



**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 lesson 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.

This 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.

We invite you to join us for in-person class discussion.

**August 2023**

**UNIT III: Entering God's Kingdom**

**All lessons this month focus on what it takes to enter into God's kingdom**

**WEEK 1-Forgiving One Another:** This lesson examines the role of forgiveness in a believer's life

**WEEK 2- A Story of Forgiveness:** This lesson covers the parable of the prodigal son

**WEEK 3- A Story of God's Goodness:** This lesson teaches us how God rewards us according to His sovereignty and grace

**WEEK 4- God's Great Mercy:** This lesson teaches us about the dangers of relying upon our own righteousness

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**DATE OF LESSON:** August 6, 2023

**LESSON TITLE:** Forgiving One Another

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 18:21-35

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Luke 6:27-38; 17:1-4

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *“shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?”*  
(Matthew 18:32-33)

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

#### REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. Have you ever been so angry with someone that you wanted to get even?
2. Are you still angry?
3. How did you get over your anger? Forgiving isn’t always easy
4. What does it mean to have compassion? It means to treat people kindly; not hold things against them
5. How do our words affect our relationship with others? Mean words can hurt our relationships
6. How many times did Jesus tell Peter he should forgive a person who sinned against him? 490 times
7. What did Jesus mean by that? We should always forgive
8. What did Jesus use to help Peter to understand what he meant? He used a parable (a story)
9. What does this parable teach? When we don’t forgive others, we won’t be forgiven
10. What do you think we should do since God forgives us? We should forgive others

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- Love and Forgive Enemies (Luke 6:27-38)

T- Much Love With Much Forgiveness (Luke 7:36-50)

W- Mercy to the Unfaithful (Psalm 78:32-40)

Th- Called to Forgive (Colossians 3:12-17)

F- Always Willing to Forgive (Luke 17:3-4)

Sa- Forgiveness Through the Blood (Ephesians 1:3-10)

Su- Repeated Forgiveness (Matthew 18:21-35)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** August 13, 2023

**LESSON TITLE:** A Story of Forgiveness

**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 15:11-24

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Luke 15:25-32; Romans 12:9-21; II Corinthians 5:17-21

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found"*

(Luke 15:24)

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

#### REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. **What does the Bible teach us?** We should always watch our actions
2. **Do you think that God loves only those who always seem to be good?** God loves everyone the same and wants to forgive everyone no matter how bad we might think we or they are
3. **What did Jesus do to show how forgiving and loving God is?** He told a story about a man and his two sons
4. **What did the younger son do?** He asked his father for his inheritance (money) and left home
5. **What did the father do when the son came back home?** He had a celebration for his son
6. **How did the older son react to his father welcoming his brother back?** He was angry
7. **How does this story demonstrate God's love and forgiveness?** The father welcomed his son when he came back home; God loves and forgives us and is waiting to welcome us back even when we do bad things

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- Firstborn's Portion (Deuteronomy 21:15-17)

T- Grace of the Father (Matthew 7:7-12)

W- Prayer for Mercy (Psalm 86:1-7)

Th- Turn From Sin and Live (Ezekiel 18:21-23)

F- Welcome the Repentant (Luke 15:25-32)

Sa-God Will Comfort the Repentant (Isaiah 57:15-21)

Su- Repentance and Reconciliation (Luke 15:11-24)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** August 20, 2023

**LESSON TITLE:** A Story of God's Goodness

**LESSON TEXT:** Matthew 20:1-16

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Matthew 19:16-30; 20:20-28; Luke 13:22-30

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "*{The man} said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way*" (Matthew 20:4)

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

#### REVIEWING THE LESSON

- 1. What kinds of nice things do you think you could do to make God happy? Make Him love you more?**  
There is nothing we can do to make God happy nor love us any more or any less than He already does
- 2. What did Jesus use to help people to understand God's goodness?** Jesus told a parable (story) about a farmer who needed people to help work in his vineyard (field)
- 3. What happened?** Some people came to work right away, some came at the end of the day
- 4. Why were the people who came right away unhappy?** The thought they should get paid more than the people who came at the end of the day
- 5. What did this story teach us about God's methods of giving rewards?** God promises to reward everyone who follow Jesus

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- A Rich Man's Sorrow (Matthew 19:16-22)

T- Salvation Only By God's Grace (Matthew 19:23-30)

W- Beware of Envy (James 3:13-18)

Th- The Last Will Be First (Luke 13:22-30)

F- God Will Assign Us Our Place (Matthew 20:20-23)

Sa- Not Demanding Our Privileges (Matthew 17:24-27)

Su- God's Grace Illustrated (Matthew 20:1-16)

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**DATE OF LESSON:** August 27, 2023

**LESSON TITLE:** God's Great Mercy

**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 18:9-14

**RELATED SCRIPTURES:** Matthew 18:1-5; 23:1-12; Luke 16:14-17; Romans 3:10-30

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *"Everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted"* (Luke 18:14)

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

#### REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. **Where would we be if God only focused on our faults?** We would be lost, helpless and hopeless
2. **What is God's desire for us (Romans 8:29)?** God's desire is to produce the life of Christ in and through us
3. **If animals could talk, do you think there is anything that a baby robin could brag about to a full-grown eagle when it comes to taking flight and soaring through the sky?** A baby robin's wings don't have feathers; it would never be able to fly higher than an eagle
4. **Why do you think bragging about yourself can be a bad decision?** We should tell others about God instead of bragging on ourselves; we can never compare to God
5. **How was the Pharisee's prayer like an apple with a worm inside?** It started out good (on the outside), but it turned bad when he started complimenting himself instead of God (the worm on the inside)
6. **What does the Bible teach us (Romans 3:23)?** Everyone has sinned against God
7. **What will happen to those who think too highly of themselves? God will bring them down**
8. **What will happen to those who admit their lowliness in comparison to God? God will lift them up**

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- No Place For Boasting (Romans 3:21-26)

T- Fast In Secret (Matthew 6:16-18)

W- God Knows the Heart (Luke 16:13-15)

Th- The Proud Humbled (Matthew 23:1-12)

F- Faith Like A Child's (Matthew 18:1-5)

Sa- Turn From False Worship (Isaiah 1:10-17)

Su- Humble Faith (Luke 18:9-14)