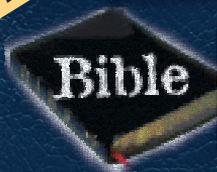


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LET JESUS GUIDE YOUR GOALS

Dear Boys and Girls,

Happy New Year! The year 2020 has not been a happy one for many people. It was one full of unfortunate events—the major one being the emergence of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) which resulted in a pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused people to be anxious about the future and all their dreams and aspirations.



However, as you begin the New Year, I pray that you will trust Jesus in all that you do and allow the Lord to take control of your life. Did you know that the Lord has plans for you? Yes, the Lord has plans for all of us—*“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”* (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV).

As you make your own goals for the New Year, let Jesus guide them for He knows all things. Write in the spaces below some goals that you would like to give over to the Lord as He guides your life.

GOALS FOR HOME	
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GOALS FOR CHURCH	
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GOALS FOR SCHOOL	
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Kimberly Hinds,
Older Children Editor

THE UNIT OVERVIEW PAGE

Hello Boys and Girls! Did you know that your *Learner Guide* has many different areas to explore? The **UNIT OVERVIEW** page is one such area. Your *Learner Guide* has four **UNITS**, each with either 4 or 5 lessons. Each Unit deals with a specific topic (**UNIT TITLE**), for example, **JANUARY'S UNIT TITLE** is '*Choosing to Do Right*' and all the lessons would therefore be sub-topics relating to '*Choosing to Do Right*'. In order to have an idea of what to expect from each Unit you can look at each month's **UNIT OVERVIEW** page, which comes before the first lesson of each month.

JANUARY UNIT OVERVIEW (PAGE 4)

UNIT MONTH AND YEAR →

UNIT OVERVIEW

JANUARY 2021

Choosing to Do Right

UNIT TITLE →



UNIT WRITER'S PHOTO, NAME AND COUNTRY →

Writer: Whitton Daley, Jamaica

UNIT OVERVIEW (SUMMARY) →

The Unit shows different situations in which we need to choose to do right. Boys and girls are often tempted to do wrong instead of doing what is pleasing to God. Sometimes, it is difficult to say "no", but it is always best to make the right choice.

Disobedience to God is a sin and the consequences of disobedience are sometimes very painful. In one lesson, the consequence was the death of a husband and his wife.

Can you identify with the story in the picture below? In what way? Write your response on the lines provided. Then, colour the picture.



UNIT OVERVIEW ACTIVITY →

FEBRUARY UNIT OVERVIEW (PAGE 21)

FEBRUARY 2021
Building Strong Character

When David Aboon, Jamaica

In this Unit, you will learn about Bible characters who were examples of honesty, obedience and kindness and who showed concern for others. They were all faced with difficult choices. They showed that they were people of strong character and their lives became an example for other children in different ways.

The pictures below match one of the lessons in this Unit.

1) Write the correct information on the blank lines below.

2) Colour the picture.

LESSON TITLE: _____
MAIN POINT: _____

MARCH UNIT OVERVIEW (PAGE 35)

MARCH 2021
Respond to the Holy Spirit

When Chris Matthews, the Bahamas

In this Unit, you will learn three ways to which God speaks to people in the past. You will also learn the God speaks to us today in different ways and that He can use you to speak to others.

After you study each lesson, write the name of the person whom God called to serve for His.

Lesson 7: _____
Lesson 14: _____
Lesson 21: _____
Lesson 28: _____

The poem below is a prayer for someone who is answering God's call. God loves the person who is your answer to:

Lord, Your Spirit speaks to me,
Hearing just what I need to do.
I will not flee, I will obey,
And I love You more day by day.

State how you can use the parts of your body that are listed below to serve God.

Your Eye: _____
Your Hand: _____
Your Feet: _____
Your Ear: _____

APRIL UNIT OVERVIEW (PAGE 49)

APRIL 2021
Lessons from Easter

When Chris Matthews, the Bahamas

Jesus was crucified and buried on the day we celebrate as Good Friday. His resurrection, three days later, brought joy to His disciples and other followers, because we celebrate His resurrection as 'He is Risen! He is Risen!' today.

We will not live in this world forever, but if we accept Jesus as our Father, Christ will die for us and we will live forever with Him. We need to realize we young men and women are accepted from us because Jesus will die for those whom we love Him, in order to bring the peace in our hearts as well as our minds and that all we receive His death. Study the 'Crucifixion' below. Always remember the message on this figure.

During the month of April, you will learn more about the message on this figure.

UNIT OVERVIEW

JANUARY 2021

Choosing to Do Right

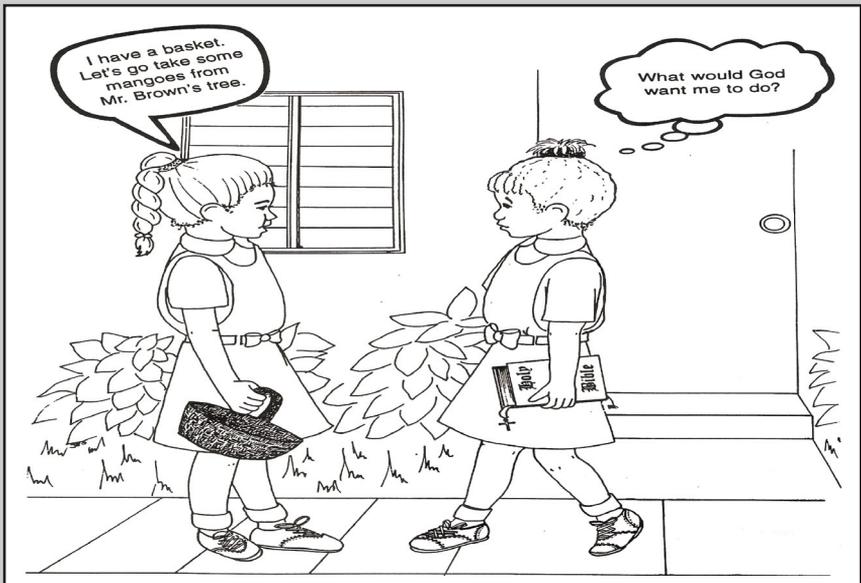


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Lesson Title: **Resist Wrong Actions**

Bible Focus:

Luke 4:1-13

Memory Verse:

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Hebrews 4:15 NIV

Central Truth:

Like Jesus showed us, we must resist the devil when he tempts us.

Have you ever been tempted? Sometimes when we hear the word, “temptation” we might ignore it because we have heard it before and have become familiar with it. Jesus taught us not to give in to temptation.

When you are tempted, you are attracted or influenced to do something wrong. Can you imagine the devil tempting Jesus? Yes, even Jesus was tempted by Satan, the devil.

Just after Jesus was baptised in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit led Him into a wilderness. The Holy Spirit was strengthening Him for His earthly mission. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. During those 40 days, Jesus did not eat anything and so He became very hungry.

While in the wilderness, Jesus was tempted by the devil. The

devil tried to get Jesus to give in or yield to his temptations. Jesus resisted and did not do what the devil asked Him to do.

The devil’s first temptation was to get Jesus to turn stones into bread so that He could eat it. Jesus resisted the devil. He said: *“It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone’”* (Luke 4: 4 NIV).

When the devil saw that he had failed, he led Jesus up to a high place. They could see all the kingdoms of the world. The devil told Jesus that all those kingdoms belonged to him, the devil.

The devil said that he could give the kingdoms to anyone he chose. He promised to give them to Jesus if only Jesus would worship him. Jesus, again, quoted the Scriptures: *“It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only’”* (v. 8 NIV). Obeying

God was more important to Jesus than having things.

The devil had failed twice but he persisted in his temptation of Jesus. This time, he took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. He went to the highest point and challenged Jesus to jump off.

The devil tried to imitate Jesus by quoting Scripture. He reminded Jesus that Scripture said that if Jesus should jump off the

Temple, God would command God's angels to protect Jesus and prevent Him from getting hurt.

Jesus responded to the devil as He did the first two times. He quoted Scripture: "*Do not put the Lord your God to the test*" (v. 12 NIV). The devil realised that he could not get Jesus to do anything wrong so he gave up and left Jesus alone. Like Jesus, we must resist any temptation to do wrong.

 **Learning Activities** 

1. Daily Bible Search

This week's Bible readings are related to refusal to do wrong. Each day, after reading the passage, write in the brackets beside it, the letter for the action you should take which relates to the reading.

- Sunday:** Daniel 3: 8-12 () **a)** Pray every day.
- Monday:** Mark 2:1-5 () **b)** Refuse to give in to bullies.
- Tuesday:** Mark 5:24b-34 () **c)** Keep some secrets to yourself.
- Wednesday:** Daniel 6:10-12, 19-22 () **d)** Refuse to give in to mockers.
- Thursday:** Nehemiah 4:1-5 () **e)** Never bow under pressure.
- Friday:** 1 Samuel 17:4-11 () **f)** Never refuse the help of true friends.
- Saturday:** Judges 16:6-9 () **g)** Have the will to touch Jesus.

2. Resist the Devil Puzzle

Below is a key that lists all the letters from A to Z. These boxes below have corresponding numbers. Each of the blank lines has a number beneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blank lines to find out what the Bible says will happen when you say 'NO!' to the devil.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
8	10	3	15	12	13	20	24	21	4	22	16	14	18	1	5	6	17	25	2	23	11	26	19	9	7

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24	12	26	21	16	16	13	16	12	12	13	17	1	14	9	1	23					

3. Wrong Action Case Study

Kelly is always fighting Carla because Carla is quiet and smaller than Kelly. Carla is tired of being bullied by Kelly, so she decides to put an end to the bullying and defend herself. Carla plans to take a knife to school to stop Kelly from bullying from her. Carla tells you about her plans.

Write what you would say to Carla about her plans.

Unit Title: **Choosing to Do Right**Lesson Title: **Stand Firm**

Bible Focus:

Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60

Memory Verse:

We must hold tightly to the hope that we say is ours. After all, we can trust the One Who made the agreement with us. Hebrews 10:23 CEV

Central Truth:

God can help us to stand firm even in life-threatening situations.

Stephen was a servant of Jesus Christ. He had the Holy Spirit within him. That means, he was controlled by God's power. Things that seem difficult for us to do, like speaking boldly about Jesus and being kind to our enemies, are possible when the Holy Spirit lives in our heart and controls us.

God was using Stephen in a special way to allow people to see His power. Some enemies of Jesus began to quarrel with Stephen. The Holy Spirit inspired Stephen and he was able to answer the men who were against him. Those were members of the Sanhedrin, a group of people who were powerful leaders at the time. They had no solid argument against Stephen. Since they lost their argument with Stephen, they came up with a plan to try to get

Stephen in trouble. They bribed men to say they had heard Stephen speaking bad things about God, about their sacred Temple and about the law of Moses. They knew that if people believed their lies, Stephen would be in big trouble.

Soon, everybody including the teachers of the law believed the lies. They arrested Stephen. During Stephen's trial, the judges noticed that his face looked honest and pure; yet, they became angry with him.

While they were grinding their teeth in anger, Stephen was looking up to heaven. He told them: *"I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God"* (Acts 7:56 NIV). Stephen did not allow fear of those angry men to prevent him from honouring Jesus by doing right.

The men were very angry that Stephen had not given in to what they wanted. They rushed toward him, grabbed him and dragged him out of the city. The people let a man named Saul, hold their cloaks while they stoned Stephen to death.

Can you imagine all the pain Stephen felt? But he did not even try to escape. Instead, he prayed, “*Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.*” (vv. 59 NIV), and then, he knelt down and

even asked God not to blame the people for what they did. After he said that, he died.

Stephen preferred to be killed than to deny Jesus. He stood firm about his belief in Christ. God was pleased because Stephen did not give in to what he knew would displease God.

Stephen is recognised and honoured as one of the first Christian martyrs.

 **Learning Activities** 

1. Daily Bible Search

Each day after reading each **Daily Bible Search** passage, write one sentence about how God wants you to live.

- Sunday:** Ephesians 6:10-11 _____
- _____
- Monday:** Acts 16:22-31 _____
- _____
- Tuesday:** Genesis 39:6-23 _____
- _____
- Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 10:12 _____
- _____
- Thursday:** Ephesians 6:12-13 _____
- _____
- Friday:** 1 Corinthians 10:13 _____
- _____
- Saturday:** 1 Peter 1:13-15 _____
- _____

2. Find and Define the Word

The words beneath the puzzle are hidden in the puzzle. Find the words in the Word Search Puzzle, and then, on the lines provided, write their definition OR synonym (a word that has the same or a similar meaning as another word).

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N	J	E	C	F	D	E	R	U	O	N	O	H	I	C
E	D	A	T	U	T	K	R	Y	T	R	A	M	A	T
J	S	W	G	S	S	X	W	B	U	N	L	A	F	K
F	Y	A	B	Z	V	C	I	H	H	Z	I	T	E	M
W	U	B	F	G	I	Q	P	L	P	R	C	M	G	X
M	X	A	G	M	J	P	D	L	R	A	S	H	B	X

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| 1) STEADFAST _____ | 4) FAITHFUL _____ |
| 2) HONOURED _____ | 5) MARTYR _____ |
| 3) SANHEDRIN _____ | 6) SUFFER _____ |

3. What Do You Think?

- 1) How does it feel to be accused of something you have not done?

- 2) Do Christians experience suffering? _____
- 3) Why did Stephen ask God to forgive the persons who were about to kill him?

- 4) Why should we always stand firm for what we believe?

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