

The Church Begins The Church Spreads The Church with Jesus

Notes to the Teacher

- This book has been prepared for primary students. The book is perforated so you can tear out each sheet, complete it in class, and send it home with the student. Each page includes directions for completing the activities on that page.
- 2. The parent letter is on page 3. Send this page home with the student on the first Sunday of the quarter or deliver it personally before the quarter begins. Page 4 contains an overview of this quarter's lessons, along with a list of all the memory verses.
- 3. If a student is absent, make sure he or she receives the handwork sheet and the *Strong Kids at Home* take-home paper. This will help the student review the Bible lesson.

Using the Handwork Sheets

The first page of each lesson contains a Lesson Review section. This is an opportunity to review the previous week's lesson. As students arrive to class, let them work on the activity about five minutes into class time. Make sure the students' names are on their papers before you collect them.

You will use the handwork sheets again at the end of the lesson. The students will work on the activities on the back of the sheets. As they work, discuss the Bible story or its application. Let students do as much as time permits, but if they cannot complete the page in class, allow them to take it home and finish it.

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hank you for bringing your child to Sunday School!

An exciting quarter of studies awaits your child in the summer quarter of Primary Sunday School. The book of Acts in the New Testament is action-packed. We will read of the coming of the Holy Spirit, the start of the first church, and exciting accounts of men like Peter, Stephen, Philip, and Paul. Then we will jump to the book of Revelation and discover the wonderful future God has in store for believers.

In units 1 and 2, your child will learn important lessons on serving God and others. Your child will learn that the Holy Spirit helps believers do God's will and serve God well. Importantly, your child will learn the importance of sharing the gospel with everyone, out of obedience to Jesus' command to all His followers.

Unit 3 covers the following future events: the Rapture, Jesus' Second Coming, Jesus' Kingdom on earth, and the eternal home He is preparing for believers. Jesus promised He would return one day. And though we don't know when He will return, we know that God never fails His promises.

Discuss your child's worksheet when he or she brings it home. Set aside time each week to help your child memorize the Bible memory verse, listed on the back of this sheet. Your child will need to recite the current week's verse the following Sunday in class.

Encourage your child to read the *Strong Kids at Home* take-home paper and to complete the fun puzzles and activities. Read through the spiritual growth measurables to engage in your child's learning. Your child will learn a lot about serving this quarter, and we encourage you to find ways to let him or her serve!

If you or your child have spiritual needs or questions, please contact us or our pastor. We are always willing to help!

Sincerely,

Teacher

Quarter Overview

The Church Begins Weeks 1—5

Unit 1 begins with the events following Jesus' ascension into Heaven. Students will learn about the Holy Spirit's arrival and His work in the believer's life. Following the accounts of the apostles as they served God, students will know their power to serve God comes from the Holy Spirit.

The Church Spreads Weeks 6—10

Unit 2 focuses on serving God and sharing the gospel. From the examples of the apostles and the early church, students will understand the importance of faithfully serving God and others with love. Students will also be encouraged to share the gospel in obedience to Jesus' command.

The Church with Jesus Weeks 11—13

Unit 3 covers the future events of the Rapture, Jesus' Second Coming, the millennial Kingdom, and living with Jesus forever in our eternal home. Students will learn that believers can look forward to the future God has promised us with awe and excitement.



Lesson 1

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16).

Lesson 2

"And all that believed were together. . . . And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:44a, 47b).

Lesson 3

"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Lesson 4

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2).

Lesson 5

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1b).

Lesson 6

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

Lesson 7

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16a).

Lesson 8

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58a).

Lesson 9

"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Lesson 10

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17a).

Lesson 11

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Lesson 12

"And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4c).

Lesson 13

"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people" (Revelation 21:3b). LESSON 1 • REVIEW OF 13

erusalem Makeover God offers us forgiveness when we sin.

Directions: Find and circle the hidden objects below the picture. • Draw a line from the sentence to the object that best describes it.

NAME



Nehemiah's job was to serve this to the king.

This is what Nehemiah did when he heard the sad news from Jerusalem.

He helped Nehemiah by providing materials for the building project.

Everyone agreed to work together to do this.

Two bullies mocked the workers and said this animal could knock down the wall.

Nehemiah set guards with these to protect the workers.

Each worker carried this in one hand as he worked with the other hand.

At the celebration, Ezra read from this to the people.

LESSON • • Acts 2:1-11 The Spirit's Powerful Arrival

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16).

Directions: On the picture, color the flames above each believer's head orange and yellow. • Read each statement below the picture. If the statement is true, color the flame next to the sentence. If the statement is false, color the "no" symbol.



TRUE FALSE

- **1.** The believers were together in Jerusalem.
- 2. Suddenly, a hurricane came through the house.
- 3. A flame of fire appeared above each believer.
- 4. God sent the Holy Spirit to live in only some believers.
- 5. The believers began speaking in other languages that they did not know.
- 6. The crowd could not under the nonsense the believers were speaking.
- 7. The believers spoke of the wonderful works of God and the gospel of Jesus.
- 8. Each person heard the gospel preached in his own language.