



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.

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

October 2023

UNIT II: Disobedience and Failure

All lessons this month will focus on what happens when God's commands are disobeyed

WEEK 1-God Confirms Gideon's Mission: This lesson reminds believers that God is in control of our situations and therefore we must trust Him

WEEK 2- Achan Sins: This lesson reminds us of the consequences of disobeying God and the way to restore a right relationship with Him

WEEK 3- A Return to Sinful Choices: This lesson demonstrates how God sends the right people to turn us back to Him

WEEK 4- Israel Rejects God as King: This lesson encourages believers to yield to God's Will instead of following their own

WEEK 5- Joshua's Final Exhortation: This lesson warns believers against following false gods who seek to lure them away from the one true God

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DATE OF LESSON: October 1, 2023

LESSON TITLE: God Confirms Gideon's Mission

LESSON TEXT: Judges 7:2-4, 13-15; 8:22-25

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 41:25-36; Exodus 32:2-4; Deuteronomy 8:11-20; Judges 7:5-12

GOLDEN TEXT: *"When Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, . . . he worshipped, and returned unto the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian"* (Judges 7:15)

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

REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. Why did God say Gideon's 32,000-man army was too large?
2. How do you think Gideon felt when God kept whittling down the size of his army?
3. Usually, bigger is better, but sometimes smaller is better. Why?
4. Why did God send Gideon into the enemy's camp?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- Midianite Oppression (Judges 6:1-6)

T- The Lord's Rebuke (Judges 6:7-10)

W- Double Confirmation (Judges 6:36-40)

Th- Gideon's Army Reduced (Judges 7:5-12)

F-Gideon's Army Attacks (Judges 7:19-23)

Sa- The Kings of Midian (Judges 8:10-12, 18-21)

Su- Victory for Gideon (Judges 7:2-4, 13-15; 8:22-25)

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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: October 8, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Achan Sins

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 7:1, 10-12, 20-26

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 7:23-26; Joshua 7:13-19; I Samuel 15:1-31; I Timothy 6:6-10

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel"* (Joshua 7:20)

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

REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. What had happened following the battle of Jericho that Joshua was not aware of (7:1)?
2. Was God aware of what happened?
3. What was God's reaction to this (v. 1)? Why? (Joshua 6:17-19)
4. What happened to the Israelite soldiers when they went to fight Ai (7:4-5)? Why?
5. What happened when Joshua cried out to God (7:10-12)?
6. What punishment did God give for Achan, and who was involved in carrying it out (7:25-26)?
7. What happened after Israel punished Achan (7:26)?
8. Why do you think there are consequences for our sins?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- Warning From God (Deuteronomy 7:23-26)

T- Devoted to the Lord or Destruction (Leviticus 27:28-29)

W- True Riches (Proverbs 13:7; 15:16; 16:8; 30:8)

Th- Snare of Covetousness (I timothy 6:6-10)

F- Steps Toward Sin (Genesis 3:1-7)

Sa- The Sinner Revealed (Joshua 7:13-19)

Su-Sin Rooted Out (Joshua 7:1, 10-12, 20-26)

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DATE OF LESSON: October 15, 2023

LESSON TITLE: A Return to Sinful Choices

LESSON TEXT: Judges 2:16-23

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 9:1-8; Judges 3:1-7; Psalm 106:34-48

GOLDEN TEXT: *“The Lord raised up Judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them ”* (Judges 2:16)

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

REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. **Would you go back into a locked room after someone helped you to escape?**
2. **What happened after God’s people went into the Promised Land?** They stopped obeying God, followed idols, and loved other things more than God (v. 12-13).
3. **How did God punish His people?** He let their enemies take over (v. 14-15)
4. **What did God do when the people called out to Him?** God would feel sorry for them and choose a judge to deliver them (v. 18).
5. **Does God stop loving His people because they disobey Him?** No
6. **Who is the ultimate judge God sent to save His people?** Jesus

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- A Prior Warning (Deuteronomy 12:1-9)

T- Israel’s Sin (Psalm 106:34-39)

W- God’s Anger (Psalm 106:40-43)

Th- God’s Mercy (Psalm 106:44-48)

F- Testing Israel (Judges 3:1-7)

Sa- Saved From God’s Wrath (Romans 5:6-10)

Su- A Downward Spiral (Judges 2:16-23)

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DATE OF LESSON: October 22, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Israel Rejects God as King

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 9:1-2; 10:17-26

RELATED SCRIPTURES: I Samuel 8:6-22; 16:1-13; I Kings 1:32-40; Luke 4:17-32

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you"*

(I Samuel 10:19)

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

REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. **What leaders do you have to follow?** Parents, teachers, other adults who have authority over you
2. **Who was Israel's true leader? Why?** God had rescued them from slavery in Egypt and defeated Israel's enemies (v. 17-19).
3. **What is a king?** A person in charge of ruling a country
4. **Who has God given us as our perfect king?** Jesus
5. **What do even the most powerful leaders do that Jesus never does?** Sin
6. **Who will you choose to follow?**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- The Burdens of a Human King (I Samuel 8:9-18)

T- A King to Lead Us! (I Samuel 8:19-22)

W- Saul the Benjamite (I Samuel 9:15-21)

Th- Three Signs to Prove God's Word (I Samuel 10:1-8)

F- God's Word Confirmed (I Samuel 10:9-16)

Sa- Samuel Instructs Israel (I Samuel 12:19-25)

Su- God Save the King! (I Samuel 9:1-2; 10:17-26)

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DATE OF LESSON: October 29, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Joshua's Final Exhortation

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 24:1, 14-24

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 19:7-8; Joshua 8:30-35; 24:2-13; Luke 14:25-35

GOLDEN TEXT: *"If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; , , but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord "* (Joshua 24:15)

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

REVIEWING THE LESSON

1. What do you know about Joshua? What kind of man do you think he was?
2. What was the theme of Joshua's farewell address? What did he challenge the Israelites to do?
3. What profession of faith did Joshua make in his farewell address?
4. Why is it essential for new believers to make a clean break with their past?
5. What were some of the things you had to leave behind when you chose to follow Jesus?
6. Why is it not wise to make a purely emotional decision to follow Jesus? If you do what might happen?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

M- A Commitment Made (Exodus 19:3-9)

T- Fear The Lord (Deuteronomy 10:12-15)

W- Counting the Cost (Luke 14:25-35)

Th- A Heart For God's Will (Psalm 119:33-40)

F- Straight Talk About God (Joshua 23:14-16)

Sa- A Faithful God (Joshua 24:2-7)

Su- Joshua's Last Words (Joshua 24:1, 14-24)