

# Junior Bible Class

For Children  
Ages 9 Through 11



Union  
Gospel  
Press

**WINTER**  
December 2022,  
January, February 2023

# Junior Bible Class

WINTER QUARTER

December 2022, January, February 2023

Just for Juniors ..... 2

## God's Great Blessings

### UNIT I: Blessing of a Saviour

Dec. 4—A Great Promise to Zacharias—Luke 1:8-20 .....	5
Dec. 11—God's Promise to David—II Samuel 7:4-16 .....	9
Dec. 18—God's Promise of a Saviour—Luke 1:26-38 .....	13
Dec. 25—The Saviour Is Born (Christmas)—Luke 2:1-17 .....	17

### UNIT II: Blessing of the Gospel

Jan. 1—Becoming God's Friend—II Corinthians 5:11-21 .....	21
Jan. 8—Forgiveness and New Life—I John 1:1—2:5 .....	25
Jan. 15—Jesus Prays for Us—Hebrews 4:14—5:10 .....	28
Jan. 22—Free in Jesus—Galatians 5:1-17 .....	31

### UNIT III: Blessing of Grace in Christ

Jan. 29—Being Part of Jesus' Church—I Corinthians 12:14-31 .....	34
Feb. 5—God's Help in Hard Times—James 1:1-8, 12-18 .....	37
Feb. 12—God's Comfort for Us—II Corinthians 1:3-11 .....	40
Feb. 19—Learning to Be like God—II Peter 1:3-14 .....	43
Feb. 26—Learning to Live God's Way—Galatians 5:18—6:10 .....	46



Editor in Chief: Kenneth Sponsler  
 Edited and published quarterly by  
**THE INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE  
 GOSPEL WORKER SOCIETY  
 UNION GOSPEL PRESS DIVISION**  
 Rev. W. B. Musselman, Founder  
 Price: \$3.59 per quarter\*  
 \*shipping and handling extra  
 ISBN 978-1-64495-326-6

This material is part of the "Christian Life Series," copyright © 2022 by Union Gospel Press. All rights reserved. No portion of this publication may be reproduced in any form or by any means without written permission from Union Gospel Press, except as permitted by United States copyright law. Edited and published quarterly by The Incorporated Trustees of the Gospel Worker Society, Union Gospel Press Division. Mailing address: P.O. Box 301055, Cleveland, Ohio 44130-0915. Phone: 216-749-2100. [www.uniongospelpress.com](http://www.uniongospelpress.com)

# JUST FOR JUNIORS

Winter 2022-2023

The Incorporated Trustees of the  
Gospel Worker Society  
Union Gospel Press Division  
P.O. Box 301055  
Cleveland, Ohio 44130-0915

*Hi, Juniors,*

How incredible would it be to get a visit from a very special guest? Who would you want to receive a visit from if you could choose someone? Maybe you would want to meet your favorite author or athlete. But what about getting a visit from the Creator of the entire universe?

The first three lessons of the new quarter lead up to the birth of Jesus Christ. In lesson 1, the angel Gabriel delivers an important message about the birth of John the Baptist. John would later have the honor of proclaiming the arrival of the Messiah at the start of Jesus' earthly ministry.

God's blessings are the focus for this quarter's lessons. And God's greatest blessing to the world is His Son, Jesus! The Christmas lesson is all about His birth, and it brings the first unit to a close.

The Son of God came from heaven as a sinless human being so that He could die for our sins. He was then raised back to life three days later. This great message is known as the gospel of Jesus Christ. The word "gospel" means "good news," and lessons 5 through 8 will help you to understand the blessing of the gospel of Jesus Christ better.

After trusting Jesus as your Saviour, you are forgiven of all your sins. You are reconnected with God and now live life as a member of His family. Lesson 6 will help you learn more about the new life received through faith in Jesus.

Have you ever wondered what Jesus is doing right now? One of the things that He is doing is talking to God the Father for us. The great truth of Jesus representing us to God is covered in lesson 7.

The freedom that we receive through faith in Christ should be used in a way that pleases Him. The final lesson of the second unit encourages us to do just that. God gave His very best for us when He gave His Son, who gave His life for us. We should now give Him our very best and live to tell and show others about His goodness.

God's favor is completely undeserved by us. But that does not stop Him from treating us in the best way possible. The incredible blessing of God's grace comes to us through Jesus. The final five lessons of the quarter highlight how God's grace strengthens, comforts, and helps us. May God bless you as you learn more about Him and His great blessings.

Your friend in Christ,  
*Reginald Coats*

# God's Great Blessings

Read the Bible verses and unscramble the words in capital letters to complete each sentence.

1. TSBILAEHE \_\_\_\_\_ and her husband were going to be blessed by God to have a son named John (Luke 1:13).
2. Jesus is the One who will fulfill God's promise to David and whose MNIGOKD \_\_\_\_\_ will last forever (II Samuel 7:13).
3. The miracle Son that Mary was going to give birth to would be named SEJSU \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1:31).
4. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which was known as the city of ADIDV \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:11).
5. The Bible describes a person who has trusted Christ for salvation as being a new TECUERAR \_\_\_\_\_ (II Corinthians 5:17).
6. When we confess our sins to God, He is faithful to ELSACNE \_\_\_\_\_ us of all unrighteousness (I John 1:9).
7. Jesus is our Great GHHI RSETPI \_\_\_\_\_, and He represents believers as righteous to God in heaven (Hebrews 4:14).
8. Another way of saying that we have been set free through our faith in Christ is to say that we have ILEYTBR \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 5:1).
9. God's Word describes every Christian as being a part of the DOYB \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (I Corinthians 12:27).
10. God helps His people to endure and overcome OTTMEPIATN \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:12).
11. The Lord comforts His people when they take part in SNFGUFRISE \_\_\_\_\_ (II Corinthians 1:7).
12. Christians should continue to grow in their DKWELEONG \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:8).
13. The good traits that God produces in His people are called the UFTIR \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

## Answers:

1. Elisabeth; 2. kingdom; 3. Jesus; 4. David; 5. creature; 6. cleanse; 7. High Priest; 8. liberty; 9. body; 10. temptation; 11. sufferings; 12. knowledge; 13. fruit.

# Shoveling for a Sled

Liam and his twin sister, Layla, were filled with excitement when they awoke to find their yard covered in snow. After brushing their teeth and bundling up, they raced out the door.

“Keep your hats on out there,” Mom told them.

The kids had a blast playing in the snow. But the fun soon started to dwindle.

“I wish we had a sled,” Layla said as she turned to her brother.

“Let’s ask Mom and Dad if we can get one!” Liam quickly replied.

Dad offered the kids an opportunity to earn enough money to buy a sled. They would just have to shovel the snow in their long driveway. After warming up in the house, the kids were ready for their mission.

Liam shoveled one side of the driveway while Layla shoveled the other. It seemed like they had been shoveling forever. Liam said, “I’m tired.”

“Me too,” Layla responded. “And we’re not even close to being finished.”

That is when Dad stepped out of the house and grabbed his shovel. “I knew that shoveling the whole driveway was too much for the two of you. I’ll take care of the rest. Your mom has made some hot chocolate for you in the house.” The kids happily made their way inside.

The twins were a bit upset when Dad came back in. “What’s wrong?” he asked.

“We can’t get a sled now because we didn’t finish shoveling the driveway.”

Dad smiled and then said, “Well, the Lord blesses us in so many ways, and we haven’t earned any of it. How about I treat you to a sled just because I love you?”

The twins shouted with joy and gave Dad a big hug.

—Reginald Coats.

## Code 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26  
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

## Code 2

26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15  
A B C D E F G H I J K L

14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1  
M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



© The Classic Bible Art Collection

Zacharias and Elisabeth were the parents of John the Baptist.

# A Great Promise to Zacharias

Lesson Text: Luke 1:8-20

**GOLDEN TEXT**—“Thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John” (Luke 1:13).

## Scripture Lesson Text

**LUKE 1:8** And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest’s office before God in the order of his course,

**9** According to the custom of the priest’s office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

**11** And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

**13** But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

**15** For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor

strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother’s womb.

16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

**17** And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

**19** And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

# Our Lesson Tells Us

Lilly watched as her mom checked emails on the computer. Lilly was puzzled. That morning in Sunday school, the teacher had told the class about John the Baptist, the relative of Jesus, whose birth the angel foretold to his parents, the priest Zacharias, and his wife, Elisabeth.

The teacher told the class that John would grow up to be a prophet who would tell his own Jewish people that Jesus the Messiah had come. She said that John's birth would confirm, or make certain, the prophecies made centuries earlier that a Saviour would be born to the nation of Israel.

"Mom, I don't understand. A long time ago in the Bible, God told people that He was going to send a Saviour to the world, right?"

Lilly's mom kept her eyes on the computer screen. "That's right, Lilly. God spoke to the people of Israel through His prophets in the Old Testament and told them that Jesus would be born."

Lilly thought for a moment. "I understand that, but what I don't understand is why John the Baptist had to be born too. Our teacher told us that it was to confirm what the prophets had said about Jesus. What does that mean?"

"To confirm something means to give proof of it so that there is no doubt that it will happen. John's birth would be proof that the Messiah, Jesus, would really come because when John grew up, he would point people to Jesus."

Lilly's mom could see that she still looked puzzled. "Do you see this email on the computer, Lilly?" Lilly nodded. "This email is from a com-

pany that we just made an online purchase with. It's to confirm that they received our order."

Now Lilly seemed to understand. "I get it. If they didn't let us know, we wouldn't know that they received the order."

"That's right. In the same way, God wanted the people of Israel to know that what the prophets had said about a Saviour being born was really true and that it would really happen," Mom said.

"Wow, Mom, God thought of everything! Nobody would have to wonder if Jesus would really be born or not. John the Baptist would be there to confirm that it had happened."

"You're right again. We have a great God, don't we?"

"We sure do, Mom." Lilly smiled at her mother.

Lilly understood what her Sunday school teacher told her about John the Baptist being born. Now she liked Christmas even more because she saw how well God had planned everything out when Jesus was born.

Zacharias was a priest in Jerusalem. This means that he carried out the duties that priests performed at the temple: receiving the offerings of the people, performing the sacrifices for God, and other responsibilities. Zacharias and his wife, Elisabeth, were righteous Jewish worshippers of God. They obeyed all the laws for holy living that God had given to the people of Israel. But Zacharias and Elisabeth had one great disappointment in their lives—they had never been able to have children.

One day, Zacharias was chosen to perform a very special duty in the temple. As part of his religious