



HOPEWELL MB CHURCH
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE (Children and Youth)

Parents, the following information is provided to you to study the lesson with your son/daughter each week. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

The overview will be presented each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Lesson discussion material will be rotated weekly amongst the various Target Groups (Junior, Primary, and Beginner classes) in an effort to include all ages in this lesson series.

The Overview is merely a brief discussion of the bible lesson. In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text, Related Scriptures, Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Review Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. We suggest using a "kid-friendly" bible version for the scripture passages. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

Lessons are no longer live-streamed, however, we invite you to join us for in-person class discussion.

July 2023

UNIT II: Responding to God's Kingdom

All lessons this month will focus on how believers are to respond to God's Kingdom

WEEK 1-Praying to God: This lesson focuses on the model prayer prayed by Jesus Christ in order to help us to understand the importance of regular prayer.

WEEK 2- Accept God's Invitation!: This lesson focuses on the obligation for believers to do everything they can to bring others to Jesus

WEEK 3- A Warning for the Unkind: This lesson shares key details that demonstrates what happens after death as a result of how we live our lives and what we believe

WEEK 4- Who Belongs In God's Kingdom?: This lesson shows how Christians are accountable to God for how we treat fellow believers who are in need

WEEK 5- Listening and Understanding: This lesson shows that truly listening to God involves a willing heart

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DATE OF LESSON: July 2, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Praying to God

LESSON TEXT: Luke 11:1-13

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 16:15-22; Matthew 6:5-15; Romans 8:14-17, 26-27;
I John 1:5-10

GOLDEN TEXT: *“When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth”* (Luke 11:2)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Junior High School Bible Class** book.

REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. Has someone ever knocked on your door after your family has gone to bed or before you were up in the morning?
2. It is so important to commit to prayer, so what keeps us from praying?
3. Why do you think people stop praying before God answers?
4. Is God too distracted to hear us? (God is able to give His full attention to everyone at the same time)
5. What do you do when your prayers are not answered?
6. What did the example Jesus told His disciples teach them about prayer? (When we need something we should pray and not give up)
7. Can we trust what God promises us? (Yes, God loves giving to us. Whatever He promises us, He will give it)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Song of Praise (I Chronicles 16:23-34)

T- Extolling the Lord (Psalm 145:1-21)

W- Daily Bread for Israel (Exodus 16:15-22)

Th- Seeking the Face of the Lord (Psalm 27:7-14)

F-All are Unrighteous (Romans 3:10-20)

Sa- Honest Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)

Su- Teach Us To Pray (Luke 11:1-13)

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We will not have in-person class today. Morning Worship Service will begin at 9:00 a.m.

DATE OF LESSON: July 9, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Accept God's Invitation!

LESSON TEXT: Luke 14:7-11, 15-24

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Proverbs 25:6-7; Matthew 21:42-44; Matthew 22:1-14

GOLDEN TEXT: *"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to in, that my house may be filled"* (Luke 14:23)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Primary Bible Class** book.

REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. **What do you need to throw a good party?**
2. **Where was Jesus when He told the parable for our lesson today? (He was in the home of a Pharisee)**
3. **What were the Pharisees trying to do? (They were trying to trap Jesus into saying something against their laws)**
4. **How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees? (He told a parable about a man who planned a feast and invited people to come)**
5. **What did the people who were invited first say to the invitation? (They said they couldn't come)**
6. **Who did Jesus say the kingdom of God was for? (The kingdom of God was for all who accepts Him)**
7. **How do we say yes to God's invitation? (By trusting Jesus as our Savior)**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Unprepared for the Kingdom (Matthew 22:1-14)

T- The Stone Rejected (Matthew 21:42-44)

W- Gospel Scorned by the Jews (Acts 13:44-52)

Th- A Place of Honor (Proverbs 25:6-7)

F- The Proud Will Be Humbled (Isaiah 2:10-12)

Sa- Hospitality to the Poor (Luke 14:12-14)

Su- Two Critical Warnings (Luke 14:7-11, 15-24)

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DATE OF LESSON: July 16, 2023

LESSON TITLE: A Warning for the Unkind

LESSON TEXT: Luke 16:19-31

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 6:19-20; Hebrews 3:7-19; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:5-8

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented ”* (Luke 16:25)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Junior High School Bible Class** book.

REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. Do you know the difference between wanting and needing?
2. What are some things people buy to make themselves happy?
3. What would be the best thing all the money in the world could buy?
4. Who were the people in the story Jesus told? (A rich man and a poor man named Lazarus)
5. What happened to the two men? (They both died)
6. Why did the poor man go to heaven? (He went because of his faith in the Lord)
7. Why didn’t the rich man go to heaven? (He didn’t go because he did not love and follow the Lord)
8. How do we show others that we are Christian? (When we show kindness to them and tell them about Jesus)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- What Does Your Heart Treasure? (Matthew 6:19-21)

T- Give to the Poor (Luke 12:32-34)

W- Heavenly Treasure (Mark 10:17-22)

Th- Judgment of the Dead (Revelation 20:11-15)

F- The Lake of Fire (Revelation 21:5-8)

Sa- Unbelieving Hearts (Hebrews 3:7-19)

Su- The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

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DATE OF LESSON: July 23, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Who Belongs In God's Kingdom?

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 25:31-46

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Daniel 7:9-14; Matthew 16:24-28; I John 4:7-14

GOLDEN TEXT: *"And those shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal"* (Matthew 25:46)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Beginners Bible Class** book.

REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. **What will Jesus do when He returns?** (He will separate the sheep from the goats)
2. **Who were the sheep in Jesus' parable?** (The sheep are those who have trusted Jesus as Savior)
3. **Who were the goats in Jesus' parable?** (The goats are those who do not trust Jesus)
4. **What will those who trust Jesus get?** (They will inherit the glorious kingdom God has prepared for them)
5. **What will those who reject Jesus get?** (They will be cast into eternal fire)
6. **How can we know if we truly love Jesus?** (It will show up in our actions)
7. **Do you know someone who has not accepted Jesus?**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Authority Given to the Son of Man (Daniel 7:9-14)

T- A Coming Judgment (Matthew 16:24-28)

W- Judging the World in Righteousness (Psalm 9:1-10)

Th- Evidence of Faith (James 2:14-20)

F- Pure Religion (James 1:22-27)

Sa- God Judges Rightly (II Thessalonians 1:3-10)

Su- Judgement of the Nations (Matthew 25:31-46)

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DATE OF LESSON: July 30, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Listening and Understanding

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 13:9-17

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Matthew 13:18-23; I Corinthians 2:6-16

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Who hath ears to hear, let him hear”* (Matthew 13:9)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Junior High School Bible Class** book.

REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. **What is a parable?** (A parable is a type of story with an important lesson in it)
2. **What did Jesus use parables?** (He used parables to teach truths about God and God’s kingdom)
3. **What would you want Jesus to teach you about heaven?**
4. **What were the two types of people who heard Jesus’ teachings?** (Some people heard and didn’t understand, but wanted to learn more. Some heard but weren’t interested in learning the truth)
5. **Do you know what language the Bible was originally written in?** (It was originally written in Hebrew and Greek)
6. **Why is the Bible so difficult to understand?** (The things in the Bible happened in times and places that are very different from our times and places today)
7. **What should you do before you begin to read and study the Bible?** (You should always pray that God will help you understand as you read)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Listen to My Instruction (Psalm 78:1-8)

T- Receiving God’s Word (Matthew 13:18-23)

W- Hearing Without Understanding (Isaiah 6:8-12)

Th- Revealed Mystery of Christ (Romans 16:25-27)

F- Taught By the Spirit (I Corinthians 2:6-16)

Sa- Imperishable Seed (I Peter 1:22-25)

Su- Hearing God’s Word (Matthew 13:9-17)