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“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, Who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.” – Mark16:6 (NIV)

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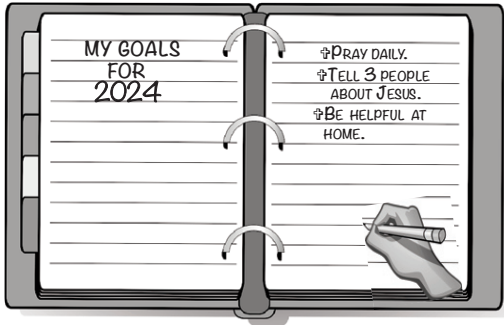
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NEW YEAR GOALS



"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 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 achieve as God guides your life.

GOALS FOR HOME



GOALS FOR CHURCH



GOALS FOR SCHOOL



UNIT OVERVIEW

JANUARY 2024

Choosing to Do Right

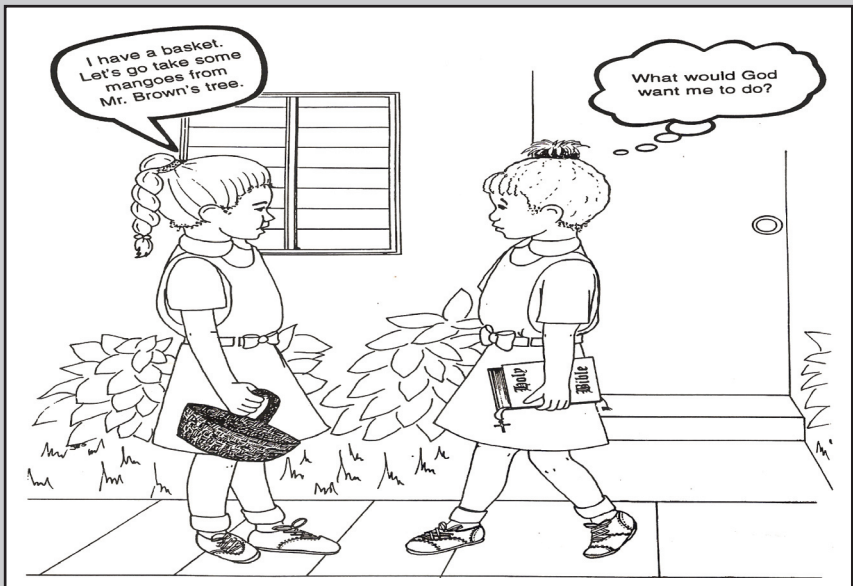


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The Unit shows different situations in which we need to choose to do right. Boys and girls are often tempted to do wrong instead of doing what is pleasing to God. Sometimes, it is difficult to say “No”, but it is always best to make the right choice.

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 Title: **CHOOSING TO DO RIGHT**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
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20 1 15 17 12 25 21 25 2 2 24 12 15 12 11 21 16 8 18 15

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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 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).

H	H	N	N	N	M	C	G	L	W	R	U	N	W	F
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F	Y	A	B	Z	V	C	I	H	H	Z	I	T	E	M
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| 1) STEADFAST _____ | 4) FAITHFUL _____ |
| 2) HONOURED _____ | 5) MARTYR _____ |
| 3) SANHEDRIN _____ | 6) SUFFER _____ |

3. What Do You Think?

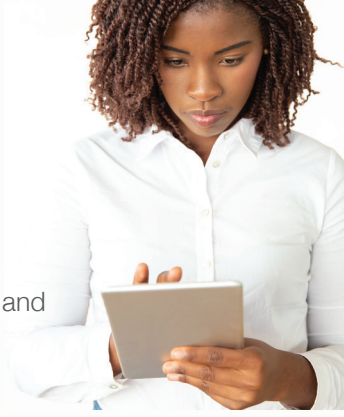
- 1) How does it feel to be accused of something you have not done?

- 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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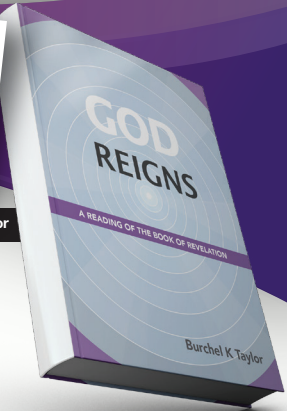
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