

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 (Senior, 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.

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

September 2023 UNIT I: Obedience and Success

All lessons this month will focus on God as our true source of success

WEEK 1-Be Strong and Courageous: This lesson highlights how Joshua lead the nation of Israel in victory over the Canaanites

WEEK 2- Rahab and the Spies: This lesson shows how God used Rahab to help the nation of Israel succeed

WEEK 3- The Fall of Jericho : This lesson is a great reminder of how God, as the great source of success, enabled Israel to defeat Jericho

WEEK 4- Ehud Frees Israel: This lesson shows how God delivered Israel from oppression

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 DATE OF LESSON: September 3, 2023
LESSON TITLE: Be Strong and Courageous
LESSON TEXT: Joshua 1:1-6; 11:16-19, 21-23
RELATED SCRIPTURES: Numbers 27:15-23; Deuteronomy 11:22-25; 31:7-15, 22-23; 34:5-9; Joshua 22:1-9
GOLDEN TEXT: "Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord said unto Moses"

(Joshua 11:23)

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

REVIEWING THE LESSON

- 1. How do you usually react when you face changes and things you cannot control?
- 2. Why did the Israelites need a new leader?
- 3. What do you know about Joshua? Why was he uniquely qualified to become the new leader of the Israelites?
- 4. Joshua was a new leader, but his mission was not new. What was that mission?
- 5. Joshua was a courageous warrior. So why did God emphasize courage so much?
- 6. How did God encourage him?
- 7. Who were the Gibeonites? How did they trick Joshua and the people of Israel?
- 8. Why was Joshua able to carry out his mission from God?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- Joshua's Victory (Exodus 17:8-16)

T- Moses' Servant (Exodus 24:12-13; 32:15-18; 33:9-11)

W- Joshua's Faith (Numbers 14:6-10, 35-39)

Th- Moses' Successor (Numbers 27:18-23)

F- Joshua Commanded (Deuteronomy 31:7-15, 22-23)

Sa- A New Leader (Deuteronomy 34:1-9)

Su- Divine Encouragement (Joshua 1:1-6; 11:16-19, 21-23)

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DATE OF LESSON: September 10, 2023 LESSON TITLE: Rahab and the Spies LESSON TEXT: Joshua 2:3-9, 15-16, 22-24 RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 15:13-18; Joshua 2:10-14; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25 GOLDEN TEXT: "Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land " (Joshua 2:24) TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the Junior High School Bible Class book.

REVIEWING THE LESSON

- 1. What city did Joshua send the spies to? Why?
- 2. How did God use Rahab to protect the spies?
- 3. Why do you think Rahab protected the spies?
- 4. How did Rahab help the spies escape?
- 5. What did the spies report to Joshua when they returned?
- 6. What happened to Rahab as a result of her helping the spies?
- 7. Do you think God can use you in His plan?
- 8. What are some ways God can use you?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- Fear of Israel's God (Exodus 15:13-18) T- Victory Over Sihon (Numbers 21:21-30) W- Victory Over Og (Numbers 21:31-35; Deuteronomy 3:1-7) Th- God Will Lead (Deuteronomy 31:1-6) F- Promise of Victory (Deuteronomy 11:22-25) Sa- Jericho In Fear (Joshua 1:10-14, 17-21) Su- An Unlikely Ally (Joshua 2:3-9, 15-16, 22-24)

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DATE OF LESSON: September 17, 2023 LESSON TITLE: The Fall of Jericho LESSON TEXT: Joshua 6:2-4, 12-20a RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 15:16-21; Deuteronomy 20:16-18; Joshua 5:13-6:1; Hebrews 11:30 GOLDEN TEXT: "Joshua said unto the people, Shout, for the Lord hath given you the city" (Joshua 6:16) TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the Primary Bible Class book.

REVIEWING THE LESSON

- 1. What city was Israel going to battle? Jericho
- 2. What was around the city? A wall
- 3. What did God tell the people to do every day for six days? Walk around the city
- 4. What happened after Israel followed God's instructions on the seventh day? The walls fell
- 5. Why can we always trust God's instructions for us even when they don't make sense? Because we know that God knows what is best for us
- 6. Pick one instruction from God and ask Him to help you to focus on this week

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- Land of Promise (Genesis 15:13-21)

T- Spiritual Preparation (Joshua 5:2-12)

W- Assurance From God (Joshua 5:13-6:1)

Th- Command For Destruction (Deuteronomy 20:16-18)

F- Israel's Obedience During the Siege (Joshua 6:6-11)

Sa- Oath Fulfilled (Joshua 6:22-25)

Su- A Miraculous Victory (Joshua 6:2-4, 12-20a)

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DATE OF LESSON: September 24, 2023 LESSON TITLE: Ehud Frees Israel LESSON TEXT: Judges 3:15-25, 29-30 RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:7-9; 17:8-15; Deuteronomy 25:17-19 GOLDEN TEXT: "When the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer" (Judges 3:15) TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the Beginner Bible Class book.

REVIEWING THE LESSON

- 1. Have you read any stories about kings?
- 2. Were the kings good or bad?
- 3. What are some ways a good king might act?
- 4. What are some ways a bad king might act?
- 5. Why was Israel in bondage to Eglon? They had sinned against (disobeyed) God
- 6. What happened when Israel cried out to God? God sent Ehud to rescue His people
- 7. How did Ehud save Israel? He carried a secret dagger when he went to meet the king that he used to kill the king
- 8. How did Ehud escape? He escaped out the window onto the porch
- 9. What message did God want king Eglon to know? God would not allow him to hurt His people

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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- M- Cry For Deliverance (Exodus 2:23-25)
- T- The God Who Sees (Exodus 3:7-10)

W- Righteousness Rewarded (Psalm 18:20-30)

Th- Assurance That God Hears (Psalm 34:15-22)

F- Annihilation of Amalek (Deuteronomy 25:17-19)

Sa- Subjection to Moab (Judges 3:12-14)

Su- Ehud's Triumph (Judges 3:15-25, 29-30)