhero challenge:

TRUTH HERO

Tell the truth even when it is difficult. Look at each picture. Draw a happy face if the person is telling the truth. Draw a sad face if the person is pretending or not being honest.



1 Telling the truth about breaking something.



2 Taking something that does not belong to you.



3 Saying you did not do something you really did.



4 Telling the truth and returning what you found.



I am a Truth Hero! I tell the truth and honor God.



November 1, 2026

UNIT III: SAMUEL DOES IT ALL

LESSON 9

1 Samuel 3:1-11, 19-20

OPEN YOUR EARS AND HEART

Scripture:

Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Samuel 3:9

Key Verse:

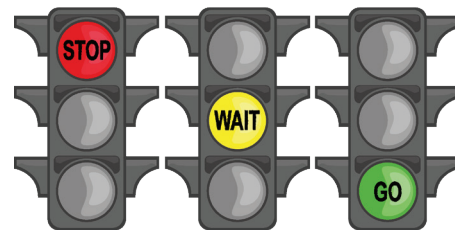
Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" 1 Samuel 3:9a.

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

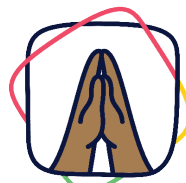


TELEPHONE GAME ACTIVITY

The teacher will whisper a message to the first child: "Lord, speak, for I hear You." The first child whispers the message to the friend next to them. Keep whispering the message from friend to friend until everyone has heard it. When the last child hears the message, the teacher will say it out loud for everyone to hear. Then everyone gives a big clap! Talk about how listening carefully helps us hear God's words.



Look at the picture of the traffic light. If the picture shows a **good** choice color the **green** light. If it is a **bad** choice color the **red** light. If you aren't sure whether it's a good choice or bad choice, color the yellow light. Then talk about how you can make good choices everyday.



read and learn!

Listen With Your Whole Heart

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1–11, 19–20

Lesson 9

The Lesson

The next-door neighbor has a dog. He takes him everywhere. He even takes him to church. It's his "seeing-eye dog" because he is blind. Even though he cannot see, God has given him an extra sense of hearing. He can hear the smallest sound. Like Samuel, God gave him the special ability to hear His voice. God called Samuel. Samuel listened and answered: "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening." God wants us to listen too.



The Main Idea:

Listening carefully and responding faithfully helps people hear and follow God's call.

Affirmation:

I will listen for the still small voice of God



Word of the Day

Voice:
The sound from speaking or singing

Song: "Yes You Can"
Donnie McClurkin

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NH7VRx2gXhA&list=RDNH7VRx2gXhA&start_

Discussion Questions:

1. Who called Samuel?
2. What did Samuel do?



Prayer: Dear God, help us listen carefully to Your voice like Samuel did. Teach us to obey You and serve You faithfully. In Jesus' name, Amen.



superhero challenge:



SAMUEL'S SUPER LISTENER CHALLENGE

Listen carefully to the teacher. When the teacher says
PRAY – Fold your hands. **LOVE** – Give yourself a hug.
PRAISE – Clap your hands. **LISTEN** – Point to your ears.

Then look at the pictures below. Color the happy face if the child is being a good listener. Color the sad face if the child is not being a good listener. Talk about what good listeners do and how Samuel listened when God called him



November 8, 2026

EVERYTHING GOES SIDEWAYS

LESSON 10
1 Samuel 4:14–20, 22

Scripture:

The Philistines drew up in line against Israel, and when the battle was joined,[a] Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men on the field of battle.

1 Samuel 4:2

Key Verse:

[The wife of Phinehas] said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured." 1 Samuel 4:22.

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

JESUS IS THE LIGHT ACTIVITY

The teacher will turn off the lights. The room will be dark. Ask, "How do you feel when it is dark?" Then turn the lights back on. Ask, "How do you feel when the light comes on?" Tell the children, "Jesus is the Light. Jesus helps us and loves us." Then color a light bulb and say, "Jesus is the Light!"



Color the picture bright yellow and orange. Draw a smiley face inside the light. Say together: **"JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!"**

♥ JESUS IS THE ☆
LIGHT OF THE WORLD



read and learn!

No God, No Glory

Scripture: 1 Samuel 4:2

Lesson
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The Lesson

There are many ways to learn important things. We can watch television or log on to our computer. We can even talk to our friends. But in order for us to learn what God wants us to know we must listen for His still small voice. We must be obedient and be willing to serve. God's presence brings light and joy. When we follow God, He helps us know what is right.



The Main Idea:

Faithfulness and closeness to God are more important than religious symbols or objects.

Affirmation:

I want to listen and hear the voice of God.



Word of the Day

Obedient:
To do as you are told

Song: "Every Move I Make"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

Discussion Questions:

1. Who gives us light?
2. Should we listen to God?



Prayer:

Dear God, help us stay close to You every day. Teach us to trust You with our hearts and seek Your guidance in all we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.



superhero challenge:

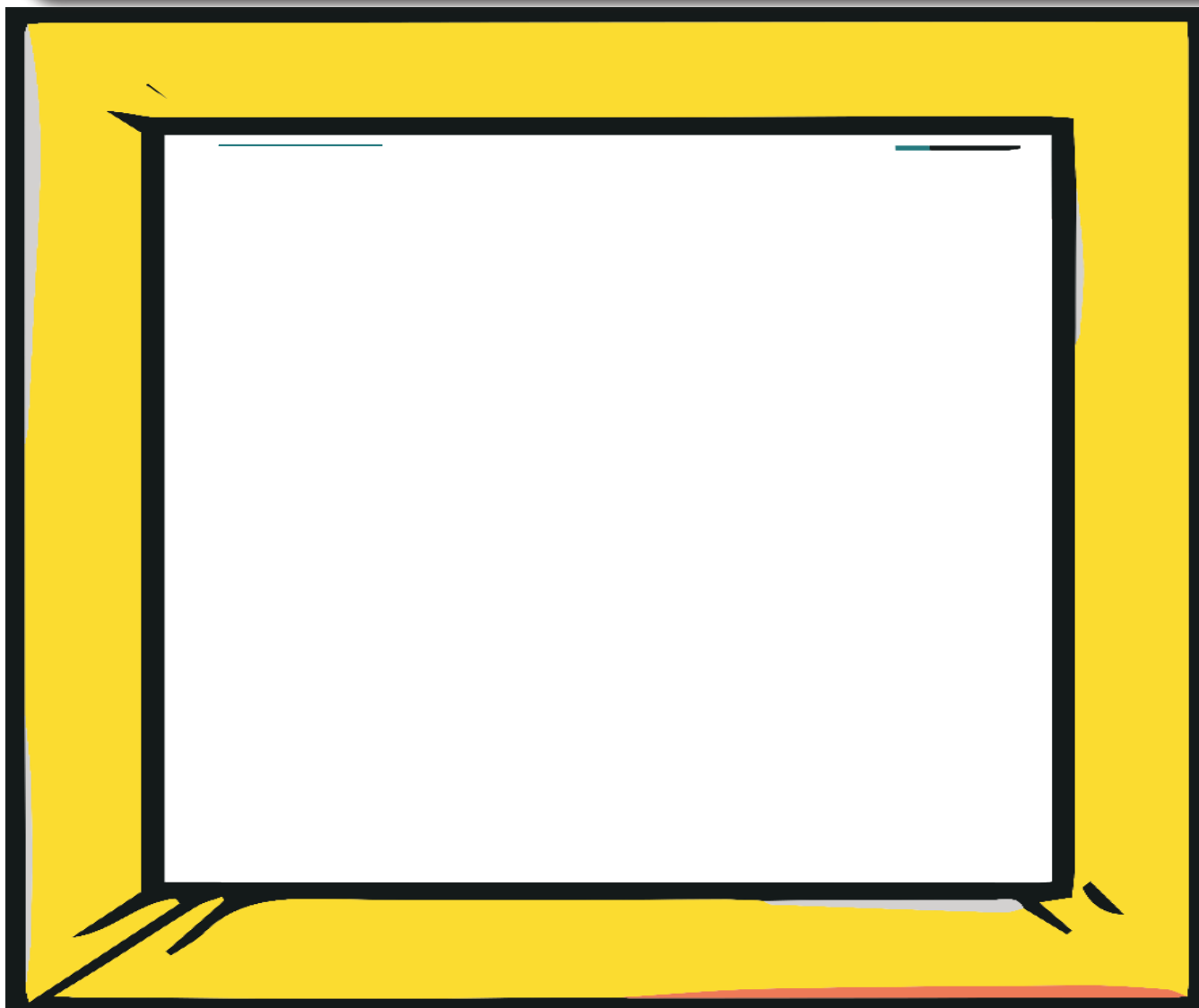


HOPE HERO:

Draw a picture of someone you can encourage this week. Add a smile, a heart, or kind words around them. Then finish this sentence:

I can help my friend by _____.

Tell your family one kind thing you can say when someone feels sad:





LESSON 11

1 Samuel 7:3-11, 15-17

Samuel is a Fitting Leader

Scripture:

Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

1 Samuel 7:15

Key Verse:

Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. 1 Samuel 7:15.

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

SAMUEL SAYS: Play just like "Simon Says," but use "Samuel Says!"

Samuel listened to God and helped God's people. When the teacher/leader says "Samuel says...", do the action. If the teacher does not say "Samuel says," stay still.

SAMUEL SAYS



"Point to your ears."

"Fold your hands and pray."

"Put your hands on your heart."

"Clap your hands."

"Smile at a friend."

"Open your hands like a Bible."

"Raise your hands and praise God."

Touch your nose. (Don't do it unless "Samuel says" first!)

The Lesson

Good leadership is hard to find but Samuel was one. He listened to God and his people. When they made a mistake, they asked his forgiveness. They repented. He forgave them. We should all repent when we have done wrong. It helps us succeed and enjoy life when we have Godly leadership.



The Main Idea:

God faithfully provides leaders who guide people in living according to His ways.

Affirmation:

I will repent when I have done wrong.



Word of the Day

Forgiveness:

To let go of anger and choose to be kind when someone says, "I'm sorry."

Song:

"Just A Little Talk With Jesus"

Discussion Questions:

1. Does God forgive us?
2. Should we say we are sorry?



Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for faithful leaders who help people follow You. Help us become kind, wise, and faithful leaders too. In Jesus' name, Amen.



superhero challenge:

LEADERSHIP HERO

This week, be a Leadership Hero by helping others!



MY HELPING HANDS

Draw a check mark in the shield when you do these things:



I helped pick up my toys.



I helped someone at home.



I shared with a friend.



I used kind words at church or school.



Finish this sentence:

I can be a good leader by _____.

SAY THIS WITH YOUR FAMILY:

"I can lead by helping and loving others!"

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LESSON 12
1 Samuel 16:4-13

THE MAKING OF A KING

Scripture:

He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." 1 Samuel 16:12

Key Verse:

[Jesse] sent and brought [David] in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one."
1 Samuel 16:12

KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

BAPTISM WATER ACTIVITY

"Baptism is a special church celebration. Water reminds us that the Holy Spirit is with us and welcomes us into God's family." Sit in a circle. One at a time, take turns placing your hands under a small stream of water or gently pour water over their hands into the bowl.

COLORING PAGE CONNECTION:

"Color By Number" Look at the four water pictures, color as directed.

-  Color Blue (Water)
-  Green (grass)
-  Color the rest of the pictures any colors you would like.



HAVE FUN COLORING!



read and learn!

To Be Chosen

Scripture: 1 Samuel 7:3–11, 15–17

Lesson
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The Lesson

The most special event in the Christian life is the day of Baptism. It's the time we say to everybody that we choose God as our Lord and Savior. On that day something else special happens. That's the day we receive power from God to go and tell our friends of God's goodness and God's mercy.



The Main Idea:

God values faithful hearts and prepares chosen leaders for His purpose.

Affirmation:

I will thank God for His blessings and share them with others.



Word of the Day

Baptism:

Using water to symbolize becoming a part of God's family

Song:

"Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"

Discussion Questions:

1. Who chose David?
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2. What does God look at?
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Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for seeing our hearts and loving us just as we are. Help us live in ways that please You each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.



superhero challenge:



PURPOSE HERO:

Use one of your gifts or talents to help someone else.



MY SPECIAL GIFT CHART



My Gifts	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 Singing							
 Drawing							
 Sharing							
 Being Kind							
 Helping							
 Praying							

My special gift is: _____

I can help someone by: _____

November 29, 2026

LESSON 13

2 Samuel 5:1-12

Envisioning All-around Stability

Scripture:

David then perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel. 2 Samel 5:12

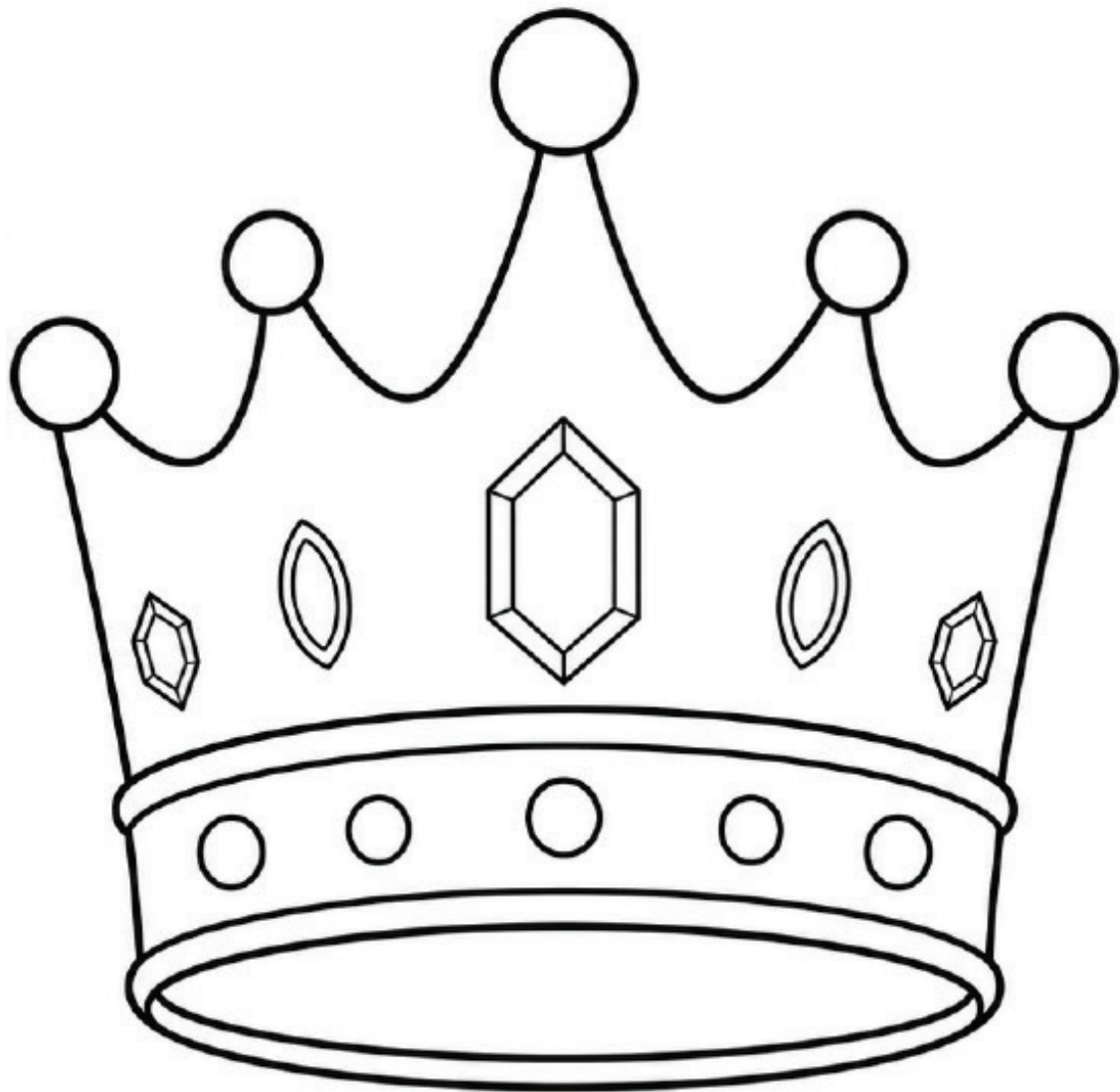
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KEY VERSE ACTIVITY:

CROWN THE HELPER

Make a circle with your friends. Take turns wearing a crown. When you wear the crown, choose one kind thing to do, such as: helping a friend, sharing a toy, giving a smile, etc. After you do something kind, your friends will clap and cheer for! **YOU ARE A HELPER!**



read and learn!

The Lord Made David a King Over Israel

Scripture: 1 Samuel 7:3–11, 15–17

Lesson
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The Lesson

The leader is always the person at the front of the line. All the people are watching the leader as they follow them. They are also listening for directions. David was a leader after God's heart. God helps leaders who trust God and lead the people with love and peace. A good leader helps the people work together.



The Main Idea:
Strong leadership is built
on trusting God, worshiping
faithfully, and relying on God's
guidance.

Affirmation:

**I will be the leader to guide
people to God.**



Word of the Day

Trust:

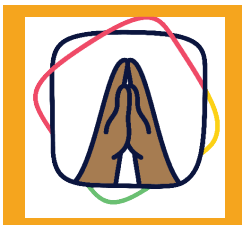
Believing that someone wants the best for you.

Song:

**"I Trust in God"
Elevation Worship**

Discussion Questions:

1. Was David a good leader?
2. Can God help me lead?



Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for helping David lead with wisdom and courage. Help us trust You, worship You, and work together in love and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

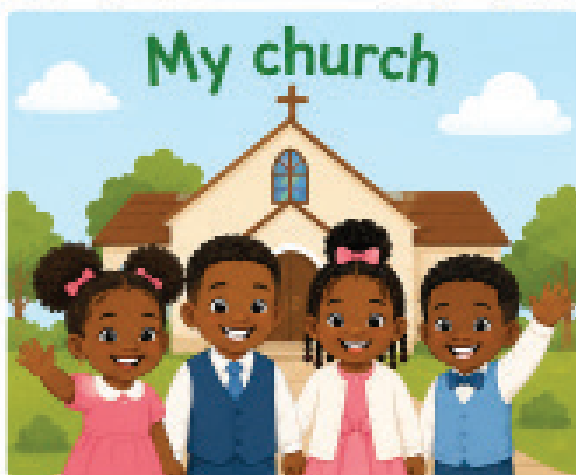
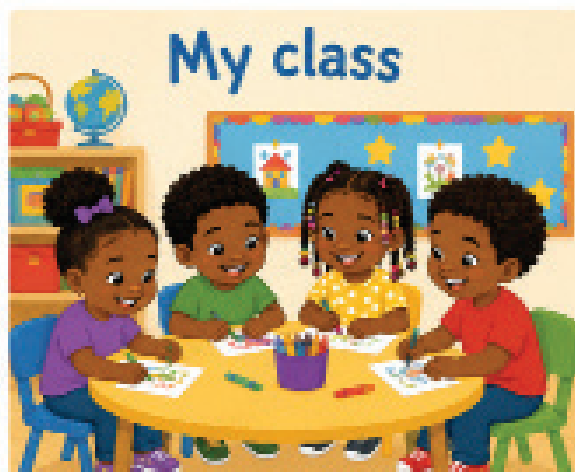
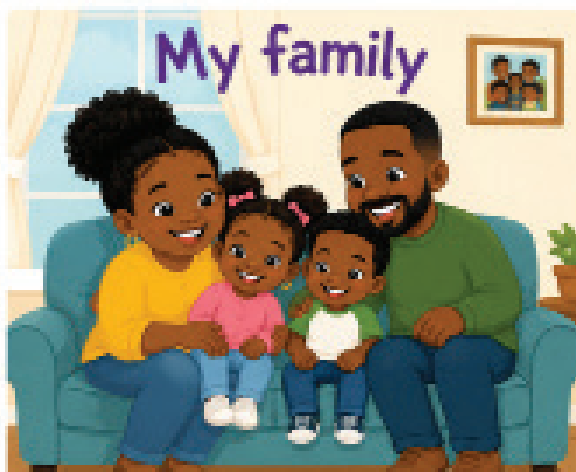


superhero challenge:

VISION HERO: A Vision Hero helps make things better!
Look at the pictures below. Do one thing that helps your family, class, church, or community become better.



I CAN HELP!



I will help my family by: _____

I will help my class by: _____

I will help my family by: _____

I will help my community by: _____